

2. What should our budget priorities be for 2014?

Text Response

Pay down debt.

roller coasters and fancy cars

Maintenance

Community outreach. Music, entertainment events.

1. Pay down the VES debt. 2..Pay All Accounts Payable on time 3. Restore funds "borrowed" from other programs to fund VES, e.g. Point Robinson, any others 4. Start building a reserve 5. Start no new projects, or more funding for any other projects, unless the money is in hand

Finish the ball field! Add more classes. Continue with all else.

1. Enact long-term policies and controls that ensure future projects are chosen and managed competently, legally and within the best interests of the island community as a whole. 2. In 2014, complete the fields project to the minimum possible standard of acceptance and utility; defer any possible options indefinitely until such a time as the district can responsibly afford it, without compromising other programs. 3. Temporarily reduce service hours and staff to share the pain, but don't cancel any programs outright.

Complete VES. This is the most important asset in the district, and the most contentious - an open wound.

Return to funding all parts of the park system, instead of over-funding the VES fields project.

Keeping parks open and safe, providing structure for activities for children and adults at a nominal cost, working to ensure that there is a sustainable future for Vashon's parks.

Balanced budget Maintenance of existing facilities

Point Robinson Paradise ridge Pool Activities and classes

Land acquisition

Parks

No way for me to know

Reduce debt. Fiscal responsibility and clarity.

Pool park

Pay your bills get out of debt build a reserve fund

Getting financially under control. Maintaining facilities

Keeping existing facilities and programs operational and open to the public.

Fiscal accountability

Finding a sensible path back to financial stability - e.g. balanced budget, debt reduction (e.g. eliminating the need to borrow in anticipation of receipt of levy funds), pay bills on time. Any "growth" for the near term should be in the form of returning to full and proper maintenance of all Parks properties Emphasis should be first on administration of Parks properties; only after that is stable should additional resources be brought to restarting programs, classes, etc.

BARC skatepark should be supported. Too many island kids use it as an extracurricular activity and it is at great risk by eliminating indoor supervision.

Parks & play fields

Settle debt, keep pool open, fund maintenance of facilities

Balanced opportunities .

To accumulate a reserve and retire debt

balanced budget with rainy day surplus

Getting the district in a financially sound position to move forward from. Also, budgeting to provide services for all of the youth groups and facilities, and getting those program levels back to what they were before so much of the districts funds were being funneled to the VES.

Finishing the soccer and baseball fields!!

VES fields

Finish the great athletic fields project

Stick with what you've got -- keep it maintained to give it (whether fields or buildings) a long life. Our kids are priority -- they need exposure and experiences in sports and other programs you offer. If it means letting go of adult-oriented activities/events, let the adults take on that burden. We are so lucky to have our own Park District; keep spending under control.

Maintenance, start with all the deferred maintenance and go up from there. Do NOT spend one more penny on VES fields. If you think it is needed to meet the King County permit, then tell all the users who want this park to raise the money. But no more levy money on the fields. Also the budget should include money for signing up people for the various programs. Parks should be about programs and less about infrastructure.

Swimming pool

Getting your budget in line and not overspending.

Honesty

Meeting overdue expenses Shrinking number of projects, departments, activities Bringing goals within reach. Stopping exceeding your grasp and running up debt

Ves fields completion

Restore reserve.

Recreation programs that provide activities and learning for broad range of people. Rebuilding the staff size to provide those services. NOT the playing fields except bare minimum to avoid legal issues.

A fair balance for all programs and facilities. Also, budgeting so the bowl at BARC can be completed and that grant is not lost.

Figure out the percentage of individual program participants of the whole VPD users and budget programs based on this.

Reduce spending on "over the top" projects. No new projects. Maintain completed works to past levels..

The Kids

Vashon Parks - Maintenance - safety, Pool, Park programs, Fields

Pool, & start providing programs again.

Clean up debt situation, develop a reserve

It would be helpful if you would give a list for us to order. I'm not sure what I have to choose from.

FIELDS and POOL

Maintenance

Balancing budget. Fair & equitable focus on various sport & interest groups. Not focused solely on any group.

Know what you are doing and stop flying blind. Treat staff with courtesy and respect.

