



# **HIGHLANDS COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE FACILITY STUDY SURVEY**

**May 2023**

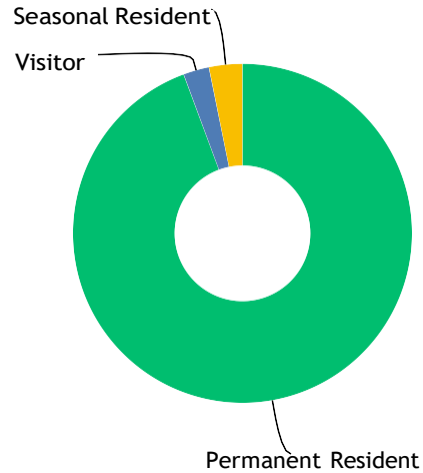
Results from County-wide Survey distributed online to Highlands County short and long term residents and visitors between February and March 2023. Information gathered from the survey is intended to help guide long-term investments and identify the need and opportunity for recreational facility development in Highlands County.

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**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL**

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DEVLEOPMENT COUNCIL**

## Q1 Are you a permanent resident, visitor, or seasonal resident (part time resident) of Highlands County?

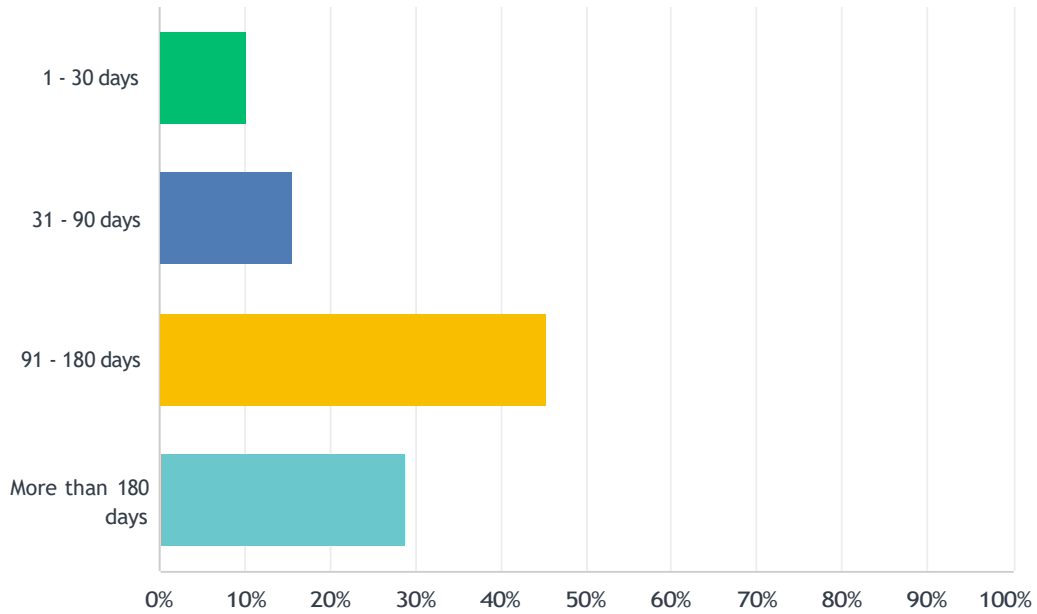
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Permanent Resident	94.36%	2,913
Visitor	2.46%	76
Seasonal Resident	3.17%	98
TOTAL		3,087

## Q2 Seasonal Resident: what is your average length of stay?

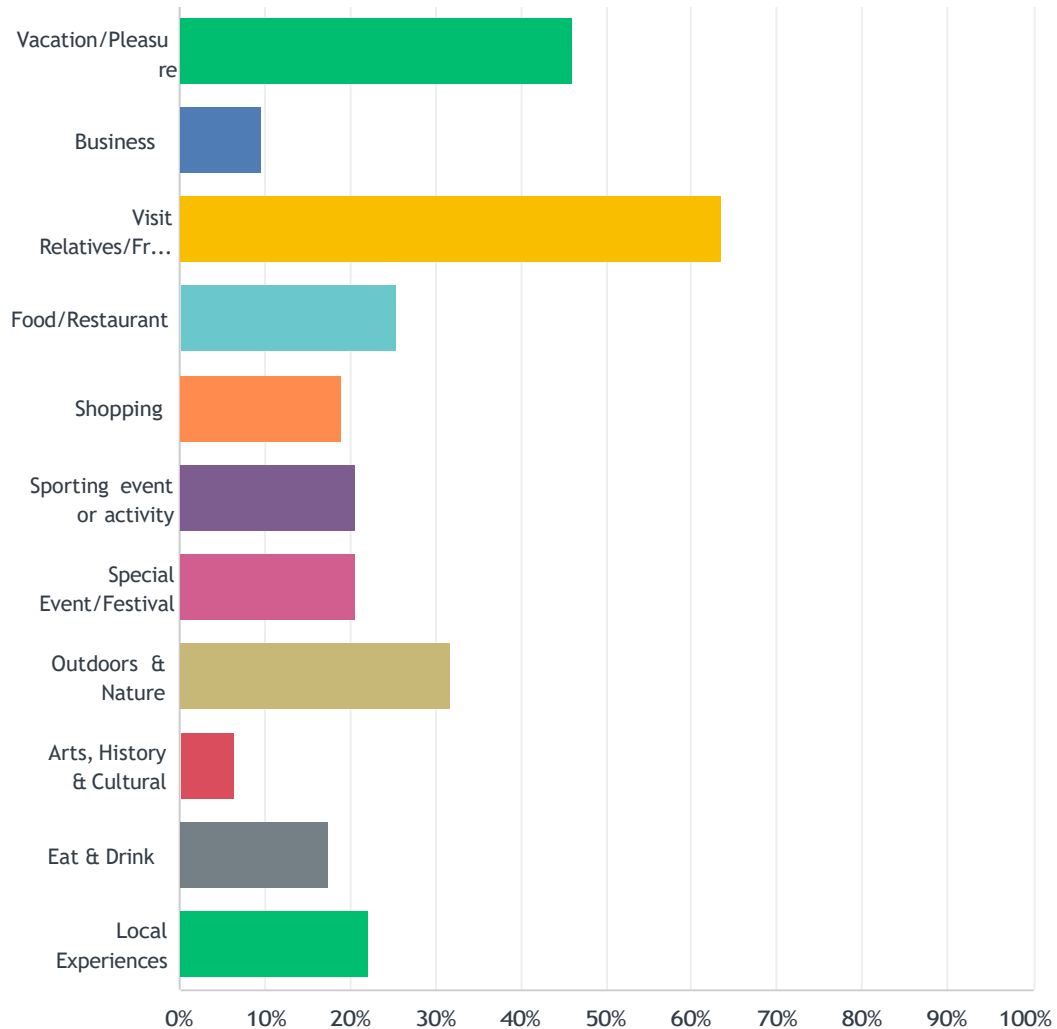
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - 30 days	10.31%	10
31 - 90 days	15.46%	15
91 - 180 days	45.36%	44
More than 180 days	28.87%	28
TOTAL		97

### Q3 What was the purpose of your visit to Highlands County/Sebring Area? Select all that apply

Answered: 63 Skipped: 3,024

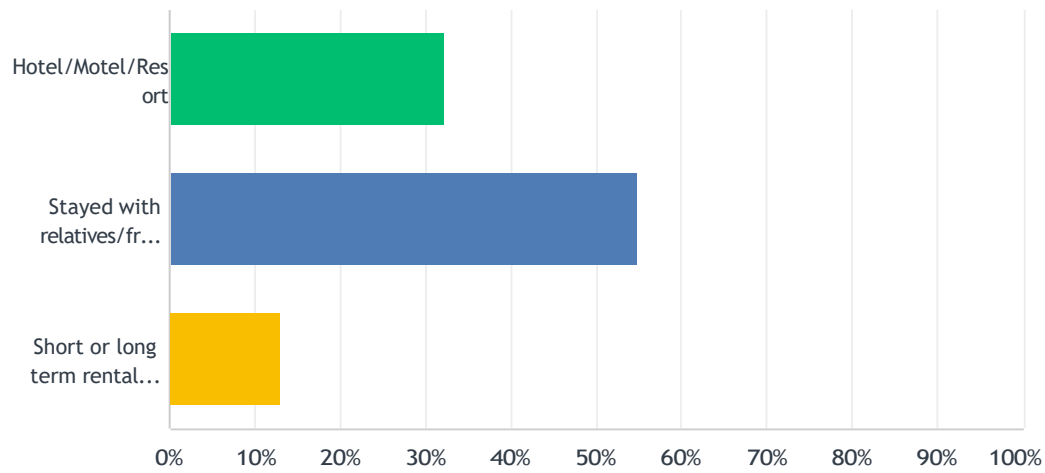


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vacation/Pleasure	46.03%	29
Business	9.52%	6
Visit Relatives/Friends	63.49%	40
Food/Restaurant	25.40%	16
Shopping	19.05%	12
Sporting event or activity	20.63%	13
Special Event/Festival	20.63%	13
Outdoors & Nature	31.75%	20
Arts, History & Cultural	6.35%	4
Eat & Drink	17.46%	11
Local Experiences	22.22%	14
Total Respondents: 63		

## Q4 What type of lodging have you used during this visit?

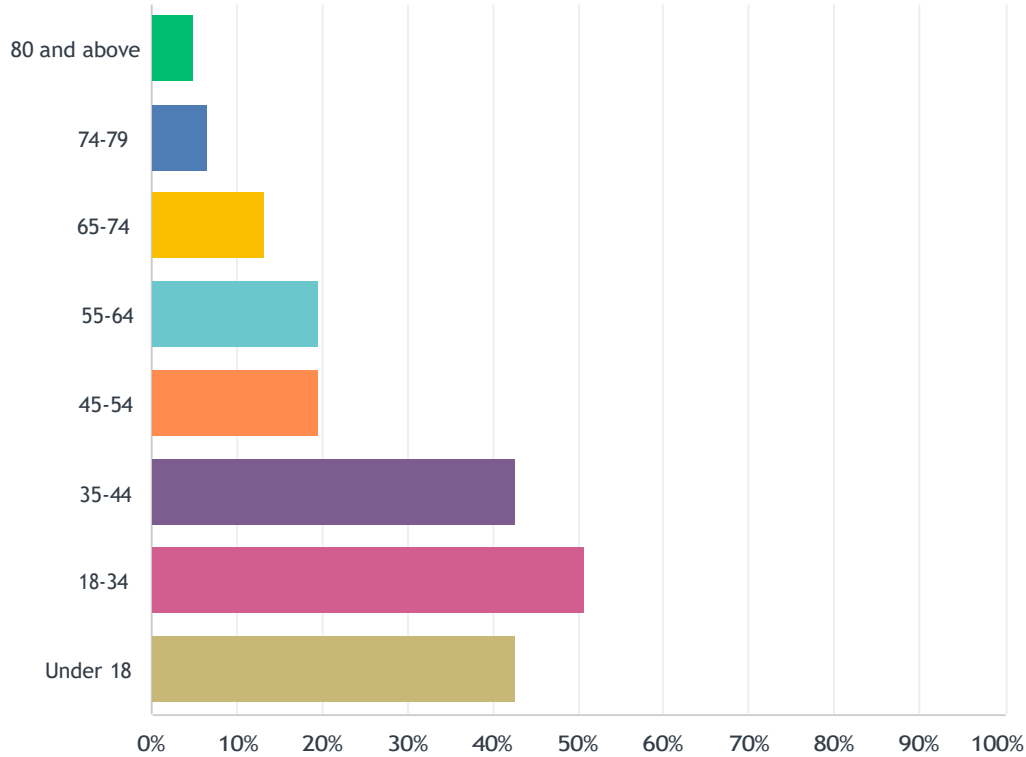
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hotel/Motel/Resort	32.26%	20
Stayed with relatives/friends	54.84%	34
Short or long term rental (Air B&B, Vrbo, other rental option)	12.90%	8
TOTAL		62

## Q5 Including yourself, select people from each of the following age categories were in your immediate travel party?

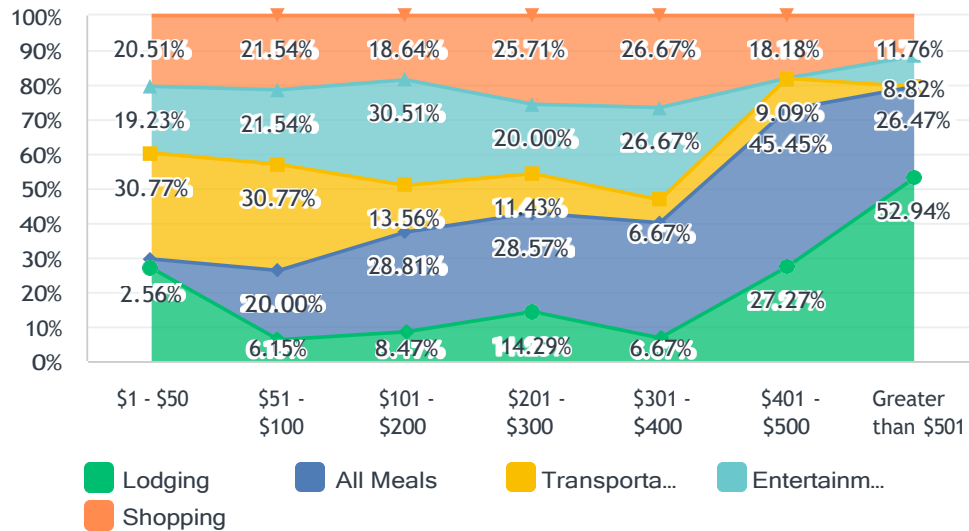
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
80 and above	4.92%	3
74-79	6.56%	4
65-74	13.11%	8
55-64	19.67%	12
45-54	19.67%	12
35-44	42.62%	26
18-34	50.82%	31
Under 18	42.62%	26
Total Respondents: 61		

Q6 For each of these please indicate with a check mark an estimation of how much money YOU and EVERYONE in your IMMEDIATE party spent IN TOTAL ON YOUR TRIP, in the Highlands County/Sebring AREA.

