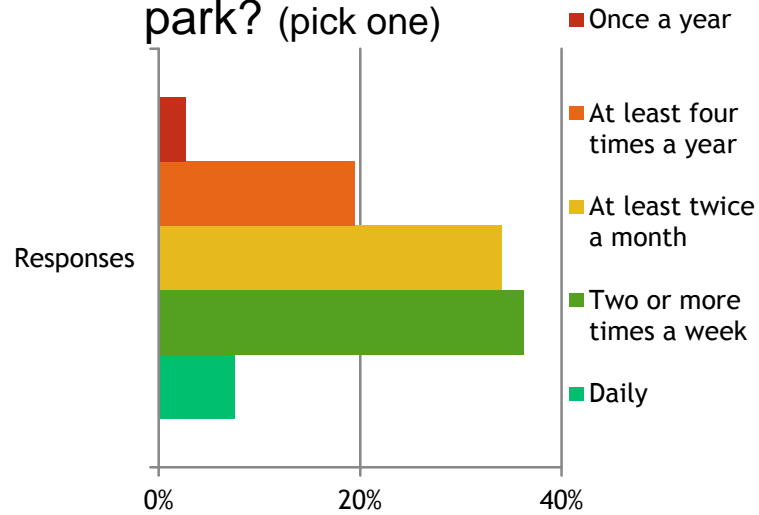
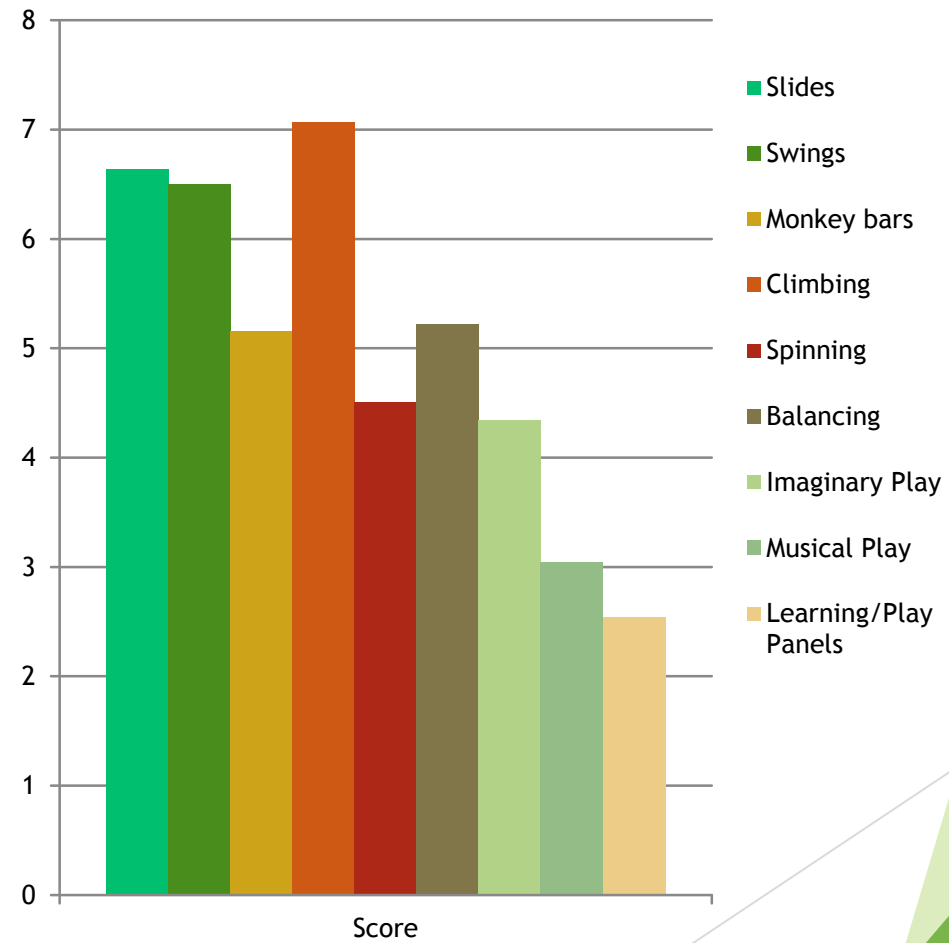


