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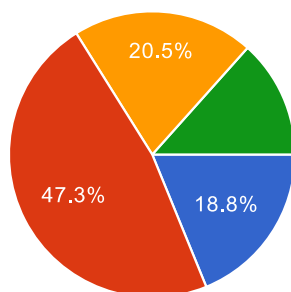
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Summary

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1. How often do you visit Tydings Park?



Once a day **66** 18.8%

Once a week **166** 47.3%

Once a month **72** 20.5%

Less often than once a month **47** 13.4%

Comments

I eat my lunch there or just park to enjoy the view.

We visit it at different times of the day & evening. We go for long walks, talk with people, enjoy the scenery, etc.

We love the playground. Whenever our Grandsons visit it's the first place they want to go.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

My husband and I take our 2yr old daughter at least one a day sometimes more. She loves it!

To enjoy the trees, the view and to get to the Promenade.

Take children to playground

Love the park - I walk with my dog regularly

At minimum with the exception of winter

More some weeks. Use to be more but some of my kids favorite items are missing or broken

walk, jog, or bike around and go to some of the festivals

Daily walks and take grandchildren to playground 2-3 times a week

More in the summer

We visit the park at least 3 to 4 times a week

During the summer, I visit Tydings Park multiple times a week while my boat is in the City Yacht Basin. I also run through the park on my usual running loop around town. I would say I average 2-3 visits per week.

walk there 5 days per week

More than once a week, but less than daily

Would visit more if playground were in good repair.

I have a boat in the marina.

depends on the time of year and scheduled events

When my daughter was younger, we went once a week or so.

That "is" what we do isn't it? My family have all driven to the park, or walked to the park multiple times a day, for at least three generations.

I live in Baltimore County, and am a Photographer and artist. I LOVE this park, and visit as often as I can. Please keep the trees safe and keep the shade. It is majestic. Your benches are wonderful. Keeping the kids area separate from adult areas is great too. Having the steps to the parking in different locations is great as well.

Often more than once a day

We love playing at the playground, walking the promenade, picnicking. Family of 4, w/ 2 & 4 year old.

I walk this park 5 days a week with my best friend💎💎

We need a dog park

Don't change a thing

I live close by and walk by every day.

More in the warmer months.

Sometimes I come more than once a week.

Walking, views, do not make landscape changes

I usually walk each day. Either past Tydings Park or through it. I like that it is open and usually peaceful.

Passing through usually but also attend events

more in the summer due to festivals and use of the marina and promenade

I walk the park and promenade regularly.

Warm weather at least twice a day..summer I eat lunch or dinner there & sit with friends til sundown. Once a day all year I walk to park with my dog.

Please save the gazebo it is a landmark..... and save the trees...and keep carnival.....we should be able to hire enough police!!!!

Depending on weather

I walked to the park 3 days a week weather permitting

I live out of town now, but I'm there EVERY time I'm home.

Sometimes daily, less often in winter.

I may not visit it much but it does have some great memories created there..

I love the park. So peaceful during the week. Perfect for families.

I like to go to the park to relax and enjoy the view

In the warmer months we visit much more frequently. My response is for current conditions.

Very peaceful and wonderful view of the river.

I am a former resident. I lived in HdeG for over 30 years.

we love to walk the boardwalk for exercise

Often more than once a month.

More frequently in the spring, summer and fall months when the weather is warm. My kids love to play on the playground.

Wish I had more time to visit. Love it. I plan to take photos and paint from them later.

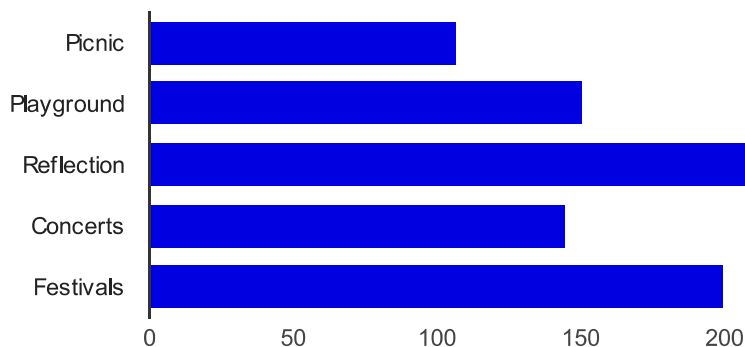
Have a boat slip at the Marina. . .

More in the summer, less in the winter.

I visit tidings generally in conjunction with an event/fest. A formal bandshell would be great (of course would require management of organizing bands, etc).

I walk my dogs to the lighthouse at least once a week. It's one of our favorite places to visit.

2. Why do you visit Tydings Park?



Comments

Exercise

Walking

Exercise

Fishing. Promenade Grill

promenade

Love the summer concerts and the festivals. We also enjoy just walking around the park and the boardwalk.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

Feel as though the seafood festival needs to be changed and looked in to so the town benefits more from it.

Lighthouse, promenade

Walk my dog

Our church youth group holds their annual summer picnic there, and I have been there for arts festival. If we come into Havre de Grace, we at least drive by the park.

No the sea food festival, though. That disgusts me.

walk, jog, or bike around and go to some of the festivals

Our children play on the playground at the park, and we walk our dog through/near the park each day.

Exercise - walking the promenade

I feel it should be a quiet place to read, relax and look at the beauty...After this summer, the grounds are abused, rough, no grass in many places, etc.....there are enough trees! More open so you can see the water!

The view of the Marina and water The War Memorial Take Grand Kids to the play ground I include it in my daily walkswalks

My wife and I have eaten meals in Tydings, so I chose "Picnic". As mentioned above we walk through the park a lot to get to our boat. We do make it a point to sit on our boat to listen to the concerts in the park and enjoy the festivals. We do enjoy the festivals/concerts in the park, although it does seem that the park and city have reached

"festival saturation". The concerts seem to be a big hit, some more of those might be a good idea.

The festivals and events in the park have an economic and tourism impact on the city.

Brings in a lot of people to the city that will hopefully return

Often, as part of a longer walk along the water

I love that the park is available for families to picnic and play.

I usually walk through the park in late morning on my daily walks through town. With the exception of the Carnival and Fair dates, it is always a serene segment of my walk.

I would love if there was a dog park within Tydings Park or elsewhere within the city limits. Havre de Grace is full of dog owners and there is nowhere to take a dog off leash within the city limits. We currently drive to Bel Air to their dog park and have met numerous other HdG residents that do the same, since our city does not offer such an amenity. I am currently looking into how to petition/propose this with the city.

Don't move the 4th of July event!!!! It is part of our heritage.

Walking the Promenade...

Take my special needs client there

Walking dogs too. How about a fenced area to the far right among the tall evergreens at the end of the park? Potential dog run.

We need a beach

My husband and I are the pastors of restore church and tydings park has been a blessing for our various community events we do such as movies at the park and the live nativity.

Walk the dog

Walking💎💎

The views and the open space to walk my dog

To walk my dog

Boardwalk

Don't change a thing

Exercise and walk through there every day.

The best festivals, concerts and things like the forth of July festivities in northeast MD are found throughout the summer in Havre de Grace park.

Walk the promenade, ride my bike

I like to visit when there are few others in the park.

Shade trees, clean

Other: Walks

It is a lonely, quiet place. It is delightful to hear the children any time of year, especially sledding in winter.

Going to Promenade

I used the playground frequently when my kids were smaller

I am typically in the park during my semi routine walk along the promenade or when there is a 5k race held in Havre de Grace. The park is a great staging area for races.

We walk our dogs and enjoy the views.

Have you not seen how many families go there in good weather ...seniors on benches til sundown or walking on Boardwalkevery picnic table filled with families

I always end up there... My comfort place.

Beautiful view and great memories with the monument and gazebo.

Like to walk in the area

It seems that the park is so important ttil or recreation. We all love the concerts, and the playground is our fave. It's inexpensive to have a picnic supper, enjoy the playground, and relax. I like to visit during the morning to have my devotions there. Every season brings a different beauty.

Sometimes I have my great neice and we go to the playground. It is just enough for her. I like to relax and unwind with the days events too. I feel very safe and secure too. Love the sunrise, sunsets, eagles, osprey, herons, seagulls, tides, clouds, sunshine, and walks

Tradition!

And the Grille. And fishing. And Independence Day festivities.

I used to use the playground, but my children are now grown. But, I do sometimes go with my friend who still has young children.

We love going for walks along the promenade, having a picnic lunch, and playing on the playground. Of course, the 4th of July parade and related activities at the park are lots of fun!

I take photos and post them on facebook promoting the city

Good place to walk my dog but it needs more walking paths.

Ministry

Well kept. I love the Promanade. Also, I love looking at the birds and the water. Very peaceful.

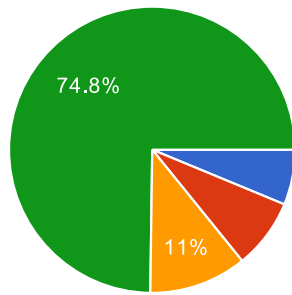
mostly for a walk

go to all the festivals but a great place to walk.

