

**CITY OF LEBANON  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026, 12:00 PM  
CITY HALL, STANLEY H. ALLEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 SOUTH JEFFERSON, 12:00 PM  
“TENTATIVE AGENDA”**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Discussions and Presentations
  - a. Financials
  - b. Mountrose Park Survey Results
  - c. Atchley Park Update
  - d. Placer.ai
  - e. Capital Plan FY27, Capital Improvement Plan FY 2027-2031, Park Fund 5 Year Projection
6. Possible Action Items
  - a. Capital Improvement Projects FY27-FY31
  - b. Shelter Reservations
7. Comments from the Board and Staff
8. Adjournment

CITY OF LEBANON  
PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Park Board of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Regular Session on December 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 401 South Jefferson.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Melody Allen, John Gideon, Holly Goforth, Carrie Plassmeyer, Heather Shadel, Doug Smith, Ramsey Stewart, Chris Wall. Absent: Neal Wilkinson.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: Park Director John Shelton, Assistant Park Director Elliot Willburn, City Administrator Troy Schulte, Budget Analyst Emily Lester and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Richardson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Carrie Plassmeyer.

Public Comments

Park Board Member Ramsey Stewart introduced the Lebanon High School GO CAPS students who were in attendance and participating in a job shadowing experience of the local government process.

Approval of Minutes

November 12, 2025, Regular Meeting

Doug Smith moved and John Gideon seconded that the Board approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (8) Melody Allen, John Gideon, Holly Goforth, Carrie Plassmeyer, Heather Shadel, Doug Smith, Ramsey Stewart, Chris Wall; Nay: (0) None; Abstain: (0) None; Absent: (1) Neal Wilkinson.

Discussions and Presentations

Atchley Park Update

Park Director John Shelton shared Atchley Park progress with demolition and plans on repurposing some materials, and is hopeful for the concession stand to be done by the baseball season of 2026. The pickleball asphalt has been laid well for water run-off, and the light poles and fencing will be put up soon. Turkey Trot was great, and plans to make it bigger and better next time, including a sign-up sheet online for the coming years.

### Christmas in the Park Update

Park Board Director John Shelton and Assistant Park Board Director stated that Arvest Bank provided 750 hot dogs for the event, and the blanket giveaway was a big hit this year. It was great to see the community come together, assisting with parking, enjoying the singing, and supporting the food trucks involved. This was one of our largest events to date. President Carrie Plassmeyer indicated she would provide contact information to explore the possibility of having reindeer at next year's event.

### 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Park Board Director John Shelton shared the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan to have the board look it over and approve it at the next meeting. Discussion regarding some different line items being moved and aligned with the FYE lists. Park Board member Doug Smith asked to have the drawing brought to the next meeting to have a visual and better understanding of the upgrades for Atchley Park.

### Regular Budget Discussion

Park Board Director John Shelton expressed the need to combine two part-time positions into a full-time position. President Carrie Plassmeyer requested a user-friendly formatted financial report moving forward. City Administrator Troy Schulte introduced the Budget Analyst, Emily Lester, and said she can pull the reports that they need.

### Possible Action Items

#### Bleacher Donation Approval

John Gideon moved and Ramsey Stewart seconded that the Park Board approve moving forward with the process for donating 2 sets of bleachers to Joel E. Barber C-5 School for the baseball fields from the Parks Department, and forward to City Council for final approval. Motion carried as follows: Yea: (8) Melody Allen, John Gideon, Holly Goforth, Carrie Plassmeyer, Heather Shadel, Doug Smith, Ramsey Stewart, Chris Wall; Nay: (0) None; Abstain: (0) None; Absent: (1) Neal Wilkinson.

### Comments from the Board and Staff

Park Board Member Ramsey Stewart shared that the Turkey Trot went well and that he and Assistant Park Director Elliot Wilburn are exploring ways to utilize Placer AI to its fullest potential.

President Carrie Plassmeyer shared the arrangements, visitation, and funeral dates and times for the sitting Council Member, Ward 1, Gib Adkins.

### Adjournment

President Carrie Plassmeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.

ATTEST:

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President Carrie Plassmeyer

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City Clerk Lacey Brackett

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Minutes Approved

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# Mountrose Park Planning Survey

