

Appendix

Public Input Survey Results

1. Please indicate how often you or any member of your family participated in the following activities during the past year (from January 2009 to December 2009):

Item	Daily	Once a week	A few times per week	Once a month	A few times per month	A few times per year	Once a year	Total
Softball	7.0% 9	9.4% 12	23.4% 30	0.8% 1	10.2% 13	24.2% 31	25.0% 32	128
Baseball/Tee Ball	11.9% 20	8.3% 14	38.7% 65	3.0% 5	4.2% 7	14.9% 25	19.0% 32	168
Basketball	12.8% 24	13.3% 25	36.2% 68	2.7% 5	10.6% 20	11.2% 21	13.3% 25	188
Racquetball		4.4% 2	13.3% 6	4.4% 2		13.3% 6	64.4% 29	45
Day/Summer Camp	11.0% 11	5.0% 5	5.0% 5	2.0% 2	5.0% 5	37.0% 37	35.0% 35	100
Volleyball	3.6% 3	9.5% 8	13.1% 11	3.6% 3	8.3% 7	33.3% 28	28.6% 24	84
Fishing Tournaments	2.2% 2	5.4% 5	2.2% 2	6.5% 6	2.2% 2	47.3% 44	34.4% 32	93
Aerobics/Exercise	23.1% 37	11.3% 18	40.0% 64	5.0% 8	8.1% 13	6.9% 11	5.6% 9	160
Tennis	3.0% 3	8.1% 8	16.2% 16	9.1% 9	12.1% 12	32.3% 32	19.2% 19	99
Cooking Classes	1.6% 1	4.7% 3	4.7% 3	4.7% 3	3.1% 2	32.8% 21	48.4% 31	64
Tetherball		2.8% 1	8.3% 3	5.6% 2	2.8% 1	19.4% 7	61.1% 22	36
Photography	8.3% 10	15.8% 19	28.3% 34	9.2% 11	16.7% 20	10.0% 12	11.7% 14	120
Surfing	1.1% 1	8.8% 8	11.0% 10	8.8% 8	13.2% 12	34.1% 31	23.1% 21	91
Disc Golf	4.5%	2.3%	6.8%	4.5%	4.5%	20.5%	56.8%	44

	2	1	3	2	2	9	25	
Ballet		28.9% 11	7.9% 3		5.3% 2	7.9% 3	50.0% 19	38
Yoga	9.0% 6	17.9% 12	17.9% 12	6.0% 4	11.9% 8	13.4% 9	23.9% 16	67
Bike Races	5.3% 3	3.5% 2	8.8% 5	8.8% 5	10.5% 6	24.6% 14	38.6% 22	57
Water Skiing	1.7% 1	5.2% 3	5.2% 3	6.9% 4	20.7% 12	32.8% 19	27.6% 16	58
Canoeing/Kayaking	1.0% 1	5.8% 6	11.7% 12	5.8% 6	20.4% 21	40.8% 42	14.6% 15	103
Marathon	2.4% 1		2.4% 1			26.8% 11	68.3% 28	41
Art Classes	7.1% 5	18.6% 13	12.9% 9	2.9% 2	10.0% 7	18.6% 13	30.0% 21	70
Nature Hikes	3.0% 4	11.9% 16	6.7% 9	15.7% 21	12.7% 17	41.0% 55	9.0% 12	134
Kick Boxing	2.3% 1	9.1% 4	4.5% 2	4.5% 2	13.6% 6	20.5% 9	45.5% 20	44
Camping	1.5% 2		2.2% 3	10.4% 14	7.4% 10	58.5% 79	20.0% 27	135
Gymnastics	2.3% 1	25.6% 11	7.0% 3	2.3% 1	11.6% 5	18.6% 8	32.6% 14	43
Cheerleading	15.3% 9	10.2% 6	33.9% 20		5.1% 3	13.6% 8	22.0% 13	59
Shag Dancing		4.9% 2	4.9% 2	7.3% 3	12.2% 5	36.6% 15	34.1% 14	41
Skateboarding	20.0% 17	7.1% 6	21.2% 18	5.9% 5	12.9% 11	17.6% 15	15.3% 13	85
Bicycling	18.3% 31	10.7% 18	30.8% 52	3.6% 6	17.2% 29	14.2% 24	5.3% 9	169
Dog Obedience Classes	5.7% 3	7.5% 4	7.5% 4	5.7% 3		30.2% 16	43.4% 23	53
Special Olympics		3.0%				24.2%	72.7%	33

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Swimming Lessons	4.1% 3	17.8% 13	11.0% 8	1.4% 1	8.2% 6	31.5% 23	26.0% 19	73
Flag Football	5.1% 4	12.8% 10	33.3% 26	3.8% 3	11.5% 9	15.4% 12	17.9% 14	78
Soccer	5.7% 6	6.6% 7	44.3% 47	3.8% 4	16.0% 17	12.3% 13	11.3% 12	106
Bocce Ball		2.1% 1	8.5% 4	4.3% 2	8.5% 4	42.6% 20	34.0% 16	47
Horseshoes	1.5% 1	4.6% 3	3.1% 2	6.2% 4	10.8% 7	50.8% 33	23.1% 15	65
After School Programs	24.7% 20	7.4% 6	18.5% 15	3.7% 3	11.1% 9	18.5% 15	16.0% 13	81
Rollerblading/Skating	5.8% 4	10.1% 7	14.5% 10	7.2% 5	14.5% 10	30.4% 21	17.4% 12	69
Golf	1.1% 1	9.7% 9	14.0% 13	12.9% 12	10.8% 10	35.5% 33	16.1% 15	93
Martial Arts Classes	7.1% 3	16.7% 7	26.2% 11	2.4% 1	4.8% 2	16.7% 7	26.2% 11	42
Art Show or Festival	0.8% 1	0.8% 1	0.8% 1	5.8% 7		76.0% 92	15.7% 19	121
Family Reunions	0.8% 1			2.3% 3	1.5% 2	36.2% 47	59.2% 77	130
Fishing	3.7% 6	8.5% 14	11.6% 19	13.4% 22	22.0% 36	34.1% 56	6.7% 11	164
Use Fitness Trails	5.7% 6	9.4% 10	14.2% 15	9.4% 10	17.9% 19	30.2% 32	13.2% 14	106
Kite Flying	1.4% 1	2.9% 2	2.9% 2	4.3% 3	7.1% 5	51.4% 36	30.0% 21	70
Water Aerobics	6.8% 3	6.8% 3	11.4% 5	6.8% 3	6.8% 3	22.7% 10	38.6% 17	44
Art/Crafts Classes	1.4% 1	8.1% 6	9.5% 7	5.4% 4	12.2% 9	36.5% 27	27.0% 20	74
Archery	2.2%	4.4%	11.1%	2.2%	15.6%	26.7%	37.8%	45

	1	2	5	1	7	12	17	
Lacrosse	3.3% 1	3.3% 1	10.0% 3	3.3% 1	10.0% 3	20.0% 6	50.0% 15	30
Boating/Sailing	2.3% 3	12.9% 17	18.2% 24	4.5% 6	23.5% 31	28.0% 37	10.6% 14	132
Senior Games			3.7% 1		7.4% 2	25.9% 7	63.0% 17	27
Senior Trips			3.4% 1		6.9% 2	34.5% 10	55.2% 16	29
Frisbee	3.6% 2	1.8% 1	12.7% 7	10.9% 6	9.1% 5	32.7% 18	29.1% 16	55
Attended a Concert		0.7% 1	0.7% 1	7.5% 10	3.7% 5	68.7% 92	18.7% 25	134
Horseback Riding	1.6% 1	6.5% 4	9.7% 6	4.8% 3	8.1% 5	37.1% 23	32.3% 20	62
Visited a Dog Park	3.6% 2	7.1% 4	7.1% 4	12.5% 7	8.9% 5	28.6% 16	32.1% 18	56
Shooting Sports	2.9% 2	5.9% 4	7.4% 5	13.2% 9	23.5% 16	27.9% 19	19.1% 13	68
Pottery Classes			9.5% 4	2.4% 1		26.2% 11	61.9% 26	42
Reading Outdoors	1.8% 2	9.0% 10	29.7% 33	7.2% 8	19.8% 22	23.4% 26	9.0% 10	111
Swimming in a Pool	8.3% 16	6.7% 13	26.9% 52	5.7% 11	17.1% 33	29.5% 57	5.7% 11	193
Walked in a Nature Area	4.4% 8	12.8% 23	11.7% 21	15.6% 28	11.7% 21	38.9% 70	5.0% 9	180
Visited a Greenway	3.7% 2	13.0% 7	3.7% 2	13.0% 7	14.8% 8	24.1% 13	27.8% 15	54
Jogging/Running	16.9% 22	6.9% 9	33.1% 43	7.7% 10	14.6% 19	12.3% 16	8.5% 11	130
Eating Lunch in a Park	0.6% 1	6.0% 10	9.6% 16	14.4% 24	13.2% 22	44.9% 75	11.4% 19	167
Picnicking with Family	0.6% 1	6.3% 10	3.8% 6	13.8% 23	8.8% 14	56.0% 92	10.7% 17	159

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Picnicking with Groups		4.0% 4	3.0% 3	6.9% 7	8.9% 9	60.4% 61	16.8% 17	101
Shuffleboard					8.7% 2	17.4% 4	73.9% 17	23
Bingo	2.2% 1	4.4% 2	2.2% 1	4.4% 2	11.1% 5	33.3% 15	42.2% 19	45
Boy/Girl Scouts	3.7% 3	40.7% 33	14.8% 12	3.7% 3	8.6% 7	12.3% 10	16.0% 13	81
Badminton		4.5% 2	2.3% 1	4.5% 2	13.6% 6	34.1% 15	40.9% 18	44
Bowling	1.4% 2	4.9% 7	2.1% 3	9.1% 13	10.5% 15	60.8% 87	11.2% 16	143
Billiards	2.5% 2	1.3% 1	5.1% 4	8.9% 7	16.5% 13	48.1% 38	17.7% 14	79
Playing Cards/Games	2.7% 4	11.6% 17	16.4% 24	11.6% 17	26.7% 39	26.7% 39	4.1% 6	146
Playing at a Playground	8.1% 13	8.1% 13	17.5% 28	12.5% 20	30.0% 48	18.1% 29	5.6% 9	160
Bird/Nature Watching	13.1% 11	7.1% 6	10.7% 9	9.5% 8	21.4% 18	25.0% 21	13.1% 11	84
Dance Classes		16.7% 11	10.6% 7	9.1% 6	15.2% 10	16.7% 11	31.8% 21	66
Walking along a Trail	6.2% 10	11.1% 18	13.0% 21	9.9% 16	24.1% 39	29.6% 48	6.2% 10	162
Other	25.0% 9	11.1% 4	2.8% 1	5.6% 2	13.9% 5	8.3% 3	33.3% 12	36
Average %	5.7%	8.4%	14.7%	7.1%	12.3%	30.9%	20.9%	6,857.0

2. Please indicate which of the following activities listed above you would like to see provided by Pender County (check all that apply):

Item	Count	Percent %
Walking Trails	169	55.41%
Basketball	168	55.08%
Playgrounds	163	53.44%
Baseball/Tee Ball	150	49.18%
Nature Areas	147	48.20%
Swimming Pool	146	47.87%
Softball	131	42.95%
Bicycling	127	41.64%
Nature Hikes	126	41.31%
Swimming Lessons	126	41.31%
Day/Summer Camp	116	38.03%
Fitness Trails	115	37.70%
Picnicking Areas for Groups	114	37.38%
After School Programs	113	37.05%
Concerts	109	35.74%
Volleyball	109	35.74%
Tennis	105	34.43%
Camping	102	33.44%
Fishing	102	33.44%
Picnic Areas in a Park	100	32.79%
Picnic Areas for Families	100	32.79%
Aerobics/Exercise	97	31.80%

Jogging/Running	97	31.80%
Areas for Family Reunions	94	30.82%
Soccer	94	30.82%
Dog Parks	87	28.52%
Bowling	86	28.20%
Canoeing/Kayaking	86	28.20%
Flag Football	85	27.87%
Fishing Tournaments	84	27.54%
Art Classes	82	26.89%
Art/Crafts Classes	81	26.56%
Art Show or Festival	77	25.25%
Bird/Nature Watching	77	25.25%
Cooking Classes	77	25.25%
Photography	76	24.92%
Horseback Riding	73	23.93%
Yoga	71	23.28%
Boating/Sailing	70	22.95%
Skateboarding	68	22.30%
Boy/Girl Scouts	66	21.64%
Bike Races	63	20.66%
Dance Classes	63	20.66%
Gymnastics	63	20.66%
Rollerblading/Skating	63	20.66%
Pottery Classes	61	20.00%
Cheerleading	59	19.34%
Dog Obedience Classes	57	18.69%

Martial Arts Classes	56	18.36%
Golf	54	17.70%
Reading Outdoors	54	17.70%
Archery	53	17.38%
Shag Dancing	52	17.05%
Surfing	51	16.72%
Playing Cards/Games	50	16.39%
Greenways	49	16.07%
Shooting Sports	48	15.74%
Bingo	47	15.41%
Special Olympics	47	15.41%
Water Aerobics	46	15.08%
Racquetball	45	14.75%
Kite Flying	44	14.43%
Senior Games	42	13.77%
Disc Golf	40	13.11%
Frisbee	40	13.11%
Horseshoes	39	12.79%
Senior Trips	36	11.80%
Badminton	34	11.15%
Kick Boxing	31	10.16%
Water Skiing	31	10.16%
Marathon	30	9.84%
Ballet	26	8.52%
Billiards	24	7.87%
Bocce Ball	24	7.87%