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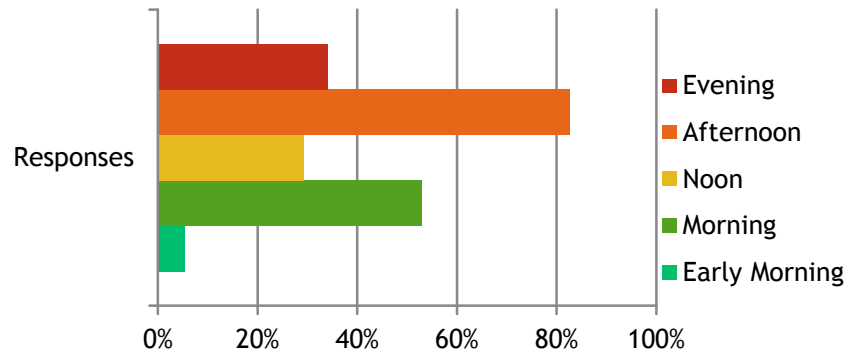
How often do you visit the park? (pick one)



What play elements do you like most for the play area? (please rank)

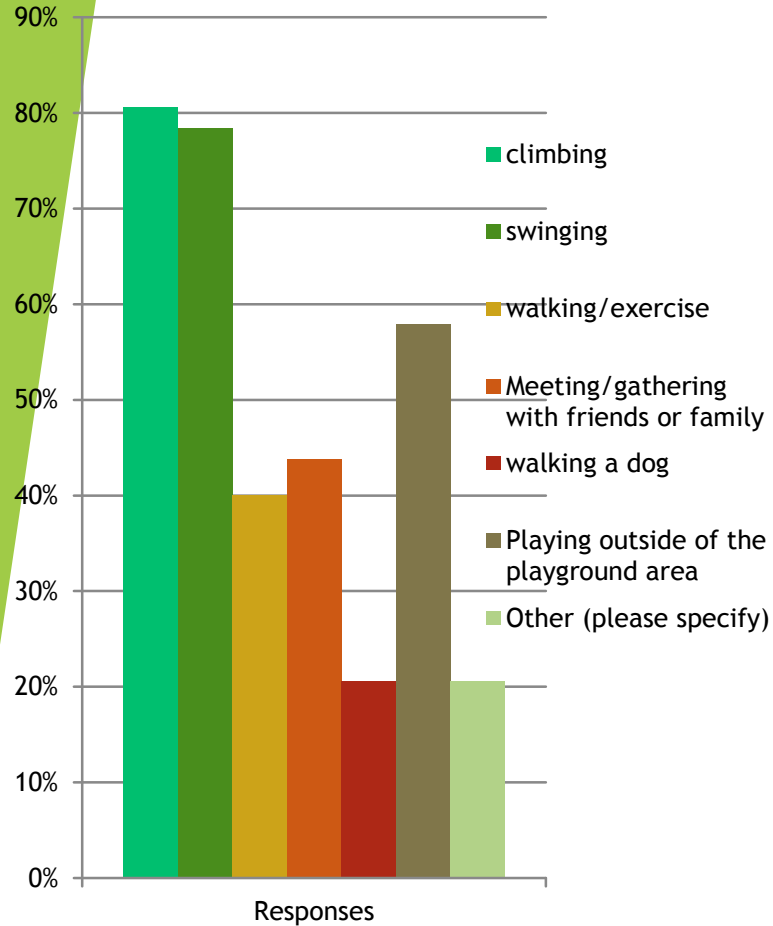


What time of day are you most likely to visit the park? (check all that apply)

