

# **Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan**

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# Introduction

The Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board, Village Council, Administration and residents prepared an updated recreation plan focused on Beverly Park as it is the center of recreation in the Village. This five-year plan sets forth many goals to improve the recreational opportunities in Beverly Park.

Recreation activities in Beverly Hills have primarily focused on Beverly Park as the main arena. The park has been improved dramatically through the hard work and dedication of countless residents, volunteers, elected officials and administrators. By continuing to improve the park, it will remain both beautiful and highly functional throughout the next five years. In addition, the focus on recreation opportunities can expand to include recreation opportunities throughout the Village.

This plan includes a comprehensive community recreation inventory, discussion of community events and improvement plans for public areas. Public opinion is the cornerstone of any successful plan and was highly influential in developing this plan, using the input of citizens through surveys, public meetings and commentary on the drafts.

# Community Description

The Village of Beverly Hills is located in Oakland County, Michigan covering an area slightly over 4 square miles with a population of 10,267, according to the 2010 census, and is primarily a residential community with little commercial and no industrial zoning.

Beverly Hills has the largest population of any home-rule Village in Michigan, similar to or exceeding that of about half the cities in Oakland County. Located within Southfield Township, Beverly Hills is bordered by several communities including the cities of Royal Oak, Birmingham, and Southfield, the Village of Bingham Farms and Bloomfield Township. Per the 2010 census, the population in Beverly Hills is 52.2% female and 47.8% male with 57.5% of the population between the ages of 20 and 64, 25.1% under the age of 18, and 17.4% aged 65 and older.

Education levels in Beverly Hills exceed both County and State averages with 96.9% of the population attaining a High School diploma and 66.7% holding a college degree. Along with the higher education levels, the median household income of \$103,134 in 2010 is significantly higher than the Oakland County median income of \$66,390 the same year.

Incorporated in 1958, Beverly Hills has enjoyed over fifty years of high quality neighborhoods, infrastructure, natural areas, schools as well as accessible employment and shopping centers. Preserving the ideal residential environment has been a goal of the residents since before incorporation. Providing numerous active and passive recreational services is one part of achieving ideal residential living and an overall better quality of life for residents.

Recreation in Beverly Hills is comprised of public, quasi-public and private facilities. The primary public recreation site is Beverly Park, a 34.7-acre park located on the south side of Beverly Road, west of Southfield Road. Beverly Road is the primary vehicular and pedestrian access route. Pedestrians may also access the park from the south side and along Allerton Road. Other areas of public recreation include Riverside Park, various unnamed pocket-parks and two nature preserves with use limitations due to deed restrictions.

Beverly Hills is part of the Birmingham School District. The school locations in the Village offer recreation to students and summer programs provide community-wide recreation. Most outdoor facilities are available free of charge and there are programmed activities which often have a nominal participant fee. There are a variety of indoor recreation programs available through the school district for all age groups, such as swimming, computers and arts and crafts. These continuing education programs are frequently available to residents and non-residents and are scheduled through the Birmingham Public Schools' Continuing Education Program.

Quasi-public recreation refers to the recreational activities at private schools located within the Village that are generally only available for student or parishioner use. There is one parochial school and one private school located within the Village. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church property contains facilities only available to parish members and Detroit Country Day School's facilities are not typically available to the general public.

Private recreation facilities refer to those member-based facilities which often require user-fees for access to the facilities. There are two athletic clubs within the Village, whose members have access to swimming pools, basketball courts, tennis courts and sand volleyball as well as organized activities for youth and adults. Other private recreation activities include sports leagues, such as Little League, CYO Basketball, and Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer, which are sustained by participant funding.

Recreation specifically geared towards senior citizens can be found through Beverly Hills' connection with the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council. Commonly known as BASCC, this volunteer based group offers a full range of support and services to Birmingham School District seniors.

# Administrative Structure

Beverly Hills operates under the Manager/Council form of government. The Village Manager oversees all day-to-day operations of the Village. The Village Council's seven members are elected to two-year terms and appoint the members of the Parks and Recreation Board to serve as an advisory group.

## Parks and Recreation Board

The Parks and Recreation Committee were established in 1981 to act as an advisory group to the Village Council under 1917 PA 156. In 1983 they became known as the Parks and Recreation Board and remain responsible for evaluating and recommending recreation programs, reviewing and commenting of major improvements, recommending park functions and usage, seeking and recommending additional funding or donations, and recommending long-range plans for park development. The Board meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and is comprised of the following members:

Cynthia Arvant, Chairperson  
William Kondak, Vice-Chairperson  
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## Administration

The Public Services department oversees park maintenance as well as maintenance of streets, solid waste collection and disposal, sewer and water-main maintenance, and removal of village-owned trees. Thomas H. Meszler, Director of Public Services, is the administrative liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board. Comeau Equipment is a private company contracted by the Village of Beverly Hills to perform public works activities including park maintenance. Two part-time park attendants function as seasonal employees to further assist in park maintenance. A complete organizational chart is available in Appendix A.

## Annual Budget

Parks and recreation budgets are established by Village Council using recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Board for maintenance and capital improvements. The budget for 2012/13 includes general maintenance funds in addition to funds for a variety of annual events including: the Birmingham fireworks, the Special Events fund (includes Memorial Day carnival, winter carnival, park clean-up day, Rouge River clean-up, and nature preserve management) and Halloween Hoot fund. The Capital Projects fund includes park equipment improvements and general recreation donations. In addition, the residents of

Beverly Hills passed a dedicated park millage in 2001, while expired, still has funds remaining for future park improvements.

## **Current Funding Sources**

The Village of Beverly Hills is unique in that a majority of the tax funding is supported by the residents. The community has no industrial zoning and minimal commercial zoning limiting the business tax base.

### Dedicated Millage

The dedicated park millage that was passed by the voters expired in 2005, however funds still remain that can be used for future park improvements. Large scale future projects may require a millage renewal for funding.

### General Fund

General tax revenues are transferred from the General Fund and support the maintenance, utilities and community recreation events. Beverly Hills collects 13.2697 mills, of which 1.5843 are for the general fund. Other revenues come from donations, user fees, event revenue and grants.

General fund expenses include park maintenance and utilities, Rouge River maintenance, fireworks, special events: carnival, winter family fun day, park cleanup, Rouge River clean up, preserve management, Halloween Hoot, and the pay phone at park.

### Capital Projects

Park and recreation capital projects outlined in the 2012/13 budget include Rouge River maintenance, and park improvements through equipment purchase.

### Donations, user fees, and grants

Donations function as an important source of funding for projects and maintenance of Beverly Hills recreation. Donations come from private residents and business sponsorship of events. Residents typically make 'general' donations to a park, but some dedicate funds for a particular purchase, such as a bench or tree. Business sponsorship of events allows many events to take place every year and occasionally produces revenue for the event's future occurrence.

Friends of Beverly Park was formed in 1999 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to oversee donations for Beverly Park. The group also used some revenues to host a dinner and silent auction to raise money and awareness for Beverly Park. The group has since dissolved for lack of necessity after a majority of the updates were completed.

### Grants

Beverly Hills has received two grants through the DNR for recreation; in 1973 for pavilion, restroom, tot lot, croquet area, picnic area, and park equipment at Beverly Park and in 2000 for playground equipment, pedestrian safety entrance, perimeter fence and parking lot

improvements at Beverly Park. The Village has partnered with other municipalities to receive grant funding for improvements at Riverside Park and the Rouge River corridor. Grants for other projects, such as tree planting grants from the DTE Energy Foundation, have been received. Administration actively seeks grant opportunities to assist in funding improvements to the recreation system.

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers serve an invaluable role in the Village especially for their role in the Parks and Recreation activities. The Parks and Recreation Board itself is comprised of volunteers who serve 3-year terms and there are annual activities which would not be possible without the assistance of volunteers. For example, in January, Winter Carnival celebrates the recreation opportunities in winter, like sledding and ice skating. Volunteers not only serve to supervise activities, but they provide hot chocolate, donuts and coffee to keep everyone well-fed and warm while enjoying the winter activities. Throughout the year, activities continue that rely heavily on volunteers assisting with supervision of activities, donating supplies and providing their expertise.

## **Relationships with other entities**

The Parks and Recreation Board and administrative staff have a working relationship with the Birmingham Area School District, Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council, Lion's Club, Village Women's Club, Scouts programs and Little League. These partnerships work to benefit the residents of the area who use these programs by pooling resources and reducing duplication of programs geared towards the same users.

# Recreation Inventory

## Method of Conducting Inventory

The foundation of a quality recreation plan is a thorough inventory and analysis to determine the base for improvement. Using a combination of site visits and available documentation, the Parks and Recreation Board compiled the inventory of recreation facilities. One method of classification analysis used was comparisons with national standards. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) published a guideline manual with standards to serve as a base line for communities when determining their needs. These guidelines vary depending upon local needs and desires. The NRPA Park Classification Standards can be reviewed in Appendix B.

The Village manages 70.4 acres of open space; 37.4 acres are classified as park land utilizing both active and passive recreation. 33 acres are classified as conservancy and were deeded to the Village with use restrictions; therefore these spaces have limited recreational opportunities but serve as valuable nature preserves in an urban area. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) suggests a community maintain 6.25 to 10.5 acres of close-to-home parkland for each 1,000 residents. Based on projections made by Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and NRPA guidelines the following park land requirements are identified in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Local Park Requirements</b>	<b>Deficit</b>
2010	10,267	64.17 to 107.80 acres	0-37.40 acres
2040	10,338	64.61 to 108.55 acres	0-38.15 acres

Beverly Hills has experienced a slight population decline since its peak in the 1970's. SEMCOG predictions show the population through 2020 will continue to slightly decline, after which the population is predicted to see minor growth. At this time park space appears adequate for the population, however, if the population experiences growth as projected after 2020, a need for additional park land may become apparent. Because approximately half of the parkland currently available is used for passive recreation, the need for active recreation may be realized before overall size considerations display need.

## Accessibility Assessment

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires parks and recreation facilities to have barrier-free accessibility. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources standards, the inventory of park facilities includes accessibility ratings based on the following evaluation system.

- Level 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Level 2: Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Level 3: Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

- Level 4: The entire park area meets accessibility guidelines
- Level 5: The entire park area was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Following is a detailed inventory of the specific park areas and recommendations for the particular park. General recommendations for the system as a whole are available in the section Goals and Objectives of the Action Plan. Maps of the entire Village and the individual parks can be found in Appendix C.

