

COMMUNITY SURVEY - RESULTS



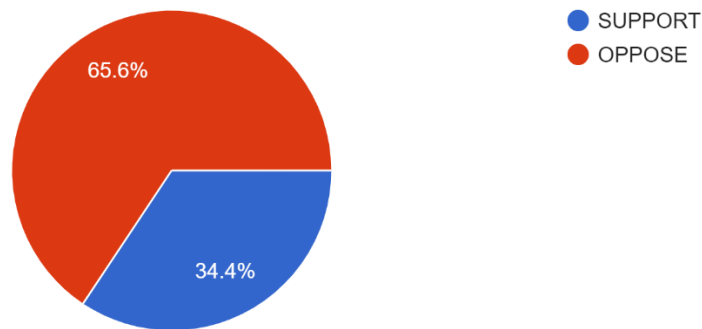
Feedback about Sharps Drop Box Proposal

What are your thoughts about a drop box for used sharps (medical needles / syringes) on library property along the Leo Adler Pathway?

Baker County Public Library has received a proposal from New Directions Northwest, Inc. to host a bin on library grounds. Installation and maintenance would be provided by NDNW. The goal is to improve community safety by reducing the incidence of unsafe disposal in regular garbage bins or by littering on the ground. Malheur County reports an average collection rate of 20,000 used syringes in recent years

Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the proposal to install a sharps drop box for public use OUTSIDE on library property?

227 responses



Please explain (Optional)

151 responses

My reasoning is that if you build it they will come. Coming from a big city and seeing what this does to the community I can assure you, that if you put this box out there, it will give people opportunity to make the library their personal space to use drugs. It'll be more convenient for them to use in front of the library because the sharps container is so close. That will, unintentionally, subject the children of this community to a life style that they don't need to see just because they want to go to the library. It will no longer be safe for parents to allow their children to go. If we start allowing the drugs to over come our city I promise you it will get out of hand way faster than we can handle as a small town. It's bad enough. Let's not enable people to use in our public places.

I am opposed to this because I think that it will increase drug related traffic in the area. The fact that there's already free Wi-Fi and charging there, all the crackheads in town brag about how they go there hang out get the free Wi-Fi charge their phones up and do drugs in that General facility there was even a homeless drug addict that slept there for months. I don't think it's right to encourage that behavior in an area that is right next to a public park where children play. I think that this town is going the same route as Portland where the harm reduction programs with very good intentions are being misused and just making the drug problem worse in town.

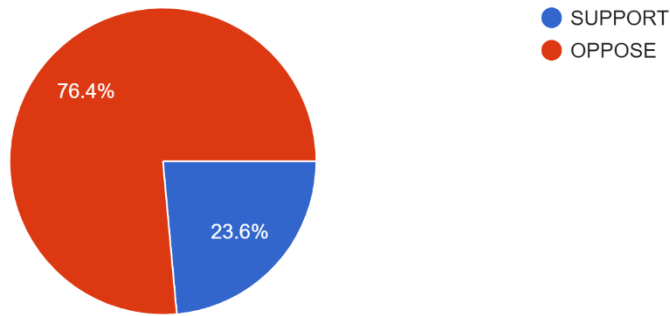
It just makes the area less fammily friendly. A box may be necessary but the park, library or parkway do not seem the appropriate place.

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BAKER COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Survey Results – Sharps Drop Box Proposal
Nov 17 – Dec 10 2023

Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the proposal to install a sharps drop box INSIDE the library in a public restroom?

208 responses



Please explain (Optional)

115 responses

See above

Some folks my want privacy. However it would limit the use to Library Hours.

They are already in many restrooms including rest stop bathrooms.

The library would become the place for drug users to go when wanting to get high. We should discourage that in a public library bathroom.

Maybe a more private setting for those who are diabetic or just don't want to be seen throwing them away outside

It wouldn't be used. I have seen this be done in other places and no one uses them. The needle still gets put in the trash.

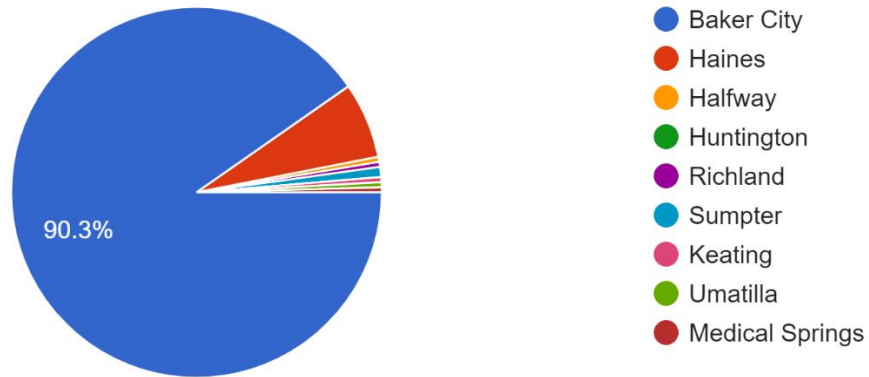
Again, family area. Appearance of condoning drug use.

Between the two my preference would be outside the library, but if both options are possible then I support

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What Baker County city do you live closest to?

227 responses



Please add any other comments on this matter for the library administration here.

96 responses

I appreciate you getting the communities input before making such a substantial decision, that effects the whole town in such a serious way. Thank you.

Add a Dropbox next to the police station.

Id rather see more effort in safe places to congregate for the youth

The library is not temporary housing. All ages should be safe inside and OUTSIDE of the building. That is no longer the case. The phones are ok. That's fine. A good whole community service. But this is a specific drug abuse service for specific drug abuse user. Not whole community.

We love our library and want to keep it as safe a space as possible.

You guys rock! Thanks for always being one step ahead on everything!

All the best on this proposal - thank you for considering....

Safety is key. Great idea

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