Favorite place to take walks, especially with my daughter or whenever I have friends and family visit Havre de Grace.

Have attended Memorial Day, the seafood festival, 4th of July, concerts in the park and other events at Tydings Park.

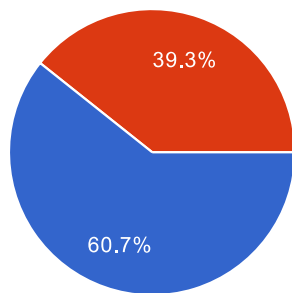
3. what time of day do you usually visit Tydings Park?



Morning	22	6.2%
Afternoon	28	7.9%
Evening	39	11%
Various times	264	74.8%

4. Do your children use the playground?

Yes	204	60.7%
No	132	39.3%



Comments

No children

no children

No kids

We have no young children

Grandchildren

N/A

I do not have children.

I do not have children

When they were small - it was the "go to" playground for all of us moms.

My child is grown and doesn't live here.

She did when she was younger. She is 21+.

But they used it a lot when they were younger.

Too much smoking on the playground

They use too, but now they are 20 & 24. Hopefully when they have children they will use the playground also.

Actually it's our grandchildren.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

I don't have children.

My grandchild

If I had small children, I would definitely use the playground.

No young children at home but think it's essential that our parks foster outdoor play for kids.

Children visiting my home.

Children visiting my home do.

grandchildren

Although they are getting to be teenagers, but would recommend the park to those with little ones.

And I'm appalled at its lack of maintenance. Something breaks and it is removed, never to be replaced.

The playground is in horrible condition. For being a tourist destination there is no excuse for its condition. It is subpar compared to other playgrounds in the county.

no kids

Play ground is close to picnic area, shade, bathrooms and promenade grill

No young children. Take grandchildren sometimes.

We'd like to see more toddler swings because those are usually in high demand, and toddlers take turns while the bigger kid's swings are empty. We'd like to have a walking path along the streetside of the park because the bushes have overgrown the side walk across the street. We like that the park is shaded at different times throughout the day.

Taking Grandchildren

We don't have children.

They used too

When he lived in town, my grandson loved the park.

na

when they were little they did, weekly in summer

Too old now.

My niece and nephews, I don't have children of my own.

Our child is soon to be a mother so when our grand child arrives we will definitely be taking him to the park.

Don't have kids.

There have been many "repairs" done that involve taking broken equipment away and placing a board over the spot. It looks awful and unsafe.

actually my grandchildren used the park and since it hasn't changed very much over the years I feel qualified to comment that it serves our citizens well

when we had small children and grandchildren, they used it - another venue should be considered for a young children's play ground so there is less conflict between the older group and the younger - we found that McLhinney Playground provided a good place for the younger ones

Grandchildren when visiting

no young children in household

When they visited from California they did.

God children from out of town do.

NA

I have none.

My clients use the playground

It has been disappointing to see the playground not being kept up.

The playground is looking a little run down. I saw a few other playgrounds that are real nice....Rising Sun near the little league fields and the new one in Perry Park in Perryville.

grandchild

Although it is not in the best of shape. We really should have a playground drawing people to HdG from all of Harford and Cecil.

We need a beach

Would love for it to be fenced. Have seen numerous kids including my own take off toward the water and parents chasing them down the hill. A fence would really help with safety of the children.

It's a shame that when a piece of equipment is broken it does not get replaced. The plywood looks REALLY nice...

I have no children.

I don't have children but if I did they would use the playground every day

No playground age children or grandchildren

Not yet, only 4 months

adults. There for festivities however

Don't have any

My children are grown and out.

Does not apply

children grown. Grand children did when younger.

Our grandchildren use the playground when they visit us.

They did when young, they are all grown up.

Youngest child is 8 years old and has grown out of the equipment there, which seems geared only to very young kids. More swings are needed.

Children too old but bring my grandchildren

They're grown now. When younger, we used weekly.

My kids love using the playground. BUT they wish it was a little nicer and more updated.

Grandchildren do when visiting.

Grandchildren do.

My grandantie children and I come to the park all the time.....

grand kids

My grandchildren sometimes use the park, when they come to visit which is several times a year.

Our Children are grown

No children

I have no young children

We love it because it's in plain view and therefore fairly safe. There is equipment for all ages, and both strength challenges as well as imaginative play.

Too old

Yes, on occasion I have my 3 yr old great neice.

My child is an adult and doesn't live in HdG.

Use to. Too old now

The reason my children don't use the playground is, because they are grown men. I will say that when they were growing up they sure did go there to play on the playground.

Every child deserves to be able to play on a playground and that is why you need to leave it alone, quit taking things away from our children !!!

Children and grandchildren are all grown. Great grandchildren will use it.....

My children are adults now, but they used to play there often. They still use Tydings Park as a meeting place for friends, picnics & tye-dye parties.

My child is grown in lives out of state

I have no children – just a dog.

Don't have any children at that age.

Grand Kids

No children yet, one on the way and they will use the playground.

I am retured. No youngsters.

I don't have young children

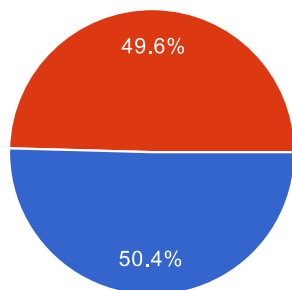
My Children are grown and on their own

grandchildren use the park

Children grown and gone. Should have had a "not applicable" option in survey

No children in our household (waiting for grandkids).

5. Do you use the picnic facilities?



Yes	177	50.4%
No	174	49.6%

Comments

Occasionally use a picnic table

Just for eating my lunch from time to time.

Although we prefer eating next to the water.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

If I had a young family, I would definitely use the picnic facilities.

but many, many do!

Our youth group uses it a couple time a year.

You've done a nice job providing ample trash bins. Please add a few more recycling bins.

Perhaps dog clean-up bags/stations would help people clean up dog waste. As a responsible dog owner who cleans up messes and supervises our dog well, we don't want to see you discourage dogs. Let's work to educate other dog owners and help them clean up the messes. Havre de Grace needs to be more "dog friendly" - and stroller friendly too!

I answered that earlier.

Yes, we have sat on the benches to eat picnic lunches/dinners. We've sat there even when the boat has been in the water, the benches up on the hill above the promenade grill have a great view.

occasionally

And I love that the picnic tables are spread out.

When I can , they are usually all taken , even early in the morning

Need a beach

Not enough picnic tables usually

We've just never had the need. That said we would if the need arose!

I look forward to picnicking in future.

We need a dog park

Not any more!

however enjoy noticing various schools and org doing so.

Occasionally.

Enjoy seeing families together

For sitting

occasionally. I see them in use every weekend from spring through fall.

We like the grills but they are a little old and worn out. Need more tables and benches.

Our whole family picnics at least 4 x a year.....please leave the grills and the picnic tables

I have...

Whether lunch with the kids or a family supper lets us save money in a nice evening out.

I like to get a snack and am happy to sit on the ground or take my own chair too. There is plenty of space we need no more tables. No need to over crowd the area

But not often

I have never used any of the grills there; but I have frequently brought food and enjoyed the picnic tables that are available.

The food at the stand is great and I like using the picnic tables.

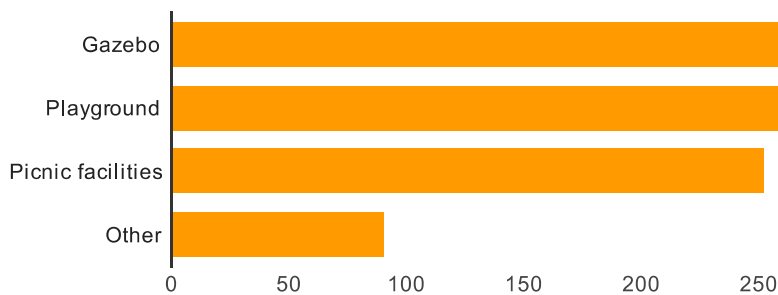
It's unfortunate to see needles there.....

on occasion

...but use the tables to sit at to eat at fests

Other than sitting on a park bench ever once in a while, we've not used the "facilities". I believe the survey is referring to grills and using the area for cookouts and we've not done that.

6.What aspects of the park do you want to retain?



Comments

The gazebo should remain because it has historical significance. The playground could be updated. More benches should be added, perhaps a little larger than the ones on Union Ave

Done with the carnival

Upgrading and remodeling the playground is most important

I like the fact that the park contains many different types of trees

I'd like to do away with the seafood festival.

As a marina slip owner, I regularly use the parking lot below the park. Parking is often hard to find, especially when there are events going on at the park or marina. The grassy field on the lower part of the park serves a useful function as space for overflow parking of vehicles with boat trailers and other types of vehicles. I don't think a more intensive usage of the field, such as a concert venue is warranted or desirable. The field should be retained for overflow parking and more intensive uses should be channeled to other parks in the city that don't have the high rates of use as Tydings Park.

There is plenty of room for all three. Sell sponsorship signs like adopt a road and go grant hunting.