Classes for all

Restoring scholarships

Maintenance & repair of improved properties such as Lisabuela and Pt. Robinson.

Expanded pool operation, including consistent early mornings.

paying its bills and employees

island wide parks and needs...NOT the fields project

maintenance

Fixing the Tramp Harbor public fishing dock. A few boards were put up on the railing this summer, after we complained, however, (a) loose boards on the walk-way need to be addressed before an accident; and (b) the portable toilet is disgusting and should be cleaned at least 1x/week. Also, since the VPD now owns the pier, it should be controlled - i.e. fishing permits should be regularly checked.

Whatever it is, you should stay within it.

youth sports and fields, keeping them clean and mowed. Being on time to open doors and have the staff available to open doors

Balancing budget, finishing ballfields, and maintaining assets

Pool. Park Maintenance. Stop dropping money into VES!!!

Ober park needs a portapotty.

Horse park needs to be fairly supported & supported from the general park funds, NOT fees. We paid for the arena with private donations (for the most part) on the condition we could use it without additional fees. the park district needs to keep its promises.

Financial stability

1. Getting the park finances back in order, putting together a longterm plan to fund the parks that does not require annual borrowing, maintenance on existing park district properties.

Keep the present park open and clean. Keep the pool open. Finish the fields when we have the money. Fundraising. The fact that it is the park's assumption that the pool facility cannot fund itself is a lack of imagination. Those grounds should be used for party rentals etc.

maintain the properties already in use! clean the bathroom in the village green and keep it open for vashon residents -- same goes for facilities in the other parks. you are endowed with a great park system. consider working harder to maintain it rather than pursuing the boondoggle of drastic expansion.

Arts, Farmer's market and maintenance.

1. Spending of current revenue should be prioritized: (1) pay current operating costs (not capitol costs); (2) pay down current debt before authorizing spending for a new project or expansion of an existing project. 2. Adopt a mandatory strategic plan that pays off the current debt by a date certain, after which time the District will be able to operate WITHOUT TAN loans. 3. With the guidance and assistance of the Oversight Committee and public input, create and adopt mandatory borrowing and spending policies that will ensure that future Boards cannot get into similar trouble.

pay off debts stop any further funding of VES Fields restore programming be honest about expenditures

Maintaining the facilities that are already owned by the VPD.

Maintenance of current park properties.

Hopefully, the board can take a step back and take a look at the whole park system and stop the bleeding into the fields.

Maintanene and improvements for ALL Vashon Parks!! Right now your entire focus is VES

Fields project, pool

Get the budget balanced and limit the expenditures on the VES fields projects so that other parks can have their share of the funds and attention. Pay back Maury Regional park for their money that they had put in trust with you

Paying down the debts

Open the public bathrooms that we have invested in! Keep pool going! Good job so far Keep up light house Trail maintenance

Personell moral boost by reinstating merit pay and larger cost of living increase.

To balance. Keep everything open. Promote whatever brings in \$\$\$ to balance the budget.

Financial order, finishing existing projects.

Make sure that all activities are funded and not at the expense of the new fields.

1. Maintenance of all parks. 2. Staffing sufficient to serve programming and maintenance. 3. Movement toward debt retirement.

All of the local park properties should be maintained, and not just the new athletic fields at VES.

maintaining parks so that they are safe and accessible to the public. removing invasives and practicing sustainable forestry where possible.

Benches, emphasis for wildlife environmental needs, prefab structures for wildlife sanctuaries, more plantings of edible orchards for all species (to exemplify the diversity of our enriched environment). **shuttle support systems to access the fields at agren along bank road**. better attendance to Septic & Sewer issues for participants, consider a Park Ranger program=for educational purposes & to better safely serve each of the sites -project may begin with Docents & elaborate to procure Grants for employed respectfull reimbursements * kjb

Living within our means

Live within the budget and stop spending money you don't have for your wish lists just like the rest of us have to do. Get paid off what you have to and don't start ANY new

projects until you do.

Return to support of programs and finish projects underway. Programs include many support groups. If you make them too expensive, you will lose more of the community. If you lose the community, you will lose the voters.