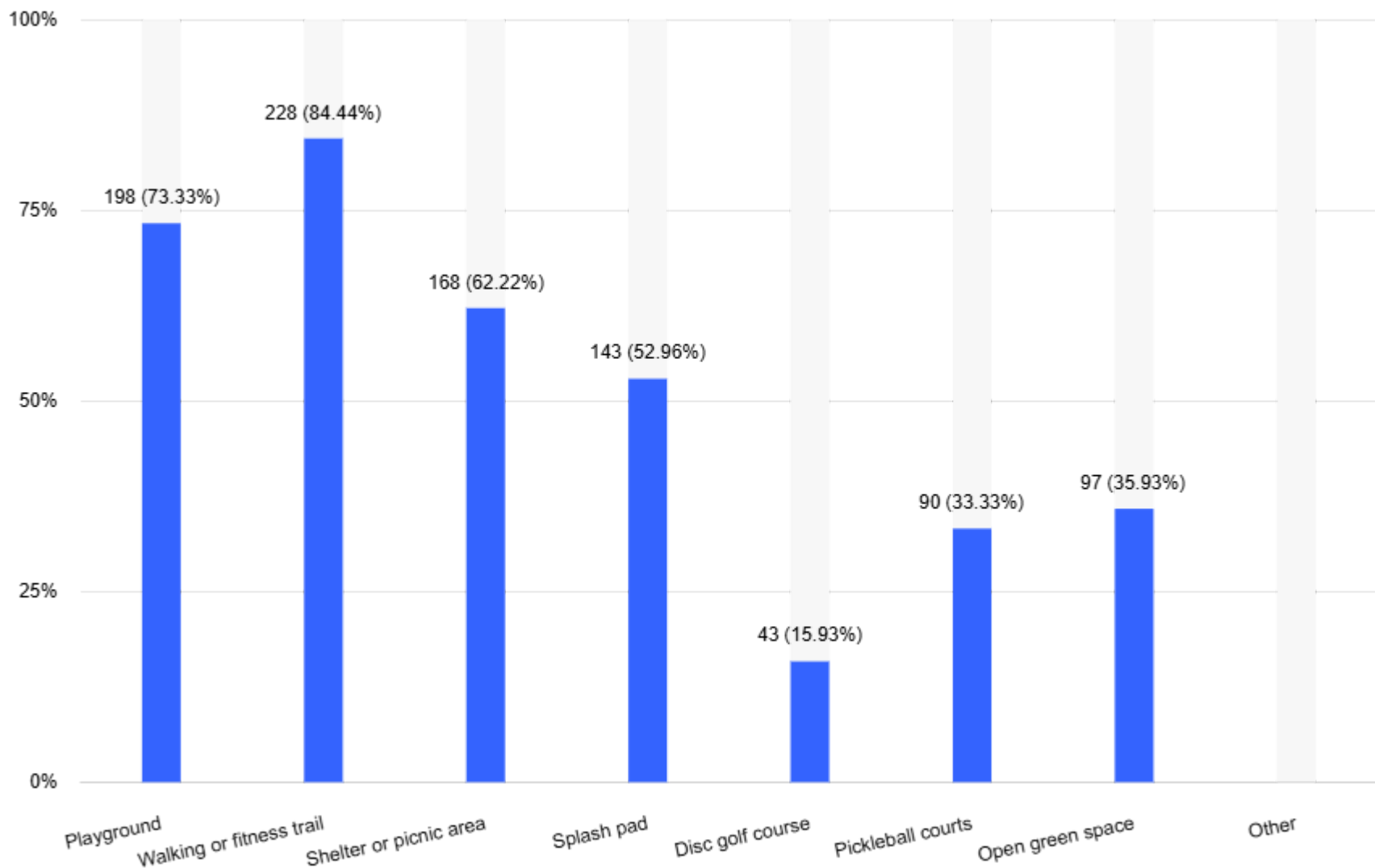
## Future Park Planning – Community Input