Lacrosse	23	7.54%
Tetherball	16	5.25%
Shuffleboard	13	4.26%
Football	4	1.31%
Adult education classes	1	0.33%
bike trails	1	0.33%
Chess	1	0.33%
community swimming pool in Burgaw	1	0.33%
electric remote control planes	1	0.33%
Fitness area/ Cardio / Weights	1	0.33%
flying field for hobby planes	1	0.33%
Flying model airplanes	1	0.33%
football, soccer, baseball in Hampstead	1	0.33%
Horseback riding trails	1	0.33%
i would like to see them on the EAST side of the county	1	0.33%
indoor soccer, field hockey, dodgeball	1	0.33%
manmade lake with a walking trail around it	1	0.33%
model airplane flying	1	0.33%
More access for RC Airplanes.	1	0.33%
More public use Tennis Courts	1	0.33%
MOVIE THEATER	1	0.33%
movies in Soundside Park, Surf City	1	0.33%
nature trails for mountain bikes	1	0.33%
Off Road mountain bike trails	1	0.33%
Outdoor fitness class/group	1	0.33%
R/C Model Planes	1	0.33%

Radio Control Aircraft	1	0.33%
rail trails	1	0.33%
RC Plane Classes	1	0.33%
recreation center with pool and gym for community also afterschool boys and girls club	1	0.33%
Recreational center (like YMCA)	1	0.33%
Remote Control Electric Airplane Flying	1	0.33%
scrapbooking and stamping (papercrafts) classes and crops- also youth groups of all different kinds-more parks, including 1 that allows skateboarding and skating. - group trips for seniors and other adults and families, whether they be a bus trip, or carpooling	1	0.33%
Swim Team	1	0.33%
Tennis, Summer Day camp, girl scouts/boy scouts	1	0.33%
theatre	1	0.33%
these activities on east side!	1	0.33%
Topsail High School Fields	1	0.33%
Water access / boat ramps	1	0.33%
We need many improvements in Hampstead near Schools	1	0.33%
Womens Adult Softball League	1	0.33%

3. Have you or members of your household participated in any recreation programs offered within Pender County in the last year (January 2009-December 2009)? If so, indicate by checking all that apply:

Item	Count	Percent %
Topsail Basketball Association	83	39.34%
Topsail Ball Club	75	35.55%
Burgaw Dixie Youth	42	19.91%
East Pender Pop Warner Association	40	18.96%
Port City Soccer Club	40	18.96%
Pender Youth Basketball Association	39	18.48%
Pender Youth Football & Cheerleading Association	38	18.01%
Pender Youth Soccer Association	26	12.32%
Topsail Girls Softball Organization	18	8.53%
Willard Outreach Organization	15	7.11%
Maple Hill Resource Center	13	6.16%
South Pender Pop Warner Association	9	4.27%
Joint Community Development Center	4	1.90%

4. How would you rate the programs that you or any member of your household participated in during the last year?

Item	Count	Percent %
Good	122	54.22%
Excellent	53	23.56%
Fair	44	19.56%
Poor	6	2.67%

5. How often do you or a member of your household visit any park in Pender County?

Item	Count	Percent %
A few times per year	76	24.20%
A few times per week	75	23.89%
A few times per month	52	16.56%
Once a week	37	11.78%
Once a month	35	11.15%
Never	20	6.37%
Once a year	14	4.46%
Daily	5	1.59%

6. How often do you or a member of your household participate in the programs and services provided by Pender County Parks and Recreation?

Item	Count	Percent %
A few times per year	90	29.41%
Never	66	21.57%
A few times per week	56	18.30%
A few times per month	28	9.15%
Once a week	25	8.17%
Once a year	23	7.52%
Once a month	14	4.58%
Daily	4	1.31%

7. In order to generate needed revenue to improve park maintenance and diversify/increase recreation program offerings by Pender County, please indicate ALL options that you would support for increasing funding for parks and recreation:

Item	Count	Percent %
Build more facilities that generate revenue	188	62.46%
Sponsor more tournaments	155	51.50%
Charge non-residents higher fees	131	43.52%
Increase rental fees for park facilities	69	22.92%
Charge an annual park user fee	64	21.26%
Increase program user fees	46	15.28%
Taxes	4	1.33%
impact fees	1	0.33%
% of tax revenue	1	0.33%
advertise current programs more for more participation and usage of existing facilities.	1	0.33%
Annual Summer Fund Raiser and sell food at the park	1	0.33%
Ask for donations from the public	1	0.33%
bond referendum	1	0.33%
BUILD A MOVIE THEATER	1	0.33%
Build a recreational center (YMCA) & charge member fees	1	0.33%
Cash based services at parks to raise money	1	0.33%
Charge small fee per special events .Seniors& students less.	1	0.33%
community pool and indoor basketball charge admission	1	0.33%
community sponsors and grants	1	0.33%
concerts etc	1	0.33%
County employees waste time not working in parks	1	0.33%
Development impact fees	1	0.33%

economy is too bad to charge more for anything	1	0.33%
Encourage tourism via facilities	1	0.33%
Enhanced concessions; Raffles; increased drive for donations	1	0.33%
Fee in leu of open space to fund regional park efforts	1	0.33%
Grants	1	0.33%
Grants, County Budget	1	0.33%
Hampstead would provide funds for parks!	1	0.33%
Have annual/semi-annual fundraisers	1	0.33%
have fund raisers and ask for donations	1	0.33%
i think some program user fees can be raised like maybe the price of a spot or booth at a fair,but i do not think that any program for youth and seniors or using the park should be used.selling drinks and snacks alone can raise lots of revenue.why give that to an outside vendor.we could have a very large fair.pender county fair.bring in lots of rides and game booths from a group that travels. some food vendors could be allowed in with limitations on type of food and how many,but the local groups,schools,fire depts.,churches,would have their own yearly booths.when i lived in pa. in the poconos the county was just like pender,great scools,growing fast,and this fair,called the west end fair in brodheadsville,pa. was so successful. some days the rides were by the ticket,somedays it was ride all day. there were bleachers in a field for concerts,tractor pulls,demolition derbys etc.. this area was used for sports and festivals throughout the rest of the year. the fair also did agriculture,and lasted aprox. 2 weeks	1	0.33%
I'm not aware of any Pender County parks in the eastern part of the County.	1	0.33%
Increase taxes	1	0.33%
increase taxes/ impact fees!	1	0.33%
Let Topsail keep and use more of its Tax money!	1	0.33%
NEED BADLY - INDOOR BASKETBALL FACILITIES	1	0.33%
NO TAX INCREASES	1	0.33%
none get out of recreation business not a government function	1	0.33%
NOT SURE	1	0.33%
not sure how you charge groups like coastal soccer and Pop warner FB	1	0.33%
PARKING FEE	1	0.33%

Provide more facilites for Pop Warner Activities so you can get in on the annual user fee.	1	0.33%
R/C model Airplanes	1	0.33%
reallocate tax revenues	1	0.33%
reduce spenditures applies for below also	1	0.33%
see more fundraising events in community and businesses	1	0.33%
SEEK CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS	1	0.33%
Sponosr MORE concerts	1	0.33%
sponsor concert for local music groups and charge a fee	1	0.33%
Sponsor football programs on Topsail side and charge	1	0.33%
Such as concessions at the beach to generate revenue as in Onslow Co.	1	0.33%
Taxes Already TOO HIGH!!!! We need some who knows how to handle money properly and stop nickle and diming the people to death	1	0.33%
whatever other counties do; this is the only location that I have lived (4 states) that has such a non-existant park and rec; never had to pay to use any other parks and recs in other states....	1	0.33%

8. Please indicate your top choice for funding needed park renovations, new park development, and other capital improvements:

Item	Count	Percent %
Impose impact fees (paid by developers for impacts brought by new construction)	157	55.28%
Borrow money to make necessary improvements and pay back over a 20- or 25- year period	109	38.38%
Increase property tax to fund parks and recreation operations and maintenance	18	6.34%

9. Please check all the ways that you learn about parks and recreation programs in Pender County.

Item	Count	Percent %
Friends/Neighbors	211	68.06%
Newspaper	161	51.94%
Flyers/Brochures	119	38.39%
Website	89	28.71%
Banners	72	23.23%
Parks and Recreation Staff	46	14.84%
Radio	44	14.19%
Program Guide	34	10.97%
school	4	1.29%
Schools	4	1.29%
public school	2	0.65%
i try to involve my kids in all sports thats in season to keep them busy	1	0.32%
school	1	0.32%
about the only things i really hear about is fesivals on the news or papers and i get emails or snailmails on the sports my sons have been involved in over the years. a lot of things,i don't hear about until it's too late	1	0.32%
all above	1	0.32%
Coaches at Topsail High and Pop Warner Associates	1	0.32%
Don't usually find info on website	1	0.32%
family members living In Pender Cty.	1	0.32%
From friends	1	0.32%
I have not heard of anything they offer	1	0.32%
I have only heard about the Kiwanis Park	1	0.32%
I'm not certain we have programs in Hampstead	1	0.32%

Kiwanis	1	0.32%
Library	1	0.32%
my kids	1	0.32%
news media	1	0.32%
NONE - do we have any programs????	1	0.32%
none--we live on the East side of the county	1	0.32%
Not really applicable for Hampstead	1	0.32%
PC Parks is not visable at all.	1	0.32%
Pender County only focuses on Burgaw!	1	0.32%
recreation programs	1	0.32%
school newsletters	1	0.32%
sons been playing for 10 years	1	0.32%
they need more visibility, don't know how to find out about programs	1	0.32%
Topsail Electric Flyers Ass.	1	0.32%
Topsail Schools	1	0.32%
TV	1	0.32%
was not aware of any parks or rec in Pender	1	0.32%
word of mouth	1	0.32%
Word of mouth while at events	1	0.32%

10. How would you prefer to register for parks and recreation programs?

Item	Count	Percent %
Online registration	234	74.76%
Mail-in registration form	45	14.38%
In person at the Pender County Parks and Recreation office in Burgaw	34	10.86%

11. How long have you lived in Pender County?

Item	Count	Percent %
More than 15 years	120	37.62%
1-5 years	73	22.88%
6-10 years	68	21.32%
11-15 years	48	15.05%
Less than 1 year	10	3.13%

12. What is your zip code?

Item	Count	Percent %
28443	155	47.40%
28457	35	10.70%
28425	32	9.79%
28478	32	9.79%
28421	16	4.89%
28435	16	4.89%
28445	16	4.89%
28411	13	3.98%
28454	12	3.67%

13. What is your gender?

Item	Count	Percent %
Female	204	64.56%
Male	112	35.44%

14. Please indicate the number of persons living in your household including yourself that are in the following age groups:

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 +	Average	Total
Under Age 10	47.4% 63	39.1% 52	9.8% 13	3.8% 5					1.7	133
Age 10-19	41.3% 74	42.5% 76	11.7% 21	3.4% 6	1.1% 2				1.8	179
Age 20-24	71.8% 28	23.1% 9	2.6% 1	2.6% 1					1.4	39
Age 25-34	33.3% 18	63.0% 34	1.9% 1	1.9% 1					1.7	54
Age 35-44	42.9% 70	56.4% 92				0.6% 1			1.6	163
Age 45-54	58.3% 67	40.0% 46	1.7% 2						1.4	115
Age 55-64	55.8% 29	44.2% 23							1.4	52
Age 65+	51.4% 19	43.2% 16	2.7% 1	2.7% 1					1.6	37
Average %	47.7%	45.1%	5.1%	1.8%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6	772.0

15. What was your annual household income for 2008?

Item	Count	Percent %
\$50,000 - \$74,999	83	27.04%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	68	22.15%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	57	18.57%
Over \$100,000	54	17.59%
\$20,000 - \$34,999	30	9.77%
Under \$20,000	15	4.89%

16. How would you describe your household?

Item	Count	Percent %
Couple with children	210	65.42%
Couple	64	19.94%
Single Parent	24	7.48%
Individual	21	6.54%
Unrelated Adults	2	0.62%

What types of special events would you like to see Pender County offer?

Open Text Responses:
possibly have tournaments with neighboring counties--travel them would not be a big expense for players
offer grills in existing and future parks for people to cook on
Fishing and boating events
Triathlons and bike races, fishing tournaments, archery tournaments
Events that spotlight the great things our kids do, in schools and out.
Family oriented dances, non alcoholic events where there is an option for dance & kids' activities. this way the whole family can do what they like at the same location without danger associated with the usual dance atmosphere (drinking, etc).
More Tennis Sponsor Tournaments to raise money Topsail area needs more public use tennis courts.
music festivals in the summer theatre plays indoor or outdoor july the 4th street dancing
Concerts, fireworks, programs for school age children.
I have been involved with Pop Warner in the past with Football and Cheerleading. I would love to see a facility for football. It is very difficult to have practices on softball / baseball fields. My kids have been out now for 6 years. When they were in, there was government funding that the county had to upgrade the Burgaw location. As far as I know, nothing has ever been done. Another thing is that it would be great for our community (Rocky Point area) to have some sort of park / olympic pool & diving / practice grounds. I feel it is imperative that the county work to develop proper facilities for the kids / families of our communities to use. Families that participate together, stay together, and stay out of trouble. It is frustrating to see how long it is taking just to get some football / baseball fields done in Burgaw. I hope that the county persues and conquers building some proper facilities. I grew up in Florida. You should take a look at some of the park plans for ideas.

