

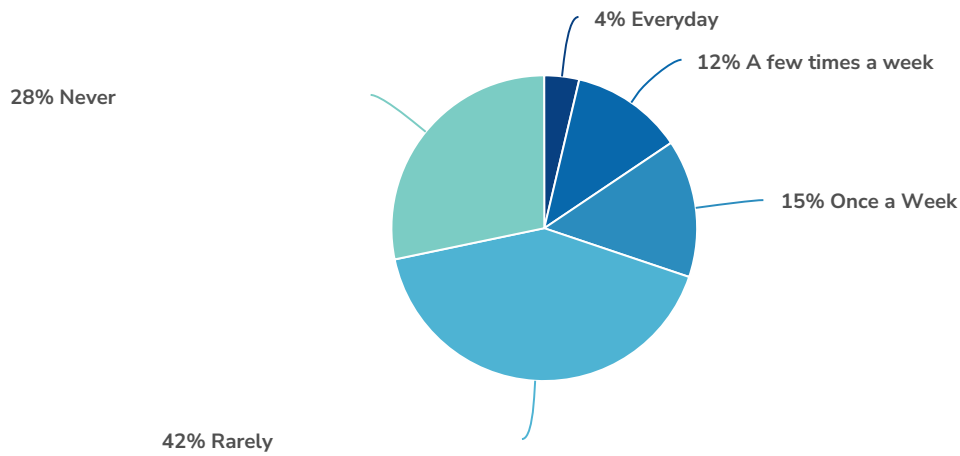
Report for John Ewald Park User Feedback

Response Counts



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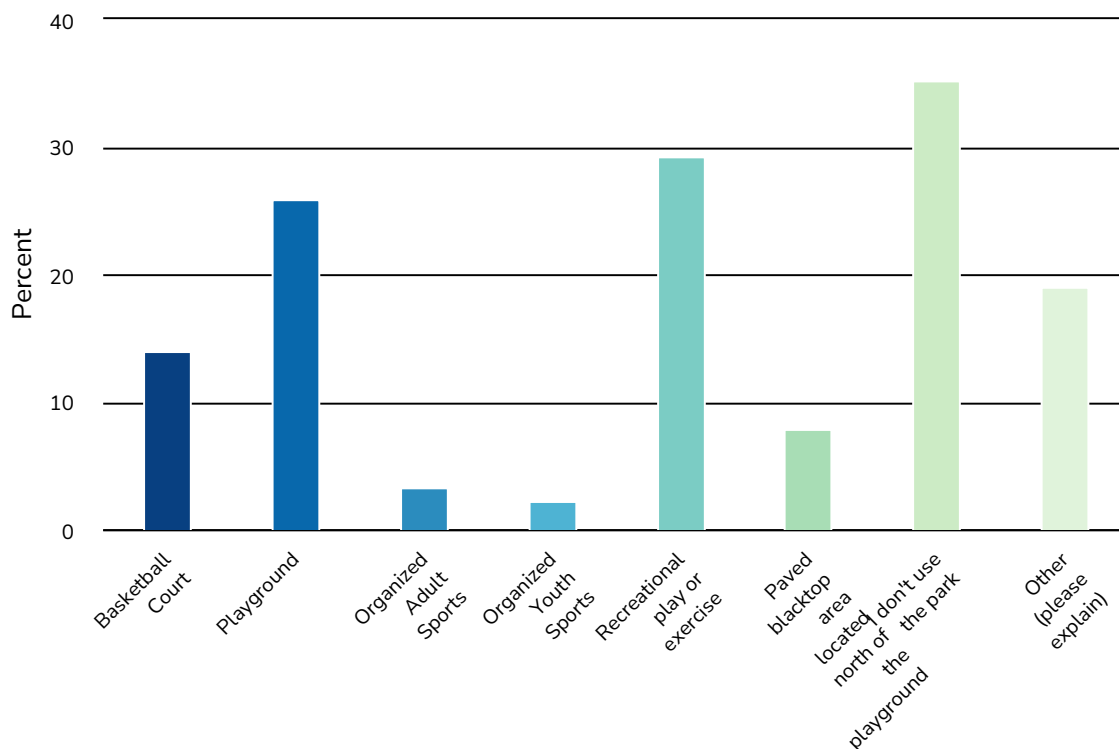
1. How often do you visit or use the park?



Value	Percent	Responses
Everyday	3.7%	8
A few times a week	11.9%	26
Once a Week	14.6%	32
Rarely	41.6%	91
Never	28.3%	62

Totals: 219

2. How do you use John Ewald Park? (select all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Basketball Court	14.0%	30
Playground	26.0%	56
Organized Adult Sports	3.3%	7
Organized Youth Sports	2.3%	5
Recreational play or exercise	29.3%	63
Paved blacktop area located north of the playground	7.9%	17
I don't use the park	35.3%	76
Other (please explain)	19.1%	41

Other (please explain)