Total submissions: **315**

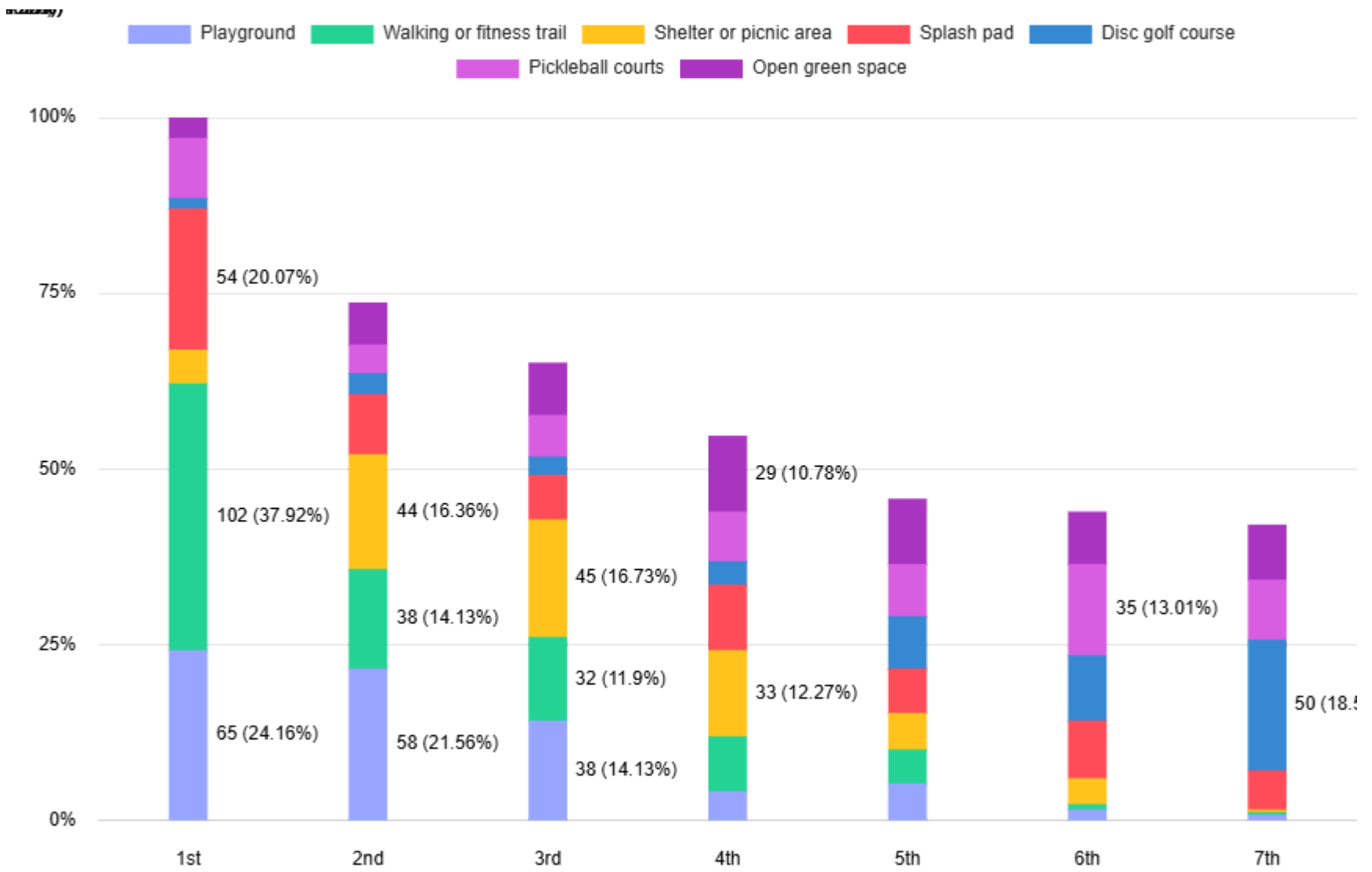
Date range: **Dec 17, 2025-Dec 31, 2025**

Total responses: **3559**

What types of features would you most like to see included in a future city park at this location?



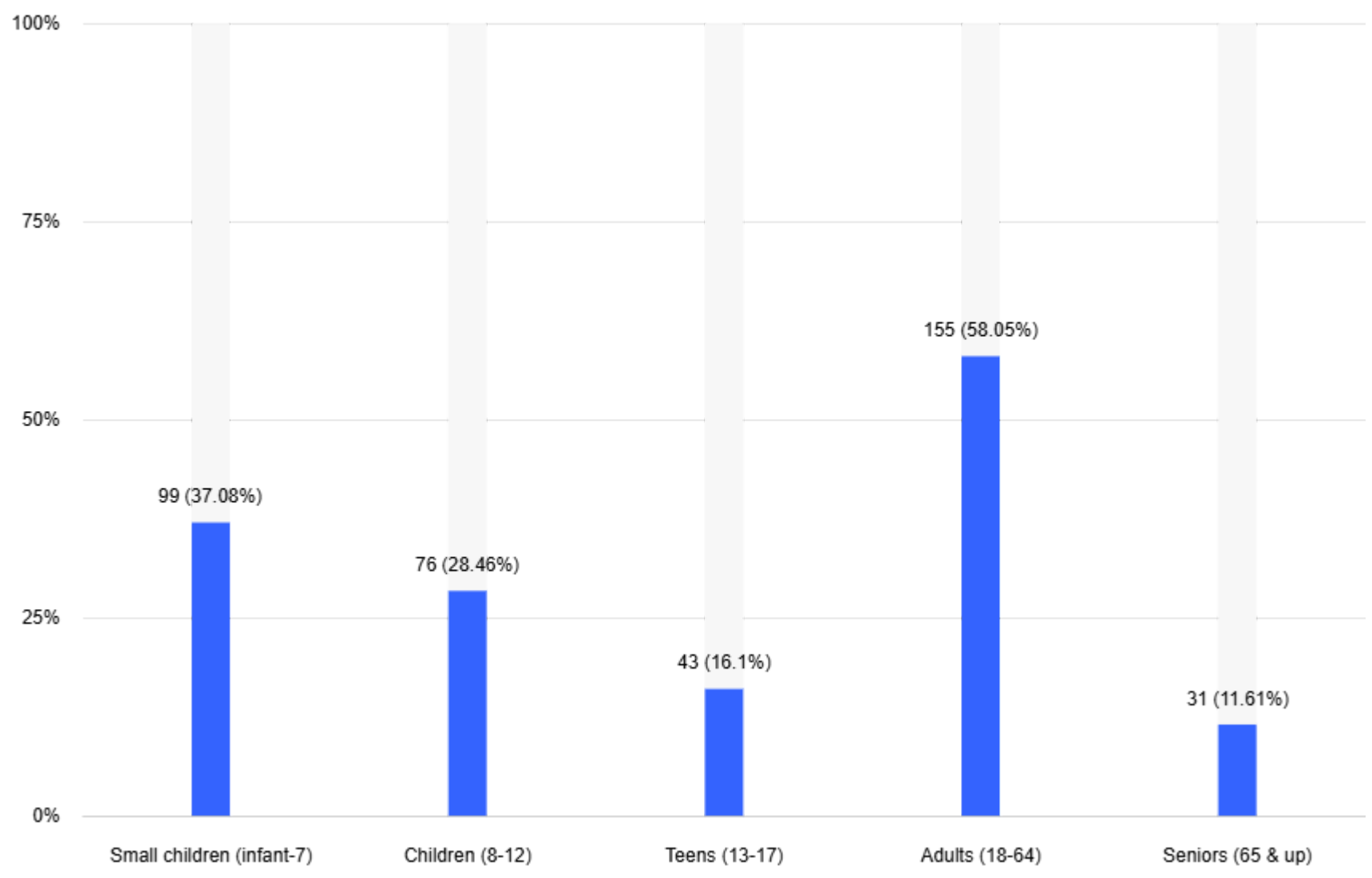
If you had to choose, which of the following would be most important to you?