Fishing area has steadily been taken away throughout history over the years

Spend most of my time on the lighthouse side. Less cigarette smoke, less noise, much more peaceful and serene

park should reflect the surrounding area and have picnic area and playground next to each other. also keep as a location for carnival and fireworks

I don't think anything in this park should ever be messed with, other than to update/maintain existing structures. We don't need Concert Seating - (its called bring your own lawn chairs), and things that are there, should never be removed. Our town needs to keep what has been there all these years. I was born & raised in this great little town and I think our Park should stay the way it is, where kids can be kids, families can be families and people can honor what they have honored for every Memorial Service, etc. Leave things alone !!! Thank You !!!

Also the snack bar.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood

festival use it.

leave it alone

Move the playground to where the tennis courts were. Leave the Gazebo. If you must have a band shell, place it in the hollow back against wall, + facing the harbor. That will leave room for the boaters - a lot of income for the city.

Even though we don't use them it is nice to have them available if we wanted to or had guests

Current facility appears outdated.

I would think that some events could be scheduled now at the Lighthouse park area or Hutchins Park. The soil around our Tydings Park beautiful trees is no doubt impacted and the tree's health jeopardized by the carnival for the 4th for example.

I see a lot of other people using the picnic facilities.

I see families enjoying the park with picnics. That's a wonderful and safe environment for families.

Playground needs a great deal of updating

Why take away amenities??????

These aspects are integral to Tydings Park and have functioned well for years. I am sure handicapped restroom facilities would be a great addition to the upper level of the Park and a more suitable pathway (flat) down to the parking area should be installed for the handicapped thus making all parts of the Park accessible to all.

I would love be for the playground to be fixed up or updated but please leave the sea monster I feel like it adds personality and uniqueness

The park serves the community and families on a daily basis as it is. If you are looking to add an entertainment venue, please don't change the existing area for a venue that will be used maybe once a month.

Please retain the outstanding water and marina view - this is a huge benefit to the park!

And NO BAND SHELL!

We don't have children, so I don't have a preference on the playground. I do like the trees that are in the park, and I also appreciate their signage. I put "grass" since its always disappointing to see the huge bare patches of dead grass after the 4th of July carnival.

More parking along Commerce St and dedicated parking in the bottom for the boat slip holders

Please do not turn the park into a flea market/festival grounds. This park is recreational home for us. It means recreation, calm, peace, relaxation.

Suggest moving the playground to old tennis court area...keep the park a quitter venue.

The gazebo should be the focal point...an invitation to come and enjoy the beauty. She is a icon...her beauty should be maintained and kept fresh.

While I don't use the picnic facilities, many families do. Its a low cost option for parties,

etc.

I would like to see a handicap ramp attached to the Promenade Grill
the park surface (grass, land) is being "loved to death" by the various heavy uses
want to continue all the celebrations, events, festivals to remain at park
Improve playground

We'd like to be sure you keep the hills for sledding during winter because they are the
closest hills to our home.

Don't change too much down there!! Don't like the bushes added last year. They block
the view and take away places to sit on the hill. Whose idea was this????!!!! Bad idea --
hedges blocked the park view!!!! Take them down.

All of them

Better lighting is needed Residents across from the park need to cut back their bushes
blocking the sidewalk by nearly a third Better path design and quality materials and more
mulch is need at the playground

It is a beautiful park!

Couldn't the park be expanded to utilize the area currently used for seasonal
vehicle/trailer parking? Good dog park area.

Beach needed

Do not want the Park to change! It's PERFECT and reflects HdG just the way it is!

Best location for public events' venue, easily accessible to everyone, even senior
citizens without personal transportation.

The park doesn't need to change. The park simply needs to be properly maintained.

It is always included in a quiet ride, whether it be during lunch break or evening ride

When you have such a great place where everyone from children using the play ground,
to middle age people coming to walk the board walk to seniors just going there to rest for
a spell to look across the bay, you have a unique place in the world that many small city
envy. The Tydings park has evolved to what is is over 100 years. Why change anything if
it isn't broken? It seems that the only people who want make some change here are
individuals who happen to be politicians who feel they need to make changes to get a
new plaque down there with their names on it.

More structures in the park will only limit the wonderful sense of freedom and fabulous
views of the waterways.

Leave the playground as it is.

I think it is fine as is. Playground should NOT be moved.

I'd like to see more flowers growing

The sledding hill has brought the community together for years. The memorial area is a
great tribute but needs uplighting.

I hope for a new playground. Modern equipment. Updated picnic facilities.....the gazebo

is nice. It's an icon.....it could look a little nice though....or add to it and make it bigger. Gazebo is old looking. Needs rehab or it needs to go. Try locating it to another area of the park.

I like all the aspects that are currently in place.

The park is well designed and useful as it is.

the gazebo is the park.....it is a peaceful park ..the preservation of the treesa backyard for all the people & visitors....families get together there....It cannot be changed it means too much to us

Please keep it like it is!!!!

Update the playground and make it ADA and get rid of the mulch.

Some new equipment could be added

Even though I don't use the picnic facilities, I think it is a nice thing to have for those who do.

I want nothing to change... Its perfect the way it is.

Like it as is

I bring my grandchildren

There is no need to remove ANYTHING. The heritage and history of the gazebo "makes" the park! The playground needs to stay right where it is, away from the water, close to picnic facilities, and in plain view for the police.

Leave it as is...just maintain it.

There is no reason to change anything except to repair. I would like to know WHY anything needs to be changed. Please email me the answer to tat1122@yahoo.com

Please leave the gazebo as it is. The picnic table are plenty. And the playground is just perfect. Not too overwhelming. Please do not put mulch down on the whole park . I like the grass and I will come back if it gets trampled.

Tydings Park as a whole is a wonderful place that provides a place for the tourists and locals to come together and bond. I have introduced many of the people who have transitioned from New Jersey to not just Tydings Park but to all the attractions and festivities that HdeG has. I know as fact that many of the APG Organizations have held picnics at the park and love friendly locals and sense of community.

Although we do not personally utilize the picnic facilities I see many families enjoying them throughout the year.

Actually, I love everything exactly the way it is. I would not make any changes. This is an historic city and should not be modernized in any way that takes away the feeling of history.

Leave the park alone. It is perfectly resident and family friendly; has worked for us for decades.

Even considering not keeping the gazebo is asinine.

The gazebo has been in the park forever. It would not be the same I played on the playground as a child in the 1970's. I have taken my children there often during their youth in the 1990's. My friend still uses the playground today! I love the festivals, the concerts...and, of course the carnival in July! But, part of what makes the park so wonderful are the old trees, the squirrels and the opportunity commune with nature, on the water, in a lovely historic town!

Add but don't take away

I love the park the way it is. It serves so many purposes and is extremely family friendly. I grew up playing in that park and now my children are getting to play there too. Please do not change one thing!

The town needs a dog park -- there is no place for dogs to go and socialize.

Leave it as it is. Perhaps install some irrigation for the dry months.

Lovely just as it is!

I can't think of anything that I would suggest that you get ride of.

The Gazebo should be redone to be more useful especially for concerts in the park.

I wish the water fountains worked.

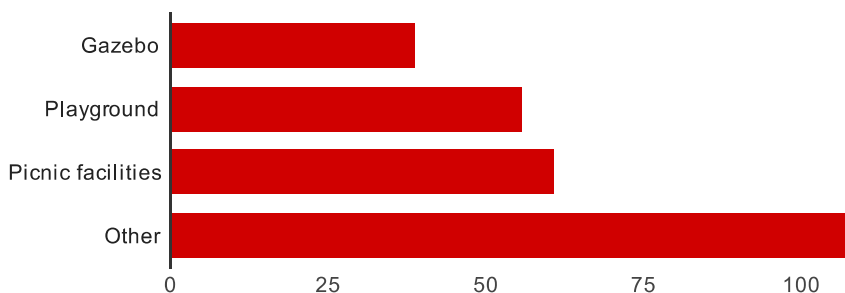
Need more covered picnic areas

Utilize the island. Pavilion for concerts. Ferry or walk path that starts at playground to walk over. At that height, would clear masts.

Recommend enhancing picnic facilities. Fixed roof areas with grills, firepits and tables for larger parties (20-30).

Tydings Park or some other area within Have de Grace should incorporate a dog park where pets can go off leash. I mention it here because Tydings Park would be a logical area for consideration.

7. What aspects of the park would you like to see changed?



Gazebo	39	18.2%
Playground	56	26.2%

Picnic facilities	61	28.5%
Other	108	50.5%

Comments

Would prefer the larger festivals be held somewhere other than Tydings Park because they spill out into the street. I do not think Commerce Street should be closed to traffic. The playground should be updated. I don't believe there has been any new equipment for years.

nothing

none

Again, playgrounds in desperate need of repair

Festivals that overflow the confines of the park should not be permitted.

Gazebo needs a facelift. It is really boring and has no style.

Festivals, carnivals, and other similar high-intensity usage of the park should be shifted to other city parks. These events result in soil compaction around the large trees, which threatens their survival. These events interfere with use of the playground, picnic facilities, etc. with lower impacts on grass and trees.