Any greenspace would be appreciated
None at this time
None at this time
<p>Please...Pender County DESPERATELY needs an aquatics center. We, along with other families, drive our children to Wilmington DAILY to participate on a swim team. We have no pool that will accomodate team competitions in Pender.</p> <p>Building a natatorium could generate income by opening it as a "club" with member annual dues. High Schools in Pender, Onslow and New Hanover could use the facility for competitions/practice. The Southeastern region of NC does not have a facility of this type. Teams from all over the state would be interested in hosting tournaments and competitions that could generate income.</p> <p>Please strongly consider partnering with the Pender County Schools and/or the YMCA of Wilmington on a project like this. I would be happy to serve on a committee, if needed.</p> <p>Thank you, Jayne Emma (<i>contact information removed for privacy purposes</i>) Please add me to your mailing list.</p>
I feel strongly that an aquatic center would not only benefit many, but would be a great source of revenue for the parks and recreation.
I really really want an off-road bike trail in Pender County.
Concerts - any catagory
Adult Softball league, geochaching club, and more oppportunities for the West Side of the County.
more concerts and theater events
<p>Guided bicycle tours of various areas of the county, 5-20 miles each.</p> <p>Guided hiking/nature/history tours...1-5 miles each.</p> <p>Family activity fairs to show what's available at county parks.</p>
Look at what Surf City has done with its park and recreational programs. Surf City is small compared to Pender County; however, it offers a lot more.
concerts
concerts
Organized programs and facilities for the youth in the County instead of our youth generating money to other counties for games and tournaments.
A Womens Adult Softball League
anything to keep our children out of the streets.
I would like to see baseball and softball facilties/complexs in Hampstead area that could host tournaments.
URGENLTLY NEED INDOOR BASKETBALL FACILITIES IN HAMPSTEAD AREA. ESPECIALLY IF THE CURRENT

AULIXIARLY GYM AT TOPSAIL IS ELIMINATED AND TURNED INTO CLASS ROOMS

Concerts, "Ball" Tournaments of all kinds, Football, Basketball, Softball and Baseball, Soccer, etc. Surfing and Fishing Tournaments as well. Anything to bring people from Wilmington and the surrounding areas to Hampstead and the Pender Co. area.

indoor site for sport use

Need more programs and recreation exposure in Eastern Pender County!!! Was very surprised not to find a youth basketball league near Hampstead sponsored by the county. Topsail B-ball Assoc practice facilities are substandard and unsafe for the kids! (Floors extremely slippery!)

BASKETBALL facility!!!!

Concerts. Carnivals, Food festival., family festival, concert for adults and children.

Anything! This is the FIRST town I have ever lived in where the Parks & Rec programs seem to be non-existent. Thank goodness for Kiwanis!

Military band concerts, fireworks

Park

Counseling for abusive behaviors.

Summer kid camps

Kiwanas park is the only park we have and I am not certain there are many events held at the park

sponsor championship games, all-star tournaments, etc.

boy, I wish we could just have SOMETHING !! Everywhere else I have lived (5 states) they have had everything from sports/exercise classes/pools/martial arts classes/playgrounds/concerts.....this is the only place I have lived where nothing is offered; other places charge a nominal fee for instruction/concerts/pool passes but not for use of the park for picnics or sports.....

football fields, raquetball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, hiking and jogging trails

The Topsail/Hampstead area is grossly neglected. Even this survey illustrates the slant. The majority of the people and tax money is in Topsail. Who would want to go to Burgaw to register? Give Topsail it's fair percent of the money and the problems will take care of themselves.

a park in places other than Burgaw

More monetary support for school sports programs. We compete with counties that support their teams,

few special events needed with the many leagues that do/will use the grounds

it makes no difference to me, unless you are going to expand out of the Burgaw area and include the Eastern side of the County (you know, the part of the county that most of the money comes from, but doesn't come back to for our kids!)

A partnership with schools that would represent a true community approach to developing and maintaining resources to be shared by all and that would decrease segregation of services and promote community unity and meaningful collaboration.

Earth Day festival, fourth of July or Memorial Day celebration, summer camps for kids

Model aircraft Fly-in
Activities fair
local parks and recreation hearings/ meeting
Introduction to R/C flying

I enjoy watching the model Airplanes fly and model boats in a pond.
Soccer, basketball, softball and family picnics.

Softball Tourn., Soccer Tourn, Senior Games, Facilities on the West Side

fishing tournaments, sandcastle contests, summer concerts/family nights

The only County park in Hampstead is the run down baseball field on HW-17 which receive NO attention. Kiwanis is was made possible by the Kiwanis club and community. Pender County provides no visible support.

Keep Topsail Basketball & Softball programs available with practices and games still available @ the School locations. I.e. gyms, softball fields, etc.

need public tennis resources and boating access

Would love to a flying field for Remote control models have been flying model airplanes at Kiwanis park over 2 years we formed a club about 25 of us and the attention we get from other park users has been great also got a few members from spectators at park.

concert series in the park

Look to other successful planned communities all over the country to model our growth and planning

Hampstead/Topsail is deperate for parks/facilities. I am actually surprised there is a parks and rec department, since it seems nonexistent in Hampstead.

Walk/run events
in Hampstead since that is where the majority of the population resides

n/a

Concerts
Sports Tournaments & Meets

more options (especially for football and baseball) in scotts hill area.

We would like to see more things developed on the east side of the county, Hampstead.

i wrote about the fair above,which i think could be a huge success for the whole county. i would like to see more activities for our youth and seniors.an adult ed program,and definitely group trips. concerts or movies in the parks,but we need those parks before we don't have the land to do it.these kids need something to do.this is so

important.
Fastpitch tournaments Sand Volleyball tournaments (adult) Soccer tournaments Better facilities=Better tournaments
Family oriented
Annual Redfish Tournament I think would generate a lot of revenue.
More projects to improve the environment...more beach clean-up and recycling events.
Marathon. Any activity that can get kids more outdoors and not in front of the tv.
more activities for kids/teenagers we are in need of walling trails in Eastern Pender
Beach music concerts
I think Pender County needs for for our youth and adults in this area, without having to drive into Wilmington.
Things checked above. more concerts, arts classes (ie martial, studio,dance, etc.),
The kind of activities on the survey in the Hampstead area. Would love to have a local "community center" such as Holly Ridge and Surf City have, with a variety of classes and programs.
Senior activities on the EAST side of HWY I-40
Pender needs a place where kids can play basketball. We are in need of courts for the kids because it gets really frustrating when we have to use schools that don't want us there and gyms that have no heating and air for the kids because the county don't want to pay the expenses.
Mentoring for sports. Sort of tutoring/big brother type programs. Bike paths. Community Pool. A community center in Hampstead like Surf City Community Center. All we have is a Hampstead Community Bldg. and it is small, only for meetings and small gatherings w/ no sports programs. A YMCA would be great.
Tom Chapin concert & other concerts Festivals Dance classes (ballroom, shag, latin) Bball hoops/nature trail at Kiwanis park Better facilities for youth basketball
help provide more fields to practice since schools do no have adauquate practice fields for sports and lights on baseball fields and maybe charge usuage fot clubs, schools and organizations that use existing fields to practice on

Concerts that are culturally based and more activities that get the entire county to come together.
Summer in the Park Concerts when kids are out of school for the summer.
I would like to see them offer more sporting events. Like baseball and basketball tournaments for companies and organizations.
More events and community support in the Burgaw area for our LOCAL schools. Just about all the events and festivals proceeds that take place at Poplar Grove, Hampstead and Topsail partly or fully go to there schools.
I just moved to Pender County from New Hanover. I would like to see classes (Dance, Art/Crafts, etc.) and dog parks! I visit the New Hanover dog parks weekly.
MORE FESTIVALS, AND PROVIDE MORE SOCCER FACILITIES
More summer programs offered in Burgaw for children of all ages. The hours are usually 2 hr programs.
Boat ramp in the Hampstead area.
expand SpringFest and change date so it's not so close to BB Fest; concerts, family activities on the courthouse square
More Summer Day Camps.
anything we can get
County Fair
Special olympics Concert in the park
i would like to see pender county get out of parks & rec, it is not something a government should provide
Concerts in the park
No need for special events. Need to improve on basic recreational facilities first.
anything fun for kids like a field day.
Parks
Basketball tournaments
Pop warners summer Basketball leagues.
Summer basketball & football camps
Kids mentor classes (careers) Senior classes (dance and educational)
Intramural sports

Intramural sports
Gymnastics
Swimming lessons Rubber Surface walking trail Support of Willard Outreach programs & facilities
classes, activities, & programs. (i.e. pottery, photography)
softball tournaments for all ages
I live in the west side of pender county. We have no kind of parks and the basketball goals in area have boards over them in which they dont give the key. My kids participate with pyba they give them a hard time with using the gym in Atkinson . If it wasnt for pyba their would really be no activities on the west side of pender county. I would love to see Pender County offer a gym pool and afterschool center in which the fees charged would allow the center to pay for itself . It would be nice to see something in the Atkinson and Currie communities
I would like to see an indoor basketball court so we do not have to use the schools , and also a football field for recreation
indoor gym
basketball, softball, baseball.
Concerts,outdoor summer activities/athletics for youth and adults....especially basketball facilities,a public pool...maybe more tennis courts,bocce ball areas etc.
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need more options to bike safely in the county, more signs to make motorist aware of bikers have rights to the same roads every day
Bike races and concerts
Eco tourism. Boating events . Community envolved cleanups of beaches and natural areas
Fishing tournaments have the potential to generate a lot of income. I would also love to receive a periodic electronic newsletter detailing what activities are occurring when. I didn't realize that the county sponsored sports other than soccer.
Plays theater Add grills to park for public use Concerts
Basketball, cycling
a place where seniors and handicapped people can go to fish and picnic...in lower part of county- south of rocky point where ther is access to river that is just south of pauls place.

Our household interests are horses, fishing, shooting sports, nature walks/trails, cooking, attending festivals. Anything involving these interests would be great!!

We would like to see a park in Rocky Point

more function supporting the basketballpayers

swimming lessons
basketball
pottery
volleyball
tennis

basketball

Senior Activities

any program to help our children

Is there any area that we missed in the survey or any additional comments you would like to submit? Here is an opportunity to have your voice heard!

Open Text Responses:

Movies in the park

We'd like more sidewalks and bike lanes. We don't find the area to be very pedestrian/ biker friendly.

Providing services for young families. Hosting birthing classes, hosting family days with activities for young children, etc.

Need activities for family to do together.

No

No

I think I said it all earlier. I keep telling my husband that if I were to ever win a lottery I would build a park for our community. He thinks I'm crazy, but having grown up in Florida and participated in Recreation programs and use the parks almost daily; it is very important to me. There are memories I have that would not be there without the parks I had grown up around.

I think the effort being put forth by the Parks and Recreation Dept. is appreciated and will be very well accepted by those who live here and those it attracts. A great thing in my opinion is if a track (track and field kind was built at Burgaw Middle School that was open to the public during non school hours (Very expensive but great for everyone including knees)

None at this time

Concentrate on making more areas, such as Burgaw, pedestrian friendly- adding more sidewalks should be a

priority.
"If you build it, they will come!"
A rail-trail would provide multi-use off-road recreation and promote local tourism and small businesses.
Do more to promote park resources and activities: brochures, media articles, tours. This is an extremely insular county; citizens don't know what's available.
make the park a place that kids can and want to go to instead of them getting into trouble.
We have participated in New Hanover P&R programs because they are not available in Pender.
Resolve tennis access issue at top sail high school
Increasing activities in Pender County (Burgaw) area would be a wonderful enhancement for this city. We have watched Topsoil's development and we are all in the same county; however, we seem distant. Its time to support the youth development and not hinder an opportunity to give our children who will become the men/women of the future an outlet. The survey should include an outreach program for children. We have many people in the community who have inspired businesses that involve youth but have found that Pender County is no in support of functions to support positive activities that bring the community and people together.
Household description should include RELATED adults
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what about a YMCA in Hampstead. It is a great family center and offers all of what you have been asking about.
I would like to see whatever facilities come about physically connected some how. Maybe a network of walking/bike paths that are safely removed from car traffic and are wide enough for multi-use.
littler in the parks
Hampstead is in desperate need for an indoor gymnasium facility. Recreational activities are the mercy of the area schools. With over 350 participants in Topsail Basketball Association, we do not have the appropriate facilities to practice and play games. As the league has grown approx. 50% in two years, we only expect growth to continue and the League can not physically accommodate upwards of 350 students ranging in age from 5 to 18 yrs. old.
There was no place for what kind of facilities were needed i.e. fields, pools, complexes, courts ,gyms.
Rumor has it in Topsail area that the School Board is wanting to change the Auxillary Gym into classrooms for the next school year. This would be terrible not only for Parks & Rec programs, but once they take that gym away we will never get it back. It can be used for Science Fair Programs, Art Exhibits, Plays and yes of course Physical Education in Middle School so that the girls and boys can have separate classes. This would be a travesty if this were to happen. Please Pender County Parks & Recreation help Hampstead fight for this gym to remain USEFUL. I am sure there are at least one mobile trailers on the school grounds and I have heard there are several other unused trailers at neighboring elementary schools that could be much better utilized and we already have them in our possession and it does not need to be "re-built".
We participate in more New Hanover P&R programs because Pender does not offer!

Eastern Pender County seems to be left out of recreation activities sponsored by the county. Surprised not to find a county sponsored youth Basketball league nor indoor recreation facilities, even YMCA's.

The Topsail basketball association needs more places to practice and the community needs something like surf city's community center. Kiwanas park is fantastic.

We played with Coastal Pop Warner Football Association- which was not listed on the choices.

We would love to see programs offered - especially in the Hampstead area where most of the tax income is generated. It has always been unbelievable to me that we hardly even have a parks & rec department or program when I have lived in several smaller towns in other states that offer MUCH,, MUCH more! Kiwanis has done an amazing job and from what the public sees --- they are Hampstead's only parks and rec provider.