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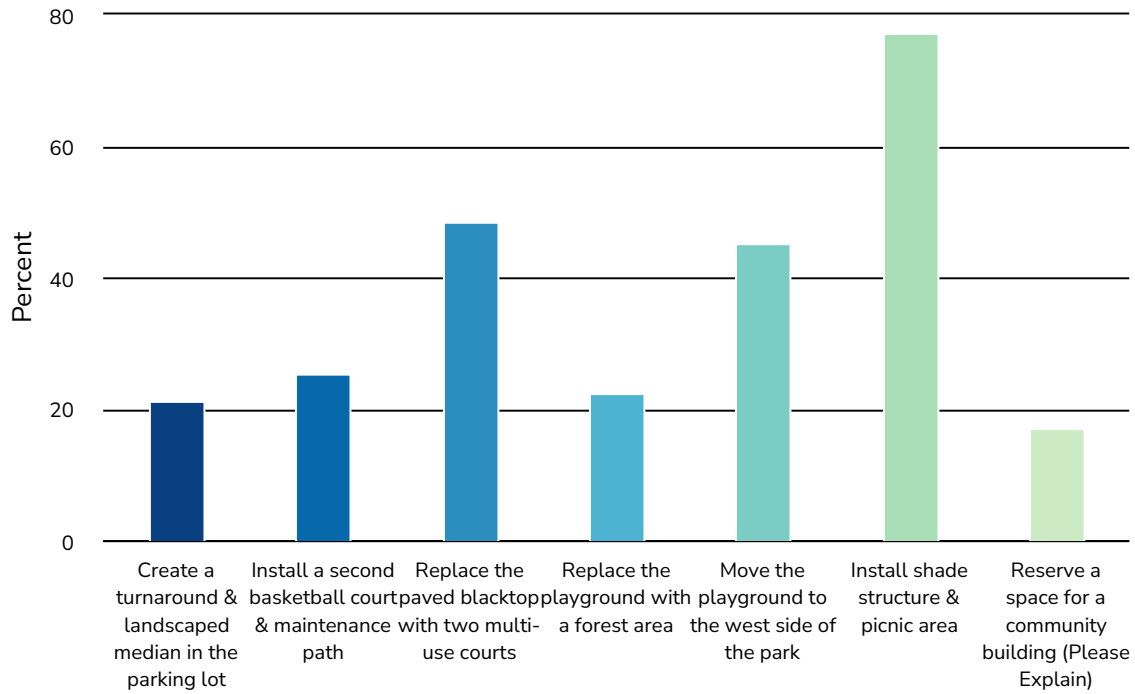
Other (please explain)	Count
Walking my dog	3
Walking	2
Bus stop	1
Community events	1
Dog park	1
Dog walking	1
Dog walking	1
Dog walking area.	1
Fetch with dog.	1
For my dog walks	1
I grew up in the area when there was a swimming pool. I drive by the park often. The West end is changing and developing for the better. An upgrade is needed and to be family community friendly. I am absolutely sure, the current look of the park wouldn't be tolerated in old town.	1
I have helped to maintain the park	1
I live in the area, and would use the park with upgrades	1
I live near the park and can see/ hear kids and adults there throughout the day.	1
I no longer use the park but used to go to the pool ages ago	1
I play fetch with my dog! The open field is amazing. It's really hard to find an open field in a park. My dog loves to sprint around. It's such a blessing since we don't have a backyard for her to run.	1
I sit on the ONLY remaining bench and enjoy open space.	1
I used to bring my child to the park. Until there were to many adults or displaced people making me feel unsafe to have a child there.	1
I walk there and back home.	1
I wish I could use it	1
Kite flying and soccer ball kicking with our 4 and 6 year olds	1
Totals	41

Other (please explain)	Count
Landscaping	1
Nothing there to use	1
Parking for bike lane users in the west end of Alexandria	1
Sit and relac	1
There was a swimming pool there at one time. Can there be one again?	1
Used the pool which was great before it was closed	1
Walk	1
Walk dog	1
Walking around and enjoying the greenery	1
Walking around it	1
We loved using the park benches and tables when they were there to have picnics. Since 7-11 is there as well as the bus stop, we can have friends over to chill at the park and have a picnic at the tables. When the tables were taken away, we had to sit on the steps, the playground, or on the ground. Water fountains should also be included at every park. Water is essential for all life in the community; including humans, pets, wildlife and plants.	1
add splashpad! I would use w/ improved facilities	1
park cleanup	1
splash pad	1
training my dog	1
walk through walking dog	1
walking	1
Totals	41

3. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each park goal:

	Agree	Disagree	Total Checks
Be a safe place for children to explore Checks Row Check %	194 89.4%	23 10.6%	217
Be a place to create social connections Checks Row Check %	181 83.4%	36 16.6%	217
Be a place full of community activities Checks Row Check %	182 83.9%	35 16.1%	217
Total Checks Checks % of Total Checks	557 85.6%	94 14.4%	651 100.0%

4. Please select up to three park recommendations that interest you the most.



Value	Percent	Responses
Create a turnaround & landscaped median in the parking lot	21.2%	44
Install a second basketball court & maintenance path	25.5%	53
Replace the paved blacktop with two multi-use courts	48.6%	101
Replace the playground with a forest area	22.6%	47
Move the playground to the west side of the park	45.2%	94
Install shade structure & picnic area	77.4%	161
Reserve a space for a community building (Please Explain)	17.3%	36

Reserve a space for a community building (Please Explain)	Count
Totals	30

Reserve a space for a community building (Please Explain)	Count
Restrooms and communal baths for bike riders.	1
A lot of people do arrive to be in this space. This would be a great space for a rec center or a place for indoor basketball or activities	1
Add dedicated Pickle Ball courts. Also shaded picnic areas.	1
Add strategically placed picnic tables and benches	1
Bring back the pool. Large lack of pools in city, and NONE in west end!! Not equitable	1
Build a gym playground set like the ones in Mexico. This way everyone gets access to safe equipment while being outdoors.	1
Build a shaded play area with modern playground equipment. Ensure the entire play area is shaded.	1
Community Center	1
Community building (cooling center, market, etc)	1
Community building should be a building with water fountains and a public restroom. The area being by bus stops and many shops is extremely populous, and the area severely lacks any public restrooms. It should also include many trash cans. Public cleanliness is essential to keeping disease low and increasing public morale.	1
Could the multi-use court be a tennis court?	1
Create a seating space for people to sit comfortably surrounded by beautiful native plants, and be together with each other. Perhaps consider adding a stage for impromptu performances!	1
Dog park	1
Dog park areas	1
Esto haria el parque más familiar. Si hubiera un pequeño recreation center, quizás los vagabundos no andarian en el area de juegos.	1
Food truck hub on certain days	1
How about none of the above? Why do you always try to steer the narrative?? Splash pad for kids, field for sports. Please get someone who knows how to get accurate data from surveys instead of having an agenda?	1
I think a building that has events like art classes, community talks, and reservable space would be useful. Not a gazebo!	1
Totals	30

Reserve a space for a community building (Please Explain)	Count
IMPROVE SECURITY	1
Model after Jeanie Dean Park, or many other parks in Arlington. Pavilion with picnic tables, power outlets, and bathrooms. Design a nature trail.	1
Not a building persay but we need more community gardens space and I think the edges around the field would be a great place to put in more community gardens.	1
Our neighborhood could use a place to gather	1
Outdoor pool since all the outdoor pools are in the east side of the city.	1
Rehab the pool house to become a community center; keep the pool!!	1
Restrooms/splash pad	1
Return the pool!! There is none in the west end. Also, if adding two new multi-use courts, please make one for pickle ball.	1
Something to make this park feel safer and cleaner	1
What happened to the parkour course idea?	1
grills, possible outdoor stage to host community events in the West End	1
more family picnic areas like armistead booth	1
Totals	30