Reducing debt.

swimming, community programs

Seriously stop throwing good money after bad on the sports fields. How about serving the majority of park users - who have nothing to do with the sports fields!!!

Keeping existing facilities well maintained and staffed. Especially the horse park, which the equestrian community has worked tirelessly for over the years and finally gotten enough donations to now have a covered arena, but no on site caretaker. Personally I pay weekly fee to use the covered arena at my riding lessons on top of the donations our family made to see the covered arena built and the fact that this is threatened due to gross mis-management of funds and greed by the existing board and their blunder with the athletic field debacle is truly unbelievable. Especially for a community like Vashon.

Balance between all user groups.

Move strongly toward fiscal responsibility rather than continuing over budget spending on VES rather than balancing all Parks needs. We need transparency & honesty in all financial obligations of the Parks Board.

Finish the projects that are started; display financial competence.

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24. Are there any suggestions you'd like to make about how to improve the Vashon Park District's performance, operations or facilities?

Text Response

Continue with Concerts in the Park, it was a blast this year and there were very large crowds that came and appreciated the music and other entertainment.

1. Improve service to the public at the Ober Park office. 2. Elect a new Board chair 3. Build and follow a Parks 5-7 year Master Plan 4. Do a complete performance audit, using volunteer groups who take care of the parks that have them, of all of the parks, and then follow the recommendations.

Publish a summary of the budget in the Beachcomber so that everyone can see the relative costs and provide informed comments instead of gut-jerk and not necessarily constructive comments. Be sure to show revenue brought in by each facility e.g. rentals, pool fees so that the net cost of each is honestly understood. For the outliers, e.g. the new sports fields, you simply must demand the users i.e. the families and clubs contribute more. One way or another, reduce services, raise revenue, look for new revenue sources, & set a budget that pays down the debt and eventually balances it. thank you.

Prioritize facilities for children! There have too few places for active exercise, especially in our long winters.

Elect new commissioners who are willing to work with each other and the community in a collaborative manner; cut out the arrogant, dismissive behavior by commissioners at meetings; seek out community input and listen to the community's responses

The ballet performance program has been an ESSENTIAL part of my kids' exercise and enjoyment for many, many years -- through a lot of turmoil and an adversarial relationship with the park district. I PRAY and sincerely hope that the park district will find a way to support a dance program for kids in the future at low cost, enabling kids who might not be able to participate in a dance performance to have that pleasure and sense of achievement.

True openness of data and public meetings would be nice

More fairness between the different facilities

More receptive to community input, responsibility, building within means

Maintain the trails, pay attention to something other than sports

Hopefully electing new commissioners will improve things. Getting rid of Bill Ameling would be a big help.

See priorities

Be open. Get finances in order. No drama

Retire Bill from the Board and apply some common sense to operations and spending!!!

What I want from the Park District is an organization that can sensibly maintain and administer the assets it has, within the funds that it has available. The sense I have as a citizen is that the Fields project was an overreach - thought, at the time, to be a manageable risk, and which might be a little difficult, but which time and history would judge favorably. It seems that due to a number of factors, it was a rockier road than anticipated, and has nearly destroyed the district financially. I want this to be a lesson, that administration of public funds and assets needs to be done sensibly, and that this is not the arena for grand risky undertakings.

Consistent seasonal programs at BARC. Not just skatepark but BMX trails, disc golf and volleyball. Change drop in skate fees to an annual membership (\$30 per year) and fund a staff person consistently 7 days a week. The use will increase. Needs to have a dedicated advocate so it doesn't remain the ugly stepchild. It is worth the effort.

Budgeting

Balance and transparency .

Maintain what you have before expanding existing facilities. The Board should stop micromanaging its staff.

Treat people like they are your friends/neighbors. The parks belong to the people, you have been elected to manage and care for them, they do not belong to you! The problems seem to be rooted in Bill Ameling's behavior.

Run lean until tax revenues leave you with a surplus

I would suggest that management, employees and the Board operate with more integrity and accountability and respect for the community. Unfortunately that has been lacking for quite some time.

We love the swimming pool in the summer. However, it seems it is very underutilized both when we've been there for lessons and when there just for recreation. If it is a money pit, the public needs to be told that and it should be shut down. The instructors have been GREAT -- and we would miss it -- but understand/know that such facilities are not always cost effective.