## **Beverly Park**

Location:	18801 Beverly Road
Service Area:	Village and surrounding communities
Size:	34 acres
Current Status:	Developed
Classification:	Park
Accessibility:	3

### Amenities:

- Basketball, tennis, softball, baseball, and volleyball courts
- Sledding
- Disc Golf Course
- Ice Skating
- Picnic areas/benches
- Pavilion with restrooms
- Playground
- Walking/running trails
- Nature study
- Major Village events held on-site include:
  - i. Winter Family Fun Day
  - ii. Park Clean-up Day
  - iii. Memorial Day Parade & Carnival
  - iv. Halloween Hoot

### Description and Assessment:

Beverly Park is the largest park in the Village and is the main source of outdoor recreation opportunities. The park boasts a variety of recreation options including a sled hill, sand volleyball court, basketball court, wooded natural areas with wood chipped trail, playground equipment for children, two baseball fields, two tennis courts and a pavilion area with restrooms.

Most community events in the Village take place in Beverly Park due to its size, beauty and central location. The park is host to year-round community events hosted by the Village, such as Winter Family Fun Day, as well as special events, like the Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by private organizations. In August 2006, a wedding took place at Beverly Park utilizing the natural beauty and the updated facilities.

### Wooded Area and Passive Recreation

From time to time the wooded area has been studied by ecologists, engineers, and students. In 1996, Richard A. Wolinski, an ecologist from Applied Science & Technology, Inc., inspected the area and noted that "The species composition of the flooded portion of the woods represents a wooded wetland dominated by trees which are adapted to wet

conditions. . . It should also be noted that soils underlying the site are listed as hydric (wetland) soils according to the soil survey of Oakland County.”

In late 1996, the Village Engineering Firm, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., was asked to determine if the park could be better drained. With respect to the wooded area, the engineer noted that “Any construction of swales, storm sewers, or other drainage systems within this area would be very destructive to the composition of the park. Trees would have to be removed, land cleared, and other vegetation damaged.”

The wooded area is not a state-regulated wetland area. Nevertheless, previous studies are consistent with each other in their conclusions that the area serves a valuable ecological function; to drain it would be difficult because of the flat topography, the nature of the soils, and other engineering considerations; and draining the wetland would disrupt the ecological balance and result in loss of trees and animal species that occupy the area.

A pond covering about half an acre exists on the east side of the wooded wetland, approximately in the center of the park. In 2002 the pond was dredged achieving greater aesthetic appeal and significant improvement in water quality.

Near the pond and wooded area there is a wood gazebo and throughout the park there are benches for passive nature observation and wood chipped paths through the wooded area of the park accommodate enjoyable walks in the natural areas.

In 2011 irrigation work was completed in the front lawn area from parking lot to play area and from fence to pavilion. Also, seven new benches installed in 2011. Beginning in 2009, annual landscaping improvements have been made with plant material and mulch primarily by the pavilion and gazebo.

#### Active Recreation Facilities

A pavilion area and playground facilities are located on the north side of the park, occupying about 1.75 acres (5.1% of the total area).

The playground equipment includes swings, slides, play structure, etc and has benches for comfortable supervision of activities. The equipment and safety ground were upgraded in 2002 and the equipment has been well maintained allowing use for many years. Manufacturer recommendations for maintenance and life of equipment must be followed for long term use and safety.

In 2005 the pavilion was completely renovated using funds from the dedicated millage. This renovation drastically improved the quality of the pavilion and restrooms at Beverly Park which will be enjoyed for years to come. The pavilion is very popular through the spring, summer and fall for both resident and non-resident usage. The pavilion is open to the public but can also be reserved for a nominal fee which guarantees exclusive usage for a requested time period. The pavilion is reserved for a variety of events including birthday

parties, family reunions, and business picnics. A sprinkler system has been installed to ensure aesthetic quality of plantings surrounding pavilion area.

Other active recreation facilities are located on the east side of the park, along Allerton Drive. Tennis, sand volleyball, and basketball courts are located adjacent to and south of the parking lot. These facilities occupy just over an acre. Resurfacing the tennis courts with improvements to the fencing was completed in 2008. The sand volleyball courts were upgraded in 2007 as a Boy Scout project with funding for parts by the Village and the basketball courts have been maintained and are in good condition but in need of re-stripping.

Farther south, along Allerton Road, two ballfields occupy about 4.5 acres (13.1% of the total). From April 1<sup>st</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup> these fields are used by leagues every weekday evening and during the day on Saturdays and Sundays. League contributions defray some ballfield maintenance and improvement expenses. Annually, the Little League makes improvements to the ballfields.

A sledding hill occupies about 1.4 acres of land at the south end of the park. The sled hill is a unique feature at Beverly Park because it was built from soil excavated during the construction of the Lodge Freeway. The sled hill railing was repaired and stained in 2010 by a local Boy Scout who undertook the construction as his project to earn Eagle Scout ranking. Ice skating at the park is also available in the winter months.

Other additions to the park include a Disc Golf Course which was installed in 2012 in a portion of the wooded area. And in 2011 a sand box was added near the playground.

### **Recommendations**

- ✓ Continue maintaining facilities for maximum life span of equipment
- ✓ Research and consider improvements to pond area
- ✓ Improve horseshoe pits
- ✓ Improve waste and recycling containers
- ✓ Install electrical service from pavilion through wood chipped trail
- ✓ Install water feature/splash pad
- ✓ Plant trees near playground area for shade purposes

## **Riverside Park**

Location: Riverside Drive east of Evergreen Road  
Service Area: Village  
Size: .34 acres  
Current Status: Developed  
Classification: Park  
Accessibility: 2  
Amenities:

- Picnic area/Benches
- Fishing access
- Nature study

### **Description and Assessment:**

Riverside Park is a .34 acre open space located on Riverside Drive abutting a pond which is part of the Rouge River corridor. There is minimal paved parking available for motorists as well as pedestrian access via sidewalk. The pond at Riverside Park was formerly used to feed a mill in the early years of Beverly Hills history. Documentation regarding Riverside Park is minimal, however it appears the property was dedicated as a public park at the time of platting and has been maintained as such by the Village of Beverly Hills.

The park is predominately used for fishing, although there is a picnic table and grill available for public use and people use the pond as a kayak launch. In previous years, ice skating was permitted on the pond; however ice skating was moved to Beverly Park for safety reasons.

The pond and connecting portions of the Rouge River are extremely shallow due to years of sediment build-up exacerbated by untreated sewer dumping that occurred throughout the Rouge River region.

In 2012 native plantings were installed along a portion of the riverbank to encourage bank stabilization through grant funding.

### **Recommendations**

- ✓ Maintain existing facilities

## **Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve**

Location: South side of Fourteen Mile Road east of Evergreen Road  
Service Area: Abutting property owners  
Size: 15 acres (approximate)  
Current Status: Undeveloped  
Classification: Natural Resource Area  
Accessibility: 1

### Amenities:

- Nature study

### Description and Assessment:

Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve was acquired by the Village in the 1980's with the financial assistance of residents along Riverside Drive. At the time of purchase, the property was bank-owned and developers were proposing a residential development. The residents wanted to maintain the area in its natural state and Deed Restrictions were placed on the property to ensure the area would remain undeveloped.

The land area is a peninsula surrounded by branches of the Rouge River with the northern edge abutting a private golf course in Bloomfield Township. The site has no visible public accessibility and as such, many residents are unaware of its existence.

Beverly Hills has no areas available for future recreational developments at this time. The site is valuable open space that is not accessible to the public yet owned by the Village. Gaining visible access to the site to allow pedestrian traffic would provide additional passive recreational opportunities to the residents. Consideration of the abutting residential interests and Deed Restrictions must be taken into account. Also, consideration should be taken regarding the value of the natural area as a habitat for plants and wildlife. Maintaining the area as a plant and wildlife preserve should remain a priority.

### **Recommendations**

- ✓ Education of public to ensure proper use of area
- ✓ Consider greater public accessibility
- ✓ Improve signage

## **Douglas Evans Nature Preserve**

Location: Evergreen Road  
Service Area: Village  
Size: 18 acres  
Current Status: Undeveloped  
Classification: Natural Resource Area  
Accessibility: 1

Amenities:

- Nature study

### **Description and Assessment:**

Douglas Evans Nature Preserve was donated to the Village by Catherine E. Douglas in 1973 with the stipulation that it remain a Nature Preserve. The Deed Restrictions prohibit development or improvements beyond maintenance. The one exception was the 1992 construction of the Combined Sewer Overflow tank and control building in the prairie area of the property. Special permission was granted by Mrs. Douglas due to the nature of the request.

Beverly Hills maintains the property primarily through the efforts of volunteers who work on Rouge Clean-Up Days and other environmental activities. The wooded areas provide a valuable green buffer for the Rouge River and habitat for wildlife.

The accessibility of the site is limited with no sidewalk access on Evergreen and minimal parking, however, the site is frequently used by residents to walk and enjoy nature. There is also evidence that the area is used to walk domestic animals. The site has been studied by numerous ecologists who cite the value of the native plant species in the area. Maintaining the area as a plant and wildlife preserve should remain a priority.

### **Recommendations**

- ✓ Maintain area; clear refuse, cut grasses
- ✓ Education of public to ensure proper use of area
- ✓ Consider greater public accessibility

## **DNR Grant Inventory**

The Village of Beverly Hills has received two grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Both projects were for improvement of Beverly Park, the first grant, number 26-00487, was received in 1973 for the development of the pavilion, restroom, picnic area, tot lot, croquet area, and park equipment. The second grant, number CM00-171, was received in 2000 for playground equipment, pedestrian safety entrance, perimeter fence, parking lot improvements and additional upgrades.

# Planning Methods

The Parks and Recreation Board have successfully realized their goal of drastically improving Beverly Park, the main recreation outlet in Beverly Hills. The major renovations have been completed and the Board recognizes the need to improve the other recreational areas in addition to continually improving Beverly Park. These improvements will help meet new safety standards, as well as better fit the current residential character.

As the population of Beverly Hills changes over time, the recreational needs in the community will change. According to the 2010 US Census data, the “School Age” (ages 5-19) populations have increased since 2000, while “Family Forming” (ages 20-64) and “Senior” (ages 65 and over) have decreased. Overall, population decreased slightly. This information indicates the importance of maintaining and developing recreation activities and programs geared towards children.

In comparing facilities available with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Guidelines, deficiencies were found. The table below compares the NRPA recommendations to some of the current facilities available and details the evaluation of need based on community makeup and input from the residents.