5. Are there elements of the park recommendations that should kept, removed, or revised?

	Keep	Remove	Revise	Unsure	Total Checks
Create a turnaround & landscaped median in the parking lot Checks Row Check %	73 34.6%	35 16.6%	28 13.3%	75 35.5%	211
Install a second basketball court & maintenance path Checks Row Check %	89 43.4%	42 20.5%	27 13.2%	47 22.9%	205
Renovate the turf & install a walking path Checks Row Check %	166 78.3%	10 4.7%	18 8.5%	18 8.5%	212
Replace the paved blacktop with two multi-use courts Checks Row Check %	130 61.9%	22 10.5%	22 10.5%	36 17.1%	210
Replace the playground with a forest area Checks Row Check %	63 30.3%	83 39.9%	35 16.8%	27 13.0%	208
Move the playground to the west side of the park Checks Row Check %	100 48.1%	16 7.7%	23 11.1%	69 33.2%	208
Install shade structure & picnic area Checks Row Check %	169 81.3%	13 6.3%	8 3.8%	18 8.7%	208
Reserve a space for a community building Checks Row Check %	81 38.4%	42 19.9%	15 7.1%	73 34.6%	211
Total Checks Checks % of Total Checks	871 52.1%	263 15.7%	176 10.5%	363 21.7%	1673 100.0%

6. Please explain what revisions you'd like to make to any of the following recommendations:

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7	It seems to me that the community loves multi-use courts. We also are in dire need of more tree canopy. Include climbing boulders and other natural elements for better play opportunities than a static playground. A shady place for enjoying social connection is also really important. Add a water fountain.
11	I don't understand the question. How do you keep "renovate the turf & install a walking path" Does Keep mean "DON't renovate???"
12	Change adding multi use courts to dedicated Pickleball courts.
15	I'd like hangout spaces for teens beyond just the courts. We have playground equipment for young kids but there are tons of teens within walking distance.
16	Have a big playground that includes multiple types of equipment kids can play on. Arlington has many good playgrounds & Alexandria does not. Alexandria needs to invest in better playgrounds.
17	I believe the recenter community building at Patrick Henry is sufficient to serve this area of Alexandria
18	The playground needs to be moved closer to the view of Duke Street (currently hidden in the back), and more light and open space are required (sense of safety). A police presence is also needed, or the 7-11 needs to be removed.
23	Rather than just moving the existing playground equipment, can you improve the playground?
24	I don't go into the park because there are too many drunk people and people on drugs sitting outside the park outside the 7-Eleven so I haven't actually seen the space. But it looks like the field should be maintained. The basketball courts are used more Often than anything else there so adding another basketball court or at least making the one there nice would be good. Pickleball courts are always appreciated. But something will have to be done about the homeless and the drug addicts first before people use it
27	I live nearly right next to this park but chose to drive, run, or walk to other parks because the park is not very usable and doesn't feel safe. I'd love to walk my dogs around some trees or even a nice path. Another small, fenced in dog park with water access wouldn't hurt. Water fountains and bathrooms are always useful. Looking forward to the future of this park.
29	Armistead Booth park seems to be a successful family gathering/picnic place. Can the things that make that space work be applied to Ewald park?
31	Clean up along the park. Add gym equipment that doubles as a "playground" like the ones in Latin America. Add shade and picnic area along the deeper part of the park.

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- 33 The park should be well lit. Think Pier 54/Little Island concept. Keep basket ball court and add one.
- 35 I think the park needs a new playground, better lighting, bathrooms, and new courts/turf for recreational activities.
- 38 Enhance the playground structure, add a splash pad, the parking lot is fine
- 39 Keep and improve the playground. Add trees for shade and install picnic tables and benches. Keep parking space.
- 40 More lighting and police presence to limit loitering
- 41 What is the parkour thing? Who wants that??? Seems like a waste but need more information. If it's basically an updated playground, sure. If it's for "influencers" to make TikTok videos? No thanks, there's better things to do with my tax dollars.
- 42 Hi, I live off N Jordan street near the park. The existing playground equipment should be refurbished / updated. I would love to take my kids there because it is so close, but the equipment is outdated.
- 46 PLEASE consider a water feature such as a splash pad. There used to be a pool here and the West End has zero water features at the parks. Perhaps a walking path can be around a splash pad/play area and the playground (parents can run/walk with line of sight to kids) adjacent to the playground. And perhaps it could be designed such that when it's too cold for the water, it still has useful play features for the kids. Please remove the parkour course. Waaay too specific and specialized. This should be our neighborhood park servicing as many folks in the adjacent area as possible.
- 49 Curious if parking will still be available for the park after the median and turnaround is installed. Would love for tennis courts to be included. This would be a great spot to make for picnic and event reservations for the community. Smaller addition but adding signage to show proximity to holmes run trail (on both the trail and at the park) could be a great way for local residents to get visual cues of how close it is. I imagine some other resident's don't realize it is a 10 minute walk down Jordan to the big park next to Cameron Station (not requiring you to walk down Duke).
- 50 We desperately need a pool in the West End. It is shameful that a city that talks so much about equity can't even make that an option for us to consider. There used to be a pool there and there's no good reason we couldn't have one there again.
- 51 Make the space more inviting and usable so that people don't dump trash there and neglect the park
- 53 The park is very unsafe, the playground is used by homeless and drug addicts. This make needs a radical make over. Or may be build a school or a community center. Anything, but the way it is now. Piles of trash are all over left by vagrants and drug addicts. This would not happen in Old Town or Del Rey.

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54	It's just in need of some love and an update. I do feel like the park is geared to older kids and family members. It might be nice to have something for younger kids. Whether that would be used, I couldn't say. I just know the basketball courts are always used. Having another would be great.
55	Better lighting.
57	This park feels unsafe and is littered with a variety of unsavoury paraphernalia
58	I walk by this park regularly but there are always sketchy looking people around so I wouldn't take my kids there.
59	I think a building would be more maintenance than it would be used.
60	Make a shaded and more inviting playground, plant more trees, have more police patrols.
61	Multi use courts would allow for larger demographics to use. Moving playground would make it visible from street. Walking paths would make accessible.
63	Again, how about suggestions? Why would you move the playground to the west side? What will this accomplish? Why put in a community building? You need LESS buildings and blacktop. Add a bunch of trees (that you take care of) Whatever you do please MAINTAIN it. The West End gets the shit while DelRay & OT get all the landscaping and beautiful parks. What happened to the pool?
64	The park needs to be better lit with lines of sight from the street. We have had to leave multiple scheduled kids sports practices there due to drinking, public urination, and other inappropriate activities in bprad daylight.
65	More lights, overall upkeep
67	The park now feels unsafe and would like to see it as a safe area to go to play basketball with kids and alone.
68	I want a park that the community can use, not just the basket ball players and unhoused.
69	Make it easier to access the park from the neighborhood. Make the playground nicer.
70	I'd like to just see the park maintained better, rather than weeds growing in the playground
71	Possibly install pickle ball courts, and add motion sensed lights to defer drug use at night in the park.
72	Previously there was an idea for parcour obstacles. This would be nice for teenagers.
77	Just a note that a playground there would be vital to the families in Fox chase, tarleton/wakefield and the other surrounding apartments.

