

NEWTOWN  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
COMMISSION

*"Community – It's Everything"*

# Survey Overview

November 10, 2015

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# I. Commission Background & Survey Details



# Community Center Commission Background

- As a result of the December 14, 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy, General Electric (GE) has generously donated \$10 million to build a Community Center, and \$1 million a year for five years to operate it
- GE has asked that the money be used to create a facility that:
  - Does not exist today
  - Does not duplicate existing programs or services
  - Serves the needs of the entire community as best as possible
- To help the town deliver a proposal that aligns to these guidelines, the Newtown Board of Selectman appointed a Community Center Commission comprised of local residents with various backgrounds.
- It is the Commission's vision that a Newtown Community Center should offer programs and activities which provide educational, recreational, artistic, and creative opportunities for individuals of every age and ability, in order to:
  - Engage the community
  - Promote health
  - Build self-esteem
  - Showcase talent
  - Encourage social interaction
  - Create a vibrant and supportive multi-generational community hub



# About the Survey

- Fielded by the Newtown Community Center Commission from September 19, 2015 to October 10, 2015, the survey was conducted online using the Survey Monkey platform
- Approximately 400 printed surveys were also distributed to Nunnawauk Meadows, The Senior Center and Social Services
- C.H. Booth Library set up dedicated computers to assist residents that do not have a computer at home
- The total number of completed surveys was 3,246
- Variances of 5 percentage points or more are considered meaningful
- The survey is NOT a voting tool
- This information will be used with feedback obtained during Community Forums, emails from residents and input from key stakeholder groups (e.g., Park & Rec, Town Organizations, etc.) to develop our final proposal to the Town