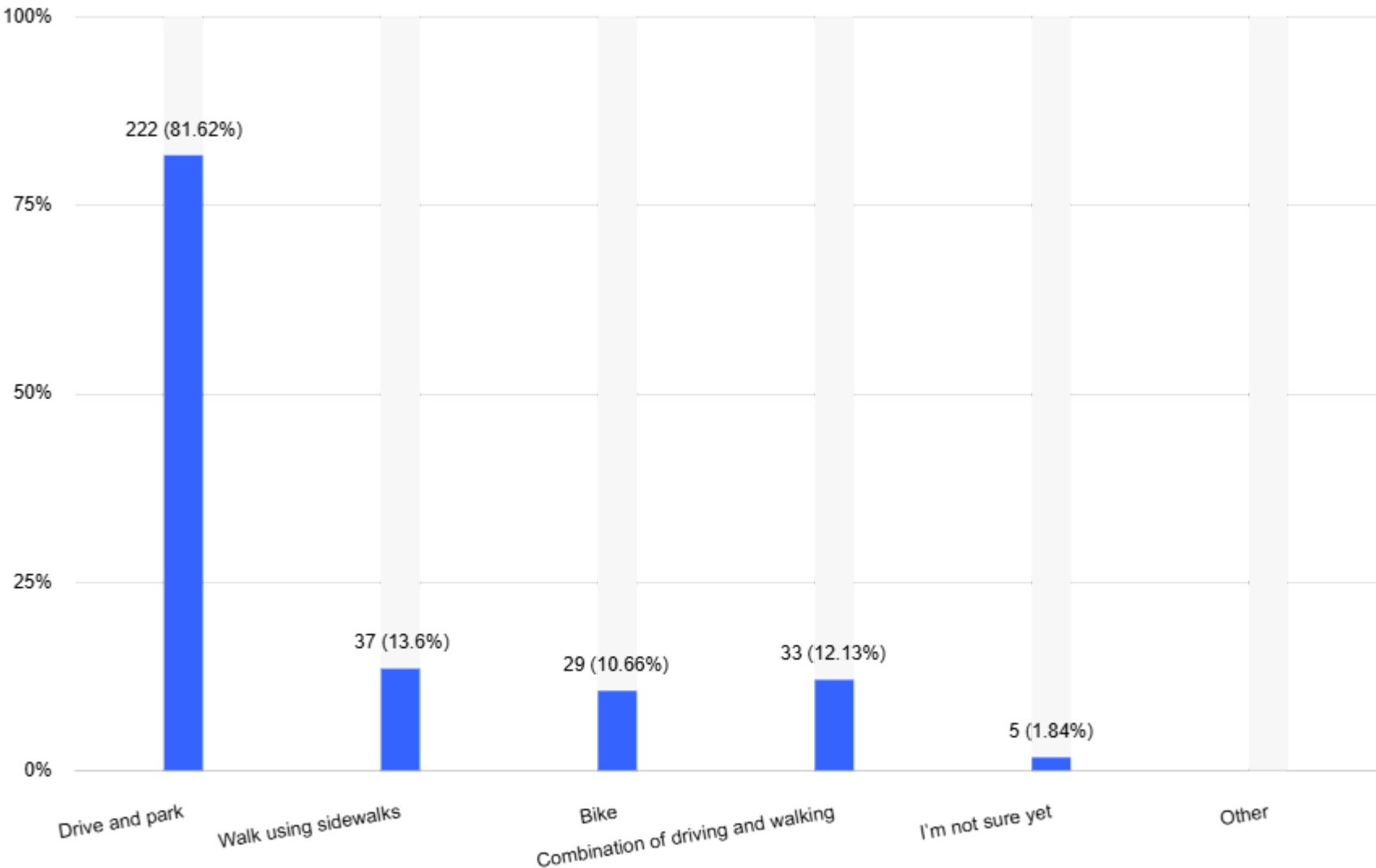
Do you anticipate yourself or any members of your household to utilize this park?