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78 There are a lot of young kids in the area sk a revised, bigger playground would get lots of use. Also making sure it's well lit and safe (it's in the back, and there are people who drink and leave alcohol bottles on the playground). It used to be a pool, so if not a west Alexandria pool, a clean and fun splash pad for kids would be greatly used! Think somewhat like Potomac yard playground , walking path, and splash pad!

79 Honestly it would be great to have the pool back. There is not any public community pool in the West End, and it's a big disservice to the entire (quite large) population of the city who pay taxes and reside here but do not have proximity access to a public pool.

80 Put up some small soccer goals

82 Joining this park with a walking path that at least leads to Jordan sidewalks easily so pedestrians can easily access the other neighborhood parks would be nice. We live just a few blocks away and never use it because it isn't as easy to access and use as Tarleton park or Ben Brennan, both of which can be accessed easily from quieter neighborhood streets.

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84 A playground is needed so not a fan of removing it.

86 Updated playground. Walking path

87 Parking should be considered as one way and angled seeing that access is only from the Duke Street Eastbound. The playground is a needed amenity however the placement and location is not ideal for access, visibility and safety. Its current poor placement makes it an after thought and does no service to the kids in apartments and duplexes adjacent to the park. It should be rebuilt to include some integral shade while added new forested vegetated areas and connections to it, similar to what Simpson playground acheived. Forest and natural compoenents should not be in lieu but in addition. Shade from structure and newer canopy should be built within the design. The courts are well used and could use more while improving the grass field area as well. Circulation is not the best and should be considered to connect to each park feature. Parking and buildings go hand and hand and this space does not have the capacity for such a feature without a massive parking overhaul of the site. Parking along south of the site and making that edge also an entrace along with the east will better activate the site to connect to playground and active recreation and circulation loop/walking paths. Any concept can add improved vegetation zones, meadow patches, food forest edging etc.

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90 Well I love the idea of adding trees to the space creating a forested strip there could be a very bad idea given the fact that there's a lot of people that seem to hang out there and get drunk. I also often hear screaming from the back of the park at night when I'm waiting at the bus stop across the street. It's so dark back there you don't know what's going on. I just think that part of the park would make great community garden since I always hear about people saying we need more community gardens base but not everyone can get a plot. I think it would be nice to add another tennis court. The city really needs more. It would also be nice if it The field could be turned into an actual soccer or lacrosse field so that it could be used by high school kids. It would also be nice to add a bathroom. We need more public toilets! Even if it was just one. (Great excuse to look for somebody who'd be interested in helping fund a self-cleaning toilet) There has to be grants to pay for dime of these more communal ideas.

91 Mostly would like to discourage the weed smoking.

96 The park needs to be cleaned up BUT with the 7-11 and those who solicit around the outside as well as litter it will be tough to do. Police are parked outside but yet there's nothing done. Surrounding apartment complexes need to be maintained and crime there as well if you hope to have a safe and clean park.

97 Please make this a more secure family friendly spot. Right now it is a dangerous corner that spills with drug use even to the bus stop. Anyone driving by can see the drug dealers and drunks that have taken over the park, the bus stop and shopping mall. I can't use this park to do sports because it's a risky.

101 1. It is unclear why a landscaped median would have the same benefit to this community park as, say, enhancing the basketball court, adding multi-use courts, or installing a picnic area. There would literally be no benefit! As someone who would drive to this park if I wanted to go there, I would be absolutely enraged if my taxpayer dollars went toward ALL of the expenses and construction so that someone can look at plants when they park their car!???? It would add zero value to the actual use of the park. Why is the option for installing a landscaped median in the parking lot on the same list as major projects that benefit ALL park users? Unless the parking lot is filled with 4-inch-deep potholes or giant boulders that would make it impossible for a 15-year-old sedan to survive a trip to this park, the lot should be the absolutely last thing on the list to improve. 2. Adding a forest to an area that already necessitates constant police presence would only make things worse. The playground should be RENOVATED, not removed or replaced with a forest.

102 Create a LARGE playground (maybe remove the asphalt and put it there) under shade. The number one problem with playgrounds preventing use is the amount of sun. If the play space is 10-15 degrees cooler than everything around it, it will see use.

103 There is no place to park and a very large excellent park nearby. I'm not sure why this is any kind of a priority for redevelopment. Basketball courts would be great--with parking.

104 the last thing a park next to a planned BRT stop needs is more parking. the existing lot is never full, and we are trying to get less traffic on Duke not more.

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105 People seem to use basketball hoops and mini-soccer courts and some kind of small skateboard trick features like rails or ramps. If you put in picnic tables they should be covered and they can be reserved for outdoor parties. Make sure you have lots and lots of trash cans and keep the area litter-free.

106 N/A

107 Please put a NICE playground on the spot (see Arlington's beautiful playgrounds at Jennie Dean, Tuckahoe, etc). We would use the space if it was nice! It's really strange that Alexandria has a huge population of families with children but has some of the worst playgrounds for these families. We always go to Fairfax and Arlington to use their playgrounds.

110 Currently, the park is bleak! When passing, I only see young men playing basketball. There needs to be other courts for other sports! The grounds need to be maintained as most of it is overgrown. The masterplan should bring this park up to date as it has been overlooked for too long. When the pool was removed, there was nothing left for the neighborhood. ADD a pool into the master plan!

111 I'd urge against a second basketball court as the current court seems to be only used sparingly. A second court would take up valuable space at the park and there doesn't appear to be an urgent need.

112 all renovations should be made with the safety of children and families as a priority AND their use of the space, in addition to walking and cycling infrastructure

115 Think about families and the community. Probably need to get rid of the corner 7eleven and center. Expand the park. Put parking on that side.