Find some way to advertise what is available and where. How about a booklet show all locations of centers and programs available.

We need some facilities for the pop warner teams to be able to host home games with bleachers at Kiwanis Park

Public Awareness about Pender. More things like Spot Festival, but in different areas. Need a better hotel in Burgaw so people have a place to stay coming down I40.

Please consider providing parks to people in Hampstead.

football not just flag football

what about combining school budget and parks and rec like new hanover county ? when visiting other school complexes, ours pales in comparison...(Ashley high).....Ogden park is making a killing by getting pender residents to pay for it's upkeep.....

YES! The Topsail Pirate Pop Warner program and all the Topsail school sports programs that are lacking the necessary fields and courts for football, baseball and basketball.

Youth sports are huge to a child's mental and physical growth. We have struggled in Topsail school system area for ten years finding ball fields for baseball, softball, and football. We played football in WILmington and Jacksonville because there were no fields. When you look north and south at Brunswick, New Hanover and Onslow, there is one question that lingers...what happened to supporting the kids in Pender, and especially eastern Pender County. I intend to live here for a long time and I came from Beaufort and Carteret Counties previously, which there were no lack of county sponsored fields and leagues. I served on league commissions during my children's early years and it was the parents who performed and paid for a lot if not all of the field maintenance, equipment, officials, and improvements. We need to invest in children to be physically and mentally strong for life's challenges; team is key. Topsail High School is beautiful, but sports is left behind with no new fields or fieldhouse. There is great opportunity to support sports in football if we only had an efficient concession, sanitary restrooms and a field house. All around good fields and facilities would breed good opportunities to host tournaments, etc. Football with the right tools could raise tremendous funds. Thanks!

more fields that would allow for football as well as soccer, etc.

It is hard to feel represented by Burgaw, when Burgaw is environmentally different than down here at the coast. I do believe the county does the best they can do with the resources that are available, but I don't want my taxes going up.

Ummm....maybe more funding for our kids' sports in the Hampstead area. It's utterly ridiculous that so little is

done in this area. When I see the beautiful parks and ball fields that other areas have, and how little ours have, it really hurts my heart for the opportunities that my kids could have had. Additionally, where's the youth football in our area?? We have to go to Wilmington and pay additionaly fees b/c we don't pay NH County tax. We pay Pender County taxes, which are rarely returned in any form to our area.

Thanks to the Kiwanis Club we finally have a park in Hampstead. As far as I know we have no parks and recreation facilities here. I would love to see a communtiy pool in our area for all to enjoy. I grew up in a town in upstate New York that had a public park and community pool. It was a great gathering place for families, swim lessons, and swim teams. I think it would be a great addition to the eastern part of the county. Thanks.

I am a member of the Topsail Electric Flyers Association. We currently have approximately 27 members, most of which fly R/C aircraft every Sunday at Kiwanis Park in Hampstead. Many of us seniors fly quite often during the week as well. We consider ourselves good stewards of the park by policing the grounds and reporting malicious activities to the authorities when necessary. We have several young flyers and we are constantly working to introduce kids and adults to the hobby. Our club provides our own liability coverage through the Academy of Model Aeronautics and after following our strict safety rules, we have not had an incident in the 2 years that we have been flying at the park. As folks come to the park to fly for the first time, we take them in, offer them flying and safety instruction, and get them hooked up with proper liability insurance by having them join the AMA prior to joining our club.

We truly appreciate the support of the Pender County Parks Department in allowing our club to use these facilities. We can only hope that we have handled ourselves in a way that will encourage Pender County to incorporate our needs in the future development of the park facilities. We have not asked for any special facilities or services. We only ask that the future planning of the facility incorporates our groups minimal requirements as well. Most of our members use the park over 100 times per year and would like to see that every kid that is curious about flying, gets a chance to build and fly an airplane.

THANKS

Describing household should have a space for Grandparents staying with family. I am a grandparent staying with my children and grandchildren

Target Areas that need something now

Adult education classes would be great covering crafts to computers to semi professional classes to woodworking.

Yes. Simply by looking at your survey its clear the County is focused on Burgaw. Hampstead/Topsail pays the majority of the taxes and gets nothing in return. The Topsail Pop Warner organization was left off the survey. The RC club was left off. We are desparate for more football fields, baseball fields and basketball courts.

Kiwanas have done a incredible job with their park. Walking Bike Paths Connecting Neighborhoods would be a huge benifit to the community as a whole, Hwy 17 is not pedestrian friendly. Topsail High school needs to be more open to youth wrestling. We need more Public access to the intercoastal waterway. Promtion of County and State park/recreation areas would be nice - where are they and what do they offer the public? Impose a requirement on Builders to provide a certain amount of public Green Space based on the size of their development, it's cheaper to do while they have the equipment on site cutting in roads and utilities.

With multiple(5) children playing baseball/softball in the spring it is very hard to be at 4 different fields and watch all them play. Need Kiwanis park to be complete because it is a great and safe place to enjoy the day and watch my kids play in one place. Thanks

I would like area to be provided for ra dio control electric aircraft at the Kiwanis Park. Now the Topsail Electric

Flyers Association with 21 members using part of the park when there is no organized sports played. We have individuals age 12- 68 years participating, Members use the park 4 or 5 days a week weather permitting. We try to promote interests in aviation for youth,

Would love a park in the vicinity of Cape Fear Elementary/Middle School This would be a great partnership with Schools and has enough area for nice trails etc

need an area devoted to just R/C model Planes we've help in keeping vandals out of park teenagers driving vehilces on soccer fields and drinking beer on park property we need this in our community its a great past time for young and old our youngest pilot is 9 years old our oldest is 67 we enjoy meeting at the park a few of our members are soccer coaches at same facility. Thank you Randy Aponte safety Officer T.E.F.A.

I would like to say that port city soccer group is wonderful! I am very happy with all aspects of the organization. TBC has some organizational issues and doesn't seem to be/or want to be involved in the community.

This is a golden opportunity for Pender County. We do not need to reinvent the wheel there are many communities across the country for young families and older generations alike that have been successfully planned. The villages in Orlando comes to mind but there are others that we have researched over the years that work. We need a central location with plenty of room for outdoor exercise and activities and an indoor space for meetings, activities perhaps concerts. Nature trails for running, hiking, walks with dogs and mountain bikes is a great way to bring families of all ages outdoors playing and spending quality time together.

I feel that Hampstead has been overlooked and it is past time to have some parks and activities. If it weren't for Kiwanis, Hampstead would have nothing....the county has made no effort to provide the much needed parks/activities.

I would really just like to see more funding for the Topsail Ball Club. It really is an amazing program that lacks the full funding it needs to grow exponentially. I am a volunteer for a tball and coach pitch team and I know that it is very hard to schedule games due to lack of space and equipment.

n/a

n/a

YMCA!
Swimming facilities, more parks

More things to do in Hampstead

i miss so much having nothing available to me where i live.i've always had the oppurtunity to take adult education at the county schools.it provides friendship,education,and amusement.i've been to the spot festival and i don't get it.sitting under a tent and eating fish and drinking beer is not my idea of excitement. there are a few blowup things for the kids with enormous lines,and that whole plan has caused major accidents on 17.i always buy the fish,but then i leave. the shrimp festival in sneads ferry doesn't have anything either.there needs to be activities,and parks for young and old. there needs to be activities,festivals,trips,classes,to go along with this.a local pool or ymca with water aerobics,swim lessons,and swim teams need to be put in the area.we have too much water around us.children need a place to learn how to swim.also a lot of people with back problems,joint problems,and other health problems can only exercise in water,because it has a lower impact on the joints.we really need some kind of quarterly or at least every 6 months,mailing as to what we do have going on in our county.we are so in need of more recreationon the beach side of the county.we have to drive for

everything,including courthouses,planning,health dept,and taxes.i know the park we use the most is kiwanis,and when i moved here that and the boat launch park and little playground and basketball park in surf city did not exist. i'm glad to see there is something now,but we need more.with the population growth that has happened since i moved here, we must have money for some of this. there certainly doesn't seem to be money going to roads or schools. i have never senn such poor schools in all the 4 states i've lived in.

The Kiwanis park in Hampstead seems to be built for ages 10 and under. The children over ten have to use school facilities only. These are the children that need to be busy to stay out of trouble!

The elementary schools (all 3) have playgrounds.

I do not support any more playgrounds. I would support anything that would keep teenagers and pre-teens busy such as roller skating, biking, outdoor movies, or even a water slide two (it doesn't have to be a whole water park)

We need more programs toward avation.

Offer more athletic programs for children and adults. We don't want to drive all the way into Wilmington to play!

Pender is growing. When someone relocates to Pender could you implement a one time fee for "Park Use" , or someting along those lines. I think it would be hard to have an annual fee and keep up with who can use a park and who can't. The parks should be for the public. I also wouldn't be afraid to ask advice from New Hanover county on how they get revenue for their parks. Thanks for listening.

Topsail area needs some great kids programs. Community seems to like getting involved, just too few times to do it.

We are a military family and new to the area. You may want to think of ways to reach military families that move to Pender County.

I would like to see more programs and facilities offerd on the eastern side of the county.

Kiwanis Park is a wonderful asset! Please consider a central venue in Hampstead area with classes and activities, charging a reasonable fee. A community swimming pool would be a huge hit! A YMCA-type facility would be a great thing as well. An annual park & rec useage fee is a good idea as long as it's reasonable, & higher for non-residents.

1/20/10 we witnessed County employees enjoy the picnic shelter while on his cell phone, go get lunch for workers and continue to talk on cell phone, while a sofa, carpet lay discarded near rear parking area.

Once again Pender County needs a place for the kids to go play basketball.

I would really like a Community Center like Surf City has or a YMCA or somewhere we can do sports, lift weights, gather as a community with friends and family. Somewhere closer than Wilmington, Jacksonville. Our own Community Center!!!

Please build more tennis courts.

Have not seen facilities for good swimming lesson programs in Hampstead area. Topsail gymnasiums will quickly be undersized for the demands of youth programs. Ball fields are widely dispersed. It will be nice when facilities like Kiwanis park are complete with multiple use fields in one area and greenways surrounding. Safe bike routes would also be nice.

Could we have a facility that had wellness/yoga/fitness classes/swim classes (like a YMCA) that was affordable

for families/children???
The prospect of offering more of these opportunities in Hampstead is exciting. Thanks for all the effort!
Citizens need parks in every area of the County. Build a park in Rocky Point. It's been talked about, but never done!
would like to see a recreation center that would generate revenue. Would like for it to include a fitness center, racket ball, swimming and basketball.
I often visit the County Website for info but it would be nice if there was an email list for updates on county activites/events, etc...
MORE ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES WILL KEEP OUR YOUNG CHILDREN OUT OF THE STREETS AND FAR AWAY FROM BAD INFLUENCES
My zip code is 28447.Had to make a choice.
I would like to see a public boat ramp in the Hampstead area. There is not a place to put a boat in the waterway unless you go to Wrightsville Beach or Surf City. If you live in the Hampstead / Scotts Hill area, that is a long way to go. I think Pender County should show more attention to the Coastal areas.
indoor recreation area and swimming facility would be awesome for the children. there are no activities for children other than organized sporting events (some of which are poorly managed) and the park.
would like to see a basketball gym
Clean all the ditch in Pender County trees or growing in ditches.
The westside of the county could use more things to do. Sidewalks for walking, park, etc.
We need better fields- practice and game. We need access to the gyms!
Youth & Senior Center/Programs
-more girl scout programs available -be able to arrange summer/fall sports so kids can participate in more than one (i.e. soccer, cheerleading) -have swimming lessons available -more programs for 3 yr olds to participate in
please allow not just topsail area and burgaw to have parks. In Atkinson, Currie and watha we have lots of kids who would love to go to the park in their community to play basketball baseball something lets be fair about situation we all pay taxes
the lack of public amenities for RURAL youth. There has to be places for them to HANG OUT and play pickup ball games (baseball/basketball etc)...or go swimming or something.
I would like to see some sort of nature park that has hiking, running and mountain bike trails. I am president of Cape Fear SORBA. We have built trails in a New Hanover park and are starting to build trails in Brunswick.
I support the West Pender Rail Trail Alliance's effort to construct the trail and have it incorporated in the

EastCoast Greenway.
We need public water access. More public coastal boat ramps. Natural preserves (Lea Island). More parks.
It would be great if there was an e-mail list available so that recreational program opportunities could be mailed out to interested individuals. I had no idea that Pender county sponsored Basketball and baseball programs.
It would be good to use the land where railroads were moved as area for picnic tables and grills with sitting covered sitting areas.
Horses and equestrian sports are a big part of Pender County for people at all income levels. Please seriously consider including a park that has horse trails. Thanks!!
It seems like all the parks go to the other side of the county, we would like to see some parks in the Rocky Point and Burgaw area.
It would be great to have nice basketball courts built in all of these Pender County parks. We have a lot of fields for baseball, softball etc. There aren't many for basketball, it would give the kids that don't play those particular sports the opportunity to play something in their spare time.
more support for the basketball players more funds available for them to use and to spend
the burgaw area of the county needs facilities!
I would fully support any effort by Pender County to be a part of the East Coast Greenway project
In Hampstead we need to add more afterschool and summer programs in our diversity area.

Please use the following space for any additional comments you would like to share about your experiences at Pender County parks, regarding this survey, or for additional room to answer questions on this survey. Thank you for your participation.