Answered: 62 Skipped: 3,025



\$1 - \$50 (1)	26.92%	2.56%	30.77%	19.23%	20.51%	1.00
	21	2	24	15	16	78
\$51 - \$100 (2)	6.15%	20.00%	30.77%	21.54%	21.54%	2.00
	4	13	20	14	14	65
\$101 - \$200 (3)	8.47%	28.81%	13.56%	30.51%	18.64%	3.00
	5	17	8	18	11	59
\$201 - \$300 (4)	14.29%	28.57%	11.43%	20.00%	25.71%	4.00
	5	10	4	7	9	35
\$301 - \$400 (5)	6.67%	33.33%	6.67%	26.67%	26.67%	5.00
	1	5	1	4	4	15
\$401 - \$500 (6)	27.27%	45.45%	9.09%	0.00%	18.18%	6.00
	3	5	1	0	2	11



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Greater than \$500 (7)	52.94% 18	26.47% 9	0.00% 0	8.82% 3	11.76% 4	34	7.00
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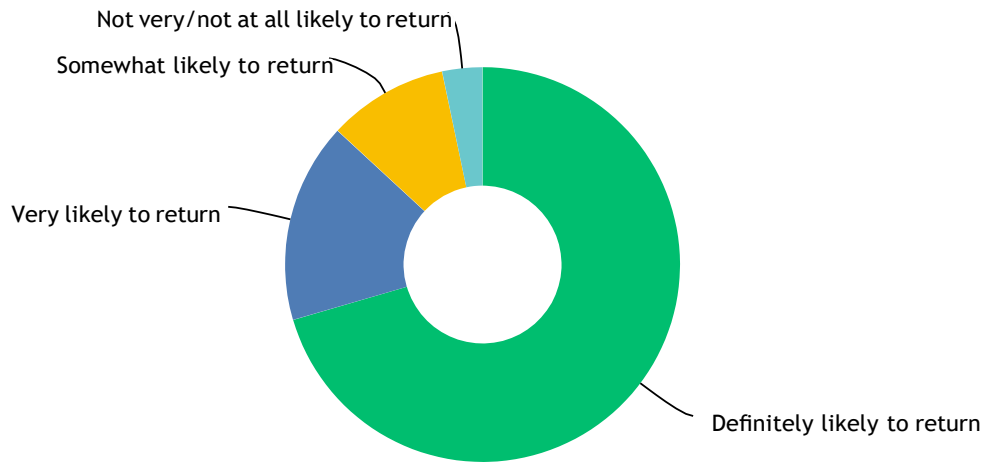
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BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Lodging	1.00	7.00	3.00	3.74	2.59
All Meals	1.00	7.00	3.00	3.89	1.78
Transportation	1.00	6.00	2.00	1.98	1.12
Entertainment	1.00	7.00	3.00	2.72	1.52
Shopping	1.00	7.00	2.50	2.88	1.75

## Q7 How likely are you to return to the Highlands County/Sebring Area?

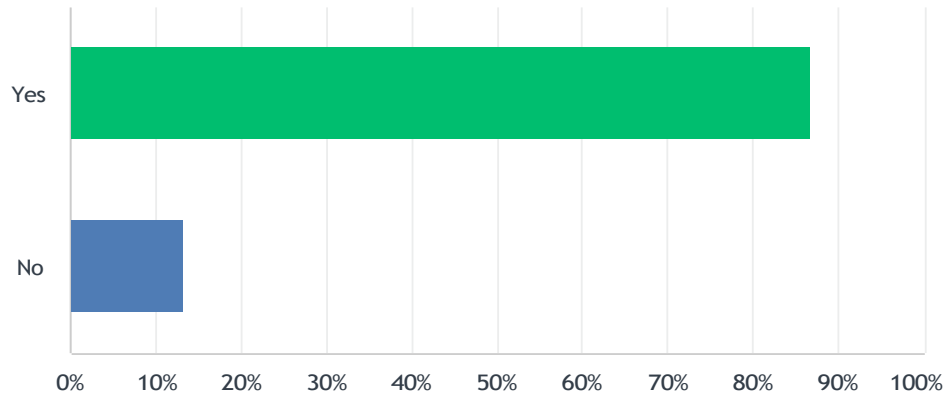
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Definitely likely to return	70.49%	43
Very likely to return	16.39%	10
Somewhat likely to return	9.84%	6
Not very/not at all likely to return	3.28%	2
TOTAL		61

# Q8 Does the County need a new multipurpose recreation facility to allow for a wide range of sports, encourage participation in sports and exercise and create an attractive community amenity?

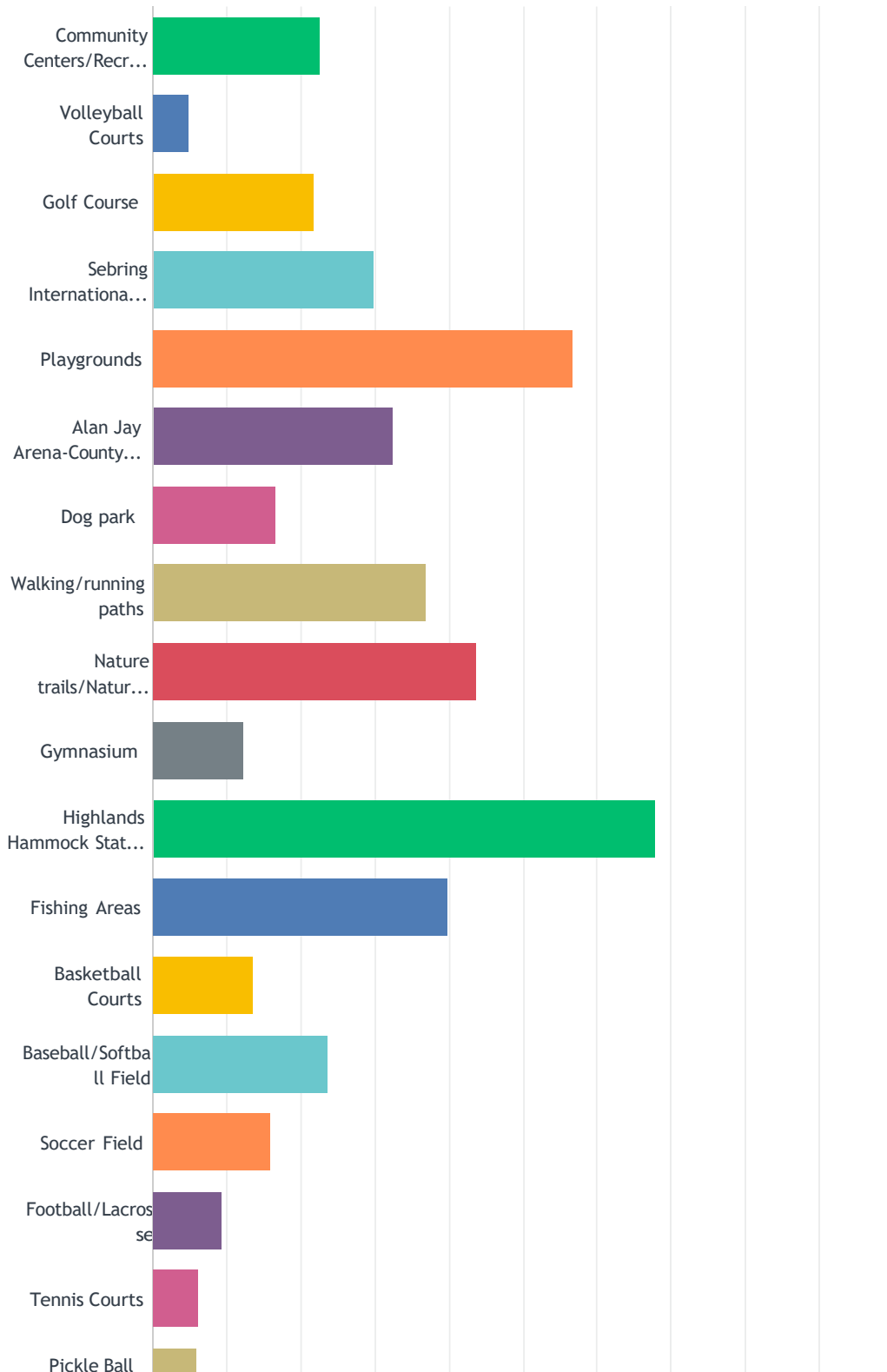
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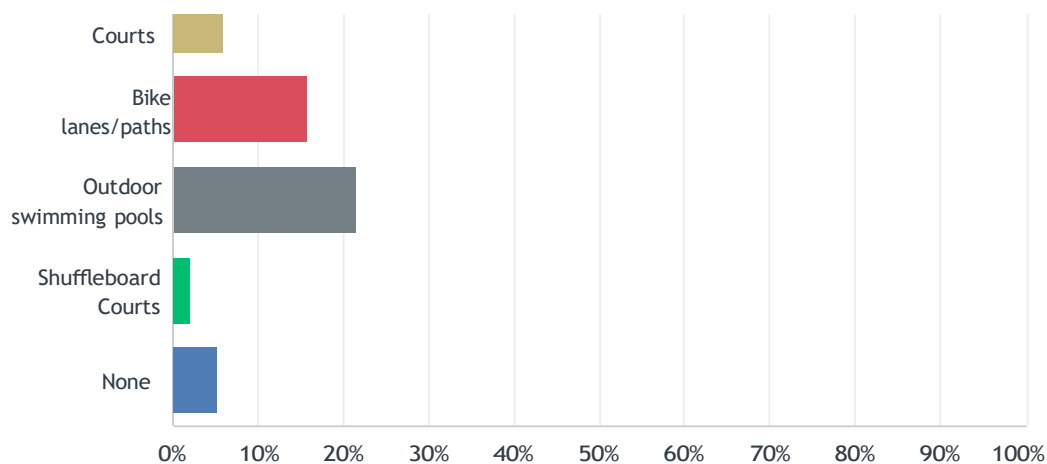
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.86%	2,571
No	13.14%	389
TOTAL		2,960

Q9 Did you, members of your household, or member of your party visit any of the following recreation facilities in Highlands County within the last 12 months. Check all that apply.

Answered: 2,796 Skipped: 291



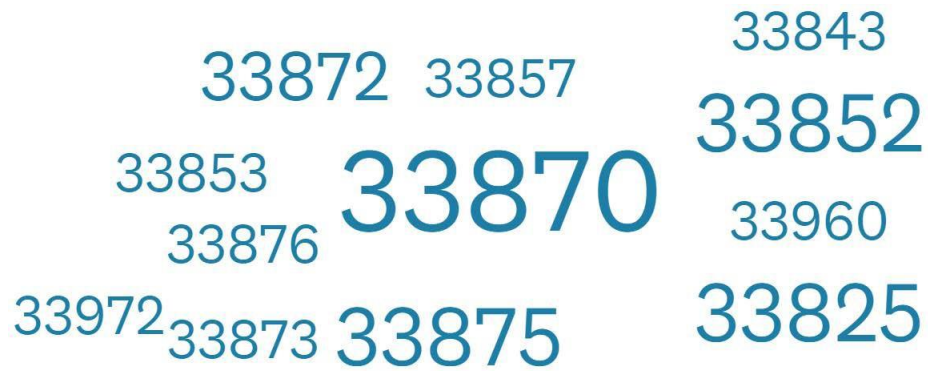
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community Centers/Recreation Club	22.60%	632
Volleyball Courts	5.01%	140
Golf Course	21.78%	609
Sebring International Raceway	29.83%	834
Playgrounds	56.69%	1,585
Alan Jay Arena-County Convention Center	32.40%	906
Dog park	16.63%	465
Walking/running paths	36.80%	1,029
Nature trails/Natural areas/Wildlife habitat	43.71%	1,222
Gymnasium	12.34%	345
Highlands Hammock State Park	67.78%	1,895
Fishing Areas	39.91%	1,116
Basketball Courts	13.66%	382
Baseball/Softball Field	23.75%	664
Soccer Field	16.09%	450
Football/Lacrosse	9.30%	260
Tennis Courts	6.08%	170
Pickle Ball Courts	6.04%	169
Bike lanes/paths	15.77%	441
Outdoor swimming pools	21.64%	605
Shuffleboard Courts	2.15%	60
None	5.26%	147
Total Respondents: 2,796		

Q10 In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

Answered: 2,796 Skipped: 291



## Q11 Comments

Answered: 517   Skipped: 2,570



## Q11 Comments

Answered: 517    Skipped: 2,570

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The community really needs a nice well-built playground. Lakeland has some amazing and beautiful playgrounds that enhance children's imagination, build their strength, and encourages them to explore other ways of play. I highly recommend visiting the playgrounds in Lakeland and visiting with those who built those playgrounds as a reference to what should be built in our community. There's not a lot for children to do in this area without traveling far however, an amazing playground can draw people to the county from the surrounding areas and beyond.	3/10/2023 11:01 AM
2	I think as a growing community, with young families choosing to raise children here, it would be so nice to have a nice, newer, well taken care of playground. All the ones we ever find are older and run down. It would be nice to have a big place for littles, a court or 2 for Middle Ages kids, walking paths for parents/bikes/etc....	3/9/2023 9:37 PM
3	love THE SURVEY WE NEED TO APPEAL TO THE YOUNGER CROWD	3/9/2023 7:25 PM
4	There are so many children here and FL is blessed with many hot Spring, Summer, and Autumn days. It would be wonderful to have either a kiddie splash pad or a water park for our children to enjoy! Ty!	3/9/2023 5:38 PM
5	A rec center for kids would provide a safe and supervised space for children to play and learn, giving parents peace of mind	3/8/2023 4:08 PM
6	We don't have any of these in Lake Placid to visit.	3/8/2023 1:37 PM
7	need a recreation center for kids and some educational programs or assistance for the youth like a boy and girls club or police athletic league center	3/8/2023 1:18 PM
8	Snow birds. Would like to see better fishing area and swimming areas both protected from alligators. Loved the Area! We drove our RV here.	3/8/2023 11:25 AM
9	There's needs to be more for kids and younger adults. Stop treating Sebring like a retirement community. It was. It's not. We should not have to drive 45 min for a bowling ally or anything fun for kids.	3/8/2023 7:12 AM
10	We need a water park, skeeting rink and a BOWLING ALLEY	3/8/2023 12:24 AM
11	Visited chamber of commerce	3/7/2023 8:31 PM
12	I think putter golf would go over great in this area. Need more boutiques and variety shops	3/7/2023 7:10 PM
13	We need another boat ramp for Lake Jackson	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
14	Just a pool on its own without having to belong to an institution would be great	3/7/2023 7:07 PM
15	My wish would be that more musical entertainment would be provided at possibly outside arenas in keeping the price at a minimum. Would like to see monthly concerts throughout the year.	3/7/2023 7:04 PM
16	In lake placid it should be built, nothing really to do, I'm not a mural person plus I have young kids.	3/7/2023 6:49 PM
17	Don't know of many of these offerings at all	3/7/2023 5:56 PM
18	A bowling facility would be nice	3/7/2023 4:54 PM
19	We have a condo at majestic cove and use it as a get away from Kissimmee. We love the hometown feel of sebring	3/7/2023 4:26 PM
20	More multi-use bike trails, bike lanes, bicycle safety education for drivers to make safer roads.	3/7/2023 4:14 PM
21	I think it is important that the county spends some time advertising or promoting what is already available and open to the public. The county offers a lot of hidden gems and You don't	3/7/2023 4:01 PM

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know what you don't know.