We are a small town. Don't to destroy the park to accommodate the outsiders that are only here when there's a festival or during the summer months.

With three children coming to the carnival is an investment to say the least- when we moved to HDG 12 years ago the carnival was much more affordable. I love be 4th of July fireworks and concerts but it's time to do something different with the carnival. A BBQ bash would be great. Let's move forward with the organic feel of HDG - more music, food, arts, think a family friendly BEALE ST (Memphis) - see comments below re: picnic facilities.

Upgraded to more modern equipment.

More tables should be added, and perhaps some pavilions.

add more ADA compliant pathways including one from parking area to top of hill

have a load zone space at each pier with 15 min time limit

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

New equipment

See previous comments.

Updated, maintained.

Should be ADA compliant, but remain in it's existing location close to the gazebo and picnic area.

I think it is well used the way it is.

More sidewalks for walkers, particularly seniors. I see many on Promenade and perhaps they would walk more if there were more sidewalks in the park. Picnic facilities just a freshening up.

I think the playground could use some maintenance and improvement for the kiddos. I have friends from Bel Air that drive all the way to HdG to use that playground and park. Possibly updating it.

Just the additions I mentioned previously.

Make improvements but retain

We need a new playground

just the addition of tables.

Replace equipment when it gets broken!

I think that something along the lines of a permanent stage would be of more use than the gazebo.

The playground equipment is in need of an update. New mulch would also be a great addition

Needs major updates and a mulch surface of better quality

The park is wonderful as is. I would say that the Gazebo is the least utilized aspect of the park. I can see perhaps transforming it to a small stage or covered pergola.

I think these are fine!

I think many of the events attracting crowds and loud music should be moved to the lighthouse-maritime museum-decoy museum area. No one lives nearby, there is open space for temporary parking. Build a covered stage oriented to further redirect noise away from homes. No, I don't live in that neighborhood. It just makes good sense!

It is difficult for parents to push strollers to the park: the sidewalk across the street is overgrown with shrubs, the curb makes access difficult, and we end up walking in the street with our children. Please provide a sidewalk on the park side. Walking paths throughout the park would help too. More bicycle racks are needed. There is no path for strollers to get down to the marina - so we end up walking in the traffic down Strawberry Lane to the marina. Please plan for a ramp so parents with strollers and wheelchairs can access the promenade safely.

None

update these a little

Is Tydings Park the only park we have in Havre de Grace? Other parks need attention.

Add a few more picnic tables

My main suggestion is to plant some trees or planters in the Tydings parking lot. The parking lot is very unpleasant, and we have to walk across it to access our boat. Some trees would do wonders to keep the parking lot shaded and cooler in the summer. Some trees would also be appreciated along the corner of the parking lot near the fuel dock.

Folks seem to like sitting on the benches here and looking out over the water. I would

think that the species would have to be chosen carefully to survive in the fill of the parking lot, and also not damage the bulkheads. I also wonder if some parking spaces on the south side of the parking lot along the docks could be sacrificed and turned into stormwater management features, like rain gardens. Treating some of the runoff from the parking lot might improve the water quality in the marina. There's a good chance the city might be able to get some funding for that sort of project from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund.

improve the care of the grass and trees

Checker/chess tables could be added.

Playground should be relocated to adjacent hill...site to be made child friendly as well as safe. Ample benches for caregivers as well as tables. Lighting and two (2) restrooms.

Add bathroom facility to upper level of the park

Improve the picnic facilities

updates on all of the above items

no bandshell

Fix current playground.

Playground needs updating

I would build a community pool on the yacht basin islands -

Playground needs to be maintained more properly. Out of town g family noticed it going downhill.

more grills

Ice skating in winter with hot beverage trucks as promenade grill is closed for the winter season

It needs to be maintained. Swings are missing, slides are missing, the climbing ropes are missing :-(

Improve /expand playground. A performance stage that could double as a picnic pavilion would be nice.

We need to improve our playground and add a major feature like a splash pad to part of the park.

Larger

Beach

more space for community events. The trees are lovely but hinder a lot of activities and events from flowing easily.

Did it as things break! It looks like cramp and it's embarrassing when people come to visit and I take them to a trashy looking playground!

Would like to see improvements made, but would like to retain these features.

Perfect as is!

Improvements and maintenance

No one uses the picnic tables, leave the space open and they can bring their own tables for a picnic

We need a dog park

expand the picnic facilities to the western area where the former tennis courts were.

Renovate the stairs near the playground with a proper handrail.

Playground - upgrade; keep in same place, add handicap playground Picnic Facilities - more picnic tables needed

I would like to see additional sidewalk added to what is there on Commerce Street in front of the playground. I would like it for walking safety the length of Tydings Park.

It's great. Use our City money elsewhere.

Playground equipment needs upgraded & repaired.

More lighting along street

Benches are needed—not more picnic tables. Benches like in the new Concord Point park and Veterans Park where people can sit and enjoy the atmosphere. There are very few in Tydings Park

upgrade for electric

Maybe an improved playground

I feel that the park could use a better layout....it has what seems to me a "confused layout".....stuff seems to be randomly placed.

More lights

I think the park layout could be improved. I'd like to see public bathrooms, more handicap parking, water fountains, and move the playground to the flat top area on the other side of the boat parking lot. Would be nice to get the playground away from the festivals.

over used for personal agendas

Need upgrades to area around playground and safer walkways.

I think it would be nice if there was a location for a small dog park to allow people to bring their dogs and allow them to be safely off leash.

wethe people who go there ...love the park...the peacefulness.....and so do our visitors

Nothing. just maintain what we have....

More picnic tables or benches

Install new sidewalks, stage for concerts

I like the park just the way it is. Although it would be nice to have a dog park in the area where some boats are often parked.

Nothing. Just maintain it.

No changes to the park....love it just as it is!

Upgrade tables and grills

Move festivals to Hutchins Park, lockhouse, or concord park.

Leave the gazebo the way it is. Please. The playground is perfect the way it is and there is ample picnic areas.

Nothing.

They should be upgraded!

Expand and update current playground.

Redo the restrooms and maintain what we already have in place at OUR Park.

An update of the restroom area.

Picnic facilities should be upgraded.

Seating underneath

Right now, I would change a thing. Well, maybe to have the restrooms open more often.

I would like to see something like a ferris wheel

I don't think it needs any changes.

The parking bumpers has created more barriers when trying to exit the park. Now you must go all the way down to turn around instead of cutting through when and where it's easiest and without interfering with boaters.

Leave it the way it is.

Nothing. I like it the way it is

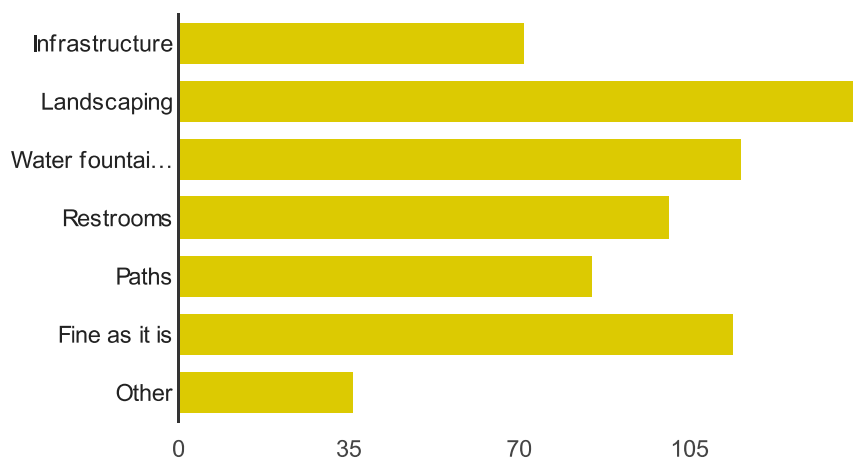
See previous comments

Not sure where picnic facilities are.

Updated playground

It would be a very sad day for me and my young family if the park were turned into a concert venue. This park was one of the main reasons we moved to the city.

8. What can be done to the park to make it better?



Infrastructure **71** 20.7%

Landscaping **140** 40.8%

Water fountains	116	33.8%
Restrooms	101	29.4%
Paths	85	24.8%
Fine as it is	114	33.2%
Other	36	10.5%

Comments

Best park in Harford County. Does need more water fountains and a serious upgrade to the gazebo.

The park is beautiful and spending money on landscaping would be a waste. It is open area so paths would be useless. Not sure what you would include under infrastructure. Explanation should be included.

From Ohio and our parks have covered pavilions which are great for small family reunions, church outings, etc. The pavilions must be reserved and there is a small \$40 fee. The area where you typically house the carnival rides has sufficient space to house 2-3 covered pavilions with sufficient space between each so you don't feel packed A "healthy" food truck (NYC STYLE) would be really nice. Like the restaurant right there but it's all grease and ice cream options.

Stop having the large events that cause sever damage to the grass and trees.

add cameras for security and also tie-ins for power/internet

You could have more Water Fountains, put a few more Restrooms there. You just need to maintain the upkeep of keeping our Park, Our Park, for Us !

add a few handicap accessible paths thru park.