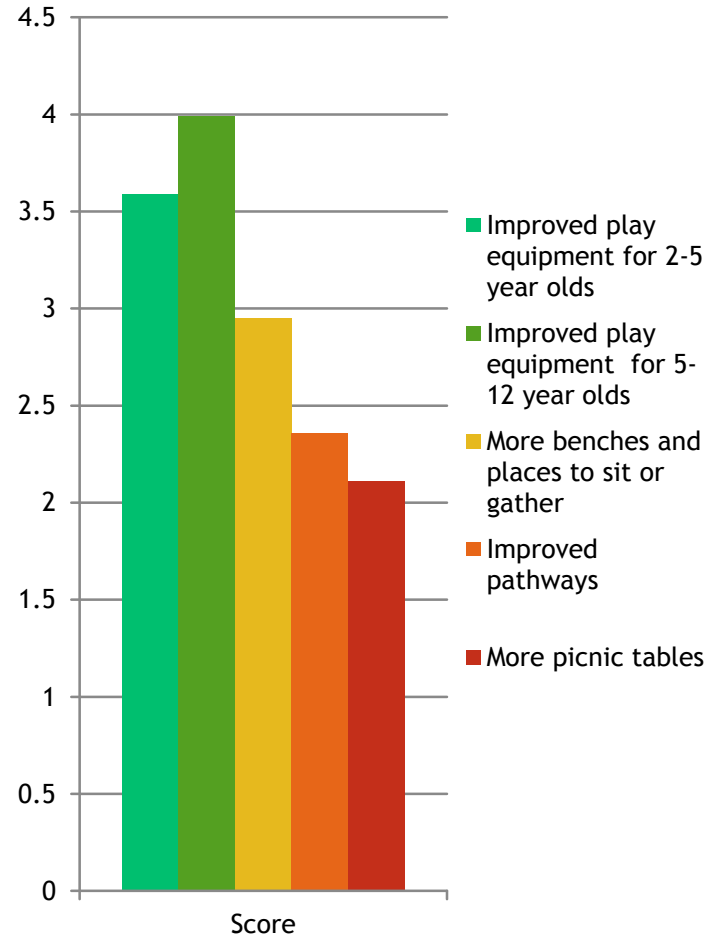


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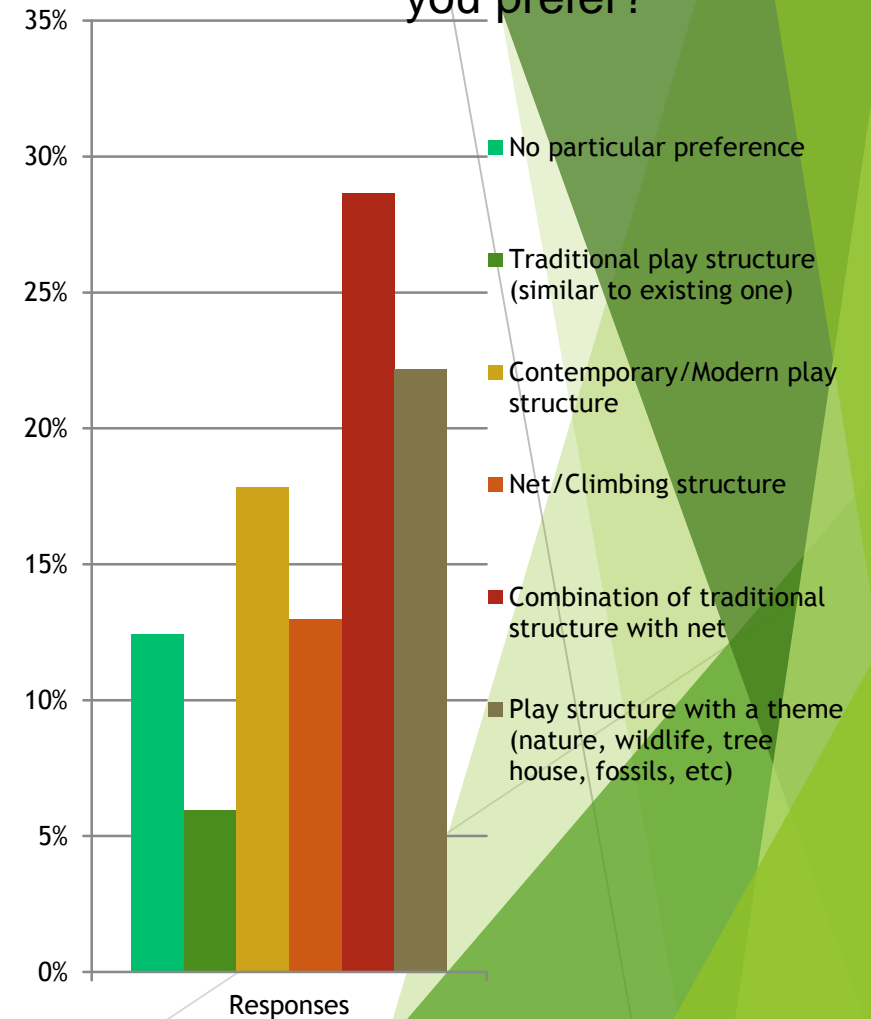
What type(s) of activities do you or the children with you do at the play area? (check all that apply)



What features would improve your enjoyment of the play area? (please rank)



Is there a particular play area style you prefer?