22	I'm an Airbnb host and people travel to my house from all over Florida. The more events you have attracts more people who rent my house and spend money in the county.	3/7/2023 3:30 PM
23	Recreation is an all inclusive, umbrella word or term. Several events in Highlands County that are attended by thousands of residents and non-residents alike, don't appear to have a category. For instance, arts and craft festivals, fair and livestock show etc.	3/7/2023 2:32 PM
24	Would like to see more swimming areas in local lakes and fishing piers.	3/7/2023 2:20 PM
25	I would like to see an ag arena built. It could be a covered pavilion like in Moore Haven. It may be big enough to hold rodeo, livestock shows, trade shows, graduation, and other events. Other counties have then and the are utilized year round. More so than just at the fair.	3/7/2023 1:17 PM
26	I would like to see a greater emphasis outdoor recreation from the county but I am not sure that presently a new dedicated facility is the way to go. I am of the opinion that we have plenty of pre-existing facilities that maybe could be converted to better use cases (tennis courts to pickleball as an example). Also, I'd like to see more emphasis/spending from the county for passive type recreation such as cycling, fishing, hiking, running, walking, etc. Recently, Heron Road was improved and while there's a decent shoulder from Hammock Road to Howey, it still lacks a proper sidewalk or, better, a multiuse path similar to what parallels Hammock Road. Sebring Hills North, where Heron and Egret are narrower than Heron in Sebring Hills South, are highly travelled roads (often by those who choose to speed) but lack safe sidewalks or, better, multiuse paths. County is doing great so this rant isn't a complaint so much as my opinion and hope for more infrastructure to support active lifestyles without spending money on a facility per se.	3/7/2023 12:58 PM
27	Mini golf courses, go cart tracks,	3/7/2023 12:15 PM
28	As a community we could definitely use more recreational opportunities for children. The lake June park's park equipment is old and could challenge our kids better. There used to be a bowling alley and ice skating rink, but those activities closed in lake placid. There's no where to ride skateboards, bikes, or any bmx activities to get kids outdoors and active.	3/7/2023 11:42 AM
29	Kids need a water park! Lazy river, slides, wave pool, ect. Bowling ally, skate rank, hockey rank. We are so behind for activities for the young generation.	3/7/2023 10:43 AM
30	We need a different variety of activities. We have plenty of the ones listed above. We need something like a bowling alley,skating rink, ice skating rink, Lazer tag, game room, pool but played with inflatable balls and your feet. I've seen videos with interactive rooms; problem solving puzzles and games using LED screens on both walls and the floors, these are played in groups of two and up. We need to start thinking outside of the box because there is nothing for kids or their families to do and when bored, they'll start experimenting with just about anything they come across.	3/7/2023 10:40 AM
31	Hoping to have a splash pad and some well maintained playground areas. Wouldn't hurt to have some place safe for kids to hang out. Skating rink, bowling alley, mini golf. Anything for adolescents.	3/7/2023 10:16 AM
32	We need a place to encourage being outdoors and exercise. Our county has plenty of baseball fields, but needs a place for kids as well as adults to exercise and play.	3/7/2023 8:57 AM
33	We need to make investments in recreational areas that would appeal to families. Good recreation will appeal to professionals that might want to settle down in Highlands County. Better quality doctors would want to live here also. Property values would increase. It's a win - win.	3/7/2023 8:51 AM
34	I'd love to see something for younger kids. (We'll all ages really) but a splash park. With not just want shooting up. But the bucket that dumps water, squirt blasters, wiggly misters. Mini golf. Places to skate. I often hear my husband wish for a place to drive their RC cars. A nice playground that is free to the public with a zip line, musical portions, basically something more than stairs and 2 slides. (Sort of like the wooden jungle gyms) DeSoto and Okeechobee has them.	3/7/2023 8:50 AM
35	Splash pad	3/7/2023 8:32 AM
36	If hammock could offer more upscale concerts, we would attend. We go to Bok for recreation and concerts. We go to Polk county for art and culture and even food locally because we can't	3/7/2023 8:13 AM

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find quality in highlands county.

37	Leisure lakes community needs a kids playground. I the the section of land next to the fire department	3/7/2023 8:10 AM
38	Our parks for kids are not great. A family friendly Rec center would awesome-kids need more options! South Sebring so access Easily from Lp would be nice.	3/7/2023 6:51 AM
39	Would be nice to have a: bowling alley again. Roller Skating Rink Batting cages where everyone is welcome	3/7/2023 6:43 AM
40	Lake Jackson needs another boat ramp!!!! On the weekends we are waiting at least 30-60 minutes to get our boat out of the water. Fairgrounds- the livestock area needs to be extended. Every animal show the stands are more than crowded. Parks- we need another park similar to parks they have in Lakeland (splashpad, turf grass, etc)	3/7/2023 4:34 AM
41	We need more water parks/areas for swimming. Bowling ally.	3/6/2023 11:39 PM
42	A splash pad would be phenomenal for families and their littles!	3/6/2023 10:34 PM
43	Amphitheater would be a great addition	3/6/2023 10:07 PM
44	We would like to see a skating rink and a bowling alley	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
45	There are private facilities already covering recreation. Many churches are multi functional facilities. No reason to saddle residents with higher taxes, etc just to build it. Worse yet the lawsuits and maintenance that go with these types of facilites is crazy. The electrical bill for these things is very high. Suggest you fix up all existing facilities first. Thanks	3/6/2023 7:30 PM
46	Bowling alley very much needed	3/6/2023 6:42 PM
47	Dollar or ice Skate rink or new bowling alley would be nice	3/6/2023 5:49 PM
48	We need more bicycle paths and bike lanes marked on the roads	3/6/2023 3:59 PM
49	Would be nice to see an Internet cafe in sun n lakes since many homes do no not have access to Comcast and century link is incredibly slow	3/6/2023 1:36 PM
50	Splash pads for kids	3/6/2023 9:36 AM
51	A family centered rec area would be awesome. Maybe mini golf/paintball/golf carts/ batting cages/walking path/concession type of place.	3/6/2023 8:01 AM
52	A dedicated scenic hiking/ biking trail is sorely needed not on the side of a road but through a park or scenic area even paved for handicap use...and just hiking trails .....hard to use arbuckle with the southern gate closed most of the year.	3/6/2023 7:57 AM
53	Would love to see the outdoor Racquetball courts fixed up some at Charlie Brown. Lighter colored paint. Backstop fences, and a short fence on top of the walls. I've already communicated to PW at the city.	3/6/2023 7:32 AM
54	Bowling alley a arcade skate rink	3/6/2023 7:27 AM
55	I really think for the youth's sake they would benefit from something like a trampoline park or a family fun center. I know many of us drive to Lakeland to engage in these activities.	3/6/2023 6:57 AM
56	Please don't invest millions to draw people here. Let's spend and think local to encourage builders to include green space with walk/bike trails that include benches etc. Here in Spring lake if the developers worked together to build a"thread" of trails joining different areas. This would also keep more walkers of the roads.	3/6/2023 6:23 AM
57	Regularly visit the beach at City Pier to walk, view boat parades, relax, etc. Need a community pool.	3/6/2023 12:56 AM
58	Would like to a bowling alley somewhere where all ages can play games like mini golf 🏏 or mini race track	3/5/2023 11:56 PM
59	Not sure why you would need a survey to tell you we need recreational activities here, we have families that raise kids here and although we like the small town atmosphere there is absolutely nothing here for them to do when they get to Middle School age! It should be common sense and if you watch comments on socials that would help you to realize we need things for our kids to do!	3/5/2023 10:29 PM

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60	Please something for our kids to do! Bowling, skating etc.	3/5/2023 9:43 PM
61	I think Highlands County needs a place to ride 4 wheelers and dirt bikes. Maybe it would reduce the amount of them riding residential roads like they're a vehicle.	3/5/2023 7:48 PM
62	We need some shops not another dollar general or cat wash and we don't need another weed place .we need bowling arcade or drive in movie roller skating rink something for all ages of kids	3/5/2023 7:43 PM
63	Something like a park where you can run and you have an exercise station inside the park, Fly kites , play catch or even have a picnic.	3/5/2023 7:42 PM
64	More public pickle ball courts please	3/5/2023 7:38 PM
65	Highlands county needs at least one firing range suitable for pistols, rifles, rim-fire and shotguns. we have several thousand acres of state forest and park lands. On hwy. 98 past Lorida and out Hwy 64 to bombing range. most of this property is vastly under used by residents and visitors alike. I think a firing range would be extremely popular with many residents and visitors. I am aware of the quarry range at Avon Park. The Ocala national forest north of Salt Springs operates a nice range. South Carolina has numerous ranges on state forest lands as well.	3/4/2023 8:49 PM
66	Would love to see a community water park and activity center. Kayak, and paddle board, rentals etc.	3/3/2023 8:34 AM
67	No good bike trails here	2/25/2023 10:59 PM
68	A community swimming pool would be very welcome! It's tough to drive out to the YMCA or risk a gator attack in the lakes. Bike paths would also be an excellent way to reduce traffic and increase exercise.	2/23/2023 10:34 AM
69	We need more for kids and teenagers to do in this town. Bowling alley, water park for kids with pools, nice playground,	2/23/2023 12:00 AM
70	Needs something for older kids too. Teens are bored	2/22/2023 7:46 AM
71	Highlands County needs a multi use recreation facility for our youth and adult members.	2/22/2023 6:59 AM
72	Nice complex to include soccer...a sport that children and adults participate in..... maybe host tournaments etc	2/22/2023 12:32 AM
73	In the 70s when I first came up here. US 27 along the Lakeside of Lake Jackson was full of oak trees and tables where people could sit underneath them from the hotel Howard Johnson's all the way around to where the gates gas station is now. Fill that all in with high soil Oak trees nice sandy beachfront again. That would be enjoyable for thousands in the future.	2/21/2023 9:42 PM
74	Def need something for the younger youth maybe will keep them outta trouble....	2/21/2023 4:54 PM
75	I would like to see a large, air conditioned indoor facility to host a variety of activities during the summer, when the heat is oppressive. For example, a facility that could pivot from volleyball to pickle ball to tennis to basketball would be a great asset June - November. If it could also hosts art and craft festivals a few times a year that would expand the attraction.	2/21/2023 4:34 PM
76	I think the most beneficial thing we could do as a city is to encourage more passing lanes on our highways. Traveling for events and businesses is a big deal - and routes like 66 and others need more passing lanes.	2/21/2023 4:05 PM
77	We need a Agri civic center like all the surrounding counties have. We have enough sports complexes	2/21/2023 2:36 PM
78	Need more things for kids to do and be involved in	2/21/2023 10:55 AM
79	Highlands county needs a Rodeo arena.... We travel every weekend out of highlands county for a rodeo. Highlands county could make lots of money if they had a rodeo arena. The arena could be used for several things, the fair to house the livestock( because the barn build isn't designed for Florida heat), rodeos, circus events, and monster truck shows.	2/21/2023 8:38 AM
80	The kids need something to do in Highlands county. Highlands county seems to cater to older folks that are retired already. Some ideas for kids/the youth: bowling alley, mini golf, paint ball, trails to ride ATV. Thanks	2/21/2023 6:08 AM