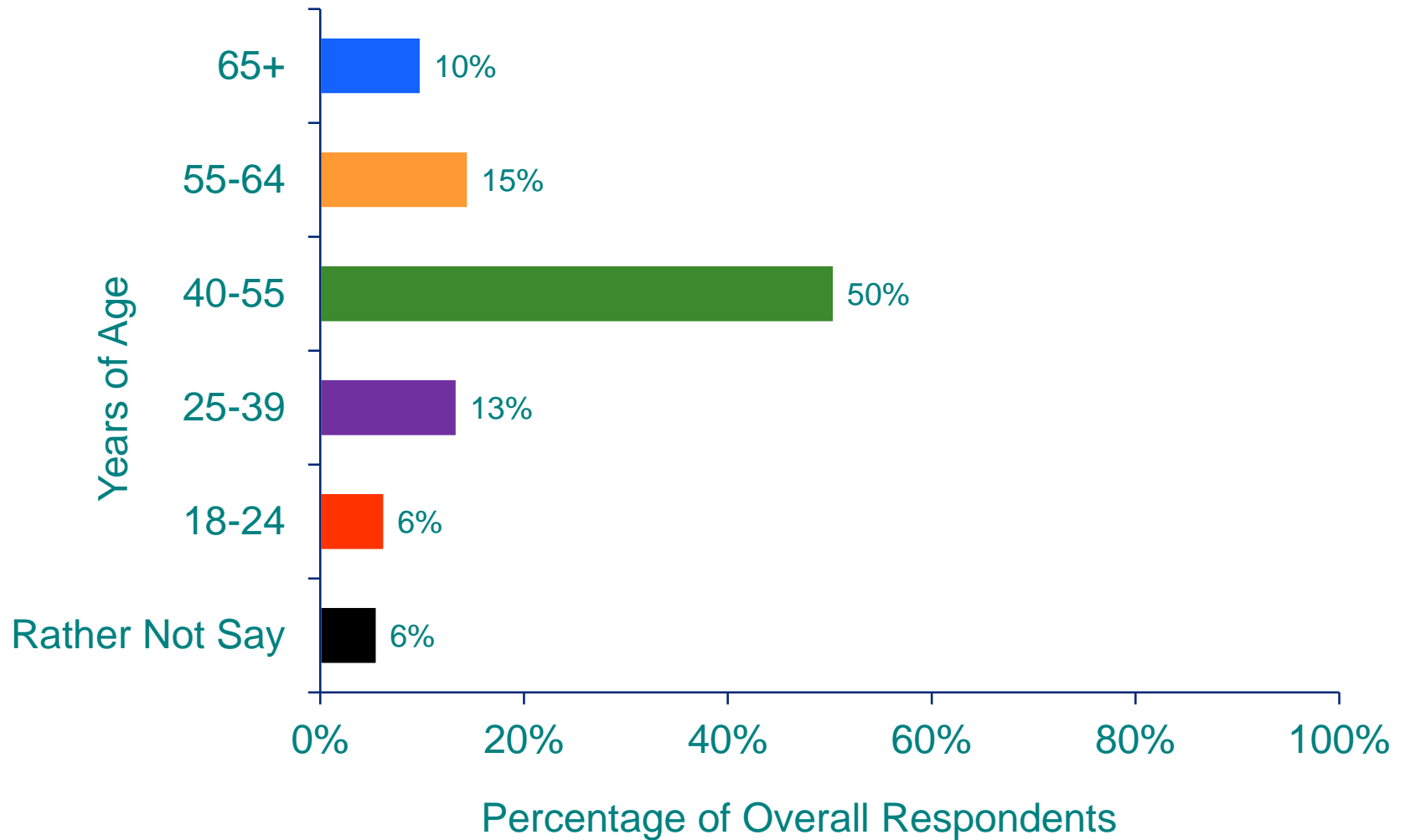
# Marketing to Promote the Survey

- Postcards: Every Newtown household received 2 postcards regarding the survey
- Survey link on the Town website
- Promotional email sent from the Town's "News & Announcements", Park & Rec, local youth groups (20+), in-town private schools, PTAs/PTSA, Teacher's Union, Interfaith Council, RTC, Democrats, NYA
- Quarter page ad in The Newtown Bee ran 9/25 & 10/2 (smaller version)
- "Bee" website survey link
- Facebook and Twitter promotions
- 150 posters were put in windows of various Town stores
- Press release to local newspapers