# Loyal Heights Play Area Renovation Survey

## November 20 – December 20, 2017

Response Date	Individual Responses
12/16	Why is it necessary to allow dogs into a play area at all? Dog-free or dog restricted area is needed. Too many dogs are a problem and owners always say "my dog is friendly" "I clean up after my dog" etc. but it is unsafe and/or unwelcoming to many children. Also, regarding this survey, why did I have to rate all the "play elements" who some I would leave out altogether?
12/15	build a big field names: Leo, Madeleine ages:6 and 9
12/15	Please consider installing a skate dot
12/13	I'd love to see a sand area. The material chosen for the ground cover in the play area is just as important as investment in play structure.
12/13	The play structures at Golden gardens and woodland park are great ones and fun for a lot of kids. Those would be good parks to model after.
12/12	Would prefer something classic and not made of bright plastic. Renewable or recycled materials would be awesome. Recycled plastic even. Thank you!
12/12	Would love to have a dog (free run) area
12/12	Please do not eliminate the open space - maybe a few extra picnic tables but not too many. It's great to picnic on, kick a ball around and run around and play.
12/12	The recent remodels of playgrounds (like the one by the Nordic Heritage Museum) have skewed towards REALLY young kids. My older children now have very few playgrounds nearby with fun elements for them (like higher slides, higher climbing options, and monkey bars). Please keep older kids in mind when redesigning this park -- they are underrepresented in Ballard playgrounds.
12/11	The new downtown Bellevue park would be awesome to consider a "copy cat" version of and it was done very well, or Jefferson Park in Beacon Hill
12/11	Would love a toddler section. We would go more, but my guy almost got knocked off by some bigger kids.
12/11	I hope ranking is 1 most important to 5 least. We would to see more swings like Webster park. some for the little ones with the larger car seat type swing and more regular swings Thank you!!
12/11	So excited for this! It didn't say how to rank (1 or 10 being most desirable) so I filled this out with 1 being most desirable and 10 being least desirable.
12/11	Definitely need to expand the footprint and provide more opportunities for play.
12/11	Would love to have a dinosaur themed park on Seattle
12/11	I don't believe the play area needs an update. I would prefer the money go to staffing at the community center and open hours during the weekend. It would be great to have a place to take kids to play in the gym out of the weather. That is a much better use of the money considering the existing equipment is in good order.
12/11	Would like the community center to be open more!
12/11	Please only use Dark Sky approved lighting.
12/11	I'm very excited that this is happening! The current play structure is very limited.
12/11	The playground at Salmon Bay School is much more inclusive for our younger daughter, who has spina bifida. Her older sister can still have lots of fun on all structures, and the "rubberized" surface works well for the toddler, whether she is scooting around on her bottom or using her wheelchair. Wood chips & sand are completely excluding her from playing with her friends & sister.

12/11	We love our Loyal Heights neighborhood community center!
12/11	Please put some big monkey bars for big kids. LH elementary had a whole system to go through but that's gone now. Plan for big kids and adults to get some exercise.
12/7	I'm sure it will be great! One thing Salmon Bay park has always had over LHCC Playground is infant swings. At least one would be nice if you can swing it :)
12/6	Please make it light up at night
12/6	I didn't want to rank the changes listed above, and only did so because it was required to submit this form. I don't have a preference about the options given, because I like having a largish area of grass, without tables etc. I do not consider the addition of benches or picnic tables an improvement. The one improvement I would like to see is repair or replacement of the outdoor water fountain.
12/6	Make an off-leash section for dogs since there are more dogs than kids in this city.,
12/6	Every park should be like kirk park! More could/should be done with the wooded slope down to the playfield - paths, rockfield/bouldering. A built-in slide!!! There are ample sandboxes in the neighborhood.
12/6	Zip line would be fun too (like salmon bay park). Tall swings (often times newer swingsets are shorter, which are less fun for toddler).
12/6	toddler swing would be great.
12/6	Great to hear that the playground will be improved. Salmon Bay School and Gilman Park are great models. It'd be nice to have more accessibility features for children with special needs. Please don't reduce the grassy area too much, as this is a nice alternative when the ballfields are occupied. ***Please don't close this playground until the one at Loyal Heights Elementary is open!! The Loyal Hts neighborhood is the area of Ballard LEAST served with public open space and having both places out of commission at the same time would be a big hit.
12/6	This is so exciting! We live right around the corner with an almost 3-year old. This playground is so popular in the neighborhood, especially for families when the field is being used for practices, but we often walk the longer distance to Salmon Bay because it has so many more options for kids. This upgrade will be so well loved and used!
12/6	We were very disappointed in the Webster Park's redo: everything is for the 2-5 set. It's good to have things for multiple ages.
12/11	We would really like there to be at least 2 baby swings. It is especially helpful if they are next to bigger kid swings so that families can swing kids side by side. I would also like there to be swings for children with disabilities. I would like the slides to be safer. The slides are too high and young children can not touch the wood chips when they slide down. This leads to falls.
11/28	CAN IT BE RENOVATED IN THE SUMMER TIME AND BE READY BY FALL??
11/27	Would really love to see more equipment for younger children. Other than the bucket swings at Salmon Bay, there isn't really any place in the area for young children to play and explore.
11/27	Anything that makes this space with more opportunities for creative play. As kids get older they just want to play in the brush area next to the playground because they have exhausted everything they can do on the existing structure. No games that are integrated with an App on a phone. Those details won't last. Play structures with opportunities for creative play and challenging physical coordination is ideal.
11/26	More stuff to climb and turning bars
11/26	We love the community center. The playground is "our" playground as we live on 25th north of 77th. I hope it can continue to serve kids as they age up as well as the toddler/preschool set. I feel like the younger kids have more indoor choices. The rope climbers seem better for the winter weather; we like the ones at Golden Gardens & Seattle Center.