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81	I think more activities for children would be a great investment, as I feel more younger families with kids are moving to the area.	2/20/2023 10:29 PM
82	We need a water park connected to a playground for our kids to be outside.	2/20/2023 9:31 PM
83	As a fairly new resident, I have seen there is very little for children and young adults to do.	2/20/2023 8:36 PM
84	We have kids who need something to do and stay safe	2/20/2023 7:55 PM
85	Reopen crescent and hidden beach to the public. More parking in these areas. The neighbors think the own the beach too.	2/20/2023 7:10 PM
86	Families need a place to swim.	2/20/2023 4:59 PM
87	We need more places for kids to play, A splash pad, dog parks, bike and hiking trails	2/20/2023 3:53 PM
88	We could use like a splash pad for toddlers and something for the school aged kids to go there is literally nothing for them to do besides try drugs and get into trouble. I have a 3 / 5 / 14 / 15 / 17 year old and I feel so bad cause they could goto the pier or better and but there is nothing for them to do there either except swim we could use more activities for these aged children instead of allowing our older residents take control over everything and have more things for them to do then they complain about the kids when they are riding dirt bikes or such	2/20/2023 3:44 PM
89	I would love to see a bowling center. The one we had was constantly busy. I come from a bowling family and love that it is now a high school sport in most areas. We have none close enough.	2/20/2023 11:47 AM
90	I don't know of any public swimming pools or rec centers here.	2/20/2023 10:52 AM
91	We have kids that ride horses so we are forced to go out of town for riding events. There are a lot of kids in this community that would benefit from an area they can ride horse and we can host or be part of the rodeo/barrel racing, roping command host events here as well	2/20/2023 10:50 AM
92	Can we stay ahead of the growth along the Sebring Parkway, and Panther Parkway in regards to multi-path travel corridor, and connecting pathways.....We need more Lighting on these pathways. Lets try a couple of cellular Emergency Help Activators at Bench/Water rest areas on the pathways....	2/20/2023 10:11 AM
93	We need affordable family friendly places. Bowling alley, skating rink, really anything that is good for all ages. We cater too much to the elderly in this county.	2/20/2023 9:44 AM
94	We need more family and kid friendly activities and places. Indoor play park, bowling,ect	2/20/2023 7:20 AM
95	Even though I've not visited any of these locations in the past year due to health issues, I have visited many of the ones mentioned over the years.	2/20/2023 7:18 AM
96	As a family with three young children we see first hand the lack of things county wide for the youth to do.	2/20/2023 2:29 AM
97	More restaurants and jet skis on lake Jackson would be nice. also a central dog park	2/20/2023 12:05 AM
98	we need more entertainment places put here for the youth. as of right now, all of our stores and new buildings are being allocated towards the older folks but what about the kids and teens that live here? we need things for them as well.	2/19/2023 10:26 PM
99	I think a trampoline park or an outdoor event rec center that gives something for all kids to do that are not just involved in sports but would like to do something with there friends that parents could supervise and have a good time as well.	2/19/2023 10:24 PM
100	We need more things in Highlands County that would represent time spent as a family. I do believe recreation is important, however, maybe something fun for the kids to do like a small water park, a drive-in movie theatre, an indoor multi-recreational facility that would have trampolines, zip lines, obstacle course (ie: Planet Obstacle), a large children's museum not so much geared toward the younger children but for our elementary and middle school aged children. Thanks for your time!	2/19/2023 10:11 PM
101	We need more stuff for the livestock kids rodeos steer Shoals Pig shows all the kids at the livestock pretty much just attend the fair tons of kids do rodeo in our community but have to go out of county just to participate let's bring it home and give these kids something to actually	2/19/2023 8:56 PM

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do and not just babies with their moms at a playground we need to focus on our teenagers and preteens that have nothing to do in our town

102	I think we currently have plenty of recreational opportunities.	2/19/2023 7:37 PM
103	This county needs something for younger adults/teens to do. Not something for sports. Bowling alley, skate rink, arcade, etc.	2/19/2023 7:32 PM
104	Rodeo arena which could be used for many different events such as concerts, monster truck shows, barrel races, bull riding, etc	2/19/2023 7:25 PM
105	Would like to have a racketball court, a skating rink for everyone, as well as bowling alley	2/19/2023 7:20 PM
106	We need more outdoor amenities. No motor vehicles. Outdoor such as nature with paths for peace as compared to loud sporting events	2/19/2023 7:13 PM
107	As a mother of a 8 year boy and 11 girl, this would be great for Sebring, I find myself having to travel to Winter Haven or legoland for the kids, this would give us more options right here at home, this and a Chick fil a would be a slam dunk!	2/19/2023 7:07 PM
108	this would offer a diverse range of activities and experiences for its residents, boosting its quality of life for all of us,	2/19/2023 7:04 PM
109	Sebring needs this!!!!	2/19/2023 7:02 PM
110	I am loving this idea, this would be able to attract and retain young families, creating a thriving and dynamic community, lets hope this could be done =)	2/19/2023 6:58 PM
111	Sebring would be able to offer its residents the amenities and services of a larger city, enhancing the quality of life in the community.	2/19/2023 6:56 PM
112	This is a great idea, it would be an investment in the future of Sebring, creating a legacy for future generations to enjoy.	2/19/2023 6:54 PM
113	A recreational center would attract visitors to Sebring, boosting tourism in the area.	2/19/2023 6:51 PM
114	Part time resident here(December through April), A recreation facility in my opinion is much needed for all the new families I am seeing here in the recent years, lets get going	2/19/2023 6:49 PM
115	Would more places to take my family including our dog to besides only having parks for kids only and the hammock. More safe places for dog parks, places to ride bikes, skate, picnics, you name it. Anytime we want to do something we can only find places out of town or you have to pick and choose where to go because there isn't a place you can do it all in one.	2/19/2023 6:48 PM
116	Much needed for the kids here, I am seeing more and more kids every year, this needs to be done for the community	2/19/2023 6:45 PM
117	We need this, so many children here in Sebring	2/19/2023 6:41 PM
118	It would be great if there was one or even two mini golf courses in the area. Not everyone plays full golf, but would still like to get out and have some fun.	2/19/2023 6:36 PM
119	We need more recreational places for youth.	2/19/2023 5:04 PM
120	A lazy river or similar Waterpark would be great to have in the county WISH they would renovate the Happiness Tower area in Lake Placid for this!	2/19/2023 4:56 PM
121	Next Saturday residents of Highway Park will host a softball game with players from South Carolina. People who think the residents of this community don't need restrooms, come to the game next Saturday, have a few sodas ect... now figure out where do you go to relieve yourself. At other parks there are restrooms, why not in our community? We are taxpayers.	2/19/2023 4:12 PM
122	We need something for kids of all ages to do took away the arcade took away the tiny jumping place in the non existent mall we need skating rinks play zones laser tag something for these kids to do instead of learning bad habits in the streets	2/19/2023 3:07 PM
123	N/A	2/19/2023 1:16 PM
124	We need more running trails/track and bowling alley. Need public track for training kids for sports.	2/19/2023 1:10 PM
125	Outdoor trails for ATV's , cycles, bikes etc	2/19/2023 12:41 PM



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126	Need a new arena for livestock shows that other events can be held at also	2/19/2023 11:33 AM
127	Can't wait to see some life brought to our beautiful lakes. We have a beautiful downtown with hardly any businesses. The ones that are there close early. Please bring back the wine walks and music on the circle	2/19/2023 11:25 AM
128	It would be nice to have a better beach in Lake Placid.	2/19/2023 11:10 AM
129	As a resident of Highway Park, I grew up going to MLK Park in my neighborhood. When we need to use the restroom, we had to go back home, which was 3 blocks away. 50 years later, our children are in the same situation, because there are still no restroom facilities at this park. Hiw is that possible and why are we still debating the need for facilities at a Highlands County managed recreational park. Our community has sponsored several large events at this park and we've had to bring in Port-o-Potties because there are no restrooms or even a place to wash up. I'm praying that the HCBOCC does right by our tax-paying community.	2/19/2023 11:07 AM
130	We need something for the kids! Bowling alley or some kind of outdoor amusement	2/19/2023 10:48 AM
131	Would love to see the area attract a bowling alley.	2/19/2023 10:31 AM
132	It would be amazing to have a Splash Pad/water area for kids. Also it would be wonderful to have a community center of some sort where all ages are welcomed.	2/19/2023 9:57 AM
133	We need more things for the young people to do! Seriously!	2/19/2023 8:58 AM
134	Need a dog park and more options for hiking and exploring nature	2/19/2023 8:17 AM
135	Need Public restrooms at MLK ball fields in Highway Park	2/19/2023 7:02 AM
136	Our children need safe places and more activities to do.	2/19/2023 6:53 AM
137	We don't have enough activities for young people... there is not a whole lot to do for a young couple to go out and have a nice gate like to an arcade or mini golf	2/19/2023 5:28 AM
138	We need a community pool or waterpark/splash pad! Give the kids something to do!	2/19/2023 1:08 AM
139	Would love to see a multipurpose venue that is diverse for various activities.	2/18/2023 11:56 PM
140	Yes something to do for the youth would detour many kids from using drugs and committing crimes.	2/18/2023 10:33 PM
141	The idea I heard about that there are plans to tear down the library and build a water park on the lake is the stupidest most idiotic thing I've ever heard	2/18/2023 10:27 PM
142	We need an arena so our kids do not have to leave the county for rodeos and barrel racing, etc.	2/18/2023 10:06 PM
143	Get an ag center	2/18/2023 10:01 PM
144	We need things like a bowling alley/arcade or mini golf. More nice parks with playground and benches, nice trees, flowers, gazebo, something nice like that. I have heard talk of a water park in the lake which is a very bad idea, no one wants to go in the lake with the gators and the pesticide runoff.	2/18/2023 10:00 PM
145	More stuff for children to play.	2/18/2023 9:59 PM
146	Safer cleaner childrens places are a must.	2/18/2023 9:50 PM
147	A park similar to Common Grounds in Lakeland would be nice for families with children. No need for a new multi-purpose facility when the county already has the one near SHS and Max Long - upgrade one of these.	2/18/2023 9:50 PM
148	We need more Family activist or places for the families to go with kids of all ages.	2/18/2023 9:45 PM
149	I think Highlands County potential to bring more tourism to the area.	2/18/2023 9:28 PM
150	Need more fun things for youth to help keep them out of trouble. Maybe a water park.	2/18/2023 8:28 PM
151	You need to take the Kmart in the mall that's sitting empty that's been sitting empty that will remain sitting empty until somebody does something that'd be a good place for a trampoline park for amazing things like that for the kids could do inside but that'll never happen because you people are catered to the 55 plus	2/18/2023 8:19 PM

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152	I was raised in Highway Park and love to visit. I will be in town in July 2023.	2/18/2023 8:12 PM
153	More things for the YOUTH and young adults, less for the retirement community !! Big props for updating the skate park a bit, Frank Branca is probably to thank there though.	2/18/2023 8:07 PM
154	Support Centers in all the municipalities	2/18/2023 7:55 PM
155	We don't have any place to have fun time with the kids affordable	2/18/2023 7:43 PM
156	Would love to see a roller skating rink or even just a large rec area with multiple facilities in the area.	2/18/2023 7:07 PM
157	We need more activities for the children!!! This town is full of old people & nothing to do	2/18/2023 7:00 PM
158	Kids need more things to do here. Enhance the playgrounds at the Parks. Bishop park is a joke for kids. Black hot mulch that's been there forever. A very small play set. We need lower basketball nets for the younger kids. An outdoor pool aquatic center would be awesome. Splash pad at one of the lakefront playgrounds. Let's concentrate on the kids for once. I've lived here all my life and it's the same ol story, nothing for the kids to do.	2/18/2023 6:45 PM
159	It would also be nice to see family friendly attractions such as trampoline park, putt-putt, bowling, ect	2/18/2023 6:35 PM
160	Highlands county needs more things to do for young families. I have no reason to want to stay in this county. There's nothing for my family and I to do here. I would love to keep my money local, but that is not an option.	2/18/2023 6:28 PM
161	My living in Highlands County (specifically Sebring) has always had me thinking about Lake Sebring and the thought of a Lake Dinner Boat Barge Cruise. I have always thought of the lake as a center point and asset that should be better utilized. Many years ago the lake most of the year was a place the youth and family inhabited for a good part of the year. Those good times were crushed by a business person that thought the area was an accident waiting to happen due to the proximity the US 27. However had a access road and parking area been constructed a few small enterprising business's ,could had popped up creating jobs for our youth and a love for home. The boat launch's are still in place and that could have been developed into pay to park slips, income for the county . The lake is not a deep water lake and the fishing has taken a deep loss for our snowbird population. After all Highlands county has numerous other lakes for that purpose.	2/18/2023 6:11 PM
162	Facilities are needed, but I don't know how much use a multi-purpose indoor recreation center would get from the general public. Rodeo or outside arena could be just as useful. Bowling alley with game area for kids and adults.	2/18/2023 6:00 PM
163	We need bowling alley, trampoline and NijaTraining/workout, roller rink, ice arena	2/18/2023 5:22 PM
164	We need a bowling alley, arcade with fast food etc. I have a disabled son who is limited on his athletic endeavors. Thanks.	2/18/2023 4:16 PM
165	Need livestock equestrian center	2/18/2023 3:49 PM
166	We have the ymca and other sports fields. We need more for people in the community that have other interests. Highlands County always talks about doing more but doesn't. There was recently A proposal submitted to the CRA but they choose to allow offices for the Harder Hall building instead of things for the entire community .	2/18/2023 3:21 PM
167	We don't need a pool, however a few splash pads is what they call them would be great for our children here is a picture if the link works <a href="https://mysplashpad.net/">https://mysplashpad.net/</a> -Brennan McAllister	2/18/2023 2:56 PM
168	My kids are now grown, so I haven't gone to those places in the last year, but we definitely need more places where families can go, not just in one part of the county, but in multiple areas around the county. Wherever they are located should have a wide variety of things that can be done at that location. Ie playground, picnic tables, bocci ball, mini golf, bball and tennis courts, plus areas for dogs to run around and for adults to exercise.	2/18/2023 2:54 PM
169	There are so many lakes in Highlands County, but no real beaches for swimming. We need many beaches for swimming on our lakes. This wouldn't be that expensive to create.	2/18/2023 1:54 PM
170	Heavier enforcement on slower vehicles hindering left lane traffic & bicyclist using sidewalks when available.	2/18/2023 1:54 PM