If yes, what age group do household members fall in?



How would you most likely travel to this park?



# Summary of Resident Comments on Proposed Park

This summary synthesizes the open-ended feedback provided by residents regarding the proposed new park in Lebanon. The comments reflect a wide range of community priorities, concerns, and suggestions for amenities, accessibility, and design.

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## Insights

- **Strong Demand for Inclusive Play Areas:** Many residents emphasized the need for playgrounds and amenities that serve all age groups, especially toddlers (1–5 years) and children with disabilities. There is a clear call for more age-appropriate, accessible, and sensory-friendly equipment.
  - **Splash Pad and Water Features:** A large number of comments requested a splash pad, with repeated mentions that current options are too far or lack shade. Water fountains, bottle refill stations, and decorative water features were also frequently suggested.
  - **Restrooms and Shade:** Clean, accessible restrooms (with changing tables and multiple stalls) and shaded areas (trees, pavilions, shaded seating) are top priorities for families and seniors.
  - **Fencing and Safety:** Many parents requested fenced play areas to protect small children from nearby streets and parking lots. Lighting and safe walking paths are also recurring themes.
  - **Dog Park and Pet Amenities:** There is significant interest in a new or improved dog park, with requests for fenced areas, water stations, and pet waste facilities.
  - **Walking/Biking Trails and Connectivity:** Residents want long, well-lit walking/running trails (preferably at least one mile), bike paths, and improved sidewalk access from surrounding neighborhoods to ensure safe, walkable routes.
  - **Community Art and Natural Elements:** Suggestions include murals by local artists, natural playgrounds, native plantings, and educational features about local ecology and history.
  - **Sports and Recreation:** Requests include basketball courts, pickleball courts, soccer space, disc golf, skate areas, and fitness trails. Some residents also suggested unique features like a sledding hill, maze, or mountain bike skills trail.
  - **Accessibility and Inclusion:** Multiple comments stressed the importance of wheelchair-accessible features, inclusive playground equipment, and amenities for people with various disabilities.
  - **Concerns and Critiques:** A minority of comments expressed skepticism about the need for a new park, concerns about maintenance, traffic, and transparency in city spending and communication.
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## Key Findings

- **Play Areas for Young Children:** Strong demand for toddler-friendly, fenced, and age-appropriate play spaces.
  - **Splash Pad:** High interest in a large, shaded splash pad as a central feature.
  - **Restrooms and Shade:** Clean, accessible restrooms and shaded seating are essential.
  - **Dog Park:** Requests for a new or improved, fenced dog park with amenities.
  - **Walking/Biking Connectivity:** Desire for long trails and improved sidewalks for safe access.
  - **Accessibility:** Calls for fully accessible, inclusive design for all abilities.
  - **Community and Nature:** Interest in art, native landscaping, and educational features.
  - **Safety:** Fencing, lighting, and traffic calming measures are important for user safety.
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# Supporting Data

Theme	Frequency of Mention (Qualitative)	Example Comments
Toddler/Young Child Play	High	"Would love to see more playgrounds/activities for the 1-5yr olds."
Splash Pad/Water Features	High	"Definitely a free splash pad, with gazebos for rentals."
Restrooms/Shade	High	"Please put nice bathrooms at the park!"
Fenced Play Areas	High	"Fenced playground areas should be considered."
Dog Park	High	"Please consider another dog park."
Walking/Biking Trails	High	"Walking trail one mile long! Trees!"
Accessibility/Inclusive Play	High	"Make it accessible for all, no matter their capabilities."
Community Art/Nature	Medium	"I'd love to see community art/murals at this location."
Sports Facilities	Medium	"Maybe a basketball court. We don't have any really."
Safety/Lighting	Medium	"Lots of lighting so it's safe to walk/run after dark!"
Concerns/Critiques	Low	"We don't need another park. Every other park in town has brought not the best people out."