Open Text Responses:
I have lived in Pender County all my life. My children have grown up here (and are still here) and they played sports with the County P&R. I have grandchildren that are or hopefully will be involved in sports or other activities that the County can sponsor thru their P&R Dept.
More for Summer, when kids are out of school.
I am very upset that parks and rec is now under the planning dept it is a step back and we need steps forward not back
As far as the parks in Pender County, there isn't much to them. I think the new one being developed near Topsail is coming along nicely. I know that there has been a lot of donations to get that facility started. I don't go over that way much, so I don't know if the park is completed and what all is offered.
The Dixie Youth fields in Burgaw are a pitiful site. Parking is a problem. The grounds and poorly planned. Restrooms are an issue. The sharing of the facilities for Football were always an issue. It's not much of a park if you ask me.

We need to take a stand for the kids of our communities and get these parks built with proper facilities.

None at this time

Pender does a good job with kids sports-swimming lessons would be a great addition.

I really think that we need to act on the West Pender Rail-Trail effort while the area is still relatively undeveloped. Other Counties and municipalities across the country are paying a premium to develop such facilities post-development. Trail facilities are fast becoming a priority in developing a "green," healthful, economic boost to rural and urban areas.

the land in southern pender county on hwy 117 ??? (pond) why is that not being used?? an more rec facilities for the youh ie baseball , soccer> football etc

I've lived here for 4 years and have not heard of or seen any Pender County parks and recreation activities. I feel that it would be best if there was more information available at local areas (i.e. coffee shops, schools, doctors, etc.) to spread the word about activities offered.

The parks opportunities in Pender County are very limited to say the least. The only park in my area (Kiwanis Park) is a clear cut mass of parking with no trees or sense of place established for any sort of enjoyment. The only time I went there, a gust of wind came and I got sand in my eye! Boo!

No new taxes.

They have done a BEAUTIFUL job with the Kiwanis Park. Keep up the great work that you are doing for our community and families! It is helping us in the area to do things as a family in these desperate economic times in our world today.

The county needs to take a proactive approach. It has been reactive in building parks, quickly patching holes presented by the community.

The county needs to act faster, for we are growing and the situation is only going to get uglier.

need public pool in Hampstead

I have found that there is NO SUPPORT from Pender County parks directors or facilitators. It is sad to see that certain programs such as Dixie Youth receive major support from the County and that that same support is not offered to all programs in the County. I am a member of this County that has participated in the majority of the programs for the children in this community.

We really need recreational areas in the Rocky Point area. Perhaps physical activity options could be available - and promoted - on the school campuses during non-school hours. School students could promote activities for the adults in the area to foster a greater sense of community.

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1. Look into linear parks like converting the old rail path to a walking/jogging/bike riding trail

2. Connect fitness fusion by a sidewalk/trail to the new Burgaw walking/bike trail.

I feel that the existing parks that I frequent have been maintained very well. The partnership with private

groups seems to be working.

Fire ants, poor water drainage in the parking lots and drive ways and play area. Burgaw area seems to get less attention than the Hampstead area.

I currently serve on two local rec boards, including EPCWA Treasurer and Topsail Basketball Association President. Pender County Parks & Rec has graciously providing funding to support these programs and we are very appreciative. Thank you!

Being new to the area I was shocked by the lack of parks and rec in the Pender/Hampstead to be specific. with no commuinity center, no sports fields, no lighted sports fields, 2nd rate youth sports leagues. i have been here over a year and don't know off the top of my head where any parks are. I know the schools have fields and Kwanis park. With 3 elem. schoools and no parks seems odd.

I think with the addition of a sports complex (4 fields softball with conseesion stand in middle)the abilty to to host tournaments and bring in tourist and money..

Southeaster Pender County does not have enough basketball gyms or baseball fields. There are no pool facilities. There are no public boat ramps for access to the waterways.

Dee Turner has always been very helpful and kind to speak with. Thank you for her. The Kawanis Park in Hampstead has been a gift from God. It is so important to our little town.

We need a public swimming pool in the Hampstead area which could generate income as well. Summer programs designed to attract working parents to have their children enrolled in a summer program involving swimming, outdoor games and other activities. There are so many children who do not get to go the beach and they would be able to go to a summer program held in the Topsail area that would incorporate a swimming area as well as games and arts & crafts offered.

Thank you so much.

We need a community center with gym facilities in the Hampstead area!!!!

indoor gym area

Topsail Basketball Association has inadequate and unsafe practice facilities for kids. The multipurpose rooms used are extremely slippery during practice and kids are literally sliding around the court. A child had a metal chair fall on his head last week that were stacked in a chair rack courtside.

An indoor recreation facility and YMCA type facility in Eastern Pender would be nice to see. I assure you, it would be constantly utilized.

We need some kind of recreational area , or an area for family to go and do activities with their children, so we don't have to go to Wilmington and spent money in NH county. The recreational area here at Kwianas is great but there is not much to do there.

I would also like to see a banquet facility of some sort for professional as well as recreational events such as award ceremonies or business meetings/retreats.

I am pleased to say that many of the activities are already being offered by local community centers such as Surf City Community Center and senior citizens in Hampstead. In recent years there has certainly been more done as we recognize that more and more senior citizens have discovered this wonderful area. Thanks for what you do. I have been coming to the area since 1952 and have seen much positive growth!

Thank you for visiting our community. We hope our plans will be successful!!!

The county population shift is in the east so continued development in the Hampstead area is needed.

We use small park at Poplar Grove and Grist Mill. WE need something like Halyburton in Wilmington here in Pender, but spread them out. Have summer programs there like Halyburton. We need better summer programs for our kids. Not this stuff at the schools for summer. WE need a YWCA type presence in the Hampstead area. But I want Pender County to employ and reap the benefits from employment to revenue from this endeavor. We have great schools up our way and people are moving here. Use that to the County's advantage. If not we are losing out.

Please enlist the help of some "coupon clipping" moms with your budget talks....it appears we do not spend our county money wisely.....

The people in Topsail/Hampstead are not aware there is a Pender County Parks. Through my extensive volunteer work with Pop Warner, TBC and TBA, there has been zero involvement or support by Pender County parks. All emphasis by Pender County parks appears to focus on Burgaw. I would very much like to see a separate Topsail Parks organization, staffing and funding established.

is there any way to create a summer program for youth that would include working at/maintaining the parks. this would give them some ownership as well as experience.

I am glad to see the Pender County Parks and Recreation make improvements to Pender Memorial Park. This is needed upgrades. The partnership with Burgaw Dixie Youth, Burgaw Rotary, and Pender County to build the new concession stand has been an outstanding step forward with progress. Hopefully in the future a parks system could be started in the Rocky Point area. These resident surveys are a step forward to the future of our parks system in Pender County.

The Topsail Basketball Program facilities desperately need to be improved. The school gyms are now used, and they are in dire need of repair.

I am pleased with the Kiwanis Park growth,--however, would like to see basketball courts and more covered areas.

Can there be some contact information at the park in case there is a need for clean-up, something broken or dangerous that is not a 911 emergency?

TENNIS COURTS!!!

Please incorporate R/C model flying in future park planning and surveys. A lot of American heroes like Neil Armstrong started out flying models.

Thanks

I love the Park Area. My grandchildren are in many sports and love the area. Wish the park was big like the Ogden Park area so we could have big tournaments at home

As a member of the Topsail Electric Flyers Association (TEFA), I extremely appreciate the availability of the Hampstead Kuwatis Park. The availability of alternate areas that will suffice flying of RC aircraft within the Hampstead and surrounding communities is nearly if not non-existent. Since our organizing last spring with approximately 10 members we have since over doubled our membership. Our members are of all ages ranging from youth to senior citizens. In that this exciting recreational activity requires very little physical strength and/or abilities age and gender (with in reason) plays little role in who can participate. As such I would

encourage that a special area be assigned and funded for the flying of RC aircraft.....specifically those that are electric.

Pender County parks is completely invisiable to the eastern part of the County. Only through extensive volunteer work do we have what little we have. I urge the County to provide the Hampstead and Topsail area its fair share of its tax contribution for this portion of the county.

I really like the county, but more public green spaces like parks and ball fields would be a great benifit. Conencting these green spaces via hiking / biking trails would be huge. There are not even sidewalks forcing everyone including kids out into the streets which is unsafe and difficult to navigate.

For years, the Eastern 1/3 of Pender County has been completely neglected by Pender County. The resident's in this section pay a high portion of the County taxes but get a disproportinate amount of services. The Kiwanis Park is a good start but it took a private organization to get it started and progress is very slow. New Parks in New Hanover County get completed very quickly. The layout of the items that are already at Kiwanis Park is very bad. The designer of the baseball/ soccer obviously has never participated in youth sports. For example, the current concession stand /bathroom is so far away from 2 of the baseball fields that it would surprise me if many people walk that far to use it.

please include electric radio control plane flying in the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Topsail Electric Flyers Association meets on sundays at rear soccer field and we get plenty of spectators using other Facilities at park some watch and some join club and learn to fly a great group of guys and gals getting together to show their building skills of these models.
some of the members are retired and some still employed and in school some extra flying time other than just sunday would be great.

I would be interested in a long term plan that would include additional field space for football, basketball, and other sports that would have programs avaiable to various age groups. Individual organizations are doing this currently, but I feel the county needs to take responsibility for this.

In Hampstead there is only the Kiwanis Park that I know of and that is mostly for sporting activities. I'd like to see lots of greenspace, a pavillion, a gymnasium, rooms for classes, a pool (indoor and outdoor) hiking/walking trails, and just a pleasant place to go for picnics or just to read a book. A dog park would be nice too but must be monitored. I'd like to see this in Hampstead where the majority of the populatioin lives.

The co. should suspend all of the recent BS regarding the tennis play at Topsail High School. These courts were provided by public money and should be made available to the public, especially the the local seniors who play there several times a week.

Less Soccer fields and more diversity in open space use (Football, baseball, lacrosse, dog space, concert areas, lights on all fields etc...)

We need a better way to hear about programs that are offered.

The programs that are offered have been well-run. We look forward to more.

We also need more adult programs.

thanks. i think this county could have so much more. we have 1 of the nicest beaches on the WHOLE east coast.this is a beautiful place to live. there's just nothing to do.(other than the beach)

nothing for kids,nothing for adults,nothing for seniors.we need to do something about it.

As a military family that moves often, we chose Pender County for the schools. You should try to reach out and inform new people to the area about what is offered. i have not heard of another park other than Kiwanis Park. I amnot sure what is offered anywhere else. We moved here from Albuquerque where they have parks, bike paths, and dog parks all ove the city.

I feel that there is a need for something like the Wilmington Parent magazine that comes out monthly in Pender County. I am not aware of there being one and don't know how to go about finding activities that are in this county for my family and children. There is only one park in Hampstead and no community pool or anything more for us to do. I feel the people of this community would appreciate more activities right here in Hampstead without putting our money into other surrounding counties.

This survey is a commendable effort by the county to get input from residents. Please consider more family-friendly festivals, programs, classes and green space for us on the east side!

I wish more was offered in the Eastern side of Pender County.

Hampstead Kiwanis park should not pave the walking path, there is too much hard surface in the park as it is. How are other developers limited with the amount of impervious surfaces and run-off water storage but the park can just continue to put in more paved parking?
A park should have trees!

We need our own Community Center or YMCA in Hampstead that all can afford to join
The community bldg in Hampstead has dances, bingo (once in a blue moon), Art classes, community H.O.A. meetings and such but it is just a small building not a community center to gather for sports and classes. It's just too small.

by no having adaqute parks people tend to go to wilmingtin therefore the money they spend to eat for gas etc goes to New Hanover County

The high school practice fields are non existant. Have more football -soccer fields and charge the school system a fee to use the fields for practice

Have a county wide concert to generate funds maybe in the summer

have more summer classes for the children so parents that work send send children to a day of fun Have it on Hampstead side of county

surf camps marine exploring campsand charge a weekly rate for the summer fun

Kids should have a park to play in during the summer when school is not in session. Only a few communities in Pender County have a park. If there were more engaging positive activities in the county, there would be less juvenile delinquency, fewer crimes commited by adults such as "Child Abuse". Kids need an outlet for their boundless energy, and adults need to have some freedom from worry that the child is in a safe 'play' environment. Give some 'Rock Concerts' and charge a nominal fee--you would be surprised at how much money you could raise towards park development. Let the kids pantomine super stars. I know a kid that does a magnificent "Elvis" imper-sonation!

I think that the Pender County Parks and Recreation does not have enough events to occupy the time of its

residents, especially the children. The events that they do offer does not appeal to everyone and is paid for by the tax payers and does not generate any revenue to help pay for the few things that they offer. The county needs to offer a recreation center where it could have a little something for everyone of all ages.

THE ONLY PARK THAT IS CLOSE TO ME IS VERY VERY VERY SMALL, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BIGGER AREA WERE CHILDREN CAN PLAY AND NOT HAVE TO BE IN A LINE TO GO DOWN ONE (1) SLIDE, IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE MORE PLAYGROUNDS, BIKE ROUTES AND MAYBE EVEN A POND WERE SOME CAN RIDE BIKES, PLAY OR FISH.

We have not participated in Burgaw Dixie Youth activities for the past several years because the atmosphere at the ball park became far too competitve and unruly. This was behavior exhibited by adults who were placed in positions of authority (coaches, team parent representatives, etc.) Is there a screening process for these positions or is it strictly whoever volunteers? Sprotsmanship is far more important in training a child to be an athlete then there record in t-ball and beyond. I have seen it carry over to the high school level and feel it's a disservice to so many children in Pender County who have only these few to look to for role models.

Question 1 does not offer a "None" answer option. I left the questions blank for those activities we had not participated in. But you can't make the assumption that everyone who leaves a blank meant they didn't participate - perhaps they simply skipped questions. Also, if you select a radio button for a Question 1 answer option then realized you hadn't participated in that activity after all, there is no way to clear the radio button without selecting a different answer option. This problem would be corrected if there was a "None" answer option.