The park district office should be open 8 hours a day. We need to have people there to answer questions and be accessible to the community. It is the park district that needs to have more programs and to register people for those programs. STOP borrowing money.

Yes, I would like to see the VP commissioners have public meetings that are less toxic than the ones have been this last year. I would like to see budget reports that are easily understood by all. I would like to see staff treated with respect by the commissioners I would like to have some of the classes for seniors reinstated I think you need a 3 to 4 year plan and a budget that supports that You need financial reserve You need to start NOW to regain respect from the community before the next bond issue.

A new board, less ego, more work and less time in the paper

Improve customer relations on phone and in person Increase frequency of mowing Improve monitoring of obstacles & potential dangers in parks

Keep the fields in playable shape

Approve a real budget and then stick to it!

Put in place a new Commission.

Less micro-managing - transparency - treat public input respectfully - term limits for commissioners - move away from living on borrowed money

Make the board accountable for its gross mismanagement of funds. Complete the VES fields asap using as little money as possible. Fire the VES project manager. Do less music and performances and more for recreation. Take a look at little used properties and consider selling them. Raise fees by 10% and make it the norm for those with available funds to donate for those lacking when registering and paying for programs. Revamp the website so it works. Raise the bar for accountability and high quality by imagining each VPD employee and commissioner is in the private sector.

1) Keep our parks open and accessible. 2) Maintain our park facilities for the long term. 3) Keep our parks clean and safe to use. 4) Expand the influence of the parks District only when it doesn't imperil 1), 2) and 3). 5) Purge the board of members with dreams of "Empire".

New VPD Board

I did not quite understand the previous question, but anyway, I want land access to Lost Lake. Lost Lake is fabulous and amazing place. Granted it is not visited by many and perhaps that is part of the magic of the feeling of area but not have land access is rough. Not all of us own boats or have time to walk miles on the beach to get to there. I know Spring Beach is beautiful no doubt but I can not miss what I do not know. It is important to preserve land, and it still is best to preserve it even if I never see it again. So I hope you do not sell it off in your financial woes .

Get rid of Nancy. She has been repeatedly rude to me and associates. The website is embarrassing. What happened to Randy? He was great, and very nice.

Make Dockton Park's moorage available at a reasonable monthly rate.

I love Parks! Clean up the financial mess. We are all behind you. Thanks

Be more intelligent. Even this survey seemed to lack thought. Have outside people and groups review things--not because you're incapable, but because it's complex stuff you're doing!

Pool hours need to be increased for adult lap swim - later in evening. Fields MUST be finished and we need to be able to host all day long sporting (baseball/soccer/lacrosse) to tournaments for kids at these- fields next season - will bring in revenue to island. We MUST STOP spending money on yoga classes and pottery crap classes that are not highly attended. The budgeting MUST be managed professionally and not as it has been in the past! COME ON!!!!

Follow employment laws. Stop being ruled by special interest group. Fundraise before starting projects. Don't rehire managers who couldn't live in budget first time around. Caretakers can't be employees. Have no caretaker @ horse park, one makes sense @ point Robinson due to rental. Wendy Braicks left a mess. Clean house and move forward.

Figure out how a board should act, and try that. Recent performance has not been worthy of either us or you. Boards should not be doing meat to day management; but once you lose your skilled staff it's all in the dumpster

my monthly income is \$710 (\$SI). I would like my son to go to the pool often but it's too expensive for me. however b/c of scholarships I have been able to send him to sailing camp for the last three years.

No

Someone capable must mind the budget!

For future vision, I'd love to see us consider covering the pool to make it available year-round. Vashon has an unusually high proportion of committed swimmers - and it's amazing how much both our competitive and fitness swimmers accomplish considering that we have a 'normal sized' pool available only 3 months of the year. I believe we could do even better with year-round pool facilities!

Quit putting all of the focus on the VES fields. Be more responsive to people who attend the meetings. Joe Wald doesn't even look up at the crowd to speak to people. The commission forms groups to give advice but then totally ignore the advice given. Stop ignoring and being rude to Lu-Ann when she is trying to speak.

the park district facilities are critical to our island. please consider ALL islanders and not special interests only...my opinion is the fields project is/has become special interest...totally unnecessary.