<b>Activity/Facility</b>	<b>Recommended Number per Population</b>	<b>Current facilities</b>	<b>Priority/Deficiency</b>
Basketball courts – Beverly Park	1 per 5,000	1 per 10,000	Maybe. Current number of facilities meet the needs of the community based on usage, but possible need to improve existing facilities.
Tennis courts – Beverly Park	1 per 2,000	2 per 10,000	Yes. Current facilities do not meet needs of residents. Improvement of current facilities and possible expansion recommended.
Volleyball courts – Beverly Park	1 per 2,000	1 per 10,000	No. Current facilities meet needs of residents.
Baseball/softball fields – Beverly Park	1 per 5,000	2 per 10,000	Maybe. Current number of facilities meet the needs of the community, possible need to improve existing facilities
Soccer field	1 per 10,000	None	Maybe. No facilities exist however there were no residential requests for facility.

# Public Input Process

Public input on the process was encouraged throughout the entire process of drafting this plan. The Village Council, Parks and Recreation Board and Administration recognized the importance of drafting a plan that reflected residents' needs and desires for recreation in the community. Residential input was received through public comment at meetings, surveys available online and mailed to every home via the quarterly Village newsletter, public comment of the draft plan available on the Village website and at the Village office, and a public hearing held at the Council level prior to adoption. The input received was evaluated for the quality of representation of the public as well as feasibility of implementation.

The residential input through survey responses reflected an accurate representation of the population of Beverly Hills. The responses seemed to accurately reflect the groups within the Village with responses from users and non-users of facilities of a variety of ages. The percentages of the ages responding followed the population census. The survey, tally results and comments can be found in Appendix D.

The draft plan was made available for public comment at the Village office and electronically via the Village website for one month. Notice of the draft plan review and comment availability was sent in the Village newsletter, which is mailed to every residence, a notice was placed on the public access and stated at the public meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and Village Council. Copies of the both notices can be found in Appendix E.

The public hearing was held as part of the Village Council meeting on May 21, 2013.

Copies of the public notice the Public Hearing and the minutes from the Public Hearing can be found in Appendix F.

# Goals and Objectives

During the planning process, through the input of the public and evaluation of the current system, key goals came to the forefront of priorities for the next five years. These goals are based on public needs and desires, anticipated population changes, and current facilities' status.

The following system-wide goals include objectives for completion:

1. Improve recreational facilities to encompass system wide recreation welcoming all residents to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
  - Analyze and improve accessibility at all recreation areas.
  - Continue improving maintenance and enhancing aesthetic appeal of parks.
  - Develop programs for residents of various ages.
2. Enhance biodiversity, protect wildlife and improve water quality of natural areas.
  - Improve quality natural areas by continued maintenance and stewardship of green space.
  - Encourage appropriate uses of natural areas that respect wildlife, plant life and water quality.
3. Use existing community resources efficiently and demonstrate fiscal responsibility by providing efficient administration of the Parks and Recreation facilities.
  - Continue regular communication with residents on programs available.
  - Actively seek grant and alternative funding opportunities.

# Action Program

During the next five years, improving the current system will remain the primary focus as land acquisition is unlikely. Reassess the funding sources annually through the budget process; in addition, the Parks & Recreation Board must continue to annually review user fees for participants to ensure the fees are offsetting the costs of the program.

The Parks and Recreation Board must review whether additional public funding will be needed, through a dedicated millage or property assessment, as well as continuing to seek additional funding through grants. Establishing a volunteer contribution program may also be an effective form of producing funding. Creating and distributing a brochure of donation opportunities, examples include dedicating trees or benches to the park for beautification and funding. These opportunities can be utilized to solicit private donations in addition to business/professional donations. The brochure must be specific about park needs; for example, landscaping needs should specify acceptable species and locations. A gift program can be useful public relations and educational tool, and a means of generating personal pride in the parks. These actions will help Beverly Hills continue managing its parks facilities responsibly and effectively.

All improvements and maintenance must remain focused on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Providing barrier free access to the facilities will help Beverly Hills reach goals of creating welcoming system-wide facilities, and improving facilities for seniors and encouraging healthier lifestyles for residents.

The Parks and Recreation Board should develop and implement a capital purchases plan. A park system needs to be constantly updated to meet the needs of contemporary users. As the makeup of the population changes, so must the facilities in the park change. Developing a specific plan to follow reduces administrative and maintenance costs by eliminating the need to continuously evaluate equipment. Enlisting the services of experts will help develop a cost saving plan to effectively plan for future purchases. Large scale purchases and improvements can be budgeted over several years and funding shortages will be apparent before the purchase is imminent. Implementing a capital purchases plan will assist in maintaining effectively utilizing the resources available and improve the feasibility of projects being completed.

Natural/green areas are a valuable resource in a developed, urban setting. Improving the quality of the Rouge River will impact the entire community and river system. Long range planning, fundraising and public education will be required. The benefits of a healthier pond and river in addition to increased recreational opportunities support all the goals of this plan.

An ongoing tree/landscape evaluation and maintenance plan is needed so that the Village can respond in a more timely fashion to disease and insect damage. There is a near

elimination of ash trees, and other trees are suffering from blight. An annual evaluation is needed so that maintenance personnel know whether they are witnessing natural aging of the woods or a serious problem that needs immediate attention. Certain dead trees in prominent locations in the park (such as around the playground and picnic areas) should be removed or replaced immediately, because of their negative aesthetic impact. The goals of preserving and supporting the green areas will be supported by a clear program to maintain and plant trees in public spaces.

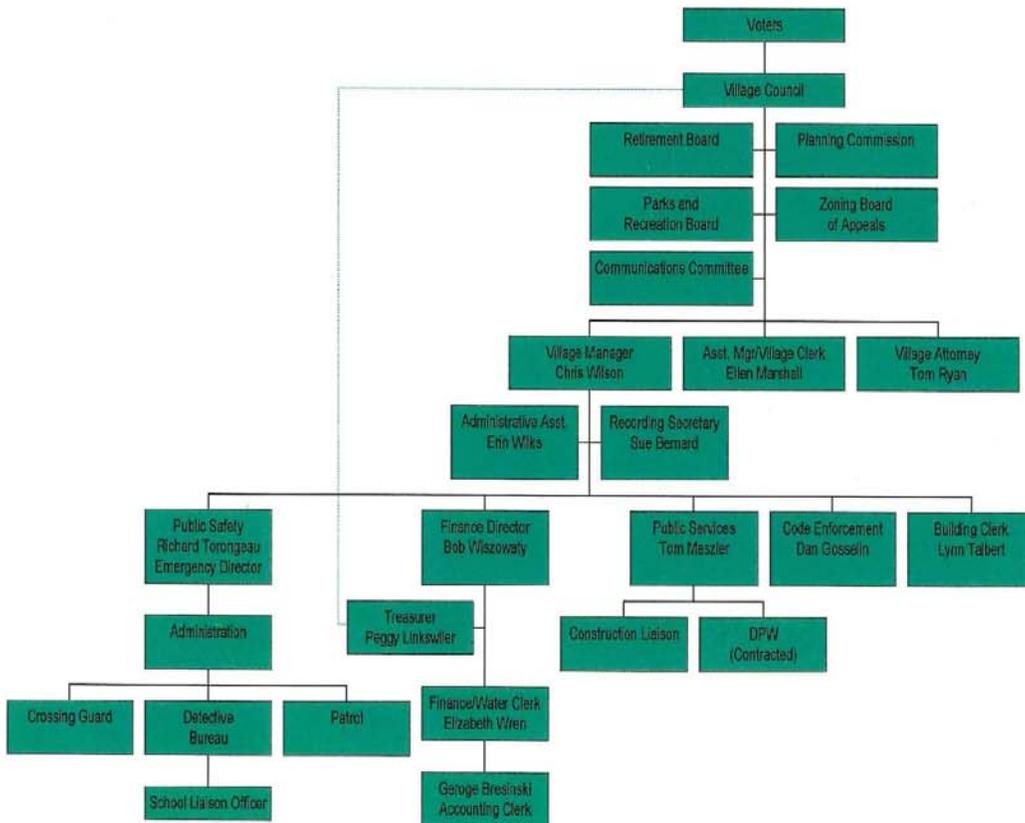
Overall the recreational opportunities in Beverly Hills are meeting the needs of the community. The citizens report a high level of satisfaction with the recreation available. System wide improvements to the Villages parks, green spaces and recreational facilities will complement the individual area recommendations listed in the Recreation Inventory.

# Appendices

# Appendix A

## Village of Beverly Hills

March 14, 2013



# Appendix B

## Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines

ACTIVITY/ FACILITY	RECOMMENDED SPACE REQUIREMENTS	RECOMMENDED SIZE AND DIMENSIONS	RECOMMENDED ORIENTATION	NO. OF UNITS PER POPULATION	SERVICE RADIUS	LOCATION NOTES
<b>Badminton</b>	1620 sq. ft.	Singles – 17'x44'  Doubles – 20'x44'	Long axis north-south	1 per 5000	¼ -1/2 mile	Usually in school, recreation center or church facility. Safe walking or bike access.
<b>Basketball</b>  1. <b>Youth</b> 2. <b>High School</b> 3. <b>Collegiate</b>	2400-3036 sq. ft.  5040-7280 sq. ft.  5600-7980 sq. ft.	46-50'x84'  50'x84'  50'x94'  with 5' unobstructed space on all sides	Long axis north-south	1 per 5000	¼ - ½ mile	Same as badminton. Outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.
<b>Handball</b>  (3-4 wall)	800 sq. ft. for 4-wall  1000 for 3-wall	20'x40' – Minimum of 10' to rear of 3-wall court. Minimum 20' overhead clearance	Long axis north-south.  Front wall at north end.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minute travel time	4-wall usually indoor as part of multi-purpose facility. 3-wall usually outdoor in park or school setting
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	22,000 sq. ft. including support area	Rink 85'x200' (minimum 85'x185') Additional 5000 sq. ft. support area	Long axis north-south if outdoor	Indoor – 1 per 100,000 Outdoor – depends on climate	½ - 1 hour travel time	Climate important consideration affecting no. of units. Best as part of multi-purpose facility.
<b>Tennis</b>	Minimum of 7,200 sq. ft. single court (2 acres for complex)	36'x78'. 12' clearance on both sides; 21' clearance on both ends.	Long axis north – south	1 court per 2000	¼-1/2 mile	Best in batteries of 2-4. Located in neighborhood/community park or adjacent to school
<b>Volleyball</b>	Minimum of 4,000 sq. ft.	30'X60'. Minimum 6' clearance on all sides	Long axis north-south	1 per 5000	¼ - ½ mile	Same as other court activities (e.g. badminton)
<b>Baseball</b>  1. <b>Official</b>          2. <b>Little League</b>	3.0-3.85 A minimum          1.2 A minimum	Baselines – 90' Pitching distance 60 ½' foul lines – min. 320' Center field – 400'+  Baselines – 60'  Pitching distance – 46' Foul lines – 200' Center field – 200' – 250'	Locate home plate to pitcher throwing across sun and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitchers mound run east-north-east.	1 per 5000  Lighted 1 per 30,000	¼ - ½ mile	Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex.