Questions 1 and 2 offer entirely too many options to make data analysis very meaningful. I imagine you will have many, many responses for each answer option making it difficult to determine what the true top answers are. Combining similar activities into one option and asking respondents to choose their top 4 in Question 2 would have been a better approach.

Although my family lives in Pender County, we have elected to let our children play sports in Duplin County due to the extreme competitive nature of many of the coaches in Pender. This occurs at such a young age, when they are suppose to learn the fundamentals and have fun interacting with other children with similar interests.

We really need more facilities on the eastern side of the county (Hampstead) Would love to see a community pool. Charge annual fees for membership. Would also love to see an Y facility like the YMCA in Wilmington. Offers many classes and sporting activities along with an indoor pool, wet area etc.

I would like to say that coaches and assistants should have background checks completed before tryouts begin. There have been several instances with several programs that I belive could have been avoided if this were taken care of before the season began. The children should not have to be exposed to arguing and switching coaches back and forth. There is not need for the discussions of what did coach do on or off the fields. Overall this is handled well but it does have room for improvement.

Thank you!

i do not think it is a government responsibility to provide the citizens with recreational facilities. no wonder government is broke! no its not up to government to get one a car,house etc loan either. it can be done by the optimist and other clubs NOT THE GOVERNMENT

i would like the government to stay out of the parks & rec business it is not something the government should do. it goes along with bailout/entitlement programs. every body wants the government to provide instead of doing it yourself. by the way i want a public free shooting range,skeet,trap, target etc

Our basketball numbers increased from 230 kids to 348 this year alone. We need space for them in a gym to play.

Our football practice field for the high school is over used by the middle school kids. Holes and rocks caused injuries to our players. Our High school football field deserves a dild house for the players instead of having to pee in the woods and stand in muddle puddles during half time. We also deserve a concession stand brought up to code and one we could be proud of. We have a beautiful new high school but our field does not reflect the same.

There is a definite need for multiple indoor basketball courts in teh hampstead area.

Topsail Basketball currently plays all day on both Saturday and Sunday at the TMS main gym and auxiliary gym.

The auxiliary gym is actually inadequate for the recreational league play due to the floor surface. The walls are immediately adjacent to the out of bound lines.

Should the auxilary gym be made unavailable in the future due to needs to convert the space to something other than a gym, the Topsail Basketball League would parbably be forced to drop their 5-6 and 7-8 leagues. This could probably result in around 150 kids not being able to play basketball in the Topsail area.

Indoor basketball facility would provide the kids in Topsail something to do in teh winter when it is too dark and cold to do much else.

Swimming pools for the summer.

I would like so much for our children to have some place they could enjoy and have fun during the summer.

Please don't charges/fees to high

(free)

-My daughter has participated in teeball/softball for 5 years.

-She has also participated in cheerleading for 3 years.

-She has participated in soccer 1 year

-She has been unable to participate in more than one frpgram due to scheduling, so she has been forced to choose.

-She is unable to participate in girl scouts because there is only 1 program available.

-My son is 3 and there is nothing for him to participate in

-More programs available for adults and families

Like i spoke on earlier Pyba is given a hard time and they have no place to really practice or have games without being given a hard time please help our area we need to get more involved in the kids activities on the west side of the county because we to pay taxes in our county and as a whole we should offer more even during summer months there is nothing to do.

Unfortunately...in this day and age.....our public parks MUST BE SUPERVISED to limit gang/drug/destructive

activity and create a safe environment for youth and adults and elderly.....
Pender county needs more activities for young adults...concerts, boxing, things they are interested in.....
Burgaw needs a nice park for kids to play. Basketball courts soccer fields, softball fields.
When phone messages are left for the staff/director of the Park & Rec Dept by residents of the county they should be returned. When baseball events charge for parking at Pender Memorial Park are the organizers using that to offset there usage fee or does that money go directly to P&R?
The Easter Egg hunt last year was a blast at Kiwanis Park. Two thumbs up. It makes me sad to see the empty sand volleyball court at Kiwanis Park since my husband and I are avid volleyball players, but we don't know any others in the area. Maybe if there was a Pender County electronic bulletin board for folks with similar interests to meet up on?
i have tried several times to find a place in lower pender just to fish and to take my grandchildren but unable to find a suitable park unless we go into new hanover,,,,,why can;t prnder have a place like that.....
Kiwanis park is a wonderful addition to Hampstead. I'd like to see more opportunities/facilities available for kids to skate, skateboard, and bicycle there. A good model for this is Halyburton park in Wilmington. Halyburton has a one mile loop/nature trail for walking, jogging, skating, and bicycling. Also, Kiwanis park could use a basketball hoop or two. It would also be nice to have bike lanes or trails for kids to ride their bikes to Kiwanis Park from the local neighborhoods. Right now kids depend on their parents to drive them to the park for exercise. The act of getting in a car to drive to the park cuts down on exercise level and the frequency of visits. This type of access works in other communities. We just don't have a good example of this locally.
We need a community center in the Hampstead area with an olympic size pool designed for competition. We need more walking/jogging trails. It would be nice to have sidewalks around Kiwanis Park so people could walk to the park without the fear of being runover on Sloop Pt. Lp. Rd. Biking trails would also be nice.
more support for the basketball players more money to spend for them
we only have one park in burgaw and it is not age appropriate for all age groups. It is too big for toddlers and we don't offer a place for teens. I think it is very important that Burgaw offer a place for our teenagers to hang out and have fun while also being active.
our park
we are in need of more parks in pender county especially the rural areas

1. Which of the following recreational activities have you or any member of any member of your family participated in during the past year? Check all that apply and indicate the number of times you or your family member participated in the activity during the past year (January 2009 - December 2009).

ACTIVITY	✓	# of Times	ACTIVITY	✓	# of Times
Sofball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Marital Arts Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Baseball/Tree Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Art Show or Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Family Reunions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recquetball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Day/Summer Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>		Use Fitness Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Kite Flying	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing/Tournaments	<input type="checkbox"/>		Water Aerobics	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aerobics/Exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>		Arts/Crafts Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>		Archery	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cooking Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tetherball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Boating/Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>		Senior Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surfing	<input type="checkbox"/>		Senior Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>		Frisbee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ballet	<input type="checkbox"/>		Attended a Concert	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yoga	<input type="checkbox"/>		Horseback Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bike Races	<input type="checkbox"/>		Visited a Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>		Shooting Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Canoeing/Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>		Pottery Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marathon	<input type="checkbox"/>		Reading Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Art Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>		Swimming in a Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nature Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>		Walked in a natural area	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kick Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>		Visited a Greenway	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jogging/Running	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/>		Eating lunch in a park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cheerleading	<input type="checkbox"/>		Picnicking with Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shag Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/>		Picnicking with Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skateboarding	<input type="checkbox"/>		Shuffleboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bingo	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dog Obedience Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>		Boy/Girl Scouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Special Olympics	<input type="checkbox"/>		Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Flag Football	<input type="checkbox"/>		Billiards	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>		Playing Cards/Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Beccie Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>		Playing at a Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/>		Bird/Nature Watching	<input type="checkbox"/>	
After School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>		Dance Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rollerblading/Skating	<input type="checkbox"/>		Walking along a Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2. Indicate which of the following activities listed above you would like to see provided by Pender County by circling the activity above.

3. Have you or members of your household participated in any recreation programs offered within Pender County in the last year (January 2009-December 2009)? If so, indicate by checking all that apply.

- Burgaw Dixie Youth
- Port City Soccer Club
- South Pender Pop Warner Association
- East Pender Pop Warner Association
- South Pender Pop Warner Association
- Joint Community Development Center
- Topsail Ball Club
- Maple Hill Resource Center
- Topsail Basketball Association
- Pender Youth Basketball Association
- Topsail Girls Softball Association
- Pender Youth Soccer Association
- Willard Outreach Organization
- Pender Youth Football and Cheerleading Association

4. How would you rate the programs that you or any member of your household participated in during the past year?

- Excellent
- Fair
- Good
- Poor

5. How often do you or a member of your household visit any park in Pender County? (Check ONE)

- Daily
- Once a week
- A few times per week
- Once a month
- A few times per month
- A few times per year
- Once a year
- Never

6. How often do you or a member of your household participate in the programs and services offered by Pender County? (Check ONE)

- Daily
- Once a week
- A few times per week
- Once a month
- A few times per month
- A few times per year
- Once a year
- Never

7. In order to generate needed revenue to improve park, maintenance and diversify/increase recreation program offerings by Pender County, please indicate with a check mark ALL options that you would support for increasing funding for parks and recreation.

- Charge an annual park user fee
- Increase rental fees for park facilities
- Increase program user fees
- Charge non-residents higher fees
- Build more facilities that generate revenue, such as a tournament facility
- Sponsor more tournaments
- Other (please indicate)

8. Please indicate your top choice for funding needed park renovations, new park development, and other capital improvements (Check ONE)

- Borrow money to make necessary improvements and pay back over a 20- or 25- year period
- Increase property tax to fund parks and recreation operations and maintenance
- Impose impact fees (paid by developers for impacts brought by new construction)

9. How would you prefer to register for parks and recreation programs? (Check ONE)

- Mail-in registration form
- Online registration
- In person at the Pender County Parks and Recreation Office in Burgaw

10. Please check all the ways you learn about parks and recreation programs and activities in Pender County.

- Program Guide
- Website
- Flyers/Brochures
- Parks and Recreation Staff
- Newspaper
- Friends/Neighbors
- Barriers
- Radio
- Other (please indicate)

11. What types of special events would you like to see Pender County offer?

Information about you and your household
Please remember this information is kept confidential.

12. How long have you lived in Pender County?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- More than 15 years

13. What is your zip code? _____

14. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

15. Please indicate the number of persons living in your household including yourself that are:

- Under age 10 _____ Age 34-44 _____
- Age 10-19 _____ Age 45-54 _____
- Age 20-24 _____ Age 55-64 _____
- Age 25-34 _____ Age 65+ _____

16. What was your annual household income for 2008?

- Under \$20,000
- \$20,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- Over \$100,000

17. How would you describe your household?

- Individual
- Unrelated Adults
- Couple
- Couple with children
- Single parent

18. Is there any area that we have missed in the survey or any additional comments you would like to submit? Here is an opportunity to have your voice heard!

Public Meeting Sign-in Sheets

2010 Pender County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Public Input Meeting - January 7, 2010 - Maple Hill

	Name	Email	Zip Code
1	Doris L. Jordan		28454
2	James A. Pickett		28454
3	Felicia Watkins		28454
4	Gabbie NUK@yahoo.co.uk		28454
5	Judy Funnis		28454
6	Bryan F. Shephard		28454
7	Addie L. Shephard		" "
8	Malissa Jordan		28454
9	James Allen		28454
10	Dennis Tinsley		28454
11	Pamela J. Propp		28454
12	Sharon J. Lee		28454
13	Joseph Lee		28454
14	Wendee Holmes		28454
15	Wanda Brown		28454
16	Alicia Hooks		28454
17	Sherry Lee		28454
18	ROZAKA LANINGHAM		28454
19	Azalea Lee		28454
20	Uera Halmer		28454
21	Nathaniel Malloy		28454
22	Mafine W. James		28454
23	Janet R. Taylor		2594062
24	Abelia L. Brown		28454
25	Patricia McShepard		28454
26	Shirley J. Lee		28454
27	Randy James		28454
28	Margie Lee		28454
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2010 Pender County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Public Input Meeting - January 14, 2010 - Penderlea

	Name	Email	Zip Code
1	Ruth Murray		28478
2	Neillie B. Fields		28478
3	DAVID PIERMAYER		28443
4	Daloma Toward		28478
5	LAVERNE JOHNSON		28478
6	Douglas E. Johnson		28478
7	Sam [unclear]		28478
8	Michael + Amanda Gillespie		28466
9	Samuel DEXOT		
10	Robert + Tanja Carney		28464
11	Cathy Williams		28478
12	Anthony Prews		
13	Jerry Kanning		28478
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Public Input Meeting - January 14, 2010 - Penderlea

	Name	Email	Zip Code
46	Pony Stone Pollock		28466
47	Dashone Pearshall		"
48	DOUGAN WILLIAMS		"
49	Shadix Carney		28460
50	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		"
51	Charlana Carney		28466
52	Jarious Williams		"
53	Shantell Williams		28466
54	Uasmine Williams		28466
55	Tracy Jerry		28478
56	Shantel Johnson		28435
57	Jimmy Horrell		28478
58	Harry Teachey		28478
59	Donna Mintz		28478
60	Tammie Scobee		
61	Shelia Newkin		28478
62	Sonja Keith		28478
63	Cindy Ezzeil		28478
64	Cindy Rohlbraak		28478
65	Melissa Jones		28478
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2010 Pender County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Public Input Meeting - January 21, 2010 - Hampstead

	Name	Email	Zip Code
1	Bryan Davis		28411
2	Jill Sullivan		28443
3	Johnny Struble		28425
4	Tara Pyrtle		28443
5	Paul Donovan - Potts		28443
6	Chad Pelkey		28443
7	Tom Potts		28443
8	Rob Kelly		28443
9	Tommy Surratt		28443
10	Jayne Emma		28443
11	Bob Willard		28443
12	Brace George		28443
13	Joe Camperlense		28443
14	Kristen Manicelli		28443
15	Jimmy Pyrtle		28443
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Public Input Meeting - February 11, 2010 - Malpass Corner

	Name	Email	Zip Code
1	Joyce Keith	[Redacted]	28435
2	Terry Lanning	[Redacted]	28478
3	Susan Bullers	[Redacted]	28435
4	JIMMY ROUGHTON	[Redacted]	28457
5	BOBBIE SMITH	[Redacted]	28478
6	TERRY BENJY	[Redacted]	28411
7	Heidi Waller	[Redacted]	28425
8	TRINA N. SIMPSON	[Redacted]	28435
9	Mamie Hansley	[Redacted]	28425
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Public Input Meeting - February 18, 2010 - Rocky Point