## Actual Resident Comments

- I really like the how the park by the health department has a theme (bees) and it has been so fun for my kids. I think having a cute theme for the play area would be nice and exiting for the kids!
- Clean multiple bathrooms with water fountains and shaded areas for kids during summer would be helpful.
- I would love for it have an area for smaller kids! A small house similar to what Atchley has for new walkers, but have a few of them! That would be awesome! All the parks are geared for bigger kids, would love to see something for smaller ages as well
- Lebanon needs a play area that is appropriate for older toddlers. The infant one at Atchley is too small for 3-6 year olds, but the main playground is too advance. We need an age appropriate space for them.
- Definitely a free splash pad, with gazebos for rentals. Perfect for families trying to throw a birthday party on a budget
- Fenced playground areas should be considered. It's stressful to take small children to parks they can easily run into busy sidewalk/street areas. A large splash pad would be absolutely amazing. Driving to Bennett Springs is not ideal.
- Please put nice bathrooms at the park!
- We have a bunch of playgrounds in this town for 5-12yr olds but we only have one small area at Atchley park made specifically for infants/toddlers. I would love to see more playgrounds/activities for the 1-5yr olds. We travel to other towns to go to their parks specifically made for 1-5yr olds and we would love one in Lebanon.
- This needs to be synchronized with sidewalk construction, especially on Tower. Otherwise, residents (children) in The Meadows, Cherry Hill, and Castle Rock cannot get to this park without being run over by a car on Tower. This is the problem with Harke Park - no sidewalk access from major residential areas.
- Please consider another dog park. I have at least 6 friends who, along with me, take our dogs to the dog park at Atchley park every day. We also walk our dogs in other parks.
- It won't let you select multiple age categories as stated it should on that question. For the love of pete, shade on the playground. Inclusive to serve all abilities. Look at some of the really nice parks that are inclusive and include nature playscapes etc. in the St. Louis area.
- Dog park area
- Dog park
- Put some benches along walking trail for seniors who can't walk very far at one time but are trying to improve on stamina.
- Having water fountains made of stone instead of the ones hanging on the wall would probably last longer.
- More toddler friendly section like atchley dog park but a bigger section for toddlers. Bigger kids tend to over run little ones
- Lights around the walking trail if there is one and shade over the playground equipment.
- Make it accessible for all, no matter their capabilities & don't forget a water feature
- If a splash pad is chosen, please make sure there are ample shady spots. The one at Bennett at Springs gets so hot when you have babies and littles because there is no shade.
- Maybe a basketball court. We don't have any really
- Walking trail one mile long! Trees!
- We need more pickleball courts in the community!!!
- I was only able to choose one age group for some reason. That's my only comment. Excited for a new park!
- Definitely add some options more for little toddlers (1.5 years -4) because several of the parks now are nice for them to play at, but they can't safely play without close supervision.
- Maybe a spot for food trucks to park?

- Natural playgrounds are amazing! If you've never seen one please look them up! We don't have anything like this in our community and it would be really popular! And the upkeep is less than traditional playground equipment! You use the natural elements of the area! Let me know if you want to do this and you need any help with ideas!  
[123littleadventures@gmail.com](mailto:123littleadventures@gmail.com)
- Have a large house/maze shaped jungle gym for the kids to climb. A merry-go-round. A hill for sledding. A dog park area. A public fishing area for families. Have small freezers installed for bday parties to help with ice cream and drinks?? Fire pits for s'mores or grilling? Extra swing sets. Agility track Basketball court Soccer space
- Lots of lighting so it's safe to walk/run after dark! Fountains to refill water bottles would be helpful!
- I'd love to see community art/murals at this location. Lebanon is full of talented artists!
- This is a great addition to the south side of town. Our community is growing and that is exciting. More pickleball courts will not go to waste!
- I tried to select the age group but it wouldn't let me..we have infant all the way up to adult...anyway. this park will be the closest to my house and I anticipate we will use it often. As someone who visits the park 2-5 times a week, I would love to take this opportunity to ask for a splash pad. I know Bennett springs just added one but that's a decent distance to drive multiple times a week. The splash pad in Waynesville is amazing and all my kiddos love it there. We love playing at the parks and appreciate everything you do for our community.
- The park and amenities need to be wheelchair accessible. Dan Kinney park in Springfield would be a great example for reference. Especially for a wheelchair friendly baseball field.
- Maybe a basketball court we have a park close by over by the middle school that already has most of this stuff. I live in the area of where the new park would be going. Skate park away from the bad part of town would be nice. I go to the Skatepark with my kid's and I find stuff they shouldn't have to see. Maybe focus more on outdoor sports. We don't have basketball courts on this side of town either. Just some idea's
- If pickleball courts are built, please ensure that they are oriented so the sun doesn't rise/set behind an end of the court (putting sunlight into players' eyes). Also, please ensure the courts are sloped correctly for drainage, but otherwise are flat.
- Restrooms!
- Incorporate things for all ages in the same areas
- Basketball court would be nice and seating for the adults and the ability to have picnics, include shaded areas and of course restrooms
- We traveled to the new splash pad at Bennett springs several times this summer. It would be so nice to have one in Lebanon!
- Im so excited. I would love for our town to become walkable/bikeable. Right now, several busy and narrow roads hinder this.
- Making a running/walking trail that is 1mile + long (instead of a small loop). The only park with a paved full mile loop is Ashley on the other side of town.
- Make something for all ages and and like the gym outside for people that can't afford gym so we need a park like waynesville city park we go there often
- The little kiddy area needs a complete fenced in area for safety.
- Clean restrooms and water fountain or bottle refill station
- If we can put sidewalks in from Cypress to the park, it would be great. It would give my wife and I another option for our walks without having to drive even a short distance.
- We dont need another park. Every other park in town has brought not the best people out. And this area is mainly elderly people so a park just doesn't make sense. Let's update other areas of Lebanon before adding stuff that isn't needed.