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171	Where are there public basketball courts? I've been to the courts at the Y, but I pay a membership to use those. If they are going to build a sports complex, it needs to include basketball courts.	2/18/2023 1:48 PM
172	I'd hate to see too much expansion. The draw to highlands county is its a small town environment and not a big city. Be careful how far you go. That being said a bowling alley would be nice	2/18/2023 12:42 PM
173	More parks and recreation areas would bring opportunities for children and adults alike to enjoy the outdoors.	2/18/2023 12:19 PM
174	We need a bowling alley & safe places for kids & families to go that's affordable.	2/18/2023 12:16 PM
175	We desperately need something fun for kids and families to do bowling, skating rink escape rooms something not outrageously expensive but in for kids teens and families to do together!	2/18/2023 11:24 AM
176	There needs to be more for our youth to frequent! Skating, bowling, Top Golf, etc.	2/18/2023 11:04 AM
177	We need transportation and other services for the elderly	2/18/2023 10:56 AM
178	It would be nice to have an area for community members to roller skate safely in Avon Park. There is much interest in this. Thank you for your consideration.	2/18/2023 10:55 AM
179	We need teacher support to buy our home. Something fun for our kids too.	2/18/2023 10:17 AM
180	Need more things for kids to do	2/18/2023 10:12 AM
181	We need affordable housing !	2/18/2023 10:12 AM
182	Teenagers, young kids need something. Bowling? Skating rink? Ping pong, arcades, music venue?	2/18/2023 10:07 AM
183	We need a bowling alley here.	2/18/2023 9:34 AM
184	Most of those places are inconvenient or cost money to use. And I don't want to go to the "quarters" to use that one.	2/18/2023 9:32 AM
185	There is nothing for kids to do need bowling alley with game room.	2/18/2023 9:01 AM
186	Give us a bowling alley, ice or skating rink or even a trampoline park please!	2/18/2023 8:23 AM
187	We need a park with water activities to there is nothing like this here Splash pad are wonderful for all ages most towns have them now days	2/18/2023 7:50 AM
188	County desperately needs a good and well maintained community recreational facility. Facility should areas for ALL ages, not just the retired population. We are a household of 4, husband and I in our 40s, kids are 19 and 20 and we are an active family. There's nowhere to go for a pickup sports game, some basketball courts are around but they are in such poor shape and not in a safe area, no ball fields, no volleyball, I could go on. This County is growing rapidly with a younger demographic and some things need to be addressed sooner than later	2/18/2023 7:49 AM
189	Our household is 54 and over. We are very happy with activities in our age group. I do feel access to water activities could be beneficial to the residents ( not a water/splash pad) and a multi use facility to include various sports. We have always been able to create our own fun or travel to something we want to experience.	2/18/2023 6:45 AM
190	All areas need more benches for senior citizens and disabled who want to get out but can't walk very far. Paved paths are necessary for fully accessibility for all. Non-power wheelchairs cannot use gravel paths. More access to lakes for wildlife observation. Accessible observation platforms. See Birdability.org for information. The decommissioned golf course near Harder Hall would make an excellent passive nature park. Paths for walking, biking, skateboarding, strollers - lots of benches - adult / inclusive exercise stations along the path - open areas for frisbee golf or just tossing around - enhance native plantings of trees, shrubs and gardens for birds and butterfly observation and for the general health of all. Pavillions to shelter from the sun. Maybe a spot for a few food trucks. Art in the park. Gazebo for music in the park with lawn chair audience (like HHSP). Covid made it clear that people need open, passive space to enjoy and relax in.	2/18/2023 2:42 AM
191	I think we need a beautiful parks for kids to play in and constructive venues for teens to socialize.	2/18/2023 12:17 AM

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192	There should be more bike paths. Example: Bike path along Hwy 29 from Sun N Lakes to 27, another on Holmes Rd would allow people to bike the few miles to Lake Placid instead of having to drive.	2/18/2023 12:02 AM
193	I can not push enough!!!! we needs things here for children. It makes no sense why is parents have to travel out of town just so that kids could have something to do. The elderly can not be the dominant walk of life here!!! to many people from different walks of life and age dynamics are flocking here. It's time we as Highlands county open our eyes and build for the future.	2/17/2023 11:57 PM
194	Need more for children and young adults. Skating rink bowling Tennis courts with hand ball courts for everyone big nice park with grilling area for family bike trails ect	2/17/2023 11:30 PM
195	Would love to see more parking capacity and/or more fields added to Max Long Lakewood area. Love to see an outdoor workout and walking trail. Love to see a community pool. Love to see playground similar to Common Ground in Lakeland with clean mulch/flooring areas.	2/17/2023 10:02 PM
196	Would love to see a bowling all, miniature golf, trampoline indoor place I have 9 grandchildren age 23 to 5.	2/17/2023 9:38 PM
197	We need more actual activities. Places to do things not outdoor empty spaces. Make a safe, organized area for atvs. People love seeing nature and being outside but not everyone loves sports or exercise. If it has to be sport, a nice mini golf like in the large cities, an indoor ice rink. They could play hockey and skate like in lakeland. A multi function video game, food, party place like a Dave and Busters.but on a scale for Highlands county. Put some actual thought into this.	2/17/2023 8:52 PM
198	We need a nice park!!!! (Common grounds..or the Publix park in Lakeland.. With sun coverage, maybe even a little splash pad.	2/17/2023 8:45 PM
199	There should be a state park horse trail riding stable at the highlands hammock state park so one can rent a horse and go riding!	2/17/2023 8:25 PM
200	Bike lanes are lacking !!	2/17/2023 8:10 PM
201	We need room for atvs/ side by sides / dirt bikes, etc! These kids can thrive on motor sports and it keeps them level headed and out of trouble!	2/17/2023 7:52 PM
202	we need more multi-use paths to connect out communities in lake placid	2/17/2023 7:07 PM
203	We would love to see your community with the splash pad and rental facilities for kayaks and other outdoor water sports	2/17/2023 6:46 PM
204	We are in need of more walking/running paths in Avon Park. Too many roads that people are trying to walk on with traffic. Shaded areas for walking dogs and people is a plus!	2/17/2023 6:42 PM
205	These kids have nothing to do give them something	2/17/2023 6:36 PM
206	A bowling alley would be very nice to have in this area.	2/17/2023 6:19 PM
207	We need things for kids to do. There is absolutely nothing for children between the ages of 5-17 to do that are supported by the county, city or local business. The county needs to entice corporations, through tax incentives, to bring their business to town. If we do build a multi use faculty it should include activities for children. Something to keep them out of trouble and off the internet. The county, as a whole, is aged and offers no incentive for children to want to stay in the area. I do not need to stay anonymous and can be reached at 863-257-0229. I invite a discussion.	2/17/2023 6:07 PM
208	Sebring Museum of the Arts and HAL Visual Art Center	2/17/2023 6:01 PM
209	Family entertainment, bowling, swimming, go carts,arcade trampoline park,would be amazing!	2/17/2023 5:53 PM
210	Need an arena where different events can be held specially with livestock & equine.	2/17/2023 5:21 PM
211	There are enough community centers and recreation clubs. highlands county needs an atv/utv/ohv park. Highlands county could also use a non-sports recreational place for teenage youth. le. skating rink, bowling alley, arcade (Dave & Busters type).	2/17/2023 5:04 PM
212	We need something to draw in the tourists and increase our revenue base and I'm all for adding amenities that improve the quality of our community life.	2/17/2023 5:01 PM
213	Need a big multiplex in the mall just for kids	2/17/2023 4:40 PM

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214	Bring back the drive in, amusement park,	2/17/2023 4:34 PM
215	We need a place for our youth to go like an arcade, go carts or something of that nature.	2/17/2023 4:15 PM
216	Did not know about any of the facilities or where they are that were listed for previous choices	2/17/2023 4:13 PM
217	There is nothing fun to do in this county for kids. Playgrounds with no shade or shelter from the sun. A run down movie theater and mall. Trampoline park? Splash pad? Skating rink? Laser tag? Paintball arena? Kids painting and arts? Skate park? Born and raised and moved away due to lack of well paying jobs. Nothing has changed. I feel sad for my children when we do eventually move back to take care of my dad because they will have nothing fun to do. Doing anything fun requires an hour plus drive to do so. What can you make affordable for families to keep the revenue in Highlands County and still make families happy and sane?!	2/17/2023 3:30 PM
218	Avon Park has virtually nothing for children to recreate.	2/17/2023 3:25 PM
219	We need more things for the youth	2/17/2023 3:19 PM
220	Arbuckle kayak tours. Go Karting, mini golf, arcade, bounce house, family museum not one meant for old people or 2 year Olds. Bowling, zoo etc. Stop building stuff for retirees alone. And start thing about the you families and children that keep our towns running there is nothing here for anyone under 55.	2/17/2023 3:07 PM
221	Need more stuff for children and young adults to do.	2/17/2023 3:03 PM
222	We need public access pickleball courts!!! PLEASE	2/17/2023 2:40 PM
223	Splash pad or a trampoline park would be more beneficial for the people with young families. So they want to come and live here.	2/17/2023 2:14 PM
224	We need better place like basketball cores, volleyball..	2/17/2023 2:12 PM
225	You need to take down the fences and let us go back out and let us ride like we always have done instead of no caring what we think all y'all care about is the older people that is coming here	2/17/2023 2:09 PM
226	Bowling alley	2/17/2023 2:04 PM
227	The county definitely needs to focus more effort on enhancing opportunities to utilize existing natural resources for recreation, as well as creating new facilities for a variety of sports, including pickleball. The county should also consider partnering with concessionaires to operate rentals for water sports on area lakes, and creeks. The county should also consider investing in multipurpose paths in areas that take advantage of connecting points of natural beauty. Finally, and most importantly, we need to focus less on funding events to attract out-of-towners and more on creating recreational opportunities that will benefit locals. By developing infrastructure to take advantage of our existing natural resources, out-of-towners will naturally be attracted to visit our area year-round, not just for special events.	2/17/2023 2:04 PM
228	We need more things to do here for the kids and people	2/17/2023 1:52 PM
229	There's not much to do in highlands county for parents with young children.. Growing up in this county I can also say Theres also not much to do for teenagers either.. Might end up moving.	2/17/2023 1:48 PM
230	There isn't anything for teens to do in lake placid at all. This absolutely needs to change. The lack of social interaction outside of school greatly affects the mental state of our children. They need somewhere they can all go and meet new or current friends and unwind.	2/17/2023 1:42 PM
231	There needs to be more for families to go do around here	2/17/2023 1:06 PM
232	Please build better basketball courts. 🙏 Thank you	2/17/2023 12:40 PM
233	We attend sporting events, stay on the lake yearly and eat in Highlands county frequently. We also attend the fair as well. We would love for an arena that could accommodate a rodeo was present!	2/17/2023 12:29 PM
234	I would like to see a bowling alley in Sebring/Avon Park area. We went to the bowling alley all the time before it burned down and nothing has been developed to replace it.	2/17/2023 12:28 PM
235	Need a new Livestock Facility for kids to show. Also for parents to have a seat and to park their vehicles. If it wasn't for the livestock show, there would be no fair in Hoghlands County	2/17/2023 12:22 PM

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236	We need something for the children especially teenagers to go do. A bowling alley, go cart track, laser tag, arcade something to keep them entertained especially the weekends.	2/17/2023 12:19 PM
237	Need more family friendly activities. i.e. Skating rink, ice skating, bowling, arcade, paintball, obstacle course, go-karts, trampoline park, new disability and toddler safe playground at Veteran's beach. Better advertisement of events and places for families with kids. It would be great if rec halls had public access with ping pong, Cornhole, air hockey, foosball, billiards, and areas for smaller kids to play or watch tv. If there are places like this, this information isn't getting to everyone.	2/17/2023 12:12 PM
238	We need a lot of stuff for kids entertainment. Plus please do not forget the kids and teenagers with autism they need recreational places too and therapy places .	2/17/2023 12:01 PM
239	In lake placid there is a huge group of us that have graduated and have no where to play after work due to us being kicked out from the tennis courts and getting the cops called on us for just playing ball. And the lights at Lake June ball Fields do not turn on at the top for the soccer fields, so our only option is to drive 45+ minutes to find somewhere to play. Also a bunch of the highschool players join us and many other younger ages would go and play with us.	2/17/2023 11:13 AM
240	We need more job driven places. Kids have nothing to do and get in trouble. More desirable work, options would be excellent	2/17/2023 11:00 AM
241	We need things for younger children other than a play ground or christens museum. I'm sick of having to drive to other counties to have fun with my kids. Put in a large splash pad like Lake Eva Park. Put in a state of the art playground like other states have.	2/17/2023 10:46 AM
242	We need more things for children to do. Kids tend to get into trouble when their is nothing else to do except cause trouble.	2/17/2023 10:31 AM
243	Need more picnic areas, skating rinks, boat rentals, designated fishing spots for kids	2/17/2023 10:23 AM
244	We need something for the younger generation! There's plenty of things for retirees to do, they move down here for those reasons. The young families with children need to have somewhere local they can spend their time and keep our money in highlands county. Otherwise we will always go out of town and spend our money in other communities.	2/17/2023 10:13 AM
245	A clean (well kept) splash pad/small water attraction with water slides (similar to what they have at Gaylord's Orlando) or trampoline park would absolutely thrive in our community. Maybe a lazy river of some kind. They should sell ice cream, slushies, hotdogs, etc. Simple and fun kid food. It's HOT year-round. We need a family friendly water day option. SNL and the YMCA pools just don't hit the spot.	2/17/2023 10:02 AM
246	Need more outdoor activities for younger families. camping, ATV Park, Rodeo, and venues for outdoor events.	2/17/2023 9:57 AM
247	We need something for our children that is safe and fun	2/17/2023 9:48 AM
248	Love taking the kids to the parks but there are always cars parked using drugs. So I usually end up leaving because the smell comes to the playground and I don't want my kids being around it. It would be nice if there was hourly patrols or something.	2/17/2023 9:31 AM
249	You need more things for the kids to do.	2/17/2023 9:17 AM
250	Don't go crazy with money... now is NOT the time!	2/17/2023 9:13 AM
251	We could use a roller skating rink!	2/17/2023 9:11 AM
252	We need more pubic access to lakes for fishing. It's hard to take kids fishing unless you have a boat.	2/17/2023 9:08 AM
253	No Sr Center in Sebring. I go to Covelly House sponsored by Sebring Historical Society every Wednesday to meet and make friends. No other place to go.	2/17/2023 8:56 AM
254	We have need something here for our children for a long time now. Especially middle school and high scgoal. There is nothing for them to do, And they wind up getting in trouble instead. Our community needs to come together to provide a safe, Fun place for families to be able to gather.	2/17/2023 8:52 AM
255	Avon park needs more buildings to host events in, better playgrounds for the kids, bowling alley, skating rink, more restaurants. I shouldn't have to drive hours to Orlando for	2/17/2023 8:47 AM

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entertainment.