	Name	Email	Zip Code
1	Gregory Binson ^{Pres} CF Sorba	[REDACTED]	28457
2	Steve Mangiacoppe Pres Cape Fear Cyclists	[REDACTED]	28409
3	NADINE JORDAN	[REDACTED]	28457
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Public Input Meeting - February 25, 2010 - Burgaw

	Name	Email	Zip Code
1	Susan Bullers	[Redacted]	28435
2	Bruce Rouse	[Redacted]	28457
3	Johnny Stringfield	[Redacted]	
4	Samuel Stringfield	[Redacted]	
5	STAN ROGERS	[Redacted]	28457
6	David Joyce	[Redacted]	28457
7	Matt Wilson	[Redacted]	28425
8	Kenny Burchill	[Redacted]	28425
9	Don Rawls	[Redacted]	28478
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Facility Matrices

Facility Matrix 1: Existing Public Facilities in Pender County

Existing Public Facilities	Classification	GIS Acreage	Amphitheater/Outdoor Classroom	Baseball/Softball Field - Youth	Baseball/Softball Field - Adult	Basketball Court	Batting Cages/Practice Area	Boat Dock/Water Access	Camping	Community Building	Concession Stand	Fitness Center	Fishing	Hiking/Walking Trails (miles)	Multi-Use (Football/Soccer Field)	Paved Trail (miles)	Picnic Area	Playground	Restrooms	Shelter/Pavilion	Soccer Fields - Youth	Soccer Fields - Adult	Tennis Court	Volleyball
<i>Pender County Parks and Recreation Facilities</i>																								
Pender Memorial Park	Community Park	25.75		6	1		3				2				2			1	Y	1	1			
Hampstead Kiwanis Park	Community Park	83.72		3							1				3	0.5		1	Y	1				1
Millers Pond Park	Natural Resource Area	31.38											1	1										
<i>Municipal Parks and Recreation Facilities</i>																								
Atkinson																								
Hoggard Park	Mini Park	1.4															1	1		1				
Burgaw																								
Hankins Memorial Park	Mini Park	1.49															1		Y	1				
Harrell Memorial Park	Mini Park	0.75															1	1					2	
Oswood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail	Greenway	0.90														0.75								
Surf City																								
Soundside Park	Neighborhood Park	11.35	1					1					1				1	1	Y	1				
Family Park	Neighborhood Park	0.77				1												1	Y					
Albury Recreation Area	Mini Park	0.70																1	Y	1				
Surf City Community Center	Community Park	22.7			2	1				1		1			1			1	Y				2	
Topsail Beach																								
Bush Marina	Special Use Park							1																
<i>State Parks and Recreation Facilities</i>																								
Holly Shelter Game Land	Natural Resource Area	64,743							1				1											
Angola Bay Game Land	Natural Resource Area	29,375.38											1											
Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land	Natural Resource Area	5,281											1											
Sandy Run Savannas State Natural Area	Natural Resource Area	1,609.27																						
Shelter Creek WRC Boat Access	Special Use Park	2.37						1																
Holly Shelter WRC Boat Access	Special Use Park	1.80						1																
Sawpit Landing WRC Boat Access	Special Use Park	5.00						1																
<i>Federal Parks and Recreation Facilities</i>																								
Moore's Creek National Battlefield	Special Use Park	75.83	1							1			1			1	1	1	Y					

Facility Matrix 2: Existing Private Facilities in Pender County

Existing Private Facilities	Basketball Court	Boat Dock/Water Access	Camping	Community Building	Dance	Equestrian Facilities	Fitness Center	Fishing	Golf	Horseshoe Pits	Martial Arts	Museum	Paintball Facilities	Picnic Area	Playground	Pool	Skating Rink	Skateboard Park	Softball Field	Walking Trails
Community Centers																				
Canetuck Community Center	X			X																
Edgcomb Community Center	X			X										X	X				X	
Joint Community Development Center	X			X															X	
Maple Hill Resource Center	X			X											X				X	
Willard Outreach Center	X			X			X				X			X	X					X
Other Private Facilities																				
Ashton Farms								X						X						
Belvedere Golf & Country Club									X											
Blackbeard's Campground			X																	
Buccaneer Golf Club									X											
Cape Fear Coastal Charters								X												
Cripple Creek Corner Dance Studio				X																
Curves of Burgaw							X													
Curves of Hampstead							X													
Curves of Surf City							X													
The Crest Fitness							X													
Dave Richie Landing at Cross Creek		X																		
Desperado Trail Rides						X														
Dolphin Aquatics & Fitness (planned)							X									X				
The Dragon Martial Arts Center											X									
Finest Kind Saltwater Charters								X												
Fitness Fusion of Burgaw							X													
Gil's Boat Rental		X																		
Grand Oak Golf Enterprise									X											
Grand Slam Fishing								X												
Hana Taekwon-Do											X									
Holland Shelter Creek Outdoor Adventures			X					X												
Just for Kicks				X																
Kirkwood Camp & Retreat Center			X																	
Lanier's Campground		X	X				X			X						X				
Nature of the Game Paintball Complex													X							
Olde Point Golf Club									X							X				
Penderlea Homestead Museum												X								
Poplar Grove Plantation												X	X							
Richard Dambakly Martial Arts Academy											X									
Rocky Point Campground			X					X								X				
Scotts Hill Marina		X																		
Second Wind Fitness Center							X									X				
Shipwreck Point Golf									X											
The Skate Barn																		X		
Surf City Family Campground			X																	
Topsail Greens Golf Club									X											
Topsail Skating Rink																	X			
Topsail Sound RV Park			X					X								X				
Virginia Creek Campground			X																	
Vonda Kay Headboat								X												

Facility Matrix 3: Existing School Facilities in Pender County

Existing School Facilities	Amphitheatre	Auditorium/Stage	Baseball/Softball Field (Adult)	Baseball/Softball Field (Youth)	Batting Cage	Basketball Court - Indoor	Basketball Court - Outdoor	Concession Stand	Fitness Center	Football Field	Gymnasium	Multipurpose Rooms/Auxiliary Gym	Multi-Use Field (Football/Soccer Field)	Picnic Area	Playground	Shelter/Pavilion	Soccer Fields	Tennis Court	Walking Trail
	<i>Pender County Schools Parks and Recreation Facilities</i>																		
Burgaw Elementary		X									X				X				X
Burgaw Middle						X	X						X				X		
Cape Fear Elementary		X		X								X	X		X				
Cape Fear Middle		X		X		X		X					X				X		
Heide Trask High		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		X				X		
Malpass Corner Elementary		X										X	X		X				
North Topsail Elementary		X		X								X	X		X	X			
Pender Early College		X																	
Pender High	X	X	X		X				X	X	X		X				X	X	
Penderlea Elementary		X		X				X				X			X		X		
Rocky Point Primary		X										X	X	X					
South Topsail Elementary		X		X									X	X	X				
Topsail Middle		X				X		X			X	X							
Topsail High			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
West Pender Middle		X		X		X					X		X				X		

Sample Consent Form/Release

PENDER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION Consent/Release for Skate Park Participants

Adult – Check here if the participant is an adult. By checking this box, I am representing that I am 18 years of age or older and that I am fully competent and legally able to execute this document with the intent to be bound by the terms hereof.

Minor – Check here if the participant is a minor (under 18) (hereinafter the “minor”) or has a legal guardian

The undersigned, parent(s), or legal guardian(s) consent to the minor’s full and unlimited use of, or presence at, any and all Pender County Skate Park Facilities (County Skate Park), on an unsupervised basis.

I consent to the minor’s use of the County Skate Park for any purpose, including but not limited to, skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle bicycling. This consent shall be continuing unless revoked by a written document addressed to the Director, PO Box 1519, Burgaw, NC, 28425. In order to be effective, the revocation documents must be sent by certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, and must include any sticker, badge, permit, or other item indicating to the County the minor’s authorization to enter the County Skate Park. No oral or other form of revocation shall be sufficient to withdraw this consent.

GENERAL

1. All participants will be required to comply with all rules and regulations regarding the County Skate Park and I accept on my behalf, or that of the minor participant, full responsibility for informing myself, or the minor participant, of any changes to those rules and regulations.
2. The consideration for this agreement is the recreational benefit to be received from the use of the County Skate Park, and the County’s waiver of any requirement that I or the minor participant carry liability insurance prior to being allowed to use, or enter, the County Skate Park. I acknowledge that, absent the execution of this agreement, the County would not have offered me or the minor participant access to its Skate Park because of unacceptable exposure to liability claims. I acknowledge personally, or on behalf of the minor participant, that Section 99E-25(b) of the North Carolina General Statutes protects the County from liability claims arising from the use of the County Skate Park, except in very limited circumstances.
3. I hereby agree personally, and on behalf of the minor participant, that use of the County Skate Park is only granted by the County because of its understanding that in the event of injury to myself, or the minor participant, or damage or loss of property that any private insurance policy which covers such injury or loss shall be the sole source of any recovery.
4. I hereby personally, and on behalf of the minor participant, **release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** Pender County, North Carolina, its Board of County Commissioners, County Manager, any County department or subdivision, or its employees, servants, representatives, officers, agents, and successors and assigns (collectively, the “releasees”), **from and for all liability** whatsoever to me, the minor participant, my (or the minor participant’s) personal representative, assigns, heirs, and next of kin. I also expressly waive any claims or demands therefor on account of injury to person or property, including injury resulting in my (or the minor participant’s) death, whether caused by the **negligence, including gross negligence, of releasees, or otherwise**, or whether arising out of or caused by any defect, or presence or absence of any condition of, in or on any real property, premises, County property, thoroughfare, or vehicle occurring when I, or the minor participant use, or are present upon, any County Skate Park.
5. I hereby personally, and on behalf of the minor participant, voluntarily and expressly assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death, and property damage **due to the negligence of any or all releasees or otherwise** while in or upon any County Skate Park and/or while using the County Skate Park.
6. I fully realize and appreciate the dangers, including severe injury or death, inherent in engaging in, observing, or being present where others engage in extreme sports such as skateboarding, inline skating, and freestyle bicycling. I further acknowledge that use of, or presence in, the County Skate Park carries with it the possibility that I, or the minor participant, may be exposed to physical danger, harm, and injury, including severe injury or death. I acknowledge that use of, or presence in, a County Skate Park may involve physical contact with others and that this physical contact may occur while myself, the minor participant, and/or others are traveling at a high rate of speed. I personally, and on behalf of the minor participant, nevertheless freely and voluntarily accept these risks.

7. I hereby personally, and on behalf of the minor participant, agree to defend at my expense, pay on behalf of, indemnify and save and hold harmless releasees, from and against any and all claims, demands, liens, liabilities, judgements, losses and damages (whether or not a lawsuit is filed) including, but not limited to, costs, expenses and attorneys' fees at trial and on appeal (collectively, "Claims") for damage to property or bodily or personal injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, which damage or injuries are alleged or claimed to have arisen out of or in connection with, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the use of the County Skate Park.
8. I also agree that I am responsible for any and all damages that I (or the minor participant) willfully, accidentally, or negligently inflict upon releasees or third parties as a result of use of the County Skate Park.
9. The undersigned expressly agrees personally, and on behalf of the minor participant, that this agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of North Carolina, and if any portion thereof is held to be invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
10. The undersigned as read and voluntarily signs this agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.
11. The undersigned agrees that he/she has been hereby encouraged to seek the advice of his/her own attorney prior to signing this agreement and has been given the opportunity to seek such counsel.
12. I acknowledge the fact that this release, including my address and phone number, will become public record pursuant to North Carolina Public Records Law and will be available to members of the public upon their request.
13. I hereby give Pender County permission to take and use photo(s) of myself and/or participant for publicity. This may include newspaper, brochures, website, displays or any other forms of publicity for the Pender County Parks and Recreation Division. I understand there is no monetary compensation for use of these photos.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A RELEASE FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH PARTICIPANT BEFORE HE/SHE WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICPATE.

**BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE WAIVING OR RELEASING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
YOU MUST READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the participant has caused this agreement to be executed this _____ Day of _____, 20_____.

FOR PARTICIPANT 18 OR OLDER:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

FOR PARTICPANT UNDER 18 *Waiver must be signed in front of a Pender County Employee:*

Print Participant's Name: _____

Print Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

_____ Telephone: (_____) _____

FOR ALL PARTICPANTS:

Who to notify in case of emergency: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Related Media Coverage



Pender residents want more county parks

By K.J. Williams
Citydesk@StarNewsOnline.Com

Published: Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 11:46 a.m.

There's a rumbling among some Pender County residents looking for recreation.

They say they want parks and recreational facilities to give their youth a place to play. Right now, all they've got in some parts of the county are fields of dreams located at schools without any improvements to make them suitable for use when the schools are closed.

Charles Davis, 22, is one of the county residents who says there's a need for more parks and recreational facilities. He says there aren't any after-school outlets for youth in Burgaw. "We need something for all these kids to do."

The facilities shortage is a problem that Patrick Davenport, the county's director of planning and community development, acknowledges wasn't a priority with the county in the past.

That's changing.

County employees are working on a comprehensive plan to address the issue and identify grants and other financing options. They expect to seek public input on what residents want at several forums across the county in January and February, and also collect surveys during that time.

Ben Andrea, a county planner, said the information gathered will be incorporated into the plan. A final draft is expected to be completed in April, and the public can review it at the planning and community development office or online on the county's Web site.