## II. Survey Demographics



# Age



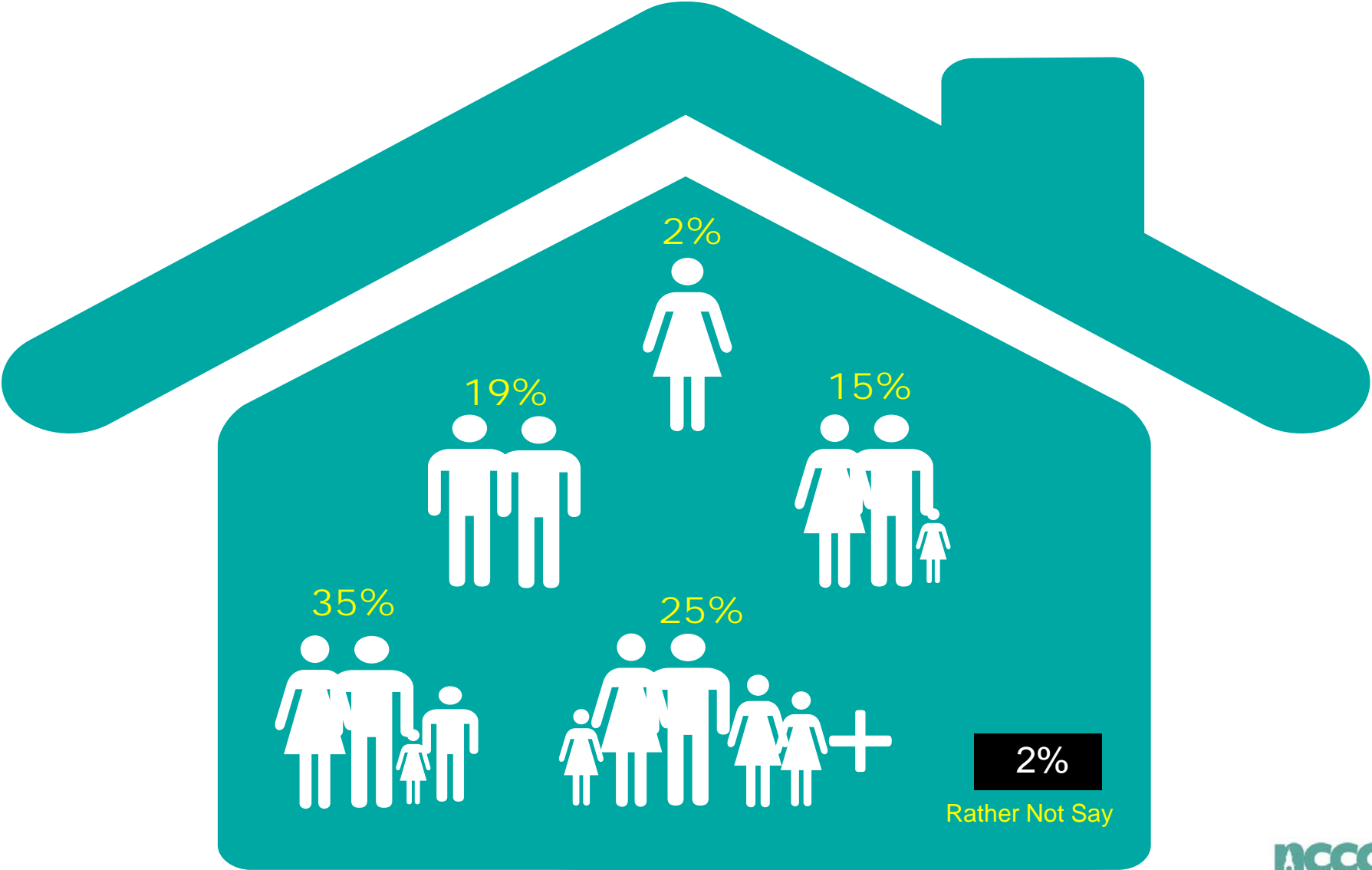


# Gender



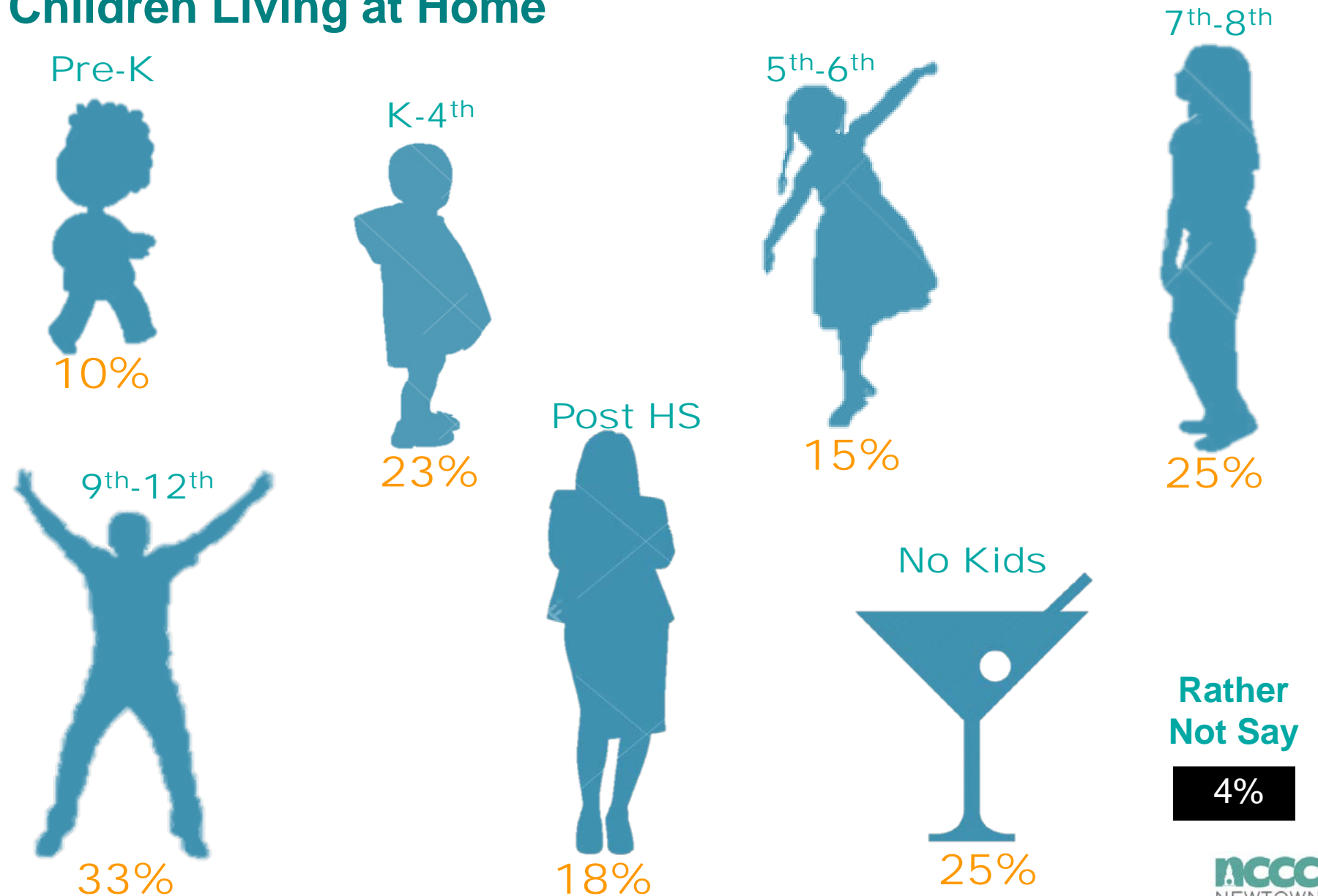
Percentage of Overall Respondents

# Number of Household Members



Percentage of Overall Respondents