256	It would be nice if they could build an amphitheater on the pier area and bring in different bands musical entertainment .. fresh and update downtown area. Thank you	2/17/2023 8:38 AM
257	A walking trail from the schools on Interlake down to Catfish and the bridge into Placid Lakes would be great. People and students trying to walk, bike etc on very busy roads is VERY dangerous.	2/17/2023 8:36 AM
258	Highlands county needs more KID FRIENDLY facilities and activities here in Highlands County. Right along now everything is geared towards the elderly/55+ and is not fair because kids do exist here. The childrens museum is SUPER outdated and costly for no reason. I'd advise ideas to be taken from st Pete childrens museum. The Lakeshore mall is more like a ghost town flea market, no longer an arcade available not much traffic in that mall. All that vacant space being used as tax write offs (sears, Kmart, JCPenney) there could be something like a deezerland (Orlando FL) put in any one of those spots, it could benefit other store owners inside the mall. Highlands county needs a splash pad/water park like that in Haines city FL. Bowling alley, go carts. We don't need another Rec /YMCA that's not even for the kids anymore everything is taken over by the elder/55+. if highlands county is suppose to be a retirement community for the old and retired just say so. Highlands County is pathetic. Families shouldn't have to travel hours away to entertain their kids all the time why not put something here to generate money here for this poor community if money is what it's all about.	2/17/2023 8:25 AM
259	Need more stuff for kids to do around here	2/17/2023 8:21 AM
260	We need to have more activities for the youth here. I'm tired of having to drive to lakeland or tampa to do anything with my family or friends. Everyone talks about us getting a chick-fil-a and chipotle but nothing seems to be happening.	2/17/2023 8:15 AM
261	I really think a roller skating rink would be an exciting addition to our community for the young and young at heart!	2/17/2023 8:14 AM
262	Needs more law enforcement precense in playgrounds, we have had several instances were we are at the playgrounds and people park there and start smoking Marijuana around the playgrounds	2/17/2023 8:11 AM
263	Kids need something here rather then let other counties make our money to have kids do fun stuff	2/17/2023 8:08 AM
264	We need more stuff for the kids to keep them busy so there not getting in trouble . Such as a roller rink or bowling alley or trampoline park something !!	2/17/2023 8:06 AM
265	We need a bowling alley. Spent many a Saturday morning bowling in youth leagues growing up. Also was my first job.	2/17/2023 8:06 AM
266	We need more activities for the children and need more activities for adults that are not as athletic.	2/17/2023 8:02 AM
267	Love Sebring Friends of the Library Bookstore.	2/17/2023 8:01 AM
268	Our county is only concerned with adding more housing and recreation for seniors. We need a multipurpose facility offering :skating,bowling,arcade games. Making it affordable for our mostly low income families. Housing needs to be accessible to those families exclusively. We do not need more senior living apartments. Do a survey with the schools and find out just how many families are living in hotels and homeless communities.	2/17/2023 7:59 AM
269	Should make a splash pad for kids in Avon Park. We always have to drive to Sebring. Should do something in town to make it easier to go to.	2/17/2023 7:58 AM
270	Need something for kids, bowling, water park, anything for kids we have nothing at all anymore	2/17/2023 7:57 AM
271	Need another disc golf course!	2/17/2023 7:56 AM
272	Necesitamos más áreas de entretenimiento para los niños y jóvenes	2/17/2023 7:55 AM
273	It would be so great to have a facility like this in Highlands County	2/17/2023 7:51 AM
274	Would love a year round swimming pool. Cycling is too dangerous on our roads. No activities, would like bowling or mini golf etc.	2/17/2023 7:50 AM
275	Need more activity areas for younger citizens. Bowling, Arcade types	2/17/2023 7:36 AM



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276	We need some thing for children. There's absolutely nothing in Highlands County for children to entertain themselves . I recommend a ice-skating rink a regular skating rink, arcade, kids club, honestly anything would work.	2/17/2023 7:31 AM
277	Highlands County needs a community swimming pool! Many adults, teens, and children do not know how to swim and have no access to a safe swimming environment. It would benefit ALL ages!	2/17/2023 7:30 AM
278	We need better restaurants and stores e.g. target, Hobby Lobby	2/17/2023 7:17 AM
279	More basketball courts are needed!!!! Indoor sports complex. With basketball. Take a look around. Kids that play basketball have nowhere to go. Besides the YMCA. Something needs to change about that.	2/17/2023 7:11 AM
280	Would love to see more multi-purpose family spaces -- such as a picnic area with shade trees near a playground and large green space. Prefer an area that is not "hidden" (like the playground behind the City Civic Center) but is open and feels safe with enough nearby to deter those up to no good.	2/17/2023 7:07 AM
281	We need things like bowling, miniature golf and roller skating that are family friendly. The mall is built already and most of it is not being used for anything.	2/17/2023 7:04 AM
282	Roller skate ring, ice skate ring, indoors activities	2/17/2023 7:01 AM
283	What we need is more activities that are NOT sports for kids. My son is 10 and does not enjoy sports. We need clubs that encourage art, science, building, technology and coding. We need to take care of the new generation too, not just the older folks. The 4H club has something like a STEM club, but they meet once a month for an hour. What kind of socializing will kids get? We need to start being more inclusive.	2/17/2023 6:56 AM
284	We need a skating rink in our town for the kids and more education fun	2/17/2023 6:51 AM
285	Full family outings.	2/17/2023 6:46 AM
286	Bowling alley, skating rink Something for teenagers	2/17/2023 6:39 AM
287	We need trampoline something fun for kids. There is nothing here for kids ranging from 3-15	2/17/2023 6:37 AM
288	I believe we need more family oriented activities in our area. Putt Putt golf, bowling, splash pad, indoor playground, laser tag. Anything to get the kids active & also allow time for families.	2/17/2023 6:32 AM
289	Would like to see sidewalks that go from Placid Lakes to down town Lake Placid so we can safely walk to the down town area.	2/17/2023 6:28 AM
290	We need more activities for children and teens. Trampoline park, bowling alley, Skating ring, paint ball park, go kart park, something family fun for all ages	2/17/2023 6:25 AM
291	We need something for our kids to do before they are getting in trouble and drug's because they are bored	2/17/2023 6:15 AM
292	Thank you for considering this. We Al have so many children here and every odor them is very outdated or non existent. We recently visited clewiston and it was sad to me that a town that small had a better play ground. A splash pad or something would be amazing too. Xo	2/17/2023 6:13 AM
293	Only clicked golf because we live on one.	2/17/2023 5:58 AM
294	We need a place for our young adults ... such as a bowling alley. We also desperately need a new and bigger AG facility- the current one has outgrown our community for to show livestock or have festivities. We also need to do something to our shopping mall ... bring in a Target or a Home Goods shop!	2/17/2023 5:53 AM
295	Fix Lake Istokpoga so the fishing and birds come back like they use to be	2/17/2023 5:52 AM
296	Bowling is a must.	2/17/2023 5:48 AM
297	There needs to be a park and recreation like a public pool, water park! Mini golf something for families to do! Bowling alley with an arcade would be great!	2/17/2023 5:40 AM
298	Would like to see a bowling alley or swim club	2/17/2023 5:38 AM
299	I would love to see something with water. We love spending time at the lake or pool.	2/17/2023 5:37 AM

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300	Would love to see a park like babson park in lakeland. Could go in the harderhall golf course	2/17/2023 5:09 AM
301	We need something for kids to do. As teens they are turning to violence and drugs because they are bored. Give them somewhere positive to hang. Like a skating rink, or bowling alley, or put a park with water area. Clean up the rift raft hanging at our local parks that we barely have.	2/17/2023 4:21 AM
302	I just believe the more options we have the better it is for the community as a whole. keeps the teenagers entertained and the older population active	2/17/2023 4:21 AM
303	We need a indoor trampoline park for the kids, like Skyzone in Tampa, I'm 55 yoa and this place is perfect for me to take the grandkids to,I just hate the drive,that's why Highlands county needs one,we have a lot of kids here that need somewhere to go and have fun,bowling ,golfing ,sports,that's for the elderly and people who like sports, a lot of kids don't like that stuff	2/17/2023 3:51 AM
304	There needs to be more for kids to do and it needs to be affordable. We aren't just a seasonal community which currently activities are geared towards.	2/17/2023 3:05 AM
305	We need some more things for kids to do like skating ring	2/17/2023 1:16 AM
306	I would love more family oriented options like bowling alley, skating rink, drive in movie theater, water park, miniature golf, more playgrounds with swings, arcade, & pool hall	2/17/2023 12:59 AM
307	Would love a place that offers classes and community	2/17/2023 12:49 AM
308	Haven't done much since Covid happened but was quite active in community prior	2/17/2023 12:23 AM
309	We need a new agriculture center.	2/16/2023 11:49 PM
310	Desperately need a community pool	2/16/2023 11:48 PM
311	As a parent and healthcare professional servicing Highlands county for the past 20yrs I have seen it grow and prior to becoming a parent myself most professionals that came to serve temporarily never considered to assume a position of residence due to lack of upto date family oriented business and entertainment as this is for many part of " needs" to establishe or invest in permanency. I became a parent myself I discovered the limitations and unfortunately I have spent many of my hard working income satisfying this need elsewhere; for which I feel could've been reinvested in our county and local entertainment if any available to suite today's generation. As a taxpayers citizen who actually serves in the majority to the retired community and senior population I believe we also deserve business/ entertainment industries to support our community needs. We have grown and every day working families decide to make Highlands county their home but struggle when kids and teens are in the picture due to limited resources. As a member of the community I would love to see business growth targeting the younger generation families such as ie. Splash pads water park pool such as Lake Eva in our neighbor town of Haines City; age adequate and safe fishing piers; arcade and family fun centers with miniature golf; laser tag arcades, bowling alley; roller skating rinks etc just to mention few. I want to thank you for your time in seeking the community opinion and desires.	2/16/2023 11:32 PM
312	We need more attractions for the younger people and kids of this town	2/16/2023 11:23 PM
313	The county need to help , promote incentive to build new development and get the all facilities to them, support to the new business growing and stablsh , be more attractive for the investors, just one example the mall looks cementery, sad and empty.	2/16/2023 11:15 PM
314	Parents would like to see big playgrounds for kids similar to the parks/playgrounds in Lakeland.	2/16/2023 11:04 PM
315	I would like for there to be a place where families can all have fun, not just kids. Like a trampoline park. My daughter is autistic and has ADHD. This would be great to keep her active and stimulated. Please consider this! So tired of having to drive an hour and a half just to do something fun	2/16/2023 10:59 PM
316	As Secretary for a Not for Profit Saddle Club in Desoto County, yes I live in Highlands County, we NEED an arena for the equine community here in Highlands. Our Ag & 4H kids could benefit greatly. Every surrounding County has one except ours, we should be ashamed as one was built but not allowed to be utilized in Sebring.	2/16/2023 10:58 PM
317	We are a young family of 4 and would love to be able to take my kids to a splash pad or bowling alley. Something that as a young family we could enjoy locally and have no need to drive 1hr or more outside of the county.	2/16/2023 10:58 PM

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318	We need áreas for family with young children like a Bowling water park jumping, new stores like Target,old navy, and restaurants and others kind of fast food. Warehouse like Sams or Costco.	2/16/2023 10:58 PM
319	Not on here but bowling ally or skate rink would help keep many people active	2/16/2023 10:57 PM
320	We need something like a bowling alley or skating rink for the youth in our county.	2/16/2023 10:56 PM
321	It needs to be aesthetically beautiful and designed for art & culture events and performances also.	2/16/2023 10:50 PM
322	We need a community covered pool which is available year. An A SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER	2/16/2023 10:36 PM
323	Need a bowling alley or skating rink. Something for young adults	2/16/2023 10:32 PM
324	Please clean up the litter all over the county from Avon park memorial dr. And hwy17 to 27 to lake mirror dr in LP. There's trash everywhere. What is this? I'm from Miami and this county is a worse disgrace. Clean up the trash it's everywhere. Who's in charge of cleaning this mess up?	2/16/2023 10:31 PM
325	A multi-purpose facility that could be used for various clinic or league play for all ages would be a good community asset.	2/16/2023 10:19 PM
326	We need opportunities for families!!! Children need more opportunities!!!	2/16/2023 10:18 PM
327	Indoor Basketball courts and outdoor basketball courts with a roof and lights that turn on after 6pm	2/16/2023 10:16 PM
328	The county needs to bring jobs into the county. Not fast food jobs but skilled trades.	2/16/2023 10:15 PM
329	We need more recreation for our kids and young people. We need a bowling, park for sports and things for younger people to do	2/16/2023 10:13 PM
330	We need family things around here but I'm not sure it's what your asking	2/16/2023 10:11 PM
331	How about bowling & roller skating? And Top Golf? Putt-putt golf?	2/16/2023 10:10 PM
332	We need stuff for all ages of children.	2/16/2023 10:03 PM
333	I lived here my whole life and there's nothing to do for children y'all need to put like shaking rink or bowling alley or like a min water park for the kids to do something	2/16/2023 10:02 PM
334	We need more things for our children/younger families!! We are full time residents and hate seeing our community cater so deeply to those who are here half the year and ignoring us that are here permanently.	2/16/2023 10:00 PM
335	We need a hockey rink with ice skating options, putt putt golf course, go carts, bowling, and a mega sports complex for county leagues and so forth.	2/16/2023 9:51 PM
336	No side walks close to us or we would	2/16/2023 9:48 PM
337	Our community needs activities for young people and children. Everything is based on what the snowbirds/retirees want. Majority of them live in communities with plenty of activities while our youth have next to nothing. Maybe crime would go down of young people had something productive to do.	2/16/2023 9:41 PM
338	We need basketball courts especially near downtown area. We have soccer, baseball fields but not basketball courts.	2/16/2023 9:38 PM
339	Moving back to Highlands County 2/20/23 after being a Hardee resident for 4 years. I love Highlands County!	2/16/2023 9:35 PM
340	You know what highlands county needs is more for young people to do but way to many dang old people who want nothing here we need sam club it never happened because of old people here	2/16/2023 9:32 PM
341	We need a chick fil a	2/16/2023 9:31 PM
342	Bowling alley Skating rink Something like Jacobs Aquatic Center in Key Largo - has a few Pools, small kids water park, Basketball court, covered pavilions with picnic tables, bbq's,	2/16/2023 9:29 PM



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concessions, locker rooms, etc - awesome facility, something for the whole family and it's not extravagant.