Some paths and landscapes to walk around I would be lovely. Also handicapped access.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

a splash park that serves both as public art and a play area for children

The pavers on paths need work or replacement. While some new trees have been planted a small butterfly garden or a native species garden would be lovely. I think it's important though to leave most of the park as it is for families and groups to visit and picnic when they wish without too many competing activities. Back to the signage in addition to some about the natural history of the Bay there could be a informative sign about Senator Tydings.

I am happy with the way it is.

Increased police patrol may help to keep the heroin addicts and thugs stay away. Also enacting an ordinance that prohibits child predators within 2 miles of a park, library or school may help the reputation of the area.

The additions I mentioned absolutely should be added but the remainder of the park is

fine. Things like fountains and more landscaping would only serve to restrict use of the area. They would be expensive and hard to maintain. We need to better maintain what we have and not add more to it.

We need new playground equipment. Better water fountains. The playground needs better ground

The benches are far too tall for an adult to even sit on comfortably. They need to be at least 6 inches lower.

I think adding some flower gardens would be nice, and also be beneficial to pollinating insects. The bathrooms are in need of an update, and it the park as a whole should be more handicap accessible.

The bathrooms are very nice

bike racks

I love that there is free waterfront space for the townspeople and visitors to enjoy. Other towns "hoard" their waterfront areas for a select few, and Tydings Park is a way for all to enjoy a great aspect of our wonderful city!

Update equipment Try to provide equipment for all ages - toddlers through adolescents
Again, enough trees....more open and spacious to see the beautiful water..

I do not believe anything is broken

I would think that some more concerts with current acts could be a big hit. The seafood festival concert (which in my opinion is the only really good thing about the seafood festival) is a great idea, but the acts are never relevant to someone in my age group (late 20s). How about similar-style concert but with more current bands or cover bands? I don't think many boaters would mind losing parking spaces for a few days for the stage; it seems many boaters watch the concerts from their boats, anyway. Another thought on boating, I'm always shocked that the boating ramp is blocked during the 4th of July celebrations. For a city that prides itself on its waterfront, this seems inexcusable. Not to mention that is inconvenient and potentially dangerous to marina slip holders. The next closest public ramp is in Susquehanna State Park! The kayak ramp by the rail road bridge in town isn't suitable for boats. I do think that the town does a nice job by allowing bass boats to park on that hill by the playground ("fisherman's hill"). The town should continue to not pave this area; its use as a parking lot is so infrequent that the grass seems to be holding up just fine. I would suggest improving the paved driveway to this area, its a bit of an eyesore. How about bike racks, especially near the boating docks? I'm not sure if this is even a thing, but what about kayak/paddle board lockers that folks could rent from the city for a small charge? Outdoor water fountains would be nice. The restrooms are great, the City does a great job in general providing plenty of public restroom facilities that are clean and air conditioned. Trees!

Fold outs on the gazebo for a band / music shell

Improve sidewalks along street. Install a ramp type walk from Promenade for cages and wheel chairs.

Grass needs to be taken care off...it is over stressed from heavy use. Benches, tables, etc are haphazardly strewn about the park. They need to be part of a landscaping plan. Water fountains are a must ... The lone existing one was just rebuilt after a year. Perhaps segmenting the park would help. Serene area on north side overlooking the water. Picnic areas with benches where the playground currently exists.

It would be nice if there were restrooms up top as well for handicap and young kids especially.

This is a community park, not an amusement Park or a tourist attraction. It is heavily used by the people who live around it, and heavily used by various events that utilize the setting.

Additional swings for children

bigger playground, more tables

it's not broken - just needs some TLC and maintenance and judicious use of heavy equipment/traffic occurring from events

Newer playground

there is a wonderful open air artist gallery in Hyannis Cape Cod that would suit this area perfectly. it would support the trying-to-strive artist community, drive tourism to h d g, and earn rental income for the town as well. the shanties that house the local artists are easy and inexpensive to construct. see <http://hyartsdistrict.com/visual-arts/art-shanties> for some information, and i have some pix from my last visit if you are interested in viewing them. i think this would be a wonderful project for h d g, and i would love to be of assistance in any way. jessica kaley, 732-673-2684

Let this place remain simple - remember all the fun we had making our own fun! I sent a photo to Phil Powell showing him some old Dutch circles that I used to help my grandfather plant, when he was mayor in the 1950s. They were beautiful in the spring. A water fountain might be cool...a few flowering gardens....but don't ruin the park! And I would not touch that hillside parking the boaters fill up each year!! Hunting, crabbing, boating, and fishing is great for our town. Put your efforts in to getting the Martha and other water related activities going again.

I would like to see sidewalks along the road.

Utilize the entire area....the parking area and end of park near big evergreens is underused. Wasted space right now.

Update and repair the playground!

Restrooms need to be at the playground/ picnic area. You have to go down to the promenade to use them. If you have several children you have to stop them all from playing and head down to the restrooms.

Besch with swimming

If infrastructure of that means fixing the playground as needed.

The beautiful lamps that light the promenade need a serious cleaning💎💎 They are

nasty

Put a dog park in on the Chesapeake drive side of the park in the trees on top of the hill. There are a lot of dogs in town that would greatly benefit from this as well as the town businesses

Repair the existing paths and remove the surface roots to eliminate tripping hazards.

Add flower beds and more paths.

It may need a lot of things....but it certainly is not "fine as it is". It's a beautiful park that looks to be very neglected. It needs help. In many areas.

It needs lots of improvements. I love the park, but it seems dated and worn out.

stop the events that take up the whole park and leave it a trampled mess

Improve parking area with more permeable surface. Safe walkways around playground,

Update rest rooms that are down the hill...do not build more especially up in the park ...a water fountain near playground where it is now for the children

More play equipment

If the city would properly maintain the parks and open spaces they already have there would be no need for any change. Why would you upgrade anything when it I apparent you can't take care of what you have.

Again, we enjoy the small Friday night concerts. We do not want to see the park become an adult concert venue. Nor should family access be limited by festivals every weekend.

I love this park as it is

Nothing. Leave it ALONE.

restrooms could use an upgrade , as far as keeping cleaner.

We have awards and accolades as one of the BEST small towns- not only in MD- but in the US. That came as a result of many years of hard hard work from previous administrations. Don't ruin it all because of some political need to be recognized or with trying to turn HdeG into some yuppie Longwood Gardens for tourists. Our park if for US.

Keep it as natural as possible.

See comment above.

add attractionsespecially for couples

The town needs a dog park -- there is no place for dogs to go and socialize.

Landscaping is nice and the facilities are usually clean. Fine as is.

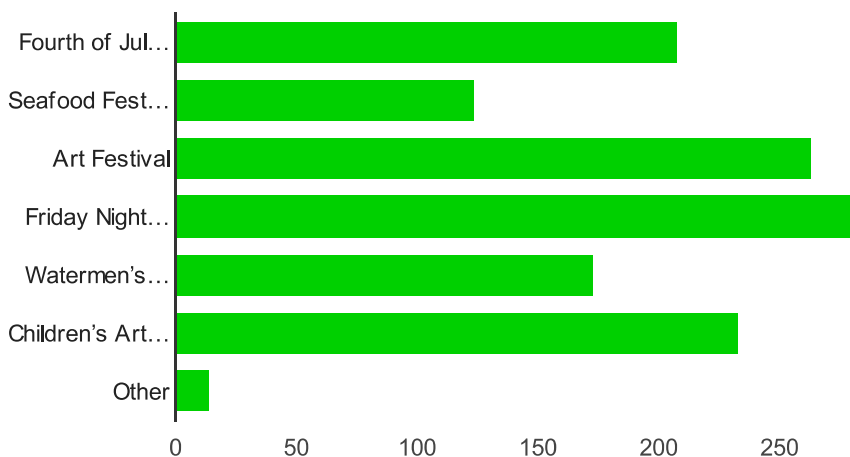
Replace the sidewalk installed by the previous administration with something that is actually wheelchair accesible.

Glad improvements are being considered. It really is a wonderful park. Wish dogs were allowed on boardwalk. Restrooms are nice, convenient, and kept clean for the most part.

My daughter is in a wheelchair, so moving from the playground area to the promenade is challenging. Would be nice to have a path between the sections.

Adding some water fountains and facilities as noted in earlier question would be great. The landscaping could be improved for sure, and the area where many vehicles are parked during boating season could be transformed into additional picnic areas. The playground should be relocated and the central area of the park should be landscaped. The gazebo is perhaps not in the best location, though concerts in the park and memorial day events are well attended and seating (folding chairs/blankets) for several hundred has never been an issue.

9. What events would you like to see continued in the park?



Fourth of July Carnival	208	66.9%
Seafood Festival	124	39.9%
Art Festival	263	84.6%
Friday Night Concerts in June and July	282	90.7%
Watermen's Festival	173	55.6%
Children's Art Festival	233	74.9%
Other	14	4.5%

Comments

Maybe the seafood festival if it wasn't garbage and run by a pedophile
 I have no problem with the current events being held in the park. Would prefer they not be every weekend so open / public use of the parks would still be available. Please do not turn them into exclusive event venues but rather keep them as parks where events can be held.