<b>Field Hockey</b>	Minimum 1.5 A	180' x 300' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Fall season – long axis northwest to southwest. For longer periods north-south	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of baseball, football, soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school.
<b>Football</b>	Minimum 1.5 A	160' x 360' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Same as field hockey.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Same as field hockey.
<b>Soccer</b>	1.7 – 2.1 A	195' to 225'x330' to 360' with a minimum 10' clearance all sides.	Same as field hockey.	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles	Number of units depends on popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or neighborhood parks.
<b>Golf-driving Range</b>	13.5 A for minimum of 25 tees	900'x690' wide. Add 12' width for each additional tee.	Long axis south-west-northeast with golfer driving toward northeast.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time.	Part of a golf course complex. As separate unit may be privately owned.
<b>¼ Mile Running Track</b>	4.3 A	Overall width – 276' Length – 600.02' Track width for 8 to 4 lanes is 32'.	Long axis in sector from north to south to north-west-south-east with finish line at northerly end.	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of high school, or in community park complex in combination with football, soccer, etc.
<b>Softball</b>	1.5 to 2.0 A	Baselines – 60 '  Pitching distance-  46' min. 40'  women.  Fast pitch field  Radius from  Plate – 225'  Between foul  Lines.  Slow Pitch – 275'  (men) 250'  (women)	Same as baseball	1 per 5,000 (if also used for youth baseball)	¼ - ½ mile	Slight differences in dimensions for 16" slow pitch. May also be used for youth baseball.
<b>Multiple Recreation Court (basketball, volleyball, tennis)</b>	9, 840 sq. ft.	120' x 80'	Long axis of courts with <i>primary</i> use is north-south	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles.	
<b>Trails</b>	N/A	Well defined head maximum 10' width, maximum average grade is	N/A	1 system per region	N/A	

		5% not to exceed 15%. Capacity rural trails – 40 hikers/day/mile. Urban trails – 90 hikers/day/mile.				
<b>Archery Range</b>	Minimum 0.65 A	300' Length x Minimum 10' wide between targets. Roped clear space on sides of range minimum 30', clear space behind targets minimum of 90'x45' with bunker.	Archer facing north = or – 45 degrees.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of regional or metro park complex.
<b>Combination Skeet and Trap Field (8 Stations)</b>	Minimum 30 A	All walks and structures occur within an area approximately 130' wide by 115' deep. Minimum cleared area is contained within 2 superimposed segments with 100-yard radii (4 acres). Shot-fall danger zone is contained within 2 superimposed segments with 300-yard radii (36 acres).	Center line of length runs northeast-southwest with shooter facing northeast.	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of regional/metro park complex
<b>Golf</b>  1. <b>Par 3 (18 hole)</b> 2. <b>9-hole standard</b> 3. <b>18-hole standard</b>	50-60 A  Minimum 50 A  Minimum 110 A	Average length vary 600-2700 yd.  Average length – 2250 yards  Average length 6500 yards	Majority of holes on north-south axis	--  1/25,000  1/50,000	½ to 1 hour travel time	9 hole course can accommodate 350 people/day.  18 hole course can accommodate 500-550 people/day.  Course may be located in community or district park, but should not be over 20 miles from population center.
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually ½ to 2 A site.	<i>Teaching</i> - minimum of 25 yards x 45' even depth of 3 to 4 ft.  <i>Competitive</i> – minimum of 25 m x 16 m. Minimum of 27 square feet of water surface per swimmer. Ratios of 2:1 deck vs. water.	None-although care must be taken in siting of lifeguard stations in relation to afternoon sun.	1 per 20,000  (Pools should accommodate 3 to 5% of total population at a time.)	15 to 30 minutes travel time	Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching, competitive and recreational purposes with enough depth (3.4m) to accommodate 1m and 3m diving boards. Located in community park or school site.
<b>Beach Areas</b>	N/A	Beach area should have 50 sq. ft. of land and	N/A	N/A	N/A	Should have sand bottom with slope maximum of 5 % (flat

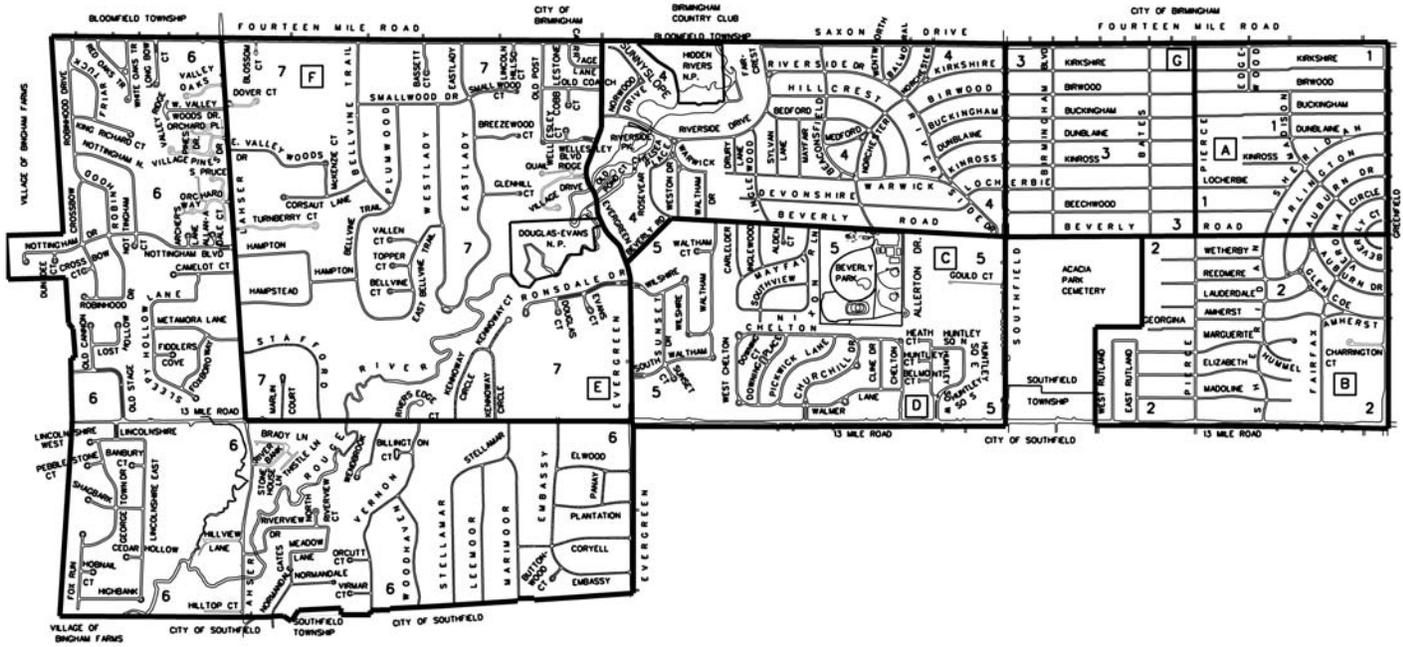
		50 sq. ft. of water per user. Turnover rate is 3. There should be 3-4 A supporting land per A of beach.				preferable). Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas.
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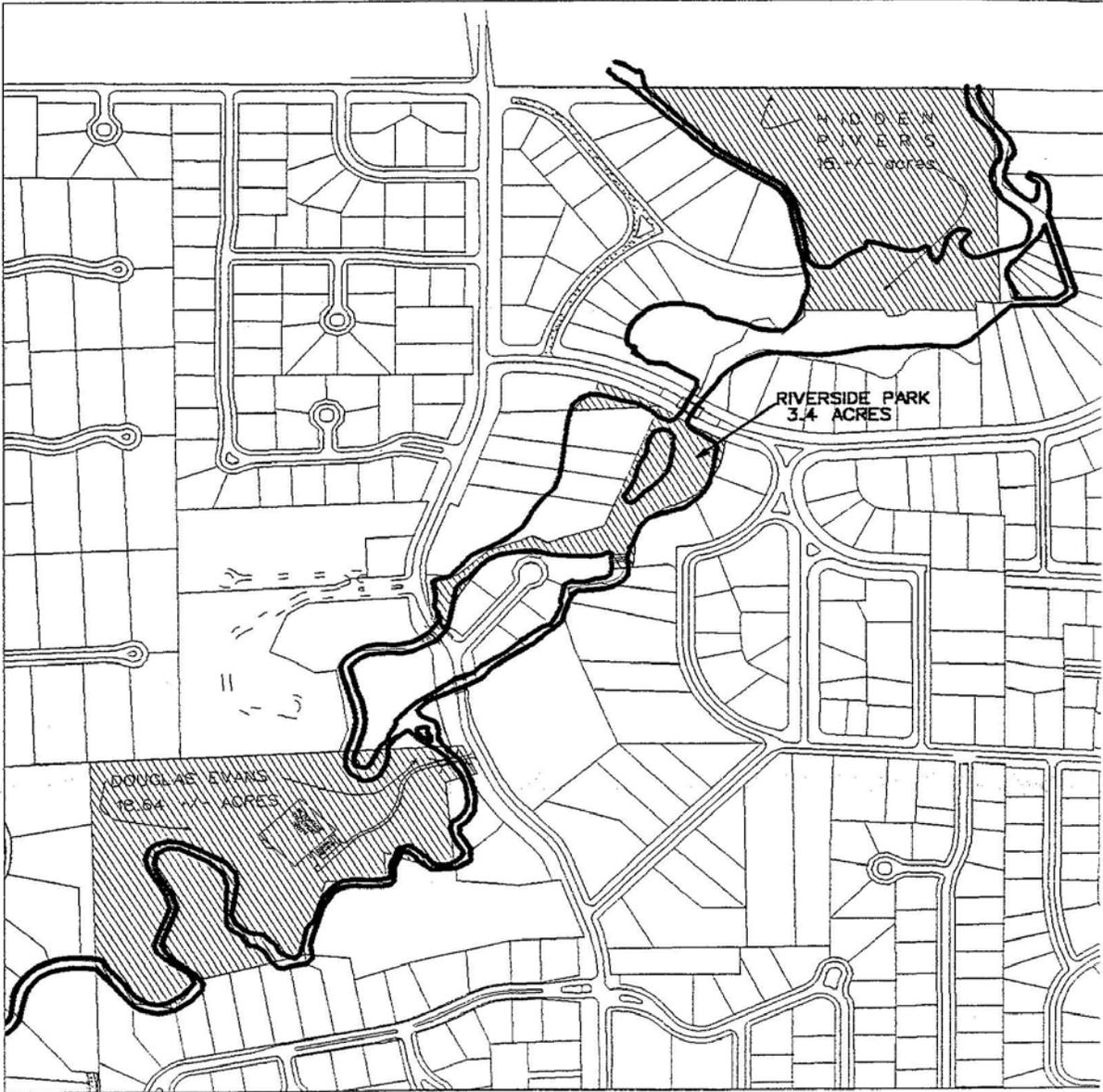
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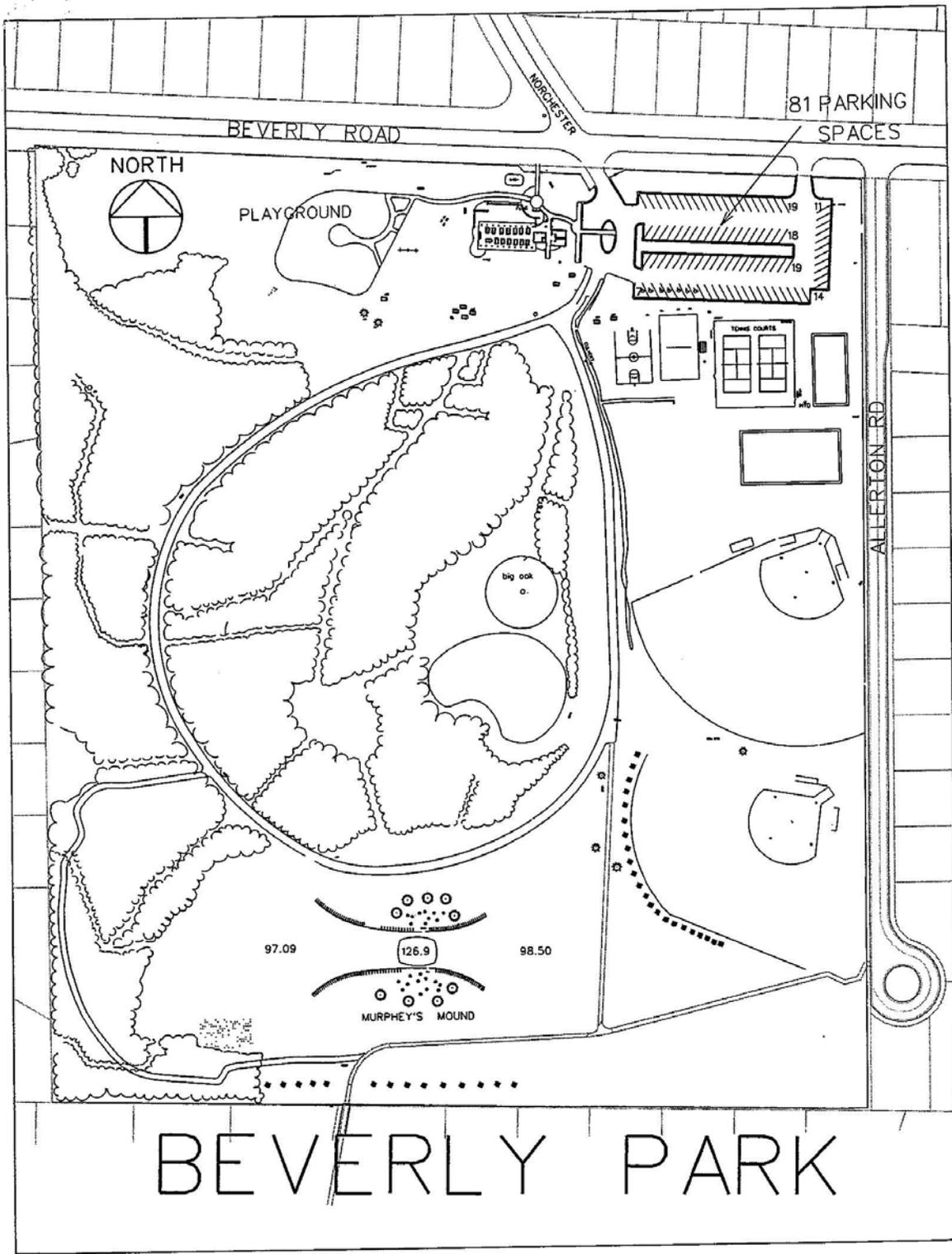
# Appendix C

