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The green space provided in our communities by our parks plays an integral part in the lives of our community members. The green spaces in our parks provide places for children to play and learn and families to picnic and walk. It is important that these environmental areas are cared for so that they endure to continue providing a healthy environment for all people.

The public parks are great places for children to learn and play together. The park district sponsors summer programs for children that enable them to experience nature and give them the opportunity to play with their peers on a daily basis. In a very modern and plugged-in world where children play games on the television screen instead of outside with their friends, it is important to provide that positive influence in young children's lives. These programs not only encourage children to be outdoors to play and interact, but also provide a learning experience as well. The programs offer chances for the children to learn about different plants and wildlife that live in the parks so they become better informed on the importance of the parks in their city.

Additionally, the parks also offer places for recreational sports leagues to play and practice. It is important that children learn to interact with each other in a fair, honorable way; and sports are a great way to learn this lesson. The parks provide open areas where children can practice sports: whether it is soccer, baseball, basketball, or numerous other sports; and also provide a safe place where these teams can compete against one another.

Besides the benefits for children, parks provide important opportunities for adults and families as a whole. There are many parks and wildlife reserves that are focused more on the environmental and natural atmosphere. These parks are important because they provide havens where adults and families can go to enjoy nature and bond with each other. There are trails

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These aspects of park life provide unique opportunities for families living in the city or in the large suburbs that surround it, and often result in the community coming together.

It is vitally important that people are educated on how to care for these parks and green spaces so that they will endure and last for a long time. There are many ways to inform people on how to protect the parks and environment, whether they are very young or already adults. One of the most effective and important methods is to inform children on how to care for nature and be mindful of the environment. The park programs teach children the value of recycling and picking up trash as part of their learning environment. When I was young and went to park programs, we would always take time out, often as part of another game, to pick up trash and litter as a competition to see who could gather the most. Teaching children is also a very effective way of teaching adults. Parents want to provide the best lives for their children, so teaching children how to care for the environment and telling them to inform their parents will perpetuate the cycle of recycling environmental awareness.