Increase concerts through August. Keep the Memorial Day and Veterans Day recognitions. Get rid of the Seafood Festival - not a true "seafood" festival anyway - seems more like carnival type fare for the most part.

And should be limited to just a few more to keep them special.

keep 4th of July fireworks and concert at park!

We will not support anything that has to do with the Maslins, we will not put our hard earned money in his pockets or his wives, or support anyone who doesn't have our childrens best interest. You need to protect our children! We realize that things bring money in here to our city, but you can do that without having anything to do from them.

keep Fireworks at park / island area.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

Sea food festival sells alcohol

Possibly move the carnival to the new park area near Lighthouse?

All are definite sources of tourism.

ALL OF THEM!!!! Again why would you want to downgrade the reasons why people visit or choose to live in HdG??? Its not like people are lining up at the door to live here so we need to keep or improve the situation not take away.

I think all of these are wonderful events to draw tourists to the community,

All of these should and have a right to be held in the Park. This park belongs to All the citizens of Havre de Grace and thus should be used for these activities.

Seafood festival without Maslins. More local restaurants and fare and benefits town. Run by unbiased parties, non-profit or the city

NO seafood festival!

We love the music in the parks. I wish the 4th of July carnival was a little more reasonably priced for families and ALL events need to be smoke free.

I would like to see a better Seafood Festival...something more genuine, and not just a bunch of fried food vendors. I I absolutely don't want the seafood festival if it continues to be run by the same people. I like the idea of the Fourth of July carnival, but I think it would be better in a different location, like by the middle school or something. It's kind of an eyesore to be honest.

The Seafood Festival should be discontinued or run by the city. We don't need a convicted sex offender running a tourist event.

I think most of these events would be better in a more isolated, insulated site. The city already owns one oriented around the Lighthouse. Let's name that area Festival Park and use it for many of the activities that currently irritate the various neighborhoods near them. The ice rink supposedly coming would be appropriate in the parking lot at the marina near the restrooms. That area is not used that time of year, the restrooms are heated and would be convenient and it would be sheltered from the prevalent North wind.

More importantly, there is a little bit of regular traffic that will keep the area a little less isolated and less likely to harbor incidents.

These (or most of them anyway) are a staple of what Havre de Grace is, and, they need to be left alone as long as they are run properly.

What about the vehicles with the trailers parking in the park and on top of the hill.

I know that the City does not run the seafood festival, but I'm not sure how a bunch of traveling fried food trucks highlight the local seafood harvest. I've always thought that the best food at the festival was from the local establishments set up in the seafood festival, but I've been noticing that they've been participating less in recent years. Maybe this event could be re-booted into more of a music festival with seafood, like the Shindig down in Baltimore. Some name acts during the day would be nice.

Those events that don't ruin the lawns should continue. It isn't a food truck court.

Any other festival that would improve HdG image in Md.

and other low impact events

PLEASE do not bring back the SeaFood Fest run by the Maslins.

The seafood festival would be okay, if run by a new group, and was not all fried food.

the art festival is the only event i attend regularly, as i am an art business coach. i didn't think much of the seafood festival the one time i attended, and i am afraid of trying the concerts because of parking concerns. if parking is not an issue, i would highly recommend advertising this feature of the concerts.

I would like to see a real seafood festival! The food is terrible! I would not go to eat there. And I certainly would NOT let Chuck Maslin anywhere near that park!!! Not only does he still chase children...he has a history of having sex with horses....as some of us knew him as a teen! This man is not right and has never been right. Just last year he took a friends of mine's son on the road and the kid had to lock himself in the hotel room bathroom and text for help! He had just turned 18 - but sick sick sick....do not renew his application!!! It is bad publicity and we don't need this!

no more seafood festival please!!!

The seafood festival is nothing but fried off Sysco trucks , fried food in August smells bad tastes bad and is a joke if fresh locally caught and harvested foods are not used , grilled , steamed or baked it's just tacky fried crap from a frozen bag

We are not big festival goers but I am glad that we have the space and ability to have these festivals in HdG

Blessing of the pets continued.

Beach

Big festivals can be relocated to the old Gamatoria property

The park is a scenic and centrally located venue for citizens of Havre de Grace, including those who do or do not have personal transportation. It's walkable from senior housing and condos in the central part of town. The gazebo and veterans' memorial are

historically significant. Despite inevitable abuse from event traffic, the grass revives and the trees survive. Informal, heartwarming events take place almost every week - birthday celebrations, weddings, family reunions. A few balloons, along with gazebo and picnic tables are all these families need.

The location of these events is what makes the events, and Havre de Grace special.

Fourth of July Carnival - Supposed to be for CHILDREN. Earlier hours and end earlier in PM's. Consider families with multi-age children

Additional community events would be good here. Also, 4th of July fireworks should be either on the island or on a barge located near the island or Concord Point so people on both sides of town can view them. This year's were impossible to see from the south side of town.

Seafood Festival run by the Maslins should be discontinued. It's not appropriate to have an event run by a convicted pedophile condoned by the City and for the City to grant him a permit that allows him to make so much money off unknowing attendees that he can buy yet another vehicle to attract innocent children.. A Seafood Festival could easily be run by another City organization where there would be more financial oversight and accountability. Why are we allowing this person to use our City property for his own financial gain?

No more seafood festival run by maslins

I think the BIG events like carnival and seafood festival rip up the park from the heavy equipment.

It's a great place for events. But the city should consider using some of the other parks for big events too.

Carnival would be good move but where? Use to have them on Warren St. By railroad station

Get rid of Seafood Festival

None

srafood festival needs to go

All and every one.

Limiting family access to the playground and picnic facilities is unfair. Move the festival's to concord park, lockhouse, or Hutchins Park.

Seafood Fest is not reflective of MD. It's greasy, smelly and carnival like. Needs reworked. How about something reflective of real waterman. The carnival food trucks should not be allowed nor Malin should not be working in the park. 4th of July carnival is fine for weekend festivities but does not need to go on all week. It draws the wrong crowd to something they should not spend their money on. We have a list of vandal activities at our home and neighborhood during that week. Mostly the people from Bloomsbury neighborhood walking through ours.

Wine tasting festival, movies in the park on a big screen

I like to visit them all.

I enjoy the Fourth of July events, except for the carnival. I have felt for years that the carnival is the worst thing that we have annually. It is a ripoff for parents...too expensive, especially if one has more than one child. I took my granddaughter when she was 6 yrs. old. Police had to close it down because of a fight. She has never wanted to return & she is now 17. Violence occurs almost every year! Also, the carnival has live animal prizes, of which I do not approve. Kids take them home, where most die.

More events for children.

NO MORE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

I like the Seafood festival, but do not like that it usually competes with the BBQ Festival in Bel Air. My only suggestion would be a slight change of date. I don't really understand the need for a big concert at the Seafood festival. I've never attended one of those. I am unaware of the Watermen's festival, so I can't offer an opinion

Love the fourth of July and Friday night concerts

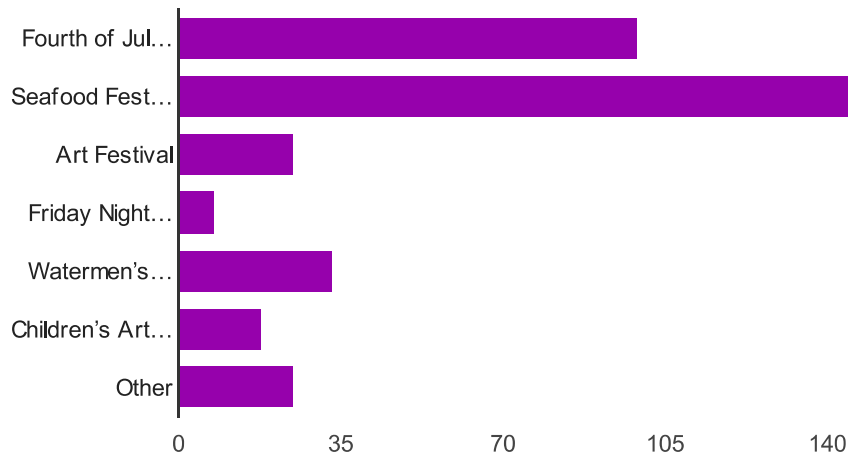
I think the festivals destroy the grass and the peace of the park.

Would love a "revamped" Seafood Festival. The old one was just a food truck park that has a bad reputation. We need a new one- maybe a crustacean festival.....

Build permanent concert pavilion, on park island.

Have never attended concerts. If they are performed on first frdays, recommend moved to downtown for first Fridays

10. What events would you like to see relocated?



Fourth of July Carnival	99	43.8%
Seafood Festival	147	65%
Art Festival	25	11.1%
Friday Night Concerts in June and July	8	3.5%
Watermen's Festival	33	14.6%

Children's Art Festival	18	8%
Other	25	11.1%

Comments

None

Seafood festival should be discontinued. I don't see a benefit to the city. Carnival would have more room somewhere else but has never been a problem to those of us who live close to the park.