I'm disappointed w/the "new" Maury Island trail from the bluffs down to the beach. The old road is fine but the newer trail that people planted trees/shrubs & pulled out the weeds, is deteriorating already due to horse use and the steepness. I find it treacherous for walking and most of the planted vegetation is dead. I'm sure after the heavy rains of fall & winter in the PNW, the trail will be impossible to traverse. We've actually redirected several older people to the old, easier trail or road down to the beach, from the parking lot.

Having someone answer the phone and emails.

Please just focus on completing sports field VES project and reducing acrimony. Good lord!

Current office staff is rude and hard to deal with. The website is useless for current information. The Park District should provide activities (Classes / Summer Camps). Enhanced Pool hours.

Manage fairly and appropriately.

1. Improve budgeting, fiscal responsibility - please take the suggestions from the group of knowledgeable folks monitoring the budget and reviewing park district finances.
2. Adopt a more open, responsive meeting style. You have options other than strict Roberts Rules of Orders that would allow for more participation from your audience. Talk with the Vashon Community Council and the All-Island Forum for ideas, consultation, suggestions. 3. ALWAYS schedule meetings in your large room in order to allow for community participation. The small room is unwelcoming - sets up an adversarial attitude before you even begin.

Yes, this survey seemed a waste of time and there are more vital questions that could have been asked.

please maintain the facilities that you have in place, such as the village green restroom and other park amenities. the parks can remain simple, and natural, but basic trail maintenance, open restrooms and general access is paramount. thanks!

The parks does a great job managing what it has, and partnering with other organizations such as the Land Trust and VIGA. I think the main thing is to work with what you have and take care of what you have, so you can rebuild your budget

Yes, there could be a big improvement with responding to messages. I left a message saying I would like to use the school gym or some other part of the school facility to run an obedience class for dogs and their owners. I never heard back from anyone so I contacted the folks at the Open Space and am renting from them a room smaller than I would prefer. I would still like to know if there is something available to use after hours at one of the schools to run classes and what that cost would be.

The board should take advantage of professional expertise available in the community and Oversight Committee. Consider cutting costs by returning to the practice of allowing user groups to maintain relevant park facilities in lieu of monetary fees.

return to an honestly balanced budget (no more hiding expenditures in odd columns, for instance) return to community-inspired and -directed capital funding Commissioners--stop micromanaging (while you say you are not micromanaging)--you have a year or less to restore the tax-payers faith in the District, in order to be able to pass a new levy to start in 2016

I feel that the sports fields at Harbor School were totally unnecessary and are not needed. Any money expended in their creation and maintenance is a waste. Proper maintenance and use of the facilities at Paradise Ridge, Agnew and Sunset Ridge should meet the sports requirements of the community.

Commissioners should do what they were elected to do - no more, no less - or quit and let someone else take their places.

What little staff you have left performs very well in spite of it all. Budget-building on facts and figures would be an awesome goal for next year when the new commissioners are in place. Most of us are tired of operating in an "evidence-free zone".

Regular maintenance Paradise Ridge Arena and Trails. Arena needs to be dragged min. of 3 times per wk. Make sure sani cans Lisabuella are clean -- need more frequent service summer season when families have picnics and there are overnight guests and groups using facility (water access)

More openness in the budgeting process and more accountability for the expenditures made.

Use the model that's been successful in the past of having the principal resource users underwrite the cost of developing facilities and programs.

Please open the public bathroom in the village Green.

Provide fiscally sound principals, keeping a budget that is balanced. Spend only what we have.

Transparency of documents, published online. Interaction with the community via more surveys about specific topics. Videos of all meetings that are archived for online viewing.

Have better oversight on accounting and following the laws.

It's time for the Park District to look up from athletic fields and determine how best to serve the entire community. This might begin to regain public trust before another levy vote, and public trust will be critical in winning another levy. The Park District would undoubtedly lose a levy if it were put to a vote now. This survey is a good start at identifying community expectations beyond athletic fields. Please use this information to re-shape the District's agenda and, as important, REPORT its findings honestly. Continue to seek public input and listen to it; act on it. Thank you for asking these questions.