116 I really like the location of this park and want to go here more. The biggest issue I have with it is that I do not feel safe here with my children. I do not know it if it is just the proximity to the bus stop, but it feels like they are often homeless people here and on several occasions there have been adults arguing/swearing, and I have felt the need to leave out of safety concerns. I am not sure if moving the playground away from the bus stop would make it safer, this is an interesting idea. I do worry that installing more shelter/ shade could encourage people to gather and would not alleviate the issues with safety.

117 Lots of people play basketball there so it would be good to support that and other activities. Otherwise weird sketchy people from the 7/11 store and the bus stop tend to hang around...which is not very inviting

121 Entrance is great idea; so much foot traffic there. No fake turf, too expensive for a diminished experience. More tree. No need for police involvement; if more tables and benches were installed then people would use the park and call police when necessary. Just use trees instead of shade structures. No need for shade in winter.

123 Ensure they are replaced grass with grass.

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- 128 I enjoy the idea of a forested area because John Ewald Park is already located deep in a concrete jungle. There's many locals such as my husband and I and our friends who enjoy the native beauty of Alexandria. John Ewald Park is awesome for being right by food markets, that way you have somewhere to eat and relax after you shop. I also like the idea of adding water fountains, trash cans, and public restrooms. If you really want a community building, adding more resources such as these will help all members of our community. Adding more awnings and picnic areas would also shelter people from the rain.
- 130 The park is DANGEROUS. It hosts young criminals who use the park as a base to carry out street disorder. It is a gathering place for dangerous bums.
- 132 I could imagine renovated turf being used for community sports, as existing fields in the city are over-provisioned. Not sure the existing basketball court is used enough to justify another. Multi-use courts could be good if there's demand.
- 136 This is a great park! I feel like it's a lot of wasted space that can be better utilized. I feel like with the open space people just hang out. If it was more structured space, I think people wouldn't hang out as much.
- 137 Not sure a median and turn around is best use of funds. And unsure with community building usage and increased overhead for maintenance
- 138 is there a rest room as this park?
- 139 Was really sad to see the pool go. There are no pools on the west end! This is not equitable. Realize it's expensive. I wish you could bring back pool, or at the very least, a spray ground. Spray ground could be as simple as the one in Fairfax Corner shopping center, the one in Merrifield at the Mosaic shopping center at Rt 50 & Gallows, or Arlington's simple ones at Penrose, Mosaic. Or could do larger ones in like in Arlington: Drew, Lyon, Hayes. I grew up in Tarleton and we used to walk to the pool 1/2 a block away. Now kids on west end (where I still live) have no pool or water features- no place to cool down in summer. Although it was a creative suggestion- please know that kids are not going to use parkour area. Please add covered picnic area and more shade!!
- 140 Minimize investment in car-based infrastructure.
- 141 Hybrid playground / forest area
- 143 Do not create more parking. Park is easily accessible to trails, neighborhoods, and public transportation. Parking could only be for maintenance and ADA maybe?
- 144 Diamond sports are growing in Alexandria, without enough quality facilities for the number of children playing baseball and softball. With chronic closures due to poor drainage, as well as the upcoming closure of the Simpson fields, any plan for Ewald Park should include a turf, convertible baseball/softball field.

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- 145 This is in keeping with Alexandria converting vehicle traffic lanes for the thousands of imaginary bicyclists we've not seen in all of the west end bicycle lanes. Stop wasting taxpayer money. I will not vote for any council person who destroys our transportation system in favor of a small vocal group with a single selfish agenda.
- 146 A splash pad could be a very great resource here, to help create some equity for kids in the west end
- 147 I live on Vermont Ave. WTCA and residents have requested a splash pad. There is not one in the West End or near our area. Why is this not on the list of considerations?
- 149 There seems to be a push to create more space for youth activities at the expense of younger children and mature adults. At this time I would never visit since there are no benches nor a walking path. I was never able to bring my children when they were you, I had to drive to Polk or other playgrounds. I find it inexcusable that you are robbing locals of a place to walk to to come together and force us to drive. Why is only people in OT or DelRay that can have all these things but West End cannot?
- 150 Por favor, más seguridad. No me siento segura de ir con los niños allí, Siempre hay grupos de varones que son atraídos por el 7 eleven. El lugar tiene bastante tráfico de peatones. Se podría hacer algo bonito y más seguro.
- 152 Improving the playground should be a goal! Take a look at almost any playground in Arlington and Alexandria's pales in comparison. Most playgrounds in the city of Alexandria are older or unimaginative. Even small spaces could be used - see the Loop at Clarendon Crossing! The city needs to renovate many playground, but starting with this neglected park would be a great first step!
- 154 Reserving a space with no definitive plans is asking for an ugly corner of the park
- 155 Please add a water feature and play items for families of younger children.
- 156 No pickleball courts! No more basketball courts. Expand the soccer area. Rehab the pool house into a small community center. Keep the pool, provide parking and sufficient signage; clear space to prevent/deter crime: make pool easily visible.
- 157 Key change is making that park safer for walkers and kids/families. Right now it's the park where ppl get high.
- 158 Keep the large grass area for kids that like to play soccer. The apartments across the street and down the road rely on the park to give kids free access to sports, mainly basketball and soccer.
- 159 There should be a multi-use surface for football/soccer, pickleball, and a bocce court. The parks department should host programs there for people of all ages and ability levels.

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- 161 Remove the concrete and at least part of the grass to plant native trees and grass. Instead of a shade structure, plant more native trees. Reduce stormwater runoff with natives and permeable pavements. Install a butterfly garden.
- 162 There are more dogs in the community than children and it would be more beneficial and more of a used space if it were a dog park.
- 164 I mostly went here with my kids and they made great use of the playground, paved area to ride their bikes, and the grassy area to play soccer. Overall, the park provided a decent layout, but we haven't gone back as much because of arguing adults and a lack of feeling safe in the park due to similar incidents. I think the park could still use some much need updates and better use of the space, such as the lot down the hill behind the 7-eleven.
- 165 The park often feels unsafe and the playground has paraphernalia. Any efforts to make the park feel more safe we support! We also love how the park now has shade.
- 166 Improve the current playground. It does not seem to be safe for the children.
- 167 Chinquapin is the closest pool but it's indoor only and often too busy to enjoy it with the family on the weekends due to the presence of serious swimmers and swim classes . we have no outdoor community pool on the west of King street metro! If pool is not an option , I would like an indoor multi use court where it offers some fitness facilities with weights or badminton court .
- 168 Please, please. Remove the timer for the lights on the basketball court. It's usually there every Monday, and a lot of teenagers play. We adults wait for them to leave around 9:30, leaving us to play for 20 minutes. Please remove the timer for the lights on the basketball court. It would allow us to stay a little longer to play a couple more games or turn it off at 11 p.m. rather than 10 p.m.
- 169 Having parking is good, even though it's minimal it allows for access. I see a lot of people playing basketball so another court would be great. I would like to see more landscaping, perhaps native plants with sculptures or art from local artists or school children, walking areas, and shady places for picnics and to cool off during the heat.
- 171 Install a spray ground (water feature) for kids and families -maybe instead of playground.
- 175 The basketball cout could use new concrete, as there are cracks and weeds. Add a tennis court!
- 176 Splash pad Family friendly
- 177 Build something so the park is no longer an open air homeless camp and drug point of sale.