N/A

IT IS THE CENTRAL LOCATION OF OUR TOWN -

I feel events should be spread out between Tydings Park and the newly purchased space near Concord Point. This would better balance the wear and tear on the parks generated by some of the larger events. Once July hits Tydings Park hosts several large events in a row which kills most of the grass and damages much of the surrounding landscaping.

Saddly the seefood festival has out grown the park and stresses that whole end of town.

Limit number of days of July Carnival - it seems to ruin the park grounds every year. Use Hutchins park for Waterman's Festival and Children's Art Festival.

Would like to see these held downtown, to bring people to downtown businesses.

While I enjoy the concerts in the park at the Tydings Park...and really do not want to see them move, I feel as if maybe a lesser used park would be better for a stage, such as the David Craig Park.

I'd like to see festivals moved downtown to allow business more customers. Right now people go to the festivals and don't come to the shopping district. At least the majority don't.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

Unless some other groups have revolving control and let the money stay in Havre de Grace charities. And no alcohol.

Leave the park for picnic and playground use, move the events to the new open park on the newly purchased Gamatoria property that is wide open.

If the town isn't benefiting from the money then the name and the location need to be changed. Would love to know the cost of shutting the streets down this year and all the city worker and police help.

Discontinue connection to seafood festival under current management

Eliminate Seafood festival all together

The city has done a commendable job with the noise issue at the carnival but again I think the carnival is harmful to the park's trees and grass.

Won't participate if run by a pedophile

None....The park should not just be an an open, grassy, silent area as some have suggested. These activities make Havre de Grace the great, interesting place to live and visit that it is. Volunteers have spent millions of unpaid hours to make these events happen and the public has a right to have these activities.

A convicted child molester has no business being any where near children.

Like I said previously, I think the carnival would be better off in a different location. The Seafood Festival would be better in Hutchins Park, but only if you find someone else to run it.

The Seafood Festival has no business running in a children's park, or catering to children in any way.

Could the carnival move to the middle school area? It seems to have outgrown the park. get rid of the Seafood Festival for good!

Parking, traffic, and congestion is concerning during big events and festivals. During huge events, it is very difficult for Havre de Grace citizens who live near the park to park near their own homes. Perhaps you could develop a plan for residents so they can go to work and still find a parking spot when returning home during events like the 4th of July festivities.

see above

Nothing should be changed

None. I believe the park should be used as much as possible, Why not focus on the new park next to the lighthouse. That could be the diamond in the rough and get some attention, from visitors.

The park is a perfect spot for these events. Not too many that is a burden on HdG but enough to build a family traditions attending a few GOOD events. I understand there is a lot of negative discussion about the individual who runs the seafood festival. This needs to be reviewed and put to rest by either clearing the air or admmiting the talk is correct and not allow the Sea Food Festival to take place in our city

They are all fine, I would just suggest that the boat ramp is left open during the 4th of July Carnival. However, I did select them all, because I feel that the city should encourage some festivals at Concord Point. This seems like an under-utilized area that still has amazing views of the river/bay to highlight HdG's waterfront. While we're at it, why not plant some trees in that large, open, grassed space in Concord point? Maybe string up some hammocks? Sounds like a plan to me.

Only those festivals which benefit Havre De Grace should be allowed on city property. Asset festival should be moved to old Gamatoria property and adjoining area. Close by parking aft maritime museum lot would be a plus.

As long as any large events are there grass will suffer and a sprinkler system is a waste of water either way.

The two noted events are the major stressors for the park. They render the park unusable

to the public for 3-5 days. The events have become far too large for the venue. They belong in a Fairgrounds atmosphere. Tydings is a quaint People's Park -- not a Fairgrounds.

Waterman's Festival relocated to area of Decoy & Maritime Museum

Either relocated or continued by another committee. Most families and residents don't realize the event is "owned" and run in part by a convicted pedophile. I will never patronize a business run by the Maslins.

Relocate Oktoberfest get rid of the Seafood festival.

The food was lacking for the Seafood Festival this year. All fried, frozen seafood. I wish there would have been more local seafood vendors in attendance... Authentic fresh food!

Can the fireworks be set off by the lighthouse?

I would not move any of them. Not sure why anyone would want to accept maybe the Watermen's Festival - didn't know we had one...are you referred to the Decoy Shows? Don't take away the concerts and 4th celebration....not a good idea at all!!!!

No more seafood festival!!!

None. The park is where all the events belong

I am concerned about over use of the park and the potential for damaging the grass. My favorite part of the park is the grass. I would like to see the Duck Drop relocated to the park... or by the lighthouse. I think it would make it a bigger draw.

Maslin doesn't need to be near a kids playground nor do his kid magnet trucks

Lets relocate the seafood fest run by the Maslins out of town!

Beach

The people in charge have no business near children.

Hoping for a new venue north of railroad bridge.

Seafood festival needs to be eliminated

Put it at the school instead

I don't want to see ANY of these events relocated.

all of things are signature events that make the City of Havre de Grace what it is. This is why it is listed in many publications as the one of Americas best small cities.

Please please please move the 7/4 festival but keep the fireworks over the marina! Last years fireworks out on the barge were VERY disappointing.

(1) do not block off streets - use the park for space (2) to use other City Park where there is more parking access. Fireworks on Barge

The carnival has become nothing but an attraction for less than desirable people including the employees of the carnival vendor.

Relocate the Maslin's Seafood Festival to another city or state.

Move it to the middle school and ban the wannabe thugs and wannabe gangs.

The size and intensity of foot traffic detrimental to health of the park grass, trees etc

seafood festival needs to be relocated in its current format. if the concert continues to be a part of the festival then it needs to be held at another location

Be great if the carnival could be moved...they use to be on Warren St. Near where the railroad station was...but people are use to it at park. The Seafood Festival turned into more of a craft show....with all of it there maybe it could be moved to another park or down by Lock House

Out of town

None!

Seafood festival aside from the controversial owners, is not a good festival, bad seafood. Get completely rid of the seafood festival. It's a food truck festival, bad food, and doesn't benefit our town.

Revamp Seafood Shorten duration 4th carnival

Everything is at OUR Park just like it SHOULD be

None of them.

The Seafood Festival is run by a pedophile and NO money is contributed to local charities. The Seafood Festival (or any other activity involving the pedophile) should no longer be permitted in Havre de Grace. Including the Snocone Mobile and the Crab truck. All those attractions need to stay at Tydings. The park is centrally located and provides a great escape for peace and tranquility. Not all citizens of HdeG have transportation and having the carnival, festivals and concerts at this location is within walking distance and gives everyone the opportunity to see the city from a different view.

I would not like to see any relocated, but would like no carnival at all.

Make a place near the lighthouse for the concerts.

No opinion.

No need to move anything in my opinion. If the Oktoberfest continues & becomes more successful; I would even recommend having that at the park!

None...leave them there

all are ok with me

move to the rec center where children would be less likely to be involved

Festivals can be run downtown like first Fridays with concerts at the light house. Or on all that undeveloped land at the south end.

I do think the park ground need a break after the 4th of July. The grass gets killed so easily. Maybe if there was a way to keep the park pretty and alive during these events.

Not sure. Why mess with a good thing?

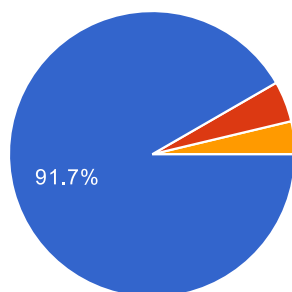
What is wrong with the way it is?

I think the carnival and seafood festival are too big for the park

The issue with the sponsor does concern me, considering I have small children. I would like to see it revamped to include more local businesses and less pre-packaged items

Events have capitalized on the venue and become real draw to the city. That said, the seafood festival has become a bit of a zoo and needed to be reigned in - or shut down. The Fourth of July Carnival would serve the city better in a different location closer to city center, perhaps opposite Price's Seafood, then those viewing fireworks from Tydings Park won't be annoyed by crowds milling about the carnival.

11. Do you feel that open, undeveloped, and flexible use space is beneficial to Havre de Grace?



Yes	298	91.7%
No	15	4.6%
Other	12	3.7%

Comments

Not 100% sure what that is but open undeveloped space in a city is always good

The park should remain as a destination for families to picnic and play in. It should not become a venue for festivals and other events that push out the families.

Absolutely.

This seems like a leading question. Why wouldn't someone say "yes"?

I feel people that have lived here all our lives are missing out.. we don't get to enjoy the water like we did when we were kids .. because of all the condos being built... you have to go to one end of town or the other or to save a lot pier.. just to enjoy it... it's not fair to the people that have lived here for over 40 years to get told you can't be down here by certain areas of the water... private property signs everywhere

WE SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT PENN'S BEACH MARINA AND REBUILT THE BEACH.