- Fenced in!!
- If theres restrooms available dont have them locked up like the park on 4th street.
- Incorporate natural space with native plants and trees to allow our wild friends a place to enjoy as well. Being able to see birds and butterflies and other creatures would enhance the park experience. It would need to incorporate a water source or the wild things won't come.
- Maybe some sensory type things for kids like sand, water, etc.
- Our family would love to see bright fun colors on the playsets, drawing in kids and adults with a pathway around the park including a place for parents to safety view thier children.
- Please please please make this park handicap accessible, there just aren't enough parks in the area that I'm able to take my handicapped nephew to that he can actually enjoy. I'm talking more than just Jen Swings, I'd love to see a slide that handicapped children are able to safely access. A sensory exploration station would also be really nice, something with different textures and sounds. I'd also love to see a dog park area like at Atchley, my dog loves going to the park. I also really appreciate the poo bag stations around the parks, but it would be cool if maybe there was a hand sanitizer on the stations for after cleanup. It would also be super cool if there was a way to do a community garden somewhere, but I understand that those can be costly upfront and requires constant maintenance.
- Would like to see a pet friendly play area. Also, watering station and pet waste bags etc.
- I would like to see this handicap accessible, bathrooms with multiple stalls, and maybe things along the way that showcase Lebanons history...kind of like signs or podiums with history incased
- Fitness Trails for walking, running, biking is my desire
- I would love to see Lebanon get a more handicap park. There is an amazing park in Springfield but I can not remember the name. They whole park & baseball area is equipped for wheelchairs to roll on. You all should visit it! Its awesome!!
- It would be nice to have bathrooms and water for water bottles.
- Make the park bigger spread out the play equipment so when it's busy kids can have multiple areas to play without it being overcrowded.
- Love this. Would suggest sidewalks down mount rose from the cemetery. This would make an amazing fitness area with sidewalks down bland and mount rose along with the parks paved trail. As well, some sort of water park for kids. Check out Farmington, MO and look at their water park. Same size town as us.
- Anything to get kids to use their imagination. Where they can run from dragons, rescue damsels, go on a quest, make friends, and be a team. A maze or zipline would be great for exercise and imagination, piano walk for creativity, a fort or playhouse to explore, splash pad for those hot days, as well as shelters and shade for adults and infants to stay cool or host birthday parties.
- Fix the sewer / pumps so that heavy rains don't cover the park in sewage.
- Water feature like a fountain. Bring some nature sounds into the fun.
- You guys suck! Start asking the residence that live in the areas before you over spend on property you don't need. You also just bought a golf course, you didn't need, that more than likely will lose taxpayers money. This new park is in an area that floods. You've got OUR city workers down there now doing what?? Putting in water diverting material? This park is not needed. It will lower property tax values in the area, because you can't afford to maintain the parks you already have. Things will get tore up and just be left. This over spending is stupid. You all send these surveys out but never release the results. You TELL the public what the response was. Basically telling only the narrative you want told. Please share the results of this survey publicly with all comments and concerns. That's true transparency.
- In honor of our service members, the new park could be called Veterans Park.

- Lebanon really needs a splash pad! A big one!
- A fishing pond would be nice
- More equipment for 1-4 year olds. 😊
- Bike path and water fountains and restroom.
- While alongside open green spaces, have dedicated areas to native wildflowers and plants that help the native wildlife, <can have plaques explaining why, or/and the certain plants that grow and facts about them, becomes educational. Don't forget other disabilities not just wheelchair users [the right substrate] places that have tactile equipment for blind kids, more shapes and colors for others that can't hear, because each disability thought about can add so much more to the rest of the park and who enjoys the park. A place where people are encouraged [as long as it's appropriate] to create art, to overlap "graffiti " or posters put up, like a artist wall, for the older kids and teens. Giving a dedicated space will give an outlet for peices people may not have been able to do otherwise, and help prevent from going on places unwanted.
- Handicap accessibility in restrooms
- Splash Pad
- It be fenced in..
- It would be really good to have sidewalks that approach the park from all directions. Tower and Mountrose are not very safe to walk on.
- I would like to bike/walk here, but we don't have sidewalks going that way. I live by middle school, and we have some going to both parks by the middle school but that's about it. Maybe some going by the airport down into town would make me more willing to ride/walk.
- being able to shoot fireworks off here on the 4th would be cool
- Tennis courts, basketball courts. Lebanon Historical sites or Rt 66 themed mini golf course / batting cages. Charge \$2 per person per round kids under 10 free, sell soft drinks and snacks.
- Make sure that trash cans are secured so wild animals don't get inside. We have a lot of animals in this area!
- Would really love to see a play area geared towards toddler. Similar to the one at Atchley but with more to do, ideally fenced in so we can allow little ones to explore safely. 2. Accessiblity! It would be more expensive but a fully accessible park would be a dream for the Lebanon community! 3. This is a selfish want but possibly have park access connected to the Bland side through Timbercreek Dr. Currently Tower Rd isn't walkable, so for people to safely get from Bland to Mountrose they would have to walk. Even just having a small path lead from Timbercreek to part of the walking trail would be enough. 4. For the playground, no features that are easily broken and require constant maintenance. Like the electronic features at Harke park. As a mother it's disheartening to tell your kiddo over and over that they can't play with something at the park because it doesn't work. 5. Last one, I promise! Would love to see some innovation in the playground design. Maybe incorporating art, whimsy, fantasy, etc. Something where kids can really get immersed in pretend play. Like a castle, or a "tree house", or a school house. Something new and exciting!
- Please please please improve our ONE real dog park and put in another. The one we have is run down and small and over crowded sometimes.
- Bathrooms would be nice to have there as well.
- Would rather see the money used for street improvements.
- If you put a trail in, please make it a mile long one ! I love running miles at a park rather than the roads because people dont pay attention when driving, its nice to go to a park and feel safe while trying to stay in shape and easier to log my distance if its in mile increments!
- Bathrooms with changing tables!
- Plant some trees and flowers please