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179 Make paths that connect from the east neighborhood side to the park from Underwood St (would require purchase or agreement with some of the existing property owners). I think shifting the playground east and planting trees in and around the playground to provide shade would be better, as this area gets heavy sun exposure. Fence the playground and some green space to provide protection from traffic for toddlers. Provide more routine police presence to increase security at the park from people loitering at the convenience store area.

180 Maybe make the playground a little nicer and safer in terms of equipment upkeep/maintenance

181 Add a fenced area for dogs to play off leash

182 Isn't the playground already on the west side. Keep that but update it. Splash pad!

183 This survey is very confusing with the way questions are worded and answer options to keep, remove, revise, etc. are provided. Please design a more clear and simple survey. I am an engineer and college graduate, for reference.

185 Please study and copy parks and playgrounds in Arlington. Renovations should include modern and safe elements. Thank you.

187 It would be nice if the basketball court was in better shape and maybe a place to play pickleball or tennis. Renovating the playground would be great. The entire park is a hot bed for crime and drugs right now and no one wants to use it.

188 Clean up goose excretion from black top. More lights in playground area.

190 Leave this nice park that people enjoy alone, and stop wasting taxpayer money on nonsense changes. I'd rather have this great park as-is than have my property taxes increased again.

191 If turf is updated, it would be great if there could be an area of native pollinators included. Community space could have signs that are accessible to all that display the importance of using crosswalks and following traffic lights as that area near Duke Street often has adults modeling the opposite (dangerous) behaviors.

192 The walking path is a nice idea. However, I wouldn't renovate the turf to artificial: those types of turf only release microplastics and create heat islands.

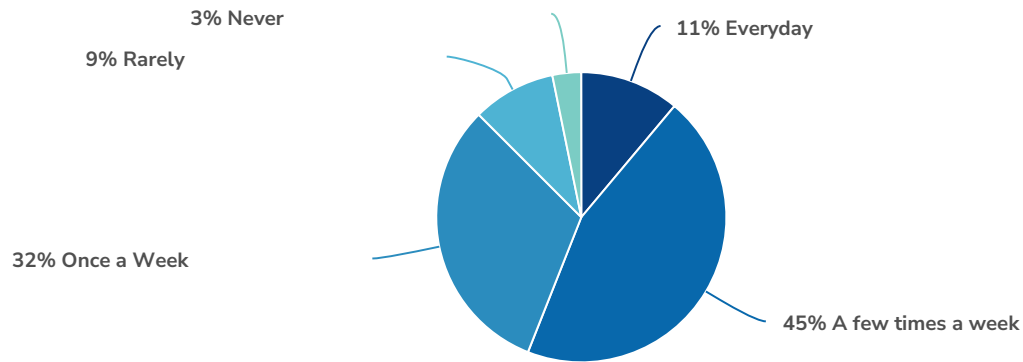
193 Install trees to protect from Duke St noise

195 Personally, I don't know how valuable a walking path would be considering the park is quite small. My main wish is that there's still be some open field space. It seems to be used quite often by people with dogs, like myself, and with people who like to play soccer.

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199	This place is not safe already. There are always men hanging around doing drugs and drinking. I am always nervous when I have to use this bus stop. They congregate at the bus stop and sit there and drink and prepare their illegal drugs and sell them to each other. If you put a picnic area here they will take it over and congregate there. Thank you.
202	I'm not sure if a turnaround would remove parking spaces.
203	Recommend more grass open field space for community events. Consider grills and picnic area
204	Parking not an issue as most users are within walking distance. We would love more shade and a fenced-in dog run would be nice.
207	PARKOUR
208	Upgrade the playground equipment
211	More fun for kids
213	Path connections to surround area to make it easier to bike and walk to and through from all sides.
215	Food truck hub, small dog - dog park
218	I like the idea of restructuring the park by adding a second basketball court, adding turf and walkways, moving the child playground since it's in the dark side. This park is used for pickup basketball by many people during the week adm I would hate to see that change by adding community events that would take up the space not allowing locals to fulfilling their daily excersise, or making the park an extreme center attention to where it's always busy by many crowds of people Aldi preventing locals from using it daily
219	Anything to improve shade and walk ability!
221	None
223	Pickleball court!!
225	First, you want to change the image of this park. Pick Ball Courts (4), Maybe a fountain, nice natural gardens, butterfly trees, modern. Benches (non-nuisance- arm dividers), open playing field (convertible) small play area close to Pickle Ball Courts so parents can watch their children. water fountains for drinking. No shade structure, however picnic areas. This park has a history of nuisance issues and unfortunately some things add to these types of behaviors. Nearby convenience stores have made it very to use this park for other purposes of which not intended.

7. If these changes were made to the recommendations, how often would you visit or use the park?



Value	Percent	Responses
Everyday	11.1%	24
A few times a week	44.9%	97
Once a Week	31.5%	68
Rarely	9.3%	20
Never	3.2%	7

Totals: 216

Never	Count
0	1
I don't ride bicycles because I'm to old.	1
If there is no open field space, I won't be using the park any longer.	1
N/A	1
Not sure should be an answer. Depends what you do. If you bring activites that bring drinking, litter. Never.	1
Too busy, sorry	1
driving by seeing too many people hanging out or drinking	1
Totals	7