Maps of Village and Parks (not to scale)





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# BEVERLY PARK

# Appendix D

## Resident survey, totals and comments

### Parks & Recreation Survey

Print

Email Form

The Parks & Recreation Board is working on completing an updated five-year plan for our community recreation system. We are requesting that all Village households complete this survey to provide valuable input for the Board. We are looking forward to further improving recreation in the Village. Please return this survey by December 31, 2012 to the Village Office at 18500 W. 13 Mile Rd., ATTN: Park Survey. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at [www.villagebeverlyhills.com](http://www.villagebeverlyhills.com) and submit responses via email or print and return to the Village Office.

1. Please indicate the number of individuals living in your home according to age groups below:

0-4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-18 \_\_\_\_\_ 19-39 \_\_\_\_\_ 40-54 \_\_\_\_\_ 55 and over \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you, or any members of your household, visited any of the Village open areas within the last 12 months and if so, which?  
(check all that apply)

Beverly Park  Riverside Park  Douglas Evans Nature Preserve  Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve

3. Have you, or any members of your household participated in any Parks & Recreation activities within the last 12 month, and if so, what activities? (check all that apply)

- Youth team sports (baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, basketball)
- Adult team sports (baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, basketball)
- Tennis
- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Winter Family Fun Day
- Memorial Day Parade and Carnival
- Disc Golf Course
- Halloween Hoot
- Winter sports
- Playground activities
- Nature study
- Pavilion rental/Family picnics
- Scouting activities
- Walking trails
- Other - please describe:

4. How would you rate the physical condition of each of the following open areas in the Village?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Use
Beverly Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Riverside Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Douglas Evans Nature Preserve	<input type="radio"/>				
Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve	<input type="radio"/>				

5. How well do you think the following facilities meet the needs of our community?

	Meets Needs	Somewhat Meets Needs	Doesn't Meet Needs	Don't Know/Use
<b>Beverly Park</b>				
Baseball/Softball Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volley Ball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavillion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play Structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sled Hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Riverside Park</b>				
Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature Study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Douglas Evans</b>				
Nature Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Hidden Rivers</b>				
Nature Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Other recreational outlets are available, do any of the follow meet the needs of the community?

	Meets Needs	Somewhat Meets Needs	Doesn't Meet Needs	Don't Know/Use
Beverly Hills Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beverly Hills Swim Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woodside Athletic Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BASCC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pocket/Mini Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Overall, are you satisfied with the recreational opportunities in Beverly Hills?

Yes  No  Somewhat

8. Please list any improvements you would like to see for Beverly Hills recreation:

9. How much would your household be willing to pay annually to maintain and/or improve the parks and recreation facilities in Beverly Hills?

\$100 or more  \$75-\$99  \$50-\$74  \$25-\$49  \$1-\$24  Nothing

10. What is the best way to meet the financial obligations for our recreational needs?

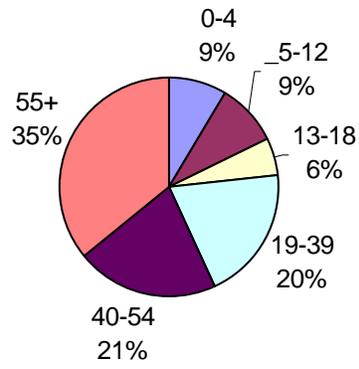
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Additional Comments:

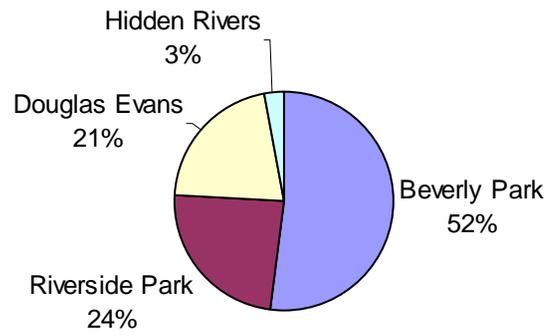
**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.** Your input will help the Parks & Recreation Board create community-wide recreation goals for the next five years.