<b>11/26</b>	Seattle desperately needs more outdoor pools, how about a pool in the upper field area
<b>11/25</b>	Very interested in having a baby swing added.
<b>11/25</b>	We are excited that the neighborhood playground is getting an upgrade!
<b>11/25</b>	<p>1) As a parent, I think the play structure should promote upper body and lower body strength building and cardio for kids. It should be an area without walls or places to hide. And, it should encourage kids playing together.</p> <p>2) Loyal Heights Elementary school parents/kids don't have a good summertime potluck meeting place. (I've discussed this with other LHE parents.) We go to Salmon Bay even though that's not the closest park to all parents. It would be nice to have more picnic tables.</p> <p>3) In the afternoons when school is out and LHCC after school programs are getting out, there are older school kids hanging out on the teeter totter and swing tire area. I wish you would have done a site analysis in the dryer months to see how the park is used. There should be a place for that age group to hang out that doesn't interfere with where a 6 year old wants to swing, slide, etc. Young kids won't want to disturb big kids even if the young kids really want to swing. Most of the older kids aren't using the teeter totter or swing to play.</p> <p>4) I hope you are going to ask Marcy and her preschool groups how they would like to use the area. LHCC preschool depends on that area for outdoor play for the kids.</p> <p>5) Please keep the wood chips. I don't believe shredded tires and other unnatural materials are safe.</p> <p>6) In Scandinavia, the kids not only sit on the swings but they stand and swing. It would be great if the swings allowed for both. You use way more muscles strength when standing and swinging.</p> <p>7) My 6 year old say she wanted a bar to do "around the world". That's something she learned at gymnastics in Ballard. You just pull yourself up on a bar and hold onto the bar while doing a somersault around the bar.</p> <p>8) Please no sandbox.</p> <p>9) Can you make sure it's not painted with lead based paint?</p> <p>10) I think it's ok to have no infant swing. There are infant swings at Salmon Bay park. Loyal Heights park is smaller and I wouldn't want to lose kid play space for an infant swing.</p> <p>11) The kids run in the open space, and I've seen toddler soccer classes in the open space. It's a nice green field and would be great to keep it.</p>
<b>11/25</b>	<p>I am super excited for this renovation as I live across the street and have two children ages 3 and 8 months.</p> <p>I loved the renovation done at Gilman Park and hope we can do something of a similar scale.</p>
<b>11/25</b>	Over 20 children from the Crown Hill 3-5s Cooperative Preschool use this playground Tuesday - Thursday for our schools recess time. Parents and teachers will attend the community meetings and complete the survey. We're excited for this project and eager to work with you to make this area an engaging and stimulating outdoor environment for young children!
<b>11/22</b>	I would like to see more nature-scaping where kids can work with natural elements putting together 'fairy houses' and get their hands dirty.
<b>11/22</b>	Please use only native plants, and take into account areas for wildlife. So, for example, leaving the trees and plants alone, or planting more.

11/21	Aim for natural substances and elements (wood, plants, metal) The false turf was an unfortunate decision in my opinion
11/21	Consider improvements to lighting
11/20	I'd really love to see this design account for small toddlers (1-3 years old) with low to the ground steps and slides that can be used safely by little legs. Kirke Park on 9th and 70th is a good example. We live very close and use this park daily in the summer. Very excited about an update for the play area, let me know if I can help in any way.
11/20	It's such a great spot In a growing neighborhood with lots of kids!
11/20	I think a play area accessible to kids with disabilities would be great
11/20	I would love to see more natural elements added to the play area. My son loves to play in the trees, woods of the community center park and I encourage more of that. I would also love to see moveable parts as part of the playground. For example, tires, logs, things that kids can move around to play with. This park is really an important part of this community and I have been going there several times a week with my son for 10 years. He has definitely grown out of the play structures that are currently available.
11/20	Webster park type play equipment is great
11/20	We love the "outside toys" and so do all the toddlers in the neighborhood! As long as there's a place for little kids we'll be happy.
11/20	Please leave the basketball area.
11/20	Please add calisthenics equipment for adults (pullup bars, waist high walls, plinths)