Term limits for Park district commissioners is essential.

Incorporate more interested volunteers, like myself * & consider participating in one my HonuMonki YogiChi & TerraSol Healing walking meditations, often occurring in these parks *

I don't think any current or recent past board members listened to the public so I'll wait for the election and hope to take up issues with those who want to make a difference rather than those only concerned with making a name.

Sure, stop spending money you don't have for new projects. The money tree is not unlimited and sometimes people just can't have everything they want whenever they want it.

I would like to see more coordination with other park departments. They are a tremendous resource. For example, they would have provided guidance on charging sales tax.

Make the board more accountable and in tune with the Vashon population. I have served on many boards on Vashon for over 30 yrs. What I have often seen happen is that board members become too personally involved and rigid in their ideas. I think board members should have a 4 yr. tenure.

Incorporate volunteers all you can

Balance the budget and quit hemorrhaging \$\$\$.

Where to begin....? New board members will help immensely. The attitude of some of the current board members is mind-boggling: the blatant disrespect and arrogance are unbelievable.

Elect a new Park Board. The existing Board, particularly Bill Ammeling, David Hackett & Joe Wald have formed the majority vote to run the financial affairs of the District into the ground. LuAnn Branch & John Hopkins have voted to go along with them evidently because the hole they have dug is so deep that the seeming way out is to keep digging. WRONG! Users other than the those of the athletic fields have been thrown under the bus. Yes, the VES fields are needed but not to the exclusion of everything else. This Board has been fiscally irresponsible, arrogant, & dishonest in their dealings with the community.

This Board should NOT set the budget for 2014. Their priorities are skewed to personal interests rather than the those of the community at large.

It would be great to have more designated trails separating horses and hiking from Mt bikes.

Single best improvement would be for Bill Ameling to resign. His personality is totally unsuited for the challenges of the the current park district. He creates conflict on the board, is condescending with the public, is defensive about his actions, and is in no way a team player. His lack of transparency and personal conceit are appalling. He's already been marginalized to some degree by the other board members, but his continued presence defeats all attempts to start fresh. Ameling needs to get out of the way and let a new Commissioner group attempt to put the pieces back together without his presence. Next priority should be to pull the plug on the fields project and wrap up the loose ends necessary to make the site functional. Not luxurious - FUNCTIONAL. Get it done. Only then can the budget be rationally evaluated and equitably distributed to serve ALL park interest groups.

Stop taking on debt; stop operating so close to the bone; keep a monetary reserve for unanticipated needs and emergencies.

no

Stop the financial hemorrhage of building play fields that the potential users don't contribute to. Start/return to maintaining the facilities that exist Hiring staff to manage those facilities, and provide the taxpayers with recreational opportunities so that the next levy has a chance of passing.

We have interest groups for each park. If they want to improve, expand, or change a park, the project needs fundraising in place and completed BEFORE project should start. The Paradise Ridge covered arena project is a prime example of having funds in place BEFORE construction begins. That project did not run over, did not drain district funds, nor did it end up becoming front page news in the paper. Fundraising took years before the project started. I am of course referring to the ball field project that has ruined the district funding for all of the other facilities that we the taxpayers are paying for!

more free things to do for seniors to stay healthy. Fee at HS gym weight room is not good at all.

The District needs to refocus their priorities and understand that the entire reason it exists is because of public money. There have been egregious decisions made and misuse of public funds. The "sue us" attitude must go along with the entire board before I see any significant change being made.

Why no minutes of board meeting since June available online. Emphasis on Parks & Pools.

Way more parking at VES!

What about a bike practice trail or activity for little ones. Many vashon families like us dont have any where to practice biking.

Random drug testing for all your employees.

Please keep balance in mind when allocating funds to your various projects.

More financial support for the Vashon Island Rowing Club which took over the Park district's junior rowing program. More financial aid for needy youth athletes.