Some Burgaw residents have recently made requests for basketball courts, which aren't provided at either of the two county parks: Pender Memorial Park in Burgaw and the Hampstead Kiwanis Park.

"This is something we will work to address with future facilities," Andrea said.

The county also lacks playing fields and has no swimming pools or tennis courts, according to a state assessment of counties in last year's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Pender ranks near the bottom in several categories.

County employees met last week with the county school board about joining forces to provide facilities at school sites.

"The specifics of it have not been ironed out in any detail yet, but this is what we're working towards and going to begin discussing," Andrea said.

Trask High School in Rocky Point is a likely site for a partnership, and the county owns 120 acres adjacent to the school.

Davenport noted that residents in the western part of the county have been requesting playing fields, as evidenced by two Currie residents who spoke at a county commissioners meeting held in Atkinson last month.

George Murphy, a longtime coach of youth co-ed softball teams, said he had to rent a portable toilet one Sunday because the teams playing on fields at West Pender Middle School had no facilities to use.

Roshawn McIntyre asked commissioners what they could do to help bring facilities to their area. She said the western part of the county needs a playground and a community center, and she's working on fundraisers to help provide future facilities.

Davenport suggested she contact the parks and recreation advisory board, which meets at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at 805 S. Walker St. in Burgaw. Andrea said the board will discuss the proposed survey and other aspects of the plan then.

Once the plan is completed, it will go before the parks and recreation advisory board, the planning board and the board of commissioners for resolutions of support. It's projected to become effective in July, in conjunction with the county's comprehensive land use plan and unified development ordinance, Andrea said.

County staffers have said demand for parks and facilities will increase as the population grows, with facilities becoming more crowded and development making land for parks more scarce. Pender ranked 66 or lower in 13 out of 14 categories for recreational fields and facilities in last year's analysis by the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.

Pender did shine in one area. It ranked 15th for its 98,389 acres of state or federal park land.

There have been recent improvements and ongoing projects at the county's two parks, aided by funding from the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. At Pender Memorial Park, playground equipment has been installed, and at Hampstead Kiwanis Park, which was built on donated land, there's now a walking trail.

At both parks, improvements include fencing around playing fields. At Pender Memorial Park, two youth baseball/softball playing fields are expected to open in early 2010. A new restroom and a concession stand is under construction, said Dee Turner, a parks and recreation division planner.

At Hampstead Kiwanis Park, three new fields should be ready for use by spring: two youth baseball/soccer fields and a field for football and soccer. A new restroom facility should be completed this year, Turner said.

Andrea said the county's next project will be Miller's Pond Park in the Rocky Point area, near the Northeast Cape Fear River at the county line. The current budget includes \$25,000 for the project, which is planned as a passive nature recreation area. The 24-acre county-owned site was once N.C. Department of Transportation property used for fill dirt, which has been converted into a freshwater pond.

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Pender County residents want recreation options

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Burgaw residents who say the town needs basketball courts and a recreation center were able to persuade Pender County Commissioners to consider various options at Monday's meeting.

"Do we have to wait until 2010 to put up a ball court," asked Pastor Ben Artis of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Willard.

The county is working on a master plan for parks and recreation that it expects to be finished by July 1, 2010, detailing its plans for future facilities. Public input meetings will be held in January and February.

Artis asked if some of the open space at Pender Memorial Park in Burgaw might be available for a basketball court, but Dee Turner, the county's planner for its parks and recreation division, said what appears to be open space is actually wetlands, where nothing can be built.

Commissioner David Williams suggested that organizers also approach the Burgaw Board of Commissioners on the issue, adding he wouldn't support anything without Burgaw's cooperation.

Artis, a resident of Watha, also offered the county use of 3.5 acres he owns for a basketball court. The land about seven miles west of Burgaw on Piney Woods Road, off U.S. 421.

Johnny Stringfield of Burgaw, one of the leaders of a prison outreach ministry, and the community coordinator for the Pender County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asked for basketball courts and a recreation center before a standing-room-only crowd.

"It's all about us coming together and bringing up the confidence level about what we can do here in Pender County," Stringfield said, adding that a committee with resident members should be formed to look at the issue.

Stringfield said the Community Boys & Girls Club in Wilmington was interested in opening a club in Burgaw.

Commissioners' Chairman Jimmy Tate directed County Manager Rick Benton to look into the possible formation of a committee and he asked staff to look into the suitability of Artis' land.

The board also heard a request from the county's board of health made by Jack Griffith, director of the county's health department, asking it to approve a proposed ordinance banning tobacco use from county property effective Jan. 3, 2010. Commissioners tabled the resolution, directing staff to work with county employees who smoke on a compromise like a smoking area.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to approve contracts for its planned Topsail Regional Library in Hampstead. Cherry Huffman Architects was chosen for the design and architectural services, and a contract for engineering services was awarded to McKim & Creed.

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Sports fields, lights and pool on 'wish list' for Hampstead

By K.J. Williams
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Asking residents of eastern Pender County what they wanted in recreational facilities resulted in a "wish list" the county plans to use when applying for future grants.

Dee Turner, the county's planner for its parks and recreation division, wrote down the desires of residents at the county's third public forum on the issue held Thursday night at Topsail High School in Hampstead.

"Basically, this is a wish list," she said, "But when we go for grants, we have to justify this is truly a need."

Her comments were a response to a question raised by Ronald Crowell of Hampstead, who wondered if the economic downturn meant their input was only a "wish list."

Turner said public input and a countywide survey would help the county's grant requests to build park facilities.

The county is developing its comprehensive parks and recreation master plan, and is hosting meetings countywide to receive input. Upcoming meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 at Malpass Corner Elementary School, Feb. 18 at Trask High School in Rocky Point, and Feb. 25 at the county offices in Burgaw.

Thursday's public forum followed a meeting of the parks and recreation advisory board. Board member David Piepmeyer said members planned to listen to everyone. "People like to at least know that their comments were heard and considered," Piepmeyer said.

Several of the residents who spoke said there was a need for more and better facilities for organized youth teams, ranging from more playing fields, and lighting for existing ones, to basketball courts. They also requested a community center.

"All these sports are just growing every year," said Pat Donovan-Potts of Hampstead. "So I think we need to add to them (facilities) and not turn children away."

Jayne Emma of Hampstead said the county's lack of a swimming pool means a youth swim team has to go outside the county to practice.

And Johnny Stringfield of Burgaw asked the county to look into mitigating wetlands at Pender Memorial Park in Burgaw so courts for basketball and tennis could be built there.

After a draft of the recreation plan is completed, it will be available for public comment. The target date for its adoption is July 1.

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Rocky Point delivers recreation wish list

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Nadine Jordan said she's heard talk before about recreational facilities for Rocky Point before.

"Every 15 or 10 years, it comes back up again," Jordan said. "What's going to happen this time that's going to make any difference?"

She spoke Thursday during a public forum at Trask High School.

The meeting was one of six public forums to identify residents' wishes for future facilities and formulate a parks and recreation master plan.

"We want to make sure that Rocky Point is included," Jordan said.

Earlier, the Rocky Point resident said the area doesn't have any parks. "If you're not affiliated with the schools, there's nothing for the kids to do."

She added that adults also need recreation, suggesting basketball courts and a swimming pool.

Pender County Commissioner George Brown, who represents the Rocky Point area, pledged that some type of facilities would be realized this go-round. "Something's going to happen over here."

Facilities could start out small, he said, naming a nature area and trails that have been proposed at the county-owned Miller's Pond property off U.S. 117.

The county also has developed a concept plan for a recreational complex on land adjacent to Trask High School, with playing fields that could be shared with Pender County Schools.

"I think everyone is aware of the limited opportunity for recreation in the county right now," said Ben Andrea, a county planner. "What's really important in this process is gathering that public input."

Surveys can be picked up at county offices or accessed online through the Feb. 28 deadline. The final public forum is 6 p.m. Thursday at the county complex at Burgaw.

Kaylyn Brinson, 8, may be too young to fill out a survey, but she didn't hesitate to speak up for herself and her third-grade classmates at Cape Fear Elementary School. She asked for a playground and said the boys in her class like to skateboard. "And I thought maybe put out some concrete so they can go skateboarding."

The other two people at the forum suggested a partnership with a local cyclists' group to build bicycling trails.

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Applications for Animal Control Ordinance Review and Recommendation Committee

Pender County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for appointment of a committee to review county's Animal Control Ordinance and procedures. Applications may be obtained from and returned to the Pender County Health Department-(910)259-1328-PO Box 1209, Burgaw, NC 28425. Applications may also be filed on-line at <http://www.pendercountyva.gov>. Any questions may be addressed to the same phone number.

Pender County Citizen Volunteer of the Year Applications Due by February 15, 2010

Pender County is accepting nominations for Citizen Volunteer of the Year for 2010 through February 15, 2010. The purpose of the Pender County Outstanding Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award is to recognize and honor a Pender County citizen volunteer who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community. Nominations run through February 15, 2010. The chosen winner will be recognized and honored by the County Commissioners during National County Government Month, April 2010.

Criteria for nomination consideration includes participation in community projects, presenting a positive image of the county, demonstrating a commitment to improving the quality of life, and contributions of time, energy and resources to enhance the Pender County community. Names of nominees will not be disclosed to the selection committee, only qualifications, thus the selection process will be anonymous.

Nomination forms and instructions may be picked up at any of the Pender County office buildings, or the public offices in Burgaw and Hampstead. Forms and instructions may also be downloaded, or completed on-line, at www.pendercountyva.gov after January 1, 2010.

2010 Pender County Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Public Input Meeting Schedule/All meetings will begin at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Date	Meeting Area	Meeting Location
January 7, 2010	Maple Hill	Maple Hill Community Center
January 14, 2010	Penderlea	Penderlea Elementary School
January 21, 2010*	Hampstead	Topsail High School Cafeteria
February 11, 2010	Malpass Corner	Malpass Corner Elementary School Cafeteria
February 18, 2010	Rocky Point	Heidi Trask High School Cafeteria
February 25, 2010*	Burgaw	Public Meeting Room, 805 S. Walker St

* Meetings regularly scheduled Advisory Board meeting will be held during the same night. Agenda items not included in the Comprehensive Master Plan will be covered prior to receiving Public input.

2010 CALENDAR OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

DAY	DATE	TIME
Monday	January 4	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	January 19	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	January 28 (Planning Summit)	9:00 a.m.
Friday	January 29 (Planning Summit)	8:30 a.m.
Monday	February 1	10:00 a.m.
Monday	February 15	4:00 p.m.
Monday	March 1	7:00 p.m.
Monday	March 15	10:00 a.m.
Monday	March 15	4:00 p.m.
Monday	April 5	7:00 p.m.
Monday	April 19	10:00 a.m.
Monday	April 19	4:00 p.m.
Monday	May 3	7:00 p.m.
Monday	May 3 (Budget Work Session)	10:00 a.m.
Monday	May 17 (Budget Work Session)	12:00 noon
Monday	May 17	4:00 p.m.
Monday	June 7	7:00 p.m.
Monday	June 7 (Budget Work Session)	10:00 a.m.
Monday	June 21	12:00 noon
Monday	June 21	4:00 p.m.
Monday	July 12	7:00 p.m.
Monday	August 2	4:00 p.m.
Monday	August 16	7:00 p.m.
Monday	August 16	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	September 7	4:00 p.m.
Monday	September 20	7:00 p.m.
Monday	October 4	10:00 a.m.
Monday	October 18	4:00 p.m.
Monday	October 18	7:00 p.m.
Monday	November 1	10:00 a.m.
Monday	November 15	4:00 p.m.
Monday	November 15	7:00 p.m.
Monday	December 6	4:00 p.m.
Monday	December 6	7:00 p.m.

Note: All meetings held at Pender County Public Assembly Room, 805 South Walker Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise advertised. Any questions may be addressed to 910-259-1200.

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Parks and recreation public meeting

The Pender County Department of Planning and Community Development will hold a public meeting Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Penderlea School. The meeting will offer residents the opportunity to give input to planners concerning the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Online surveys are also available at www.pendercountyne.gov

The Pender Post, January 13, 2010

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Online surveys are also available at www.pendercountyne.gov

The Pender Post, January 20, 2010

Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan meeting comes to Hampstead

By Ken Clarke

HAMPSTEAD – In an attempt to get a better understanding as to what Pender residents expect from parks and recreation in future years the Pender Planning staff has begun holding community meetings around the county.

The Pender Planning Department is in the process of trying to create a comprehensive

plan that will help guide the development of future parks and recreation facilities within the county.

To get a better understanding what to plan for, the planning department, which presides over the parks and recreation department, is attempting to try and understand how residents currently use the existing facilities and discover what they want in the future.

In an attempt to get this

information the planning department is holding a series of meetings across the county and encouraging residents to take an online survey at the county website.

The meetings began on Jan. 7 at Maple Hill and Jan. 14 at Penderlea.

On Thursday, a meeting will be held in Hampstead in the Topsail High School Cafeteria beginning at 6 p.m.

Subsequent meetings will be held on Feb. 11 in Rocky Point at the Trask High School cafeteria and Feb. 25 in Burgaw in the commissioners meeting room.

The survey can be found on the county website at www.pendercountync.gov.

The Topsail Voice, January 20, 2010

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Parks public input meeting at Malpass Corner

The Pender County Department of Planning and Community Development will hold a public input meeting Thursday Feb. 11 in the cafeteria at Malpass Corner Elementary School at 6 p.m.

The Pender Post, February 10, 2010

Parks and Rec public meeting in Rocky Point

County planners will hold a public input meeting in the cafeteria at Trask High School Thursday Feb. 18. The meeting will allow residents to fill out the parks and recreation survey and offer input on future plans for Pender County. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The Pender Post, February 17, 2010

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