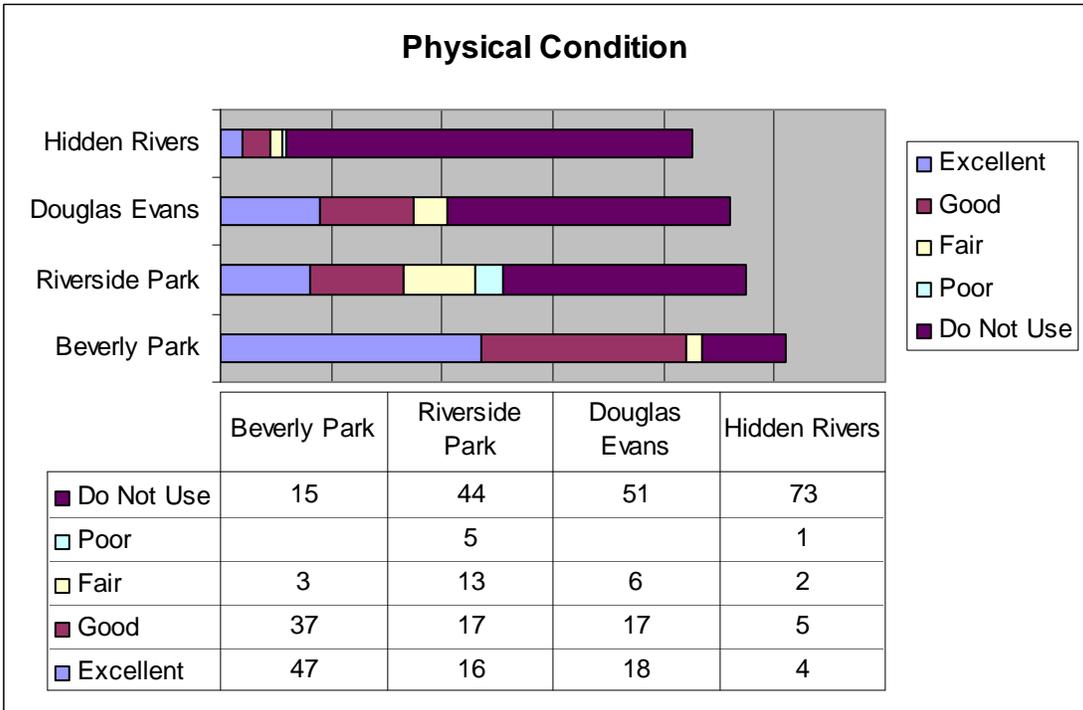
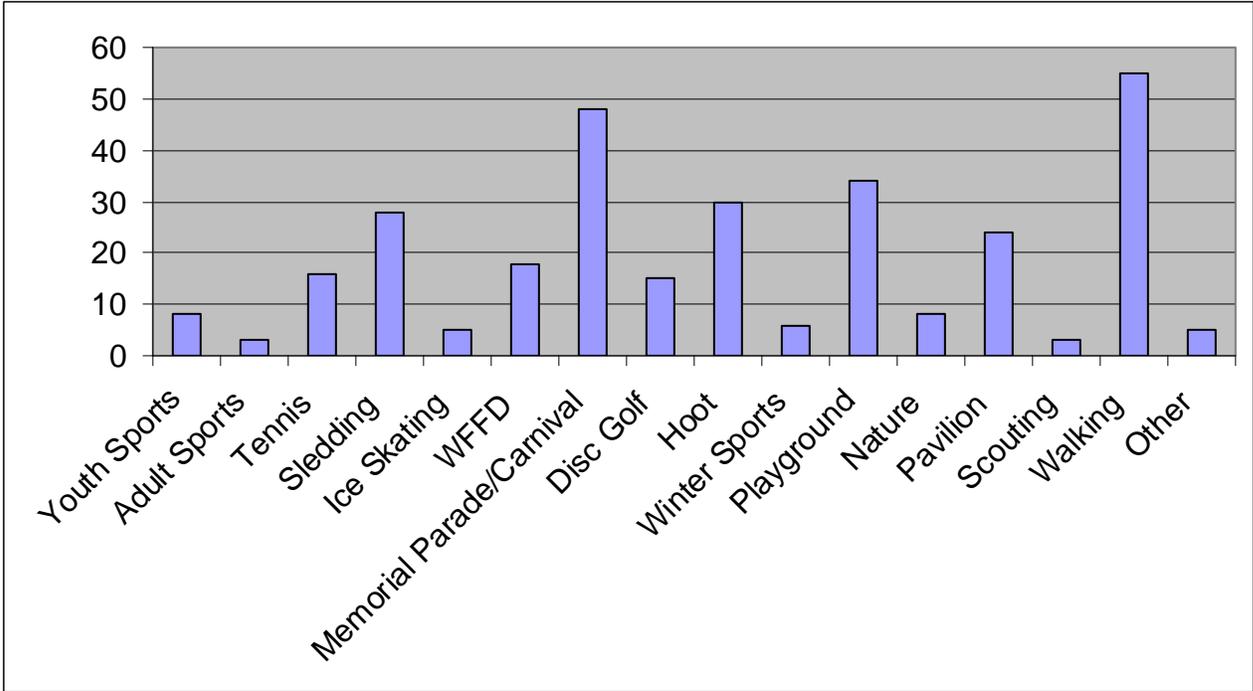
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### Household Ages

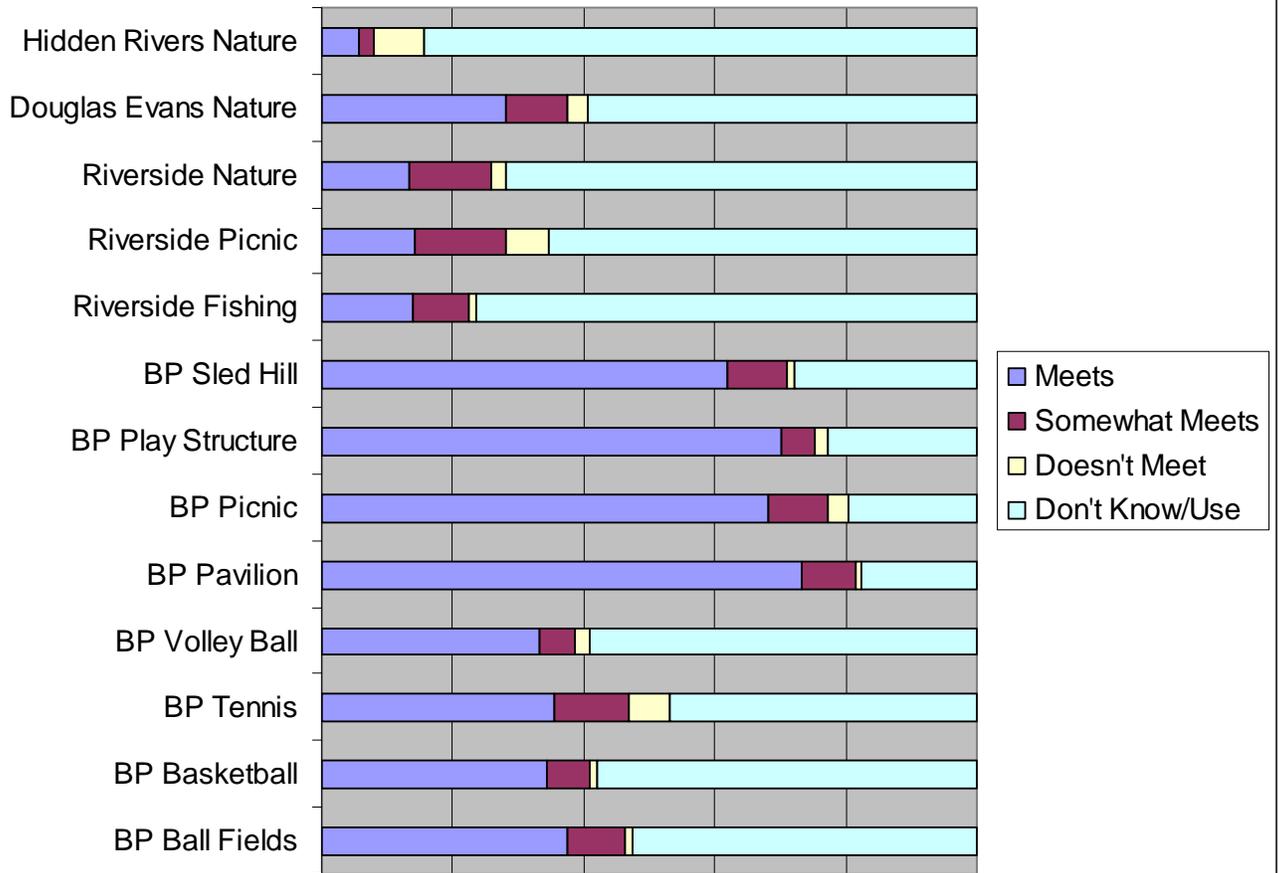


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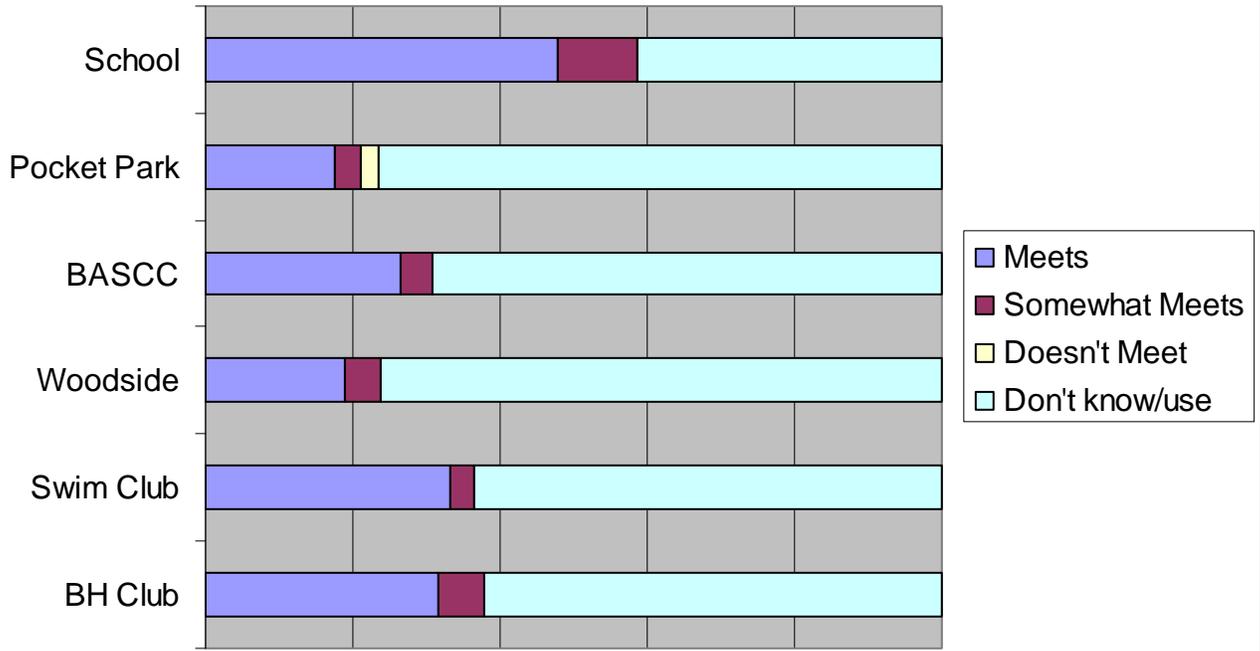




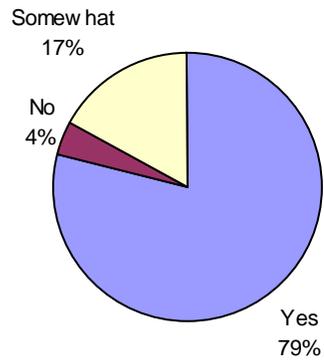
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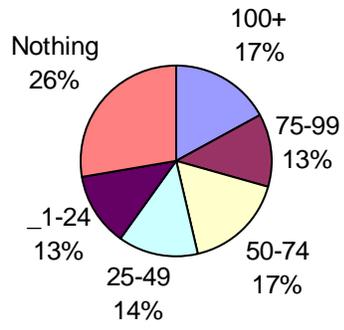
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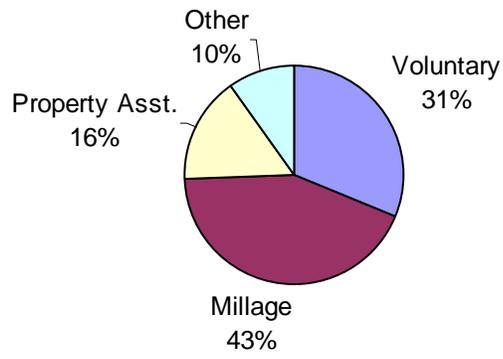
### Satisfied with Recreation