343	More Teen/Young Adults Related Activities need to be available for them. So many 55+ activities little to no locations for fun times. Such as bowling alley, skating rink, water park, etc	2/16/2023 9:26 PM
344	We need activities for pre-teens, teens and young people. Bring the bowling alley back.	2/16/2023 9:21 PM
345	Would like a bowling alley or skate arena	2/16/2023 9:17 PM
346	We need more renewed parks for our kids with more playground equipment upgraded mulch example plastic mulch more outside activities for our children's well being	2/16/2023 9:05 PM
347	What we have to offer is practically nothing. Something for kids, families, couples needs to be built in this town	2/16/2023 9:05 PM
348	Need new bowling alley	2/16/2023 9:04 PM
349	We have never found a shortage of things to do while living in Sebring and it's also convenient to large amusement parks. We love the outdoor activities and mild traffic that Sebring has to offer and is why we made the move here from Riverview in the 1st place.	2/16/2023 8:55 PM
350	And an area for seniors at Lake Jackson.	2/16/2023 8:53 PM
351	Funding the facilities without funding staffing, maintenance and security for those facilities is a waste of time. Society needs a place where they can gather without the expectation of spending money to do so.	2/16/2023 8:51 PM
352	We need something for the younger community. Maybe build a trampoline park in the mall	2/16/2023 8:50 PM
353	We need more for kids and families to do here	2/16/2023 8:48 PM
354	The current condition of the Duran Martin baseball fields is terrible... the bathrooms are unusable and Avon Park has sent teams to stare every year. Avon Park will be hosting the Dixie Baseball State tournament this year and the state of our fields is embarrassing. The batting cages are falling apart, no updates have been done in 50 plus years. Every bit of work done to that field is by Dad's and volunteers. If we can't even take care of the current facilities who will maintain new facilities?	2/16/2023 8:47 PM
355	Highlands County sucks for young families!	2/16/2023 8:44 PM
356	We could use a Dave and Busters, roller rink, bowling, something to do and create more jobs.	2/16/2023 8:41 PM
357	I have to drive far away to take my kids to have fun . This County doesn't have anything to offer not even a bowling alley.	2/16/2023 8:36 PM
358	We need fun hang out spots for the kids	2/16/2023 8:36 PM
359	We need things to do for kids. For example ice skating ring, bowling	2/16/2023 8:28 PM
360	This county needs stuff for these poor children who have nothing to do. Skating rink bowling alley SOMETHING	2/16/2023 8:21 PM
361	Would love to see a bowling alley (good for all ages), and a rodeo arena- great for kids to practice as well as put on rodeos, festivals, etc.	2/16/2023 8:18 PM
362	This county needs a splash pad above anything else!	2/16/2023 8:15 PM
363	Mini golf, bowling, splash pads at the public parks for kids. Paintball. Escape room. Invest in your youth before they all move away.	2/16/2023 8:15 PM
364	I agree we need something additional. Especially for children.	2/16/2023 8:14 PM
365	Would love to see more areas for kids to play ...	2/16/2023 8:10 PM
366	Kids need more things to do. More family fun , outdoor fun more restaurants around the lake with outdoor seating on the lake .!	2/16/2023 8:09 PM
367	There isn't much for kids period in this area. Even the YMCA is the worst one I've seen anywhere in the US I've been.	2/16/2023 8:06 PM
368	A splash pad for the kids would be a great addition to our community. We have alot of families	2/16/2023 8:05 PM

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that would benefit from a splash pad.

369	Need multi-function facility for families and children. Use also for conferences and shows, possible hurricane shelter also?	2/16/2023 8:00 PM
370	Area needs activities for kids	2/16/2023 7:56 PM
371	We need things for our older kids to do. Like skating or bowling, or an arcade. There are plenty of sports things for kids and stuff for elderly. Nothing for the in between	2/16/2023 7:56 PM
372	Need more things for kids like a roller rink or indoor trampoline park	2/16/2023 7:51 PM
373	Just will like to have more fun places to go & more things to do	2/16/2023 7:51 PM
374	Need bowling alley	2/16/2023 7:47 PM
375	Placid Lakes, one of the largest subdivisions has no recreational park! And is in desperate need of one to keep kids busy!! With basketball, pickle ball, volleyball courts and a decent playground!	2/16/2023 7:42 PM
376	I think we should bring back a bowling alley to Highlands county or the go-karts. Those seemed to be extremely popular with the residents in highlands	2/16/2023 7:40 PM
377	We need a place where we can go as a family,bowling alley,arcade with a indoor trampoline area,mini golf	2/16/2023 7:38 PM
378	The first question is way to broad. Be specific. I'm not says yes to a generic open ended question.	2/16/2023 7:26 PM
379	Would love a swimming pool or splash park.	2/16/2023 7:25 PM
380	Wish it was safer, too many bad guys and way too many homeless people	2/16/2023 7:24 PM
381	It would be great if there were pool areas open year round that are not for community members only (I'm looking at YOU, Sun N Lakes). A facility like the Lake Eva Aquatics Center would be amazing for families of all ages here.	2/16/2023 7:24 PM
382	I skating rink or a bowling place where all ages can enjoy	2/16/2023 7:21 PM
383	Bowling	2/16/2023 7:15 PM
384	A public swimming pool pretty please	2/16/2023 7:07 PM
385	Would love more activities for children and families.	2/16/2023 7:04 PM
386	We also need a bowling alley. That is and a ways will be a great family get together.	2/16/2023 7:00 PM
387	Sebring needs area's for young children and teenagers and young adults to be able to hangout at and enjoy. Sebring needs more places so everyone can enjoy many people have to drive far away to take there family's to parks and actually enjoy there day. There is literally nothing to do in Sebring	2/16/2023 6:49 PM
388	Sidewalk in Olivia lake in Avon park	2/16/2023 6:47 PM
389	We need places for the young people. A Dave N Busters, Andretti or something similar would be great.	2/16/2023 6:45 PM
390	Something for the kids will be great	2/16/2023 6:39 PM
391	make new stuff to do kinda like thursday drag races go at tracks etc	2/16/2023 6:35 PM
392	I would add a bowling alley. It's a good exercise and also a good hang out!	2/16/2023 6:26 PM
393	We need more things to do for kids. I can only take my kids to the same playground somany times. And the children's measum is starting to get boring aswell	2/16/2023 6:23 PM
394	Please add more things for younger children. This isn't just a retirement area. Families live here too	2/16/2023 6:22 PM
395	Need indoor. Bowling & Skating rink	2/16/2023 6:21 PM
396	Need things for kids & families. Bowling alley, indoor roller skate rink	2/16/2023 6:12 PM

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397	We don't need a 6 million dollar water park.	2/16/2023 6:07 PM
398	This County lacks things to do for families with children. No entertainment hubs. As a county, we can't focus on downtowns, that's for the cities. The County should focus on great parks, nature trails and parks, bike paths, softball fields. Look at central Floridas coast to coast trail systems. 250 miles of trails. Highlands County needs to focus on outdoor activities.	2/16/2023 6:05 PM
399	Highlands County needs a Bowling Center	2/16/2023 6:01 PM
400	We need more than just sporting complexes. Maybe a bowling alley, trampoline park, ATV park to ride, pool, splash pad, disc golf,	2/16/2023 5:58 PM
401	Really would love a skating rink again enjoyed so much when we were kids. Splash pad at the pier Public pool	2/16/2023 5:57 PM
402	I enjoy living in Highlands County because it is rural. Any large entertainment community center would simply become a hub for crime.	2/16/2023 5:52 PM
403	The lakes are the best	2/16/2023 5:50 PM
404	Need things for young people, skate park for example, miniature golf, bowling with arcade for everyone.	2/16/2023 5:46 PM
405	Need more outside "Music in the Park" venues, Food Truck gatherings nights.	2/16/2023 5:44 PM
406	No more baseball fields please. Volleyball, archery, roller skating, bowling options. Just some ideas.	2/16/2023 5:42 PM
407	We need more things to do for the kids. There is absolutely nothing fun like bowling , Lazer tag , trampoline center , splash pad , skating rink. Absolutely nothing for he kids.	2/16/2023 5:35 PM
408	We need to support young families!	2/16/2023 5:34 PM
409	It is sad there really isn't much here for young families. Since Hurricane Irma we don't have a bowling alley! Several splash parks would be great.	2/16/2023 5:34 PM
410	It be good to have a bowling alley and waterpark, laser tag, gaming area things for kids and teens. Thank you	2/16/2023 5:34 PM
411	It would be nice for the kids/ teens to have a place to go to have fun and hang out with friends. Like a skating rink, drive in movie, Lazer tag, ect. The county has enough things for the senior citizens. Need to have more family friendly and kid . Teens things to do.	2/16/2023 5:34 PM
412	A new Bowling Alley.	2/16/2023 5:33 PM
413	Would love some other activities especially for children that don't partake in sports	2/16/2023 5:32 PM
414	A recreational center with rock climbing, trampoline Park, parkour area with foam pit would save the youth from becoming lazy, and on drugs. A water park ish area(in water activities) and more play area around swim holes. The bowling alley a must, and go carts again would be awesome.	2/16/2023 5:28 PM
415	We would like that everything that is selected in the future yall realese since children and teens could hace fun we have to get out of the area Thank you	2/16/2023 5:27 PM
416	We need bowling and a skating rink. And most of all—ALL age apartments/housing for the young families that live in highlands county	2/16/2023 5:21 PM
417	We need a bowling center	2/16/2023 5:20 PM
418	Our community needs a bowling alley.	2/16/2023 5:14 PM
419	We need some type of indoor playground for kids under 12 and a trampoline park for older kids/adults.	2/16/2023 5:12 PM
420	We need a bowling alley.	2/16/2023 5:12 PM
421	Indoor basketball courts available for the residents	2/16/2023 5:10 PM
422	Need to develop things for young people & kids.	2/16/2023 5:05 PM
423	We need a trampoline park and bowling alley. The trampoline park needs to be from a large	2/16/2023 5:04 PM

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chain. A Chuck E. Cheese would also be nice.

424	We need a public pool or bowling alley	2/16/2023 5:02 PM
425	The county is beautiful. Maybe a park for you get children like toddlers located in one of the other parks... It would be appreciated.	2/16/2023 4:56 PM
426	Highlands county need more recreation for young ones as well as adults.	2/16/2023 4:54 PM
427	I miss the bowling alley and go carts. Definitely need more stuff to do in Sebring.	2/16/2023 4:52 PM
428	We need something for youth to do in Highlands Co.	2/16/2023 4:50 PM
429	We need a place for young adults and teens to be able to go and do thing and not have to drive hours to do so .	2/16/2023 4:47 PM
430	Highlands County is doing a good job, but there is always room for improvement.	2/16/2023 4:46 PM
431	We need a bowling alley, mini golf and a roller skating rink in this county.	2/16/2023 4:43 PM
432	Splash pad for kids	2/16/2023 4:42 PM
433	We need a splash pad for kids, a nice totally covered playground, bowling alley, putt, putt golf and other things young families can use	2/16/2023 4:41 PM
434	There is nothing for families to do in this community and even less for kids to do. I've never experienced a less family friendly place in my life. Why is there no bowling or roller skating, not even a put put golf course it's mind blowing how little the community provides for people to do. To say highlands county is boring is a major understatement. Even the playgrounds are boring and there are very few.	2/16/2023 4:39 PM
435	What we need are bicycle paths that are NOT "share the road, way too dangerous to ride along 27	2/16/2023 4:35 PM
436	We need more sidewalks, race bike paths on the road, more dog parks, and volleyball indoor gyms for adults.	2/16/2023 4:34 PM
437	This county needs some things for kids and families to do. When I was young there was bowling, a skating rink, and putt putt golf. Now there is nothing.	2/16/2023 4:31 PM
438	I feel that we do need more for younger children. Splash pad?	2/16/2023 4:30 PM
439	We need something else. Like a bowing alley, trampoline park, skating rink. Ect. We dont need another playground or old folks places. These kids are getting bored and thats why they cause trouble.	2/16/2023 4:26 PM
440	I didn't even know about majority of list	2/16/2023 4:24 PM
441	We would like to but our health right now will not allow these type of activities. But we know that our youth need places in the sun and inside to play and to be active. May be a roller skating rink or a bowling ally would help.	2/16/2023 4:23 PM
442	What about equestrian? HC spent \$\$ on bike lanes yet bikers use skinniest roads we have ..... Payne Rd, Orange Blossom,	2/16/2023 4:21 PM
443	We need more sidewalks on 27 as well, please!	2/16/2023 4:19 PM
444	We need skating rink and more activities for children. Boys and girls clubs activities these kids can do to keep them off the streets and drugs.	2/16/2023 4:16 PM
445	We need a mini golf course or something for kids and teens to do stop catering to the elderly and part time residents	2/16/2023 4:15 PM
446	Nothing to do here, especially for seniors	2/16/2023 4:15 PM
447	We have a multi-use facility that has denied access to ALL residents except groups that pay a premium price for the occasional use of it. These groups have to be registered with the county. So... before we build another rich only area we should allow that field (close to Sebring High School) to be used by the residents. If another area is built it should have automatic access to every person in Highlands county ESPECIALLY the school kids. Many of our children do not have funds to join organizations so they are not allowed access to this field which is now over a decade old. That is total discrimination. These areas now need to be open every day after	2/16/2023 4:14 PM

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school and from Friday afternoon to Sunday 9:00pm then and ONLY then should we open more areas to our young people. Skating areas, skateboarding areas things for kids. Once kids are taken care of then worry about places for older people or.....oh my... the idea... make someplace for ALL ages to have fun.