8. Is there any other feedback you'd like to add?

ResponseID	Response
7	Do a better job featuring this park. - it is so under-appreciated in the community.
11	It needs a good walking path, and through a safe, forested area would be grand! More people would use the park to walk about than to play and organized sport.
12	Please improve this park.
13	I have concerns about the security at that park and, thus, do not encourage my teen to go there and play basketball. It is the best court within walking distance to our home.
15	Can we have more equipment for different age groups like what they are doing in these other cities? Doesn't have to be a megaswing, but something interactive for tweens or teens. https://www.bloomberg.com/features/2024-us-playgrounds-mega-swings/
17	In addition to sending this survey out to the general public I suggest that directed meetings take place with those who use the park on a regular basis.
21	What about installing a tennis court? What about installing a walking area/walking path?
23	What happened to discussions of public art at this playground?
27	Security cameras might not be a bad idea either to make the park feel safer when the sun is setting. I've been harassed as a female runner a number of times by people at this park.
28	Connect this park to nearby trails.
29	need a way to see deeper into the park from the street. right now it looks unsafe to wander to back of the park. is there a way to walk through it or connect it to Breneman, Taney parks?
31	Can there be no smoking signs or something cause everyone uses that park to smoke weed and it smells AWFUL. Burnt hotdog 24/7
33	Moderate homeless gathering. Understand they enjoy parks too. Controversial topic.
35	We can't currently use the park because the playground is decrepit and there are needles/bottles/other unsafe objects in the park. I live two blocks away and would love to bring my kids there if it was a safer, cleaner space.
37	Bring back the tennis courts.
38	Ewald Park needs enhanced policing and monitoring. Children cannot currently use it due to drug activity and adult use
39	None

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41	Would be great to see drawings or something to visualize the end result vs now.
42	It would be nice to have a community pool in the west end!
46	Please tie this in with more police foot and vehicular traffic near/at the park as well as traffic enforcement on Duke. No one will visit, especially with kids, if they do not feel safe. Thank you!
48	N/a
49	It would be nice to see if there are any plans to add pools to the West End. I believe there are no public pools, unless the new pool at Minnie Howard is expected to service all of the City on the West side of Quaker. I don't think that rebuilding the pool here is a priority though.
52	The park feels generally unsafe at the moment, partly due to activity at the neighboring 7/11 on the corner of Duke and Jordan. I have lived in the neighborhood for a couple years and have never felt comfortable taking my kids there
56	Splash pad!
59	100% against any parkour equipment. Waste of money. This park is used by teenagers for basketball (which should be supported) and needs improvements for more families to use it. This neighborhood has a lot of 10 and under kids and the park should reflect that.
60	-
63	The person who writes these surveys needs to take a class. The only options given are the ones you already WANT to get approved--as are most of the surveys done in Alexandria. Do you want a road diet with 2 lanes or a road diet with 2 lanes and a bus lane? Typical Alexandria City Council. Try this: https://si.isr.umich.edu/courses/writing-questions-for-surveys/ Stop jumping on the trend of the day that only impacts few (Parkour?) The pool closed in 2012!! 12 years with it sitting there. Would never happen in Old Town. Picnic area? We have Cameron Station park which has all of that. No more cement!!!
64	We would love to see rhe pool reopened.
66	Glad you're doing this but it's shameful that it took this long.
67	I would love for this park to change the area for the better. The nearby 7-11 seems to attract drug addicts and I don't want my neighborhood to go downhill like that. The park could bring in families and a safer environment. Thank you!
68	Add a splash pad
71	Add more police presence.

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73	This park has potential but needs a lot of help to make it a safe a comfortable place to be
74	No
76	Promote public safety and discourage problematic loitering emanating from nearby 7/11 that makes my children uncomfortable
77	Please be sure to install appropriate lighting
78	We would really love for the kid playground to be re vamped and add a pool or splash pad as well. A nice pavilion with picnic tables would be useful.
79	Upgrading the playground. Adding a shared picnic pavilion would definitely be helpful. Making the overall park more inviting and easier to get into - it's definitely not helped by only being accessible from one side of Duke Street by car, and that intersection is not a great pedestrian intersection either. Improving these issues would definitely help.
81	Would love a walking path for exercise purposes
83	Bring back the pool! There are no public pools on the west side of town.
87	The removal of the pool may have made sense fiscally but has been a poor decision for the demographics of the west end users and the City's goals to provide swimming as a life skill for residents. Truly a missed opportunity and perhaps a water sprayground component comes back to this hot barren location.
89	No
90	No matter what happens the city needs to consider installing cameras in the back of that park it's dark at night and let's be honest it's not visible from the street and people do hang out and do sketchy things back there.
96	Ive live in the area for almost 25 years. That park has always been plagued with misuse, dangerous things happening around it because of the apartment complexes nearby and the 7-11 with police presence but not doing anything. Address those concerns of you want to have a nice, clean and safe park.
97	All parks in this area are dangerous even during the day due to drug use . Visit go to any park in the areato see picnic areas and benches occupied all day by loiterers drinking or stalking families. Start with keeping parks safe immediately

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101 Can "Community Garden" get on this short list? I live about a mile from this park and I would absolutely sign up to manage a plot every year. People like me who live in the nearby apartments want to have a nice community space. These shouldn't be exclusive to the areas with predominantly single-family homes like Del Ray or the Seminary Hill area. There is a great divide between those who can afford to purchase a million-dollar home and those who are trying their best to make rent every month, and it only grows wider. Access to community and green spaces should be a contributing factor to closing this gap, not widening it. A nice community space — whether it is a garden or improved sports courts or a WAY AWESOSME playground or open field and picnic area — would draw people to the park area who may not otherwise visit. I cannot stress enough: What will be good for the immediate surrounding neighbors? A landscaped parking median will do absolutely nothing, and I'd like a word with the people/persons who put this idea on the survey. Or, if it's a litmus test to weed out the NIMBYs, then well done ;)

102 SHADE! SHADE! SHADE!

103 There is no parking here and a nearby excellent park. There is a need for courts like basketball and other sports. If you will not provide parking, then a better connection to the Ben Brennan Parks would be a better use of money.

104 The most frustrating part of this project is the extended timeline with multiple repetitive rounds of community input. These issues date back to before we had kids. Now they're 1 and 3. At this rate there won't be a clean & usable park here until they're well beyond playground age. It's less important what changes are made, and more important that improvements are made now.

105 If the park has some kind of nature trail loop around the property featuring exercise stations like holmes run has by the beatley library that'd be nice.

106 N/A

107 Please consider putting in a NICE playground!

108 Alexandria has PLENTY of paved areas, basketball courts, soccer fields! Shortage of garden paths (put in a rose garden or landscaped garden area), wildlife areas, natural areas in close proximity to living areas (ie, NOT going to riverfront along GW Pkwy/Dyke Marsh) An indoor space large enough for events like craft fairs, performances, etc. would be wonderful.