I think this is what makes out park great :)

Only when it doesn't affect us. You have to remember to support your citizens and their properties, when having Concerts (meaning big named Stars & Bands), Festivals, because we have to put up with the noise, people trying to park on our properties, our lawns, their trash onto our properties. You have to remember we put you in office to Support Us and Our Needs First ! We should always be made aware of things you want to do in our fine little town first, just don't do it and then ask what we think.

having open space is always good for small events or for use by public. once lost it is difficult and expensive to regain.

Leave the Park alone. If you want to improve it, stop letting the carnival and seafood festival use it.

However, with all of the money spent in the recent times on purchases and additional parks like the one behind Citizens, enough is enough

Having said that, it would be nice for the city to have a location with tennis/pickleball courts for sports for adults.

Even developed space can have the appearance of openness while serving the public in a diverse manner.

Absolutely! People crave quiet and a view of the sky.

I think that families with no outdoor space really enjoy the park.

Who decides on flexible use? Open space still should have a purpose. Citizens need places to relax, meditate, communicate. In the area near the water there are many apartment buildings and I'm sure these folks love to get out to enjoy the environment but need to have safe places to walk and sit.

No. Tydings Park has plenty of unimproved space as we have huge carnivals there. As does the Concord Point and North Park/Lockhouse area. If we have waterfront we need to make it useful for people to enjoy the water. That is, afterall, why people come to HdG.

This is an ambiguous question in that you don't say where. Of course open space is necessary but undeveloped means just that....NO development what-so-ever and that is not practical. The park is currently flexible as evidenced by the list of activities mentioned above. Tydings Park has functioned well for my lifetime and I would hate to see its use limited by the wishes of a very few.

Oh Absolutely- that's what makes Havre de grace special is access to the waterviews for everyone to enjoy.

open space without ENTERTAINMENT is good for the soul. Let people enjoy the peace and water views

See my comments above

Sometimes each of those characteristics are good, but hardly ever all at once. For the Joe K area undeveloped works. For Tydings Park it would be open and flexible. For the Lighthouse area it would be open and developed in such a way as to accommodate and be attractive to larger scale events and activities that are objectionable in other areas.

We wouldn't need to build an amphitheater because we can use that open space for concerts and performances. Let's create a space that people can use and enjoy everyday. Open grassy space for families to play ball, catch, frisbee, kite flying, etc. are needed in this area of Havre de Grace. You could even add neat tables with spaces for games like checkers, chess, or tic-tac-toe. It would be nice to provide a place for Havre de Grace citizens to enjoy time together.

Open spaces lets both children and adults use their imaginations how how, what and when to use the open space for activities for themselves. Everything does not have to be structured and changed for the benefit of a few

YES! Please don't build town homes on Tydings park! A thought on the next page, there's no column for zero children. Also, it might be useful to ask if people doing the survey live down town or "up on the hill".

Tydings park is the only shaded park too. Keep it for families.

Yes, BUT..... We are rapidly reaching the point where we have enough dedicated waterfront park area. Parks can bring in only so many people to HdG. We have to start thinking of some types of businesses/shops/restaurants for the next open space possibilities that arise (think Water Street).

HdG City Council should improve and develop the waterfront along the Susquehanna with parks and some additional restaurants.

this is a no brainer BUT I think Tydings Park was meant to be a place for HDG citizens to enjoy as a fairly "natural" amenity and not as a "commercial" use facility

I feel it is more important than anything else in this city to maintain open space to view the river's edge. I also think we need a swimming pool on the water's edge. it could serve as a double purpose of teaching water safety like the junior lifeguard programs they have along California's coastline. Every child is able to take swimming lessons so they understand the dangers of the river. Added benefit - No more drownings and the kids have something to do. Maybe with a water park element!

It's beneficial to everyone everywhere. I think people are more attracted to open, undeveloped space than to more attractions. It is what is vitally needed and quickly disappearing.

First, I feel it is important for everyone in the community to have access to enjoy our shoreline. One of the things that brings the community together is our ability to use public spaces in a variety of ways. Open, undeveloped and flexible use space will allow Havre de Grace to meet the needs of our community as we grow into the future. Preserve the open space please!

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have this around the lighthouse and somewhat in Tydings park. However, there is space to add to the park and this could be more permanent structures.

Paths and benches, yes. Completely undeveloped in a city owned park? No.

Swimming with beach would so enhance the town.

There has been some talk of the playground being relocated to an area not as visible from the road. From a safety standpoint, it needs to stay in a very visible location.

Absolutely. Designating an areas limits its potential. People can bring their own tables and have a picnic. We need a dog park

Open, undeveloped and flexible use space is beneficial IF permitted to be used by the citizens of HdG,k e.g., the recent purchase of the Gamatoria property to expand the light house park.

Absolutley

Perhaps a couple more food vendors. More bicycle parking places.

Open space, once developed, is almost impossible to reclaim.

I believe public access to the water front is crucial as it seems in the past we squandered away prime water front property to greedy developers, such as the old Penns Beach property.

Need more information as to what is meant by this Overall, I find this survey could have been better prepared and worded to gather maximum information.

The open spaces that allow water views and walking along the waterfront are draws to the city. This has to be balanced with appropriate development. It would be beneficial to have a decent wedding venue (ie, Chesapeake City wedding tent next to Shaffers canal house). Would also like to see a useable pier where boats can dock and have easy access to restaurants (ie, Lee's Landing and Chesapeake City style).

I think spaces like Tydings park are essential to a strong community that appreciates nature and the waterfront that is special to so many.

This park is so widely and well used. We see people there at all times of the day. The facility is very important to the quality of life for many.

It depends on whether it is available to all or just the select few

We need to preserve what we can....N o more building over 3 stories!!! NO CONDO'S!!!!!!

If the space is utilized, not just to have it sit unused.

If we lose the waterfront the meaning of Havre de Grace changes

Yes, yes, yes. Flying kites, playing kids games, etc. As well as festivals, and organized events.

Keep truck/boat parking, keep playground near parents...like it is.

People like a place to come to, to read, write, or just connect with someone. Quiet, peaceful, people need that

I do not approve of any additional development!

Depends on where it's located. That is too open-ended a question.

We have sold our souls to the developers. There is not enough access to the river.

I grew up in Aberdeen. It is an ugly town!! They have one park that is under utilized and no one plans a day-trip to Aberdeen! Havre de Grace is a town to be proud of, because of the fact that we cherish our history, we have such great events throughout the year, AND...because of our open, undeveloped, and flexible spaces!! I recently introduced Havre de Grace to a friend from Perry Hall. He was enthralled. It was just an ordinary Sunday in November, but he can't wait to come back again! Trust me...we don't need to make many changes. We need to support the businesses that open here! And, we need to work harder for the new school!!

Not sure

The city has built so many houses along the waterfront that folks who have grown up in the town can no longer see the waterfront. At least at the park, there is an unhindered

view of the water. Please leave some open space for the kids to enjoy the magnificent view.

The town needs a dog park -- there is no place for dogs to go and socialize.

It's beneficial all over Harford county. Creatures of nature need undeveloped land as well as do the farmers. We don't need some building or business taking up space.

Flexible use space is desirable; we probably have sufficient restricted open space. The use of some open space, such as the former Gamatoria property, could be a great location to provide amenities consistent with the waterfront and downtown district and to serve as an anchor for the promenade. Small shops, cultural retail, galleries, boutique cafes, etc. provide a reason to visit, for both residents and tourists, and to walk the entire length of the promenade. Design could include unrestricted access and views of the water and perhaps unique "redevelopment district" regulations or franchise agreements to achieve desired goals and maintain land use control for the City.

Makes the city of have de grace so nice

Not sure. I like it developed as needed.

It's unfortunate to have abandoned buildings that block the view of the water and not enough parking.

Not if it means getting rid of the current facilities; they seem to be well used, and the gazebo is especially attractive. If you can work around them, flexibility would be nice.

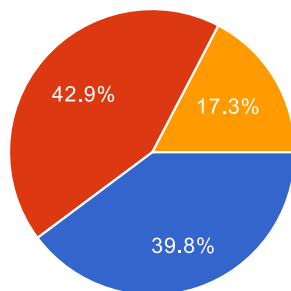
Yes that is what we have- along with a good hill that generations have been using.

I think it is essential for quality of life

Love the Lock House area and the trails along the river. However, either develop the park across from Price's Seafood (as the fading sign on the fence suggests), or build a water park in that area. A water park would be a tremendous draw for the city in warm weather months, and a sound investment as a water park in a flood zone can be quickly cleaned and returned to an operational status should the area be ravaged by a storm.

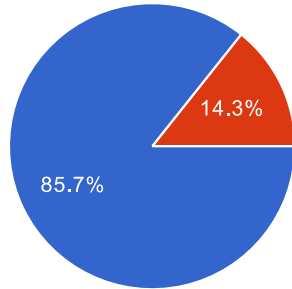
Added/overflow parking in that area would also be a plus.

12. How many people are in your household?



1 -2	140	39.8%
3 -4	151	42.9%
5 or more	61	17.3%

13. How many children under 10 live in your household?



1 - 2	144	85.7%
3 - 4	24	14.3%
5 or more	0	0%