448	There is absolutely nothing for the younger generation to do in Highlands county. Need places like skating rink, bowling alley, miniature golf. Highland county needs to try to attract these types of businesses and not make it so hard for them to open.	2/16/2023 4:13 PM
449	We need to allow small businesses to create family friendly attractions. We need roller skating, mini golf, bowling, table top gaming, and more	2/16/2023 4:08 PM
450	The DT circle area is dead zone due to lack initiative to create more adult night life such as bistros/ side walk dining with live music ( not only country music) tapas restaurants, etc. As long as the commissioners continue having the " small town" mentality nothing will change!!	2/16/2023 4:06 PM
451	We need more activities or fun houses for the young children (toddlers through teenagers).	2/16/2023 4:05 PM
452	We need bowling and go carts. Something for the younger population to have fun doing!!	2/16/2023 4:04 PM
453	Would love to see an ATV park of some sort.	2/16/2023 4:04 PM
454	WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE IN THIS COUNTY ARE HOME!!	2/16/2023 4:03 PM
455	There needs to be more activities and housing for more younger families.	2/16/2023 4:02 PM
456	More is need for kids ages 5-15	2/16/2023 4:01 PM
457	There is alot of young very talented soccer players in avon park but no field for them to play in. Rec field is never available always people playing football or other things and goals are always locked up	2/16/2023 3:59 PM
458	No more 55 and older they are only here half the damn year anyways do something for kids young adults that live here all year around town is filled with older folks and meth both have taken over	2/16/2023 3:58 PM
459	Need more places for families with small children to go. Like in lakeland there is a huge playground that includes all ages. These parks need to be kept clean and free vagrants.	2/16/2023 3:54 PM
460	Housing is needed to keep youth in town or else they will move and no services for elderly will be available	2/16/2023 3:52 PM
461	We definitely need more things for our youth and for other residents to participate	2/16/2023 3:50 PM
462	We are over 80 but see a need for the youth and teens in our area.	2/16/2023 3:50 PM
463	A new bowling alley would be great or something along the lines of that	2/16/2023 3:47 PM
464	There needs to be more amenities for children. If you don't create something for children they'll be forced to hang out in the streets, which can only lead to issues and delinquency. Please, think about the future of this beautiful county.	2/16/2023 3:47 PM
465	They more kid friendly places and activities for kids	2/16/2023 3:44 PM
466	ATTENTION HIGHLANDS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, HIGHLANDS COUNTY OFFICIALS AND ANY OTHER COUNTY OR STATE OFFICIALS, WE NEED MULTIPLE PUBLIC RECREATION TRAILS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY NOT ATTACHED TO ANY HIGHWAY OR ROAD!!! MULTIPLE UNPAVED OR PAVED SPACES FOR RECREATION THAT RUNS THROUGH THE COUNTY WITHOUT HAVING TO CROSS A UNITED STATES INTERSTATE. WE NEED A BOWLING ALLEY. A SKATING RINK, MINI GOLF, JUMP PARK, PLACES WE CAN GO AND DO ACTIVE THINGS WITH OUR FAMILIES! WE ARE LONG TIME FULL TIME RESIDENTS THAT HAVE HAD TO AND HAVE TO DRIVE TO OTHER COUNTIES TO GATHER TO WALK, RIDE, BOWL, SKATE, JUMP, SWIM, JOG, CELEBRATE LIFE, AND SO MUCH MORE BECAUSE THERE IS NO WHERE IN THIS COUNTY. WE SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS DOING SO. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO COMMUTE TO OTHER COUNTIES FOR THINGS FOR KIDS, TEENS, FAMILIES IS WRONG!	2/16/2023 3:44 PM
467	Need more park and facilities for children's and family's, like water park.	2/16/2023 3:42 PM
468	Need better and more basketball courts	2/16/2023 3:39 PM

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469	I think we need more family fun activities and places. The 55 plus age group are covered the ones younger are not.	2/16/2023 3:39 PM
470	I don't think the county understands the number of youth in our community who have to travel outside of highlands county for youth rodeos. At each of these rodeos you have hundreds of competitors and spectators who travel with them. If Highlands County could give us an arena it could potentially increase revenue for Highlands county. There are 5+ associations directly outside our county lines to which their counties gain revenue from us because highlands doesn't offer to us what they do.	2/16/2023 3:39 PM
471	Love they ymca but we need another facility, parking is dangerous when in season for all sports	2/16/2023 3:36 PM
472	We definitely need more things for young families and young adults to do. We actually need more housing for families, NOT more 55+ parks or living facilities. We need more places for people in their 30's, and families to live...not more retirement communities.	2/16/2023 3:35 PM
473	Need more activities for the youth	2/16/2023 3:33 PM
474	Not enough parks with playgrounds for kids. Need some sort of water park for the kids. Need something for young adults to keep occupied. Bowling alley, Dave & Busters, etc.	2/16/2023 3:33 PM
475	We need a new agricultural civic center to host a wide variety of events.	2/16/2023 3:32 PM
476	We need bowling, skating and fun things for young kids and middle age. Bring a trampoline park or something entertaining	2/16/2023 3:30 PM
477	It would be nice for the kids to have a splash park. We see clinics, home, restaurants being constructed but nothing for the kids, very little is done for the little ones.	2/16/2023 3:30 PM
478	Please do something for the young people of highlands county, they count too and need to have places where to have some fun , it's very sad that they don't have anything to do.	2/16/2023 3:30 PM
479	I wish we had better dog parks	2/16/2023 3:29 PM
480	We need more for all ages to do	2/16/2023 3:27 PM
481	More child friendly facilities and family friendly activities	2/16/2023 3:21 PM
482	I think we need bowling or rollerskating something for the youth!!!	2/16/2023 3:21 PM
483	Need something for the little ones other than a park. Maybe a splash pad or indoor park for little ones and older ones. Burger Kings indoor park in north sebring is kinda of far and is made for bigger kids. Most of the playgrounds here are made for bigger kids, not the little ones, and as far as the pools go- parents have to hold their kids and get wet. Splash pad in sun n lakes is too far of a drive with all the stop lights involved and I'm told you are supposed to be a resident of sun n lakes. Also, can they please open a YMCA here! I know sebring has one. Most moms in lp work in South sebring near the hospital (at least I know of 4 moms that work near me) and have their children in lp schools, we struggle to find a gym with childcare in lp, and we struggle to find childcare for after 5:30, especially for the summers. Just letting you know some of the issues that I inquire as a mom who works full time m-f 8am-5pm with an average commute to and from work. Even to have a place that's not pricey with bounce houses that is safe foe our children to go too	2/16/2023 3:21 PM
484	We need more family friendly places. A bowling alley, splash pad, non alcoholic Cafe with family night such as karaoke or talent night. In a Cafe the food can come from local farms so we give money back into the community. We could use an arcade or teen only places. Our community would have a lot less crime and runaways if we didn't have to drive over 2 hours just to do something. I mean we don't even have a mall. Kids need an outlet for their energies and anger so they don't turn to crime and drugs.	2/16/2023 3:19 PM
485	Me as a resident of Avon park would like to see highlands county work on adding a new soccer field/ facility, where plenty of other people who live in the highland areas or anywhere else can join in and play some soccer and have fun. There are many people around this area that love to play soccer but the inconvenience is that we have to drive 10-30 just to play due to the fact that we don't have a field to play at, i speaking not only for myself, but for many of the highlands residents, would love to see this happen please	2/16/2023 3:19 PM
486	Need to build up a better program for Soccer before high school. More competitive instead of	2/16/2023 3:18 PM



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just YMCA. Needs to be more advertised. We need a bowling alley or go carts. The Arcade that used to be in the mall was great but they got rid of it. The mall should be turned into a multi play room for many things. Such as escape rooms, arcade, water park, food, indoor soccer.

487	We really need a soccer field	2/16/2023 3:16 PM
488	We need something for the younger people to do. Meaning teenagers and young adults	2/16/2023 3:15 PM
489	We need a splash pad for kids	2/16/2023 3:15 PM
490	There needs to be more things family friendly. There are alot of people who keep grandkids especially on holidays and summers. Theme parks adventure parks ,zoos . Money well spent . Most people always have to go west or east coast to do fun stuff	2/16/2023 3:13 PM
491	Needs things in Lake Placid	2/16/2023 3:07 PM
492	We need a bigger pool in sun n lake Sebring alone is growing or just more public pools for kids to have fun more summer camps and things for kids and teens to do keep them out of trouble Sebring is growing Avon park spreading it's not a retirement town anymore sorry to brake it to my seniors but we are expanding we need better out here we have to drive almost two hours to get to fun	2/16/2023 3:07 PM
493	Avon park Florida 33825 is in need of a soccer feild. theres lots of young kids (boys and girls) who enjoy the sport but there's no place to practice or play year round. The avon park park & recreations is open but it is used for football and football practice. We've practiced there in the past but we're kicked off by little league football coaches. After that we found that Our lady of grace Catholic Church had a small feild and practiced there until we were also kicked out by new management, since then there is no place available with a soccer feild or soccer goals for youth and young children to enjoy the sport, there is lots of talent in avon park but the lack of a single soccer feild makes it hard to develop youth into the sport and bring out the talent. Thanks in advance and hope you take into consideration at least 1 soccer feild within our city. Have a blessed one	2/16/2023 3:07 PM
494	FAMILY ACTIVITIES Arcade bowling trampoline park Skating ring etc.....!!!!!!	2/16/2023 3:06 PM
495	The biggest recreational draw beside the racecourse are our lakes. We have owned lake property for over 70 years and the decline in our lake health is horrible. The best investment in the country would be to clean up the lakes, stop the runoff and lawn clipping ... our natural resource is our best asset and they are not being properly maintained.	2/16/2023 3:05 PM
496	Need bowling alley, skating rink, splash pad.....focus on the youth of this community.	2/16/2023 3:03 PM
497	We need something for teenagers	2/16/2023 3:02 PM
498	What this county needs is something that appeals to children. There is plenty of recreational outlets for adults but nearly nothing for children (ice skating rink, trampoline gym, splash park, etc.)	2/16/2023 3:02 PM
499	More and better play grounds needed for families to visit.	2/16/2023 3:00 PM
500	Highland county needs more public ACCESSIBLE fishing area. Plus a all Around kids park, playground and maybe a wet park.	2/16/2023 2:56 PM
501	I'm wondering what happened to the recreational area plans for the pier near downtown Sebring for the splash pad. I think we need more for young families and if not then more advertising in advance for what we already have.	2/16/2023 2:56 PM
502	Highlands county DEFINITELY needs more AFFORDABLE recreational outlets for our youth! Give the kids something to do and keep them out of trouble.	2/16/2023 2:54 PM
503	Sebring (Highlands County) needs more structural activities with strong peers for kids to enjoy and grow in a positive eay and for families to do together.	2/16/2023 2:47 PM
504	We need more things for children to do. I have a 12 and 9 year old and we travel out of town all the time to do things like skating, Urban air, adventure Island, bouse houses, bowling	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
505	Could use a put put golf course. Something for young and older residents. Anything is better than what we have. It doesn't always have to be athletic or workout. Need something relaxing and enjoyable outdoors.	2/16/2023 2:46 PM

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506	Kids need a playground, like Lakeland Common Playground. Highland Hammock state park needs an update in the playground.	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
507	I've never heard of half of these recreational facilities! Where are they in the county?	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
508	Keep our young families in HC! Create complexes that are geared for the children!	2/16/2023 2:44 PM
509	Canoe, kayak and paddle board rentals on Lake Jackson, Lake June and Lake Verona would be great.	2/16/2023 2:44 PM
510	Y'all have been saying we are getting new stuff in Sebring for years and we do these surveys and nothing happens I'm 23 and have to drive 2 hours away to have any type of fun	2/16/2023 2:43 PM
511	It would be a lovely thing if the county opened up something pertaining to the youth of our area	2/16/2023 2:41 PM
512	bowling, skating rink either or would be cool :)	2/16/2023 2:41 PM
513	This two needs more places for families with small children	2/16/2023 2:40 PM
514	I would like to see more nature trails in the area. A community center that has the ability to hold a variety of classes and activities would be nice too.	2/16/2023 2:39 PM
515	We don't need more sports activities. The Ymca and surrounding sports area is great. We need more leisure activities especially as it relates to families with children. The circle could be a really amazing tourist attraction and fun place for families to go, it just needs more to attract people down there. The idea of the splash pad and remake of the lake front behind the theatre was a great idea! We need better playgrounds, young families are replacing the retired demographic. Please see Auburndale's park. Or Hollywood Blvd Arts Park. These parks have playgrounds and host events and it brings crowds to the businesses. In turn more business can open up because they can actually make some money, right now the circle is dead when it should be booming with amazing amenities, Restaurants and culture.	2/16/2023 2:39 PM
516	We need more thing for young families and children. We do not need more dollar stores or recreational facilities. We need things to cater to the 30-40 crowd that have young children such as bowling alley, trampoline park, splash pad, restaurants with outdoor areas, etc.	2/16/2023 2:38 PM
517	We do not need another sports complex. We need things that children and teens can do!	2/16/2023 2:37 PM