### Annual Amount



### How to Fund



## List Improvements

- Hidden Rivers: Make accessible or return to previous owners (and to tax base). More fishing at Riverside Park. Douglas Evans needs parking. Add sidewalks on busy roads.
- Need to get better access to Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve. I don't use it because it is hard to access it. I would love to walk it but the residents make it difficult to access they act as if they own all of it...this really needs to change!
- Parking at Douglas Evans
- I would LOVE to see a splash pad at Beverly Park. I think this would be a huge asset to the community. We have many young children and families in the community who would use a splash pad. Please consider adding one to Beverly Park.
- Not willing to pay anything for existing parks that are inconvenient to eastside. Bham parks & schools (pierce) & OLQM are more convenient to eastside. BH should fund improvements at OLQM. Lack of support to eastside is ironic in that population & tax revenue/sq.mi is highest in village!
- I think we need a measured walking track in the park – hopefully, blacktopped.
- Dog Park!!
- Need to get non-residents to donate if they use our amenities [sic].
- Riverside park was delightful & accessible until the wood chips took over.
- Litter sometimes is a problem – more containers
- Need more mulch on play ground. No more expenses build our funds. Plant grass seed on surrounding play area.
- Please maintain the trees better. Upgrade trash areas.
- DOG PARK! I was using Birmingham's dog park but the \$200 fee is too much
- Yoga/boot camp in the park, a farmers market, leaving the bathrooms open a little longer, concert in the park, a water fountain [sic] closer to the play structure, adopt a senior 65+
- Events/activities for preteens at Beverly Park would be a plus.
- Hidden Rivers needs an accessible [sic] entrance. If not a resident of Norwood drive how do other residents at Bev Hills get in. There should be an entrance for all residents.
- Dog park
- None, we are fairly new to Beverly Hills & look forward to visiting these areas.
- Riverside park is in need of grass...tables...TLC...the sign not to feed wildlife needs to be moved to the riverfront...ticket those who do feed the wildlife! Eagle scout projects.
- Reduced cost Birmingham leisure passes to allow golf at Birmingham courses
- Better lawn along Riverside Park – maybe a shade tree
- More sidewalks so we can safely walk, bike & push strollers!
- Paved walkway for exercise walking. There is nothing seniors!
- Splash park. Dog park/run
- Riverside planting should have been better planned. No provisions made for watering plants died as result now just dirt!
- Grills
- Don't ruin our nature with disc golf – we were doing a nature study at Beverly Park and the courses are in the woods. It is a sad shame to lose nature for Frisbee when there are open spaces.
- Make the west side walkable and bikeable safely along major roads.
- None. No more tax money for the parks.

- More community awareness about nature preserves and trails, activities
- None.
- Sell concessions on busy weekends; sell memorials; sell parking passes for events; sell BH “VIP” park passes. Market the assets.
- Really think splash pad at Beverly Park would be great addition
- Too much goose poop at Riverside Park Would like to utilize nature preserves, but they don’t seem accessible
- Would love to see BH rec center similar to Huntington Woods with public meeting area, work out room, pool.
- Would like to see the tennis courts repaved/redone. Please make sure to keep the brochures at the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve sign.

#### Additional Comments

- Beverly Park is the jewel of our Village. Need to set aside money regularly for capital improvements, so it will not fall into disrepair again.
- Beverly Park is the crown jewel.
- Again it would be great to have better access to the Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve. The residents act as if they own all of it and you others are trespassing on their land to get to it.
- I think that much of what makes Beverly Hills a desirable community in which to live and raise a family are the stellar parks and green spaces. Even those that do not physically go into the parks and nature areas still benefit through enhanced property values stemming from our dedication to maintain them.
- Thank you for the survey opportunity. It’s a good online tool.
- I think the word needs to get out on Douglas Evans and Hidden Rivers. I have lived in the area many years and do not even know here they are and what purpose they serve.
- Great survey – thank you!
- Really enjoy the Halloween Hoot
- My family uses our community parks often and I am excited about possible improvements and upgrades.
- Stop ignoring eastside examples of creative solutions: 1) fund improvements at OLQM. 2) negotiate w/ cemetery to carve out piece of their property along bev. Rd.
- Our thanks to whomever has made Beverly Park such a great place to relax and enjoy the facilities and activities
- No more assessments – cut expenses!
- Forcing disabled senior citizens to pay for recreation of others that they are unable to use is not right! Lower our taxes! This is socialism at work.
- Like new benches, play structure and pavilion. Miss the lights (decorative) on main archway.
- Re: Beverly Park – 1) as a resident on Beverly Road would like to see the west entrance (main) utilized more – it does not affect the front windows/noise of our homes. 2) please “improve” act. areas the quiet trails, nature are losing here.
- Thanks for the great work Public Safety, BH Office, BH Council
- More parking at Douglas Preserve
- Thank you for the wonderful improvements thus far! Volunteers are the best TYVM
- The Beverly Parks & Recreation facilities contribute greatly toward making BH such a wonderful community. My kudos to the board!!

- Overall, I believe the needs of the residents are met. Don't think any major changes are necessary at this time. No assessments or millage requests, please!
- We love living in Beverly Hills!
- We are seniors – do not use parks – joined Woodside athletic club for granddaughters use. We still go to work 7 days a wk so have no extra time.
- Those who use the Park should voluntarily contribute depending on their usage
- Village open areas are well-maintained and meet villagers' needs. Hidden rivers should be left as is – no maintenance
- Although we use none of these facilities, we know they make our area special. We've lived in our home 48 years. We are in our 70's – an additional charge on our finances would not be a good thing Thank you.
- Doing a great job. Parks are very nice.
- It's a pleasure to live in Beverly Hills and use our fine parks – Thanks
- We do not use the above because we belong to Pine Lake and do not have kids.
- Have users pay! Keep taxes low.
- Love the disc golf course!!
- We will not pay for things that change the nature of the park like Frisbee golf did.
- Vacate Riverside Park. Improve signage for Hidden Rivers.
- The only people who use the park walk or bike to it. It is not used by west and far east residents.
- [re millage/property to pay] This keeps it fair and improves all property values
- Stop spending tax dollars – recreational facilities are just fine already!
- Sell pavers, sell “stock”, sell memorials. Market and get serious about improving the assets of the community.
- Thank you! ☺
- The disc golf course was a waste of resources and should never have been put in the midst of walking trails.
- It's a great piece of land (Beverly Park) Hope it stays the gem that it is. We're also fortunate to have the nature preserves.

#### Other Comments on Surveys

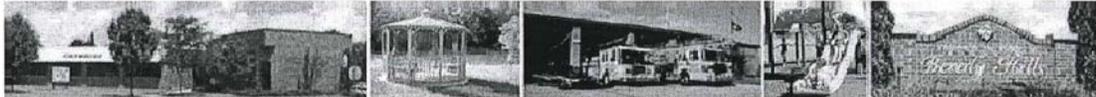
- [re Riverside Park] Too much goose poop – oh well not much we can do
- [re Halloween Hoot] Need to make sure non-residents are donating!
- [re BASCC] organization could improve
- [re playground equipment] with grandchildren
- [re Halloween Hoot] worked on it did not attend evening
- [re Riverside Park nature study] not needed
- [re amount willing to pay] None – remember the millage???
- [re activities used] unable to use
- [re condition of DE] parking ☹
- [re Tennis Courts] needs lights
- [re condition of Riverside] Riverside Park is an eyesore. It looks like an inner city park. I also feel people should be ticketed if they feed the birds!
- [re Disc Golf Course] Worst thing ever now there are strangers traipsing through the woods.
- [re Hidden Rivers] Don't know where this is!
- [re Hidden Rivers] Where is it?

- [re Riverside Park] Didn't know of it until this survey
- [re Hidden Rivers] Where is it? Never heard of this
- [re Douglas Evans] parking situation is weird
- [re Annual Payment] how much are we currently paying?!
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# Appendix E



18500 W 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
Office Hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday



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## Phone Numbers

Area Code	248
Village Office	646-6404
Fax	646-3703
Fire	540-3400
Police	540-3400
Emergency	911

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## Village News and Notices

- RECYCLING BIN SALE**  
The Village is offering 18 gallon recycling bins at half price during the month of April in recognition of Earth Day. Bins are now \$6.
- NEW SIGN ORDINANCE**  
The Village Council adopted a new sign ordinance at their meeting on April 2, 2013. The ordinance will go into effect April 27, 2013. The ordinance can be viewed at the Village office or [click here](#).
- PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE**  
The Village Administration and Parks & Recreation Board have prepared a draft Park Master Plan for the next five years. We are seeking input from residents on the draft for the next month. [The draft plan can be viewed at the Village office or click here.](#)
- TREE SALE - RELEAF MICHIGAN**  
ReLeaf Michigan is holding its annual tree and shrub sale between now and April 12, 2013. [Click here to view flyer](#)
- JOINT SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE MID-TERM REPORT**  
In 2012, the governing bodies of the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council, Birmingham Public Schools, City of Birmingham, Southfield Township, Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin created an advisory committee to be known as the Joint Senior Services Committee. This Committee was formed to compare and contrast current senior services, develop a consensus through public input as to what level of senior services citizens need and want and to prepare recommendations regarding funding and governance models. They have completed a mid-term report.
- WATER AND SEWER BILLS**  
Village Manager Wilson prepared a report for Council regarding sewer metering and billing. [Report](#)
- SOCRRA'S E-NEWSLETTER**  
[Click here to view the April newsletter from SOCRRA.](#)
- PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITY REPORT**  
[Click here for the March 27 - April 11 Public Safety Activity report.](#)
- HEALTHY LAWN CARE SEMINAR & SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES & RAINWATER RECYCLING**  
[Click here to view the flyer for a Healthy Lawn Care Seminar on Monday, April 8th and a Sustainable](#)

## Village Council Meetings

Village Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Municipal Building. Meetings are cablecast on Cable Channel 10, 15 and 99. [Click here to check their schedule.](#)

### Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 16

Agenda/E-Packet for this meeting will be posted on the Friday before the meeting

## Webstreaming Links

**Village Council Meeting:**  
[Click here to view the April 2nd meeting online.](#)

**Cable Board Meeting:**  
[Click here to view the March 20th meeting online.](#)

# Appendix F

## VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 during a regular Village Council meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, for the purpose of reviewing and receiving residents' comments on the proposed Community Recreation Plan for 2013-2018. A copy of the plan is available in the office of the Village Clerk for inspection. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting.

