



# What's Great in Griesbach? & How Should We Grow?

## 2017 Community Survey Results

From January through March 2017, the Griesbach Community League conducted an online survey to gather resident feedback. The results of that survey, completed by about 290 residents, are presented in this report.

There is a **strong sense of community pride**, and residents love their **parks and monuments**. They have lots of ideas about how to make Griesbach even greater, like building a **community hall** or **skating rink** and holding **more community events**. There are some concerns about what are seen as declining **architectural standards**, community **cleanliness** and **safety** – although most residents do feel very safe.

## Respondent Demographics

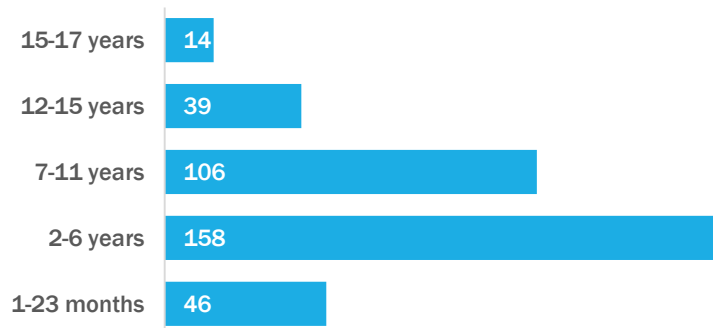
**293** completed surveys (although not everyone answered every question)

About half of respondents have lived in Griesbach for 4 years or less



**101** (36%) respondents with no kids at home

Lots of young kids!



**92%** own their home

## Priorities

### Safety & parks are high priorities

Scores are out of 5



**71%** feel “safe” or  
“extremely safe”

9% feel “not at all” or “somewhat safe”

*“[A community hall] is the next step in building our community.”*

*“Due to growing families we need more sports programs in our community.”*

*“Bring kayaking and paddle boarding to one of the lakes.”*

*“[Parks and trails] are the highlight of living in Griesbach.”*

*“Daycare! Daycare! Daycare!”*

*“Reducing algae and preventing water stagnation is imperative.”*

*“It would be great if they cut the grass on the hill before at least once before winter.”*

**65%** would support an annual fee on their property tax bill to help cover costs of monuments, community gardens, fountains, etc.

17% would not, and 19% are not sure.

*"We would need more information as to specifically where this money is going, a say in how it is handled, and how those needs are currently being met."*

## Sense of Community

**87%** are "very proud" or "extremely proud" to live in Griesbach

Only **2%** are "somewhat" or "not at all" proud

**60%** say the sense of community is "strong" or "extremely strong"

A further **28%** say it is "satisfactory"

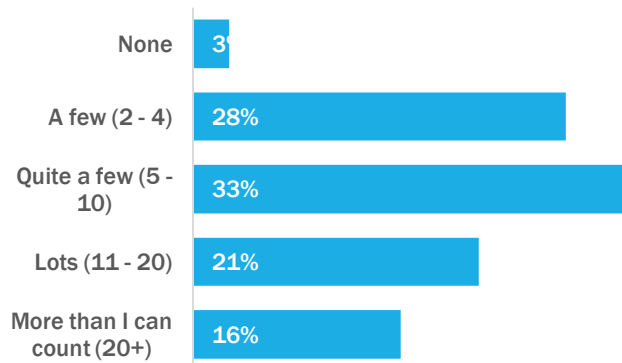
**92%** are "absolutely" or "most likely" to recommend Griesbach as a place to live

Only **2%** are "not at all" or "somewhat likely"

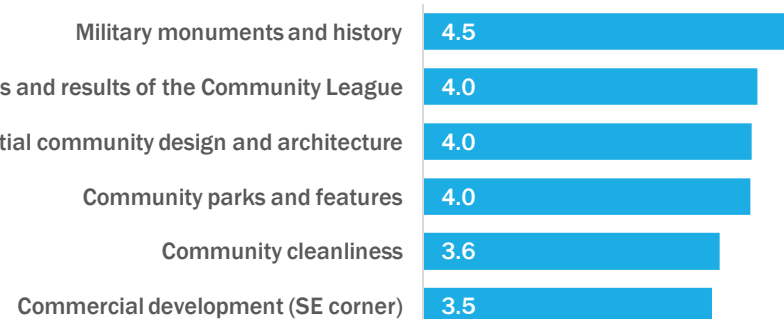
*"Always recommending it. I'm sure my social network thinks I'm obsessed!"*