- Seating with shade for parents who bring their kids to play - near the play area, not outside the play area! Seating with shade near a splash pad as well! And a fence around the play area to keep small children from running into the parking lot. Bathrooms near the play area!
- We have a decade experience with designing gardens and public education programs around ecology and sustainability, we'd love to design something for this city from that realm. [info@sunandbloomfarms.com](mailto:info@sunandbloomfarms.com) thanks
- Bigger than Boswell park n better than the others
- Parking to accommodate to park and keep visitors from parking on the street near the park.
- Disc golf and walking trail would be amazing
- Wheelchair and crutch accessibility like ramps, plenty of benches, and adjustable equipment. A ramp option with railings to access the playground for kids. A wheelchair-accessible swing.
- Dog park
- Small children swings, not the big circle ones with large leg holes
- Shade trees are a must and maybe a few close enough together for hammocks possibly! And the lil ones need a space to skate or ride scooters where they won't be ran down by grown men on boards! A pond for kids to fish would be great also!
- Fence around park and sensory area and stuff for kids with special needs or sensory needs.
- Any buildings that are made you should allow the art students from the Lebanon highschool to create a mural!
- Bike trail
- This area is beautiful in the summer, keep it green and clean! Walking trails would be wonderful.
- Basketball court, skate court , pool , water fountain and thing for teens to do also some grills in the picnic area
- Playground area that accessible for those with disabilities. Having a son with a lower leg prosthesis the turf chosen (mulch vs solid shock absorbing) greatly determines his ability to utilize the area like other children. Wheelchair accessible features.
- Have different options than the other parks in town
- seating and shade
- We live on Cherryblossom . This will be a park with in walking distance . It needs to be well kept and lit to remain a safe place for people in our area .
- I think a decorative water feature would look good.
- A fenced dog park area would be helpful! No equipment- just space for dogs to run off-leash.
- Well lit. Plenty of parking.
- Please plant shade trees.
- Ask local businesses to sponsor playground equipment, disc golf holes, sections of walking trails etc.
- Fountains for drinking water, handicap access, restrooms, plenty of shade trees, trash cans. Plenty of pavilions
- A splash pad would be so beneficial for people who live in town & don't want to drive all the way out to Bennett Springs. And just to have another splash pad option. Kids love them but can get bored of the same thing over and over so if we had a different one than Bennett springs, we could bounce back and forth. Splash pad is a must!!!
- Shaded seating for senior adults to watch grandchildren play
- Sidewalks down mounts street for neighboring streets to be able to walk to new park.
- We need a big splash pad and playground. Look at kansas city area parks. They are family friendly
- Sidewalks to the park would be helpful due to the size of the roads and traffic.
- Slow the speed limit around it and patrol it often. Thank you
- Splash pad & snow hill
- Trees planted for shade and to put picnic tables under them .

- Please build sidewalks to the park
- Please put in a dog park - the only one is way NORTH. We have dogs also and use the field at the cemetery to walk them. Having a dog park for socialization would be so great! Thanks for the consideration!
- Pool with water slides
- Construction of a children's mountain bike skills trail would be nice. A permanent lake/pond fed by rain runoff would be great. Good location for establishing a more formal park like National Greene in Springfield?
- Someone needs to contact the city of St, Charles and see pictures of the park they have there. It is a wonderful place to go and enjoy the outdoors. The name of park is Veterans Tribute Park the address is 1031 Kisker Road St. Charles, Mo. 63304 phone is 636-949-7535. Their web site is sccmo.org. Thank you hope this gives you some wonderful ideas for our community.
- I live on Tower Rd and traffic is already quite heavy. In fact over the past several years it has increased significantly. Most vehicles don't even stop at the stop signs in this area, not to mention there are very few instances where a patrol car even goes through here. Lebanon is always wanting more parks in which we have been to most of the parks and very few people are there. Where are all the stores in this place? We have to go to Springfield for most of our purchases. Walmart does not provide quality of any kind . So much for shopping local.
- A bike trail would be nice. Landscaping for beauty.