Better access to spring Beach and whispering fir bogs. More outdoor concerts at the top park of point robinson would be cool

One suggestion for outsourcing is have the sports people schedule their own games. In many cities the soccer and baseball associations are told how many hours they are allowed to use the facilities and then it is there problem to schedule it. Since the Park District has been more or less stripped of registration for anything why are they left with the scheduling problem, let the teams do that and fine them if they go over their allotted hours. NO more hiring insiders for big projects, guess I should be glad the money stayed on the island but I hate to see my tax dollars go to a few crooks who don't/didn't do a good job for us.

More public restrooms. Be more aggressive in stopping drug use in Village Green.

Quit ignoring the cries of the many on this island. The only folks you have given any time to in the last 2 years are the fields.

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My Report

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1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Vashon Park District?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Very Satisfied		16	7%
2	Satisfied		31	13%
3	Somewhat Satisfied		34	15%
4	Neutral		21	9%
5	Somewhat Dissatisfied		25	11%
6	Dissatisfied		31	13%
7	Very Dissatisfied		73	32%
Total			231	

3. How often do you or members of your household use VPD parks?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Very Frequently - Once a week or more		115	57%
2	Frequently - A few times a month		57	28%
3	Occasionally - A few times a year		28	14%
4	Rarely - Once a year or less		2	1%
Total			202	

4. How do you use Vashon's parks?

#	Question	Very Frequently	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Total Responses	Mean
1	Walking/Hiking/Jogging/Running	60	59	55	1	175	2.98
2	Sports	54	9	39	49	151	3.55
3	Swimming/Pool	15	23	55	55	148	4.01
4	Water Sports (Fishing, Kayaking, Boating)	21	29	58	44	152	3.82
5	Biking/Mountain Biking	16	14	44	72	146	4.18
6	Horseback Riding	25	5	8	106	144	4.35
7	Concerts/Music	17	44	92	11	164	3.59
8	Plays/Theater	14	28	88	26	154	3.81
9	Skateboarding	10	6	23	103	142	4.54
10	Disc Golf	8	7	20	105	140	4.59
11	Picnics/Family Events	15	35	76	24	150	3.73
12	Special Events	9	24	88	29	150	3.91
13	Lodging rental for family or friends	3	1	32	105	141	4.70
14	Appreciate Nature/View/Solitude	77	44	34	8	163	2.83
15	Playground	12	21	53	60	146	4.10
16	Farmers Market	55	48	61	6	170	3.11

5. Please check all of the Vashon Parks you have been to in the last year.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Vashon Elementary School (VES) Athletic Fields		83	43%
2	Agren Park - Athletic Fields		109	57%
4	Ober Park - Playground - Concerts - Classes/Programs		156	81%
5	Village Green - Farmer's Market		166	86%
6	Pt. Robinson - Beach - Hiking - Lodging - Special Events - Marine Trail Camping		164	85%
7	Paradise Ridge - Riding Arena - Hiking		74	39%
8	Jensen Point - Boating - Water Sports - Hiking - Picnicking		125	65%
9	BARC - Burton Adventure Recreation Center - Skate Park - Old Burton School Park		44	23%
10	Fern Cove - Lodging - Hiking - Nature		76	40%
11	Lisa Buella - Picnic - Fishing - Hiking - Water Sports		112	58%
12	Tramp Harbor Pier - Fishing - Nature		89	46%
13	Winghaven - Nature		43	22%
14	Spring Beach - Nature		23	12%
15	Boat Ramp by North End Ferry Dock - Water Sports		36	19%
16	Swimming Pool - Lessons/Team Sports/Lap Swimming/Family Swimming		80	42%
17	Fisher Pond - Hiking - Nature		119	62%
18	Lost Lake Park - Nature		28	15%
19	Vashon School District Facilities Non-School Related Activities and Rentals, Indoors and Outdoors		103	54%

6. How often do you use the newly constructed Vashon Elementary School (VES) Athletic Fields?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		43	52%
2	Once a Month		6	7%
3	2-3 Times a Month		5	6%
4	Once a Week		11	13%
5	2-3 Times a Week		17	20%
6	Daily		1	1%
Total			83	

7. How often do you use Agren Park's facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		37	34%
2	Once a Month		23	21%
3	2-3 Times a Month		19	18%
4	Once a Week		18	17%
5	2-3 Times a Week		10	9%
6	Daily		1	1%
Total			108	