ELLEN E MARSHALL  
Village Clerk

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Present: President Mercer; Members: Burry, LaFerriere, Mooney and Oen

Absent: Briggs and Kelly

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson  
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall  
Village Attorney, Ryan  
Public Safety Director, Torongeau

President Mercer called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. Scouts from Troop 1024 led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Mercer invited Ron Berndt and Paul Kleppert to join him at the lectern. He recognized these two individuals for their community service in terms of organizing a fund raising campaign to purchase and install a veterans memorial monument in Beverly Park. Mercer presented a plaque to resident Paul Kleppert in grateful appreciation for the procurement and installation of a monument honoring our nation's veterans. Mercer presented a certificate of appreciation to former Council member Ron Berndt in recognition of his efforts in securing the monument for Beverly Park and organizing a dedication ceremony in the park on May 27, 2013.

Kleppert thanked the 50 donors who raised \$5,001.00. He gave credit to Independent Bank of Beverly Hills and manager Jane Fluegel for collecting the donated funds and keeping detailed records. Monument Center Inc. was thanked for delivering the monument on time and under budget. DPW staff from Comeau Equipment Co. dug the foundation and installed the monument. Kleppert presented the Village with a check in the amount of \$501, which represents the funds remaining from the money collected for the monument. The money is intended for use by the Parks and Recreation Department. Kleppert noted that lighting for the monument has been purchased.

Berndt outlined the monument dedication ceremony that is scheduled for 1 pm in Beverly Park on Memorial Day, May 27. Congressman Levin will be among those speaking, in addition to Grand Marshal Hon. Bill Richards, veteran Lt. David Noyes, the Council President and President Pro-Tem. There will be an Honor Guard Rifle Salute. The trumpet that will be used to play Taps this year was built for the Army in 1918. It will be a fitting ceremony for this new monument in Beverly Park in memory of those who gave all for our country. Berndt invited service members, veterans and their families to the dedication.

Mercer asked resident Kimberleigh Bechtolt to come forward along with her parents and a representative from Girl Scouts of America. He congratulated Kimberleigh on achieving Girl

Scouting's highest honor, the Gold Award. The entire community takes pride in the fact that she has shown such dedication and leadership in her pursuit of this worthy goal. The many hours Kimberleigh devoted to the Art in Our Lives: Affecting Kids with Special Needs project demonstrates her ability and dedication to community service. This project has set an example that we hope leads other young people along the path to success that she has followed. On behalf of the Village Council and the residents of Beverly Hills, Mercer offered his heartfelt congratulations to Kimberleigh Bechtolt on her outstanding achievement of Girl Scout Gold Award.

Bill Kondak representing the Parks and Recreation Board invited everyone to attend the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival on Monday, May 27. The parade kicks off at 11 am at Groves High School and proceeds down Beverly Road to Beverly Park. Kondak outlined some of the participants and entertainment that will be part of the parade organized by Pat Westerlund and the Devonshire Men's Club. This year's Grand Marshal will be Judge Bill Richards. The carnival will begin at noon in the park. It will feature rides, games, entertainment, and food. The monument dedication ceremony will be held at 1 pm in the area of the flagpole as outlined by Ron Berndt. Kondak listed the organizations, companies and individuals who contributed to the Memorial Day parade and carnival and thanked them for their generous contributions.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda items:

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a special Council meeting held April 30, 2013.
- b. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 7, 2013.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 20, 2013.

Motion by Mooney, second by Burry, to amend the regular Council meeting minutes of May 7, 2013 to indicate that Finance Director Wiszowaty was present.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to approve the consent agenda as amended.  
Motion passed.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

##### **PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE UPDATED FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

President Mercer opened the public hearing at 7:47 pm to receive comments on the updated Five Year Community Recreation Plan for Beverly Hills.

Bob Deneweth of 32321 Arlington Drive suggested the need for planting trees in the vicinity of the playground in order to provide shade to people using that area. Deneweth has observed that dogs are not kept on leashes at the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve as indicated on signs posted in the park. He thought that this regulation should be enforced in order to preserve animal and plant life in the nature area. Deneweth concurred with the idea of providing accessibility to the Hidden Rivers nature area.



No one else wished to be heard; the public hearing was closed at 7:51 pm.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING UPDATED FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Beverly Hills Village Council adopt the Five Year Community Recreation Plan and directs administration to file the plan with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their approval. Upon approval, the Village will be eligible to apply for state-funded grants.

**Village of Beverly Hills  
Recreation Plan  
Resolution of Adoption**

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2013 and 2018, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held May 21, 2013 at the Village Municipal Building, 18500 West Thirteen Mile Road to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Village Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Beverly Hills Council hereby adopts the Village of Beverly Hills Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Council liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board Mooney was asked to communicate the suggestions made during the public hearing to the Board. Mooney noted that the annual joint meeting of Council and the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for June 20 in Beverly Park.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (5 – 0).

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

The following is a list of board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2013. All members have been notified of their term expiration, and those listed wish to be considered for reappointment. The names in parenthesis are not seeking reappointment.

Council agreed in November of 2008 to make these vacancies open to the public as well as the currently seated member.

# **Appendix G**

Village of Beverly Hills  
Recreation Plan  
Resolution of Recommendation for Adoption  
Parks and Recreation Board of the Village of Beverly Hills

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair Kondak; Members: Davis, Greening, Hausman  
Ruprich and Schmitt

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 21, 2013 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Westerlund asked about the half fallen trees in Beverly Park that are visible from Beverly Road. The topic of fallen trees was raised at last month's meeting. Marshall stated that she has passed this concern along to the Public Services Director.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BEVERLY HILLS ATHLETIC CLUB FOR USE OF TENNIS COURTS DURING 2013 SEASON**

Sonia Sheppard was present on behalf of Brian Gijsbers, tennis director for Beverly Hills Athletic Club. A request has been received by the Village to reserve the tennis courts at Beverly Park for 24 days during the months of June and July this summer. This year's request is for each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from June 17 to July 24 (except July 22), each Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm from June 20 to July 18, and July 23, 24, and 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

It was explained that BHAC requires the use of two extra tennis courts at Beverly Park to accommodate the young people who want to practice and play in the BHAC Tennis Youth Program. This has been done for the past few years. In response to an inquiry, Marshall said that she has received no previous complaints regarding this use of the tennis courts.

Members discussed the Club's request for use of the tennis courts. There were concerns expressed about members monopolizing both courts for the extent of time requested during the day. It was noted that the BHAC made a donation to the Village last year for the opportunity to reserve the tennis courts. Marshall informed the Board that, if the request was approved, the Athletic Club would be issued a permit from the Village for the exclusive use of the tennis courts for the times requested.

Motion by Hausman, second by Ruprich, that the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the tennis courts to the Beverly Hills Athletic Club on a limited basis at the discretion of Village Administration. The requested hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from June 17 to July 24 (except July 22), each Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm from June 20 to July 18, and July 23, 24, and 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Ayes – Arvant, Hausman, Kondak and Ruprich  
Nays – Davis, Greening and Schmitt

Motion passed (4 – 3).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER DRAFT COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

The Board is in receipt of the revised Community Recreation Plan based on comments and suggestions that were made at the February Parks & Recreation Board meeting. Board members proceeded to review the Goals and Objectives section and the Action Program to determine if there were any modifications needed prior to adoption.

Item #3 under Goals and Objectives was removed from the plan on the basis that it was redundant. It was noted that the Board has never collaborated with BASCC on park projects and that the percentage of older residents in the Village is declining, not growing. It was indicated that item #2 refers to developing programs for residents of various age groups.

The Action Program is comprehensive and includes proposals relative to maintaining what exists plus making decisions on capital purchases and improvements. There were no changes made to the Action Program.

There was a suggestion in the park survey comments about establishing a dog park. Arvant did not think a dog park would fit into Beverly Park. Dog parks require a large area of property and involve a significant amount of administration in terms of registration fees, waivers, and licensing of dogs. Other dog park requirements include fencing, appropriate drainage, occasional sod replacement, benches, and a disposal system. Administratively, a dog park would be a costly undertaking.

Another survey comment regarding a splash pad has been researched previously by the Parks and Recreation Board. It was found to be cost prohibitive. Before proceeding with installation of a splash pad, the Board would have to determine that it would fit in with available space, meet the needs of the community, and comply with the Village's liability policy. Board members agreed to add the splash pad idea to the Beverly Park recommendations page in the event that funding became available through a grant program.

It was the consensus of the Board to add a recommendation to the Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve section for further research: "Improve signage at Hidden Rivers".

After Parks and Recreation Board approval, the Community Recreation Plan is required to sit on the table for 30 days before going before Council. The Village Council will hold a public hearing and vote on adoption of the Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan for 2013-2018.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the proposed Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan 2013-2018.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL**

Pat Westerlund and the Devonshire Men’s Club will be organizing the Memorial Day parade this year. Westerlund talked about ideas for this year’s parade with members of the Board and sought their input on preferred activities. It was noted that participation from the Groves High School Band has been confirmed. Participants, entertainment, fees, and vehicles were discussed. Another topic of discussion was selection of a Grand Marshal. Westerlund will follow up on confirming parade participants.

Kondak reported on arrangements made for the carnival. Hausman has volunteered to coordinate the community organization games. She will also arrange for volunteers from Groves High School to help out with the carnival. Ron Berndt will assist with coordinating the flag ceremony and dedication of the new veterans monument in the park. He talked about ideas for the flag ceremony, which would include speeches by Beverly Hills veterans or active duty military. It was noted that enough donations have been collected to fund the monument and to construct the foundation.

Arvant talked about ideas for the food court offerings. National Coney Island will be participating again bringing hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and pop. The Board will sell water bottles.

Marshall related that she applied for and received a grant from Oakland County for the use of inflatables for the carnival. Board members authorized her to sign the contract. Members Greening and Davis will be ordering and donating the memorial wreath this year in memory of their husbands.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS FOR MADDOX AND ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Board reviewed large group event planning forms from St. James Episcopal Church/Christine Gannon for a worship service and brunch on June 9, 2013 from 8:30 am to 11 am for 125 people and from Delphine Maddox for a Father’s Day picnic on Sunday, June 16 from (4 – 9 pm) for 150 people.

A few Board members were concerned with the request from Delphine Maddox on behalf of the Generators Club of Detroit to have 150 people in the park on Father’s Day. The form indicates that event participants will car pool from Beverly Elementary. It was noted that this group rented the pavilion last year on Father’s Day. Marshall did not recall any complaints about the event last year.

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

None

# Appendix H

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Recreation Plan  
Resolution of Adoption  
Council of the Village of Beverly Hills**

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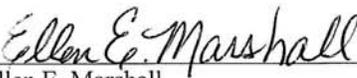
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WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Village Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Beverly Hills Council hereby adopts the Village of Beverly Hills Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Beverly Hills.

I, Ellen E. Marshall, Clerk of the Village of Beverly Hills, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Beverly Hills Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2013.

  
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Ellen E. Marshall  
Village of Beverly Hills Clerk