*"Always do, attracted 6 other friends of ours to move."*

The majority of respondents know at least 5 neighbours

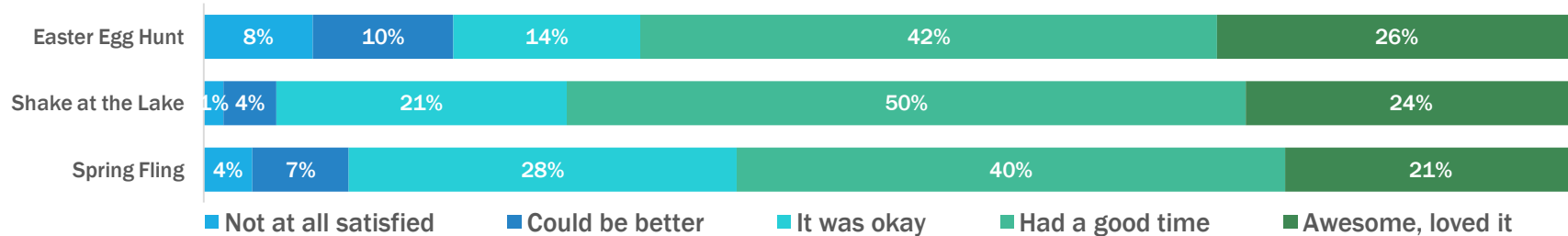


Residents are very satisfied with military monuments and the Community League  
They are less satisfied with the commercial development and community cleanliness



## Community Events

Most respondents gave community events high ratings



Easter Egg Hunt: *"Always amazing. Coffee was a great touch."*

*"Holding it on Easter Sunday excludes churchgoers."*

Shake at the Lake: *"Never miss it?"*

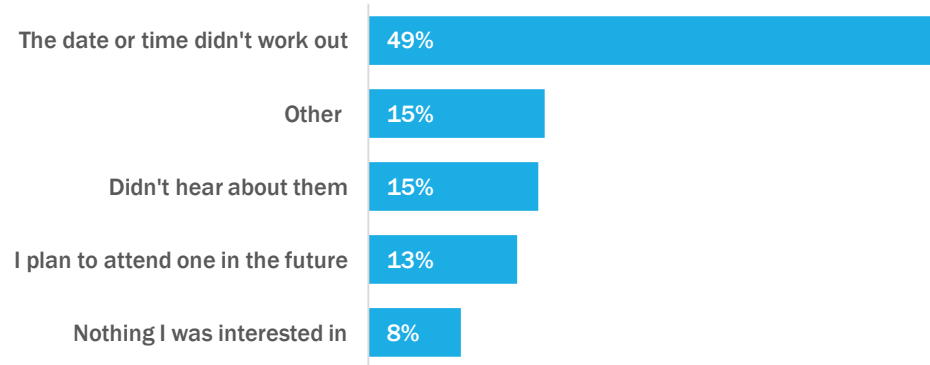
*"Leave the guns on the base, please."*

*"Kids seem to have lots of fun."*

Spring Fling: *"Yes! Keep it up please!"*

*"Need to advertise the event."*

Scheduling was the main reason for not attending community events



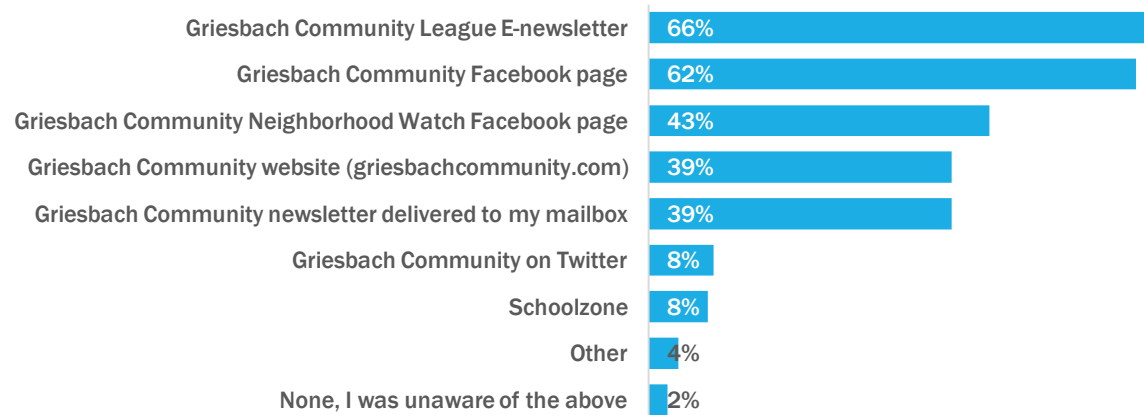
**Respondents are interested in lots of other potential events:**

adult sports  
movie & games nights  
block parties & barbecues  
sledding events & other hill-focused activities  
yoga, meditation, book club, art & tai chi  
pub nights

Almost half said they would be interested in volunteering for a Casino/bingo shift, and a third would join a committee or volunteer for a program or event

## Communications

**The e-newsletter is the most common source of information on Griesbach Community news and events**  
Facebook pages are also very popular



*“Flyers could be left at doors for events.”   “You are doing a great job.”   “I’m impressed by the communication.”   “The newsletter is always accessible.”*

*“It would be nice to have local police contribute to the newsletter or watch Facebook pages to provide some context around incidents in the community.”*