8. How often do you use the Vashon Swimming Pool when it's open?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		15	19%
2	Once a Month		10	13%
3	2-3 Times a Month		18	23%
4	Once a Week		7	9%
5	2-3 Times a Week		19	24%
6	Daily		10	13%
Total			79	

9. How often do you use Ober Park's facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		52	34%
2	Once a Month		35	23%
3	2-3 Times a Month		36	24%
4	Once a Week		14	9%
5	2-3 Times a Week		13	9%
6	Daily		2	1%
Total			152	

10. How often do you go to the Farmer's Market at Village Green Park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		29	18%
2	Once a Month		41	25%
3	2-3 Times a Month		53	32%
4	Once a Week		41	25%
Total			164	

11. How often do you use Pt. Robinson park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		70	43%
2	Once a Month		49	30%
3	2-3 Times a Month		25	15%
4	Once a Week		9	6%
5	2-3 Times a Week		7	4%
6	Daily		2	1%
	Total		162	

12. How often do you use Paradise Ridge Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		30	41%
2	Once a Month		9	12%
3	2-3 Times a Month		10	14%
4	Once a Week		11	15%
5	2-3 Times a Week		11	15%
6	Daily		3	4%
	Total		74	

13. How often do you use Jensen Point Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		48	39%
2	Once a Month		35	28%
3	2-3 Times a Month		26	21%
4	Once a Week		4	3%
5	2-3 Times a Week		4	3%
6	Daily		6	5%
	Total		123	

14. How often do you visit Fisher Pond Park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		51	43%
2	Once a Month		33	28%
3	2-3 Times a Month		22	19%
4	Once a Week		6	5%
5	2-3 Times a Week		6	5%
6	Daily		0	0%
	Total		118	

15. How often do you use BARC Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		19	43%
2	Once a Month		12	27%
3	2-3 Times a Month		5	11%
4	Once a Week		1	2%
5	2-3 Times a Week		5	11%
6	Daily		2	5%
	Total		44	

16. How often do you use Fern Cove Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		41	55%
2	Once a Month		21	28%
3	2-3 Times a Month		7	9%
4	Once a Week		1	1%
5	2-3 Times a Week		4	5%
6	Daily		0	0%
Total			74	

17. How often do you use Lisa Buela Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		57	51%
2	Once a Month		25	23%
3	2-3 Times a Month		16	14%
4	Once a Week		2	2%
5	2-3 Times a Week		10	9%
6	Daily		1	1%
Total			111	

18. How often do you use Tramp Harbor Pier?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		48	55%
2	Once a Month		18	20%
3	2-3 Times a Month		13	15%
4	Once a Week		3	3%
5	2-3 Times a Week		4	5%
6	Daily		2	2%
Total			88	

19. How often do you use Wingham Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		23	53%
2	Once a Month		10	23%
3	2-3 Times a Month		6	14%
4	Once a Week		2	5%
5	2-3 Times a Week		1	2%
6	Daily		1	2%
Total			43	

20. How often do you use Spring Beach Park facilities?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		16	73%
2	Once a Month		3	14%
3	2-3 Times a Month		2	9%
4	Once a Week		1	5%
5	2-3 Times a Week		0	0%
6	Daily		0	0%
Total			22	

21. How often do you visit Lost Lake Park?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		18	67%
2	Once a Month		4	15%
3	2-3 Times a Month		3	11%
4	Once a Week		2	7%
5	2-3 Times a Week		0	0%
6	Daily		0	0%
Total			27	

22. How often do you use the Boat Ramp by the North End Ferry Dock?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		18	82%
2	Once a Month		2	9%
3	2-3 Times a Month		0	0%
4	Once a Week		1	5%
5	2-3 Times a Week		1	5%
6	Daily		0	0%
Total			22	

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#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than Once a Month		17	46%
2	Once a Month		7	19%
3	2-3 Times a Month		3	8%
4	Once a Week		2	5%
5	2-3 Times a Week		3	8%
6	Daily		5	14%
Total			37	

25. Would you be willing to help VPD by giving additional feedback in the future?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes, by answering short surveys like this once in a while		95	51%
2	Yes, by being part of a focus group		41	22%
3	No thanks, I'd rather not		51	27%
Total			187	