110 This entire area has been overlooked for years. There is nothing for the neighborhood children, young adults, or seniors. It is another example of resources not being dedicated to the west end.

111 I strongly recommend maintaining ample field space.

115 NA

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116	Considering the location of this park, it is important to consider not only the physical changes to the park, but how we can keep it a safe place for families.
117	Make the park more inviting and family friendly. Make it more clear from Duke street that there is a welcoming community park and where is well lit parking.
118	I walk past the park weekly and I've noticed the basketball court is in constant use so that seems like the most important element to me.
120	For my family, the biggest draws would be a new, renovated playground, and more visibility from Duke St, perhaps by Alexandria Police, as twice we've had to wait for adults using drugs to leave the playground before my kids could play.
121	A forested area with an informal path going through would be a dream for this park and this neighborhood.
129	Thank you for making this survey. Our children desire a place close to our house to feel safe. At this time we do not feel safe in this park. Our hope is after this plan comes to fruition we could have a safe place to play.
130	Without SUBSTANTIAL security improvements, the project is a total waste of time and money.
132	Safety infrastructure is important - park is currently not safe.
137	No
138	The park at sometimes does not look inviting from the street. I have seen community members pick up trash from the bust stop in that area.
140	None
143	Could be a great improvement to West Alex
144	As expressed earlier, any improvement to Ewald Park should include baseball/softball considerations
145	This is in keeping with Alexandria converting vehicle traffic lanes for the thousands of imaginary bicyclists we've not seen in all of the west end bicycle lanes. Stop wasting taxpayer money. I will not vote for any council person who destroys our transportation system in favor of a small vocal group with a single selfish agenda.
147	"Forrest area" would be better served as a native flower area. We need more pollinator attractive native plants in the area. Small native shrubs and flowering plants. More trees would be great to add along the fence line that back up to the neighbor's houses.
148	Allow community members who use the park to help in the upkeep & growth of the park through regular engagement and communication with the surrounding communities.

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149	Please let West End have the same benefits as OT. They have multiple pools and we have only one. The wave pool is costly, especially in an area where many work 3-4 jobs to make ends meet.
150	Muchas gracias por tomar en consideración estos cambios. Seria genial tener un playground moderno y con sombra, por favor! Gracias
151	The park needs a good facelift and also needs to be maintained.
152	Please consider renovating other playgrounds around the city! Take a look at Arlington for an example
154	I look forward to an improved park in the community!
156	I am disappointed that the powers that be quickly dismissed the pool - should keep it, make areas in park more visible to help deter crime and more parking for people coming to swim, publicize the pool more. Expand the pool house to create a small community center.
157	Be more like Ben Brenman park
158	Multi-use water fountains for dogs and humans would be useful for an area with recreational sports activities.
164	Safety I think would be the number one concern in this area. I liked this park a lot, but had a couple of incidents where adults were arguing on the playground (seemingly under the influence in the middle of the morning) and seeing people asleep on the slides. Ultimately, I stopped coming because there were much nicer areas to take my kids, even in the same neighborhood.
166	The park is not safe for my children.
167	Though I have a small child, I don't care to have an unattractive small playground. There are many small playgrounds that are not used very much. it's usually because the equipments are not very attractive (a few things to do, like 1 slide) or they is no shade and equipments get too hot to use, uncomfortable for both caregivers or children.
168	Please again remove the timer for the basketball court from 10. As well if possible to install more lightd around the area. It's a bit dark and a lot of people tend to drink acholo at the kids park which is very bad due to the 7-11 around the corner.
169	Should mention additional lighting because crime is fairly common in the area I believe.
175	It's a good park, and I'm glad it exists. It could be even better neither a few changes, and there a lot of people nearby that would benefit from it.
176	Keeping it well maintained and lighted. Safety and cleanliness are the priority.

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177 Please make the West End safer

178 Please help make this outdoor space a place that communities can gather outdoors together. Shaded pavilions, picnic tables, grills all would be great. Lighting at night for safety.

180 thanks for doing this work for the community!

181 Add a fenced area for dogs to play off leash

182 Thanks for the chance to provide input!

183 Improve the playground and make it safer for our children. Too many suspicious people sit around, smoke and drink alcohol on the benches there. We would go to the playground daily if we felt safe. We go occasionally since we don't feel safe and have to use Brenman Park playground.

185 Parking lot could be bigger and the vehicle flow could be better.

186 There are often people "living rough", often inebriated in the playground area. It would be more enjoyable if they received the help they needed instead of lingering.

188 N/a

190 Leave this nice park that people enjoy alone, and stop wasting taxpayer money on nonsense changes. I'd rather have this great park as-is than have my property taxes increased again.

192 For the love of god and all other universal beings, please do not remove any mature (healthy) trees. It is counterproductive- and frankly moronic- to remove mature trees because they "impede visibility to the playground" and "make the park seem unsafe." Wouldn't this go against the whole principles of being an eco-city? I understand there are plans to make a forested area within the park, but it would take long time for those young trees to have the same benefits as the older ones. The other recommendations for this park seem to be fine, though.

193 Thank you

195 Again, I think keeping open field space is very important. I think it's actually a unique feature of this park that many people like to take advantage of.

198 More parking is needed

199 Just to please be aware of the criminal activity that occurs here. I have never seen a police car here. Don't know why they let them get away with this drinking and selling drugs and using drugs in public. Thank you.

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203	Better security at the park is needed. There is a population of unhoused persons and individuals participating in drug use who frequent the park. To protect community members, especially children (some of these individuals sleep and settle down in the playground), the city needs to address this safety concern.
208	Please add some beauty like flowers to it and improve maintenance. Playground equipment should be upgraded. Playground is often flooded
211	Please make it better
213	Plans look pretty reasonable so far
214	Many of the playgrounds in Alexandria are dated compared to newer ones throughout the area. This is especially true for parks on the West End. We'd really love to see an updated park on this side of town.
215	Install lights for fall evening games
219	Not at this time!
221	Nope
223	Pickleball. Add more variety. Pickleball and dog park
224	The only way to make this park usable by anyone not doing drugs is to eliminate secluded spots, get rid of overgrown vegetation that provides hiding places and do not provide shelter that encourages homeless and other loitering to use the park. Clean up the drug paraphernalia and have parks and rec actually monitor the park for people loafing about
225	Whatever is done needs to be grand, its location is not the best so we need to do our best to bring people back to this park. Pickle Ball Courts would make this park one of the most popular parks in they city.