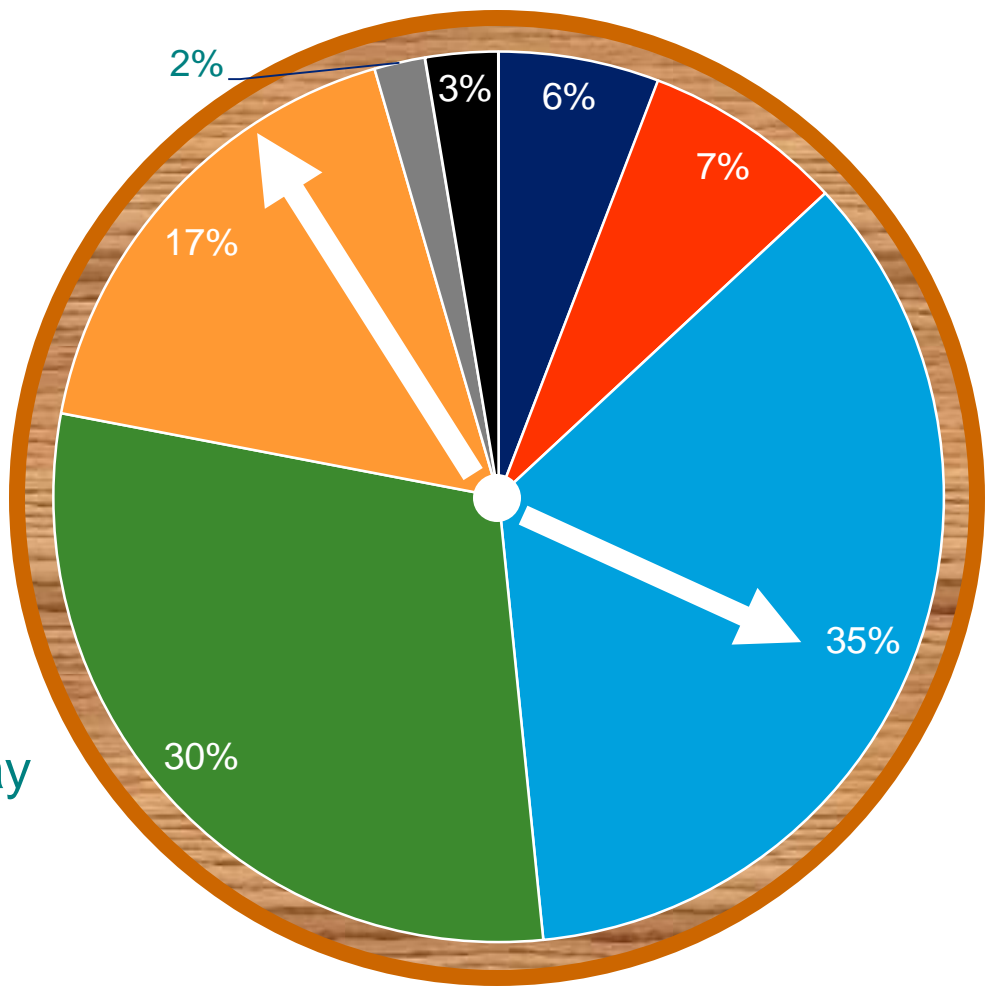
# Children Living at Home



# Time Spent Living in Newtown

Years in  
Newtown

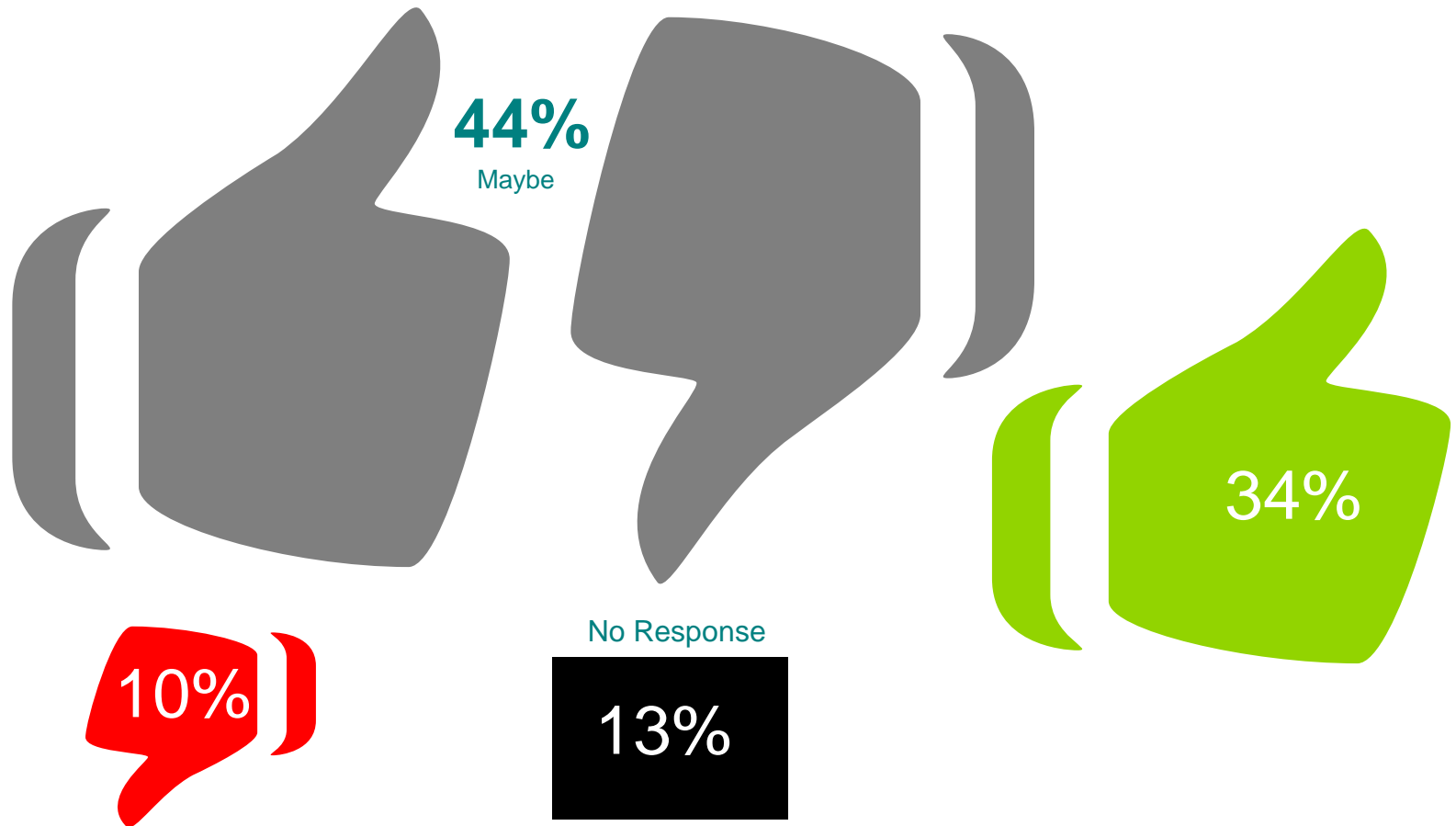
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- 3-5
- 6-15
- 16-25
- 26-50
- 50+
- Rather Not Say



Percentage of Overall Respondents

# Willing to Lend a Hand?

Q: Once constructed, would you be willing to support the Community Center in some way, either as a volunteer, activity lead or a member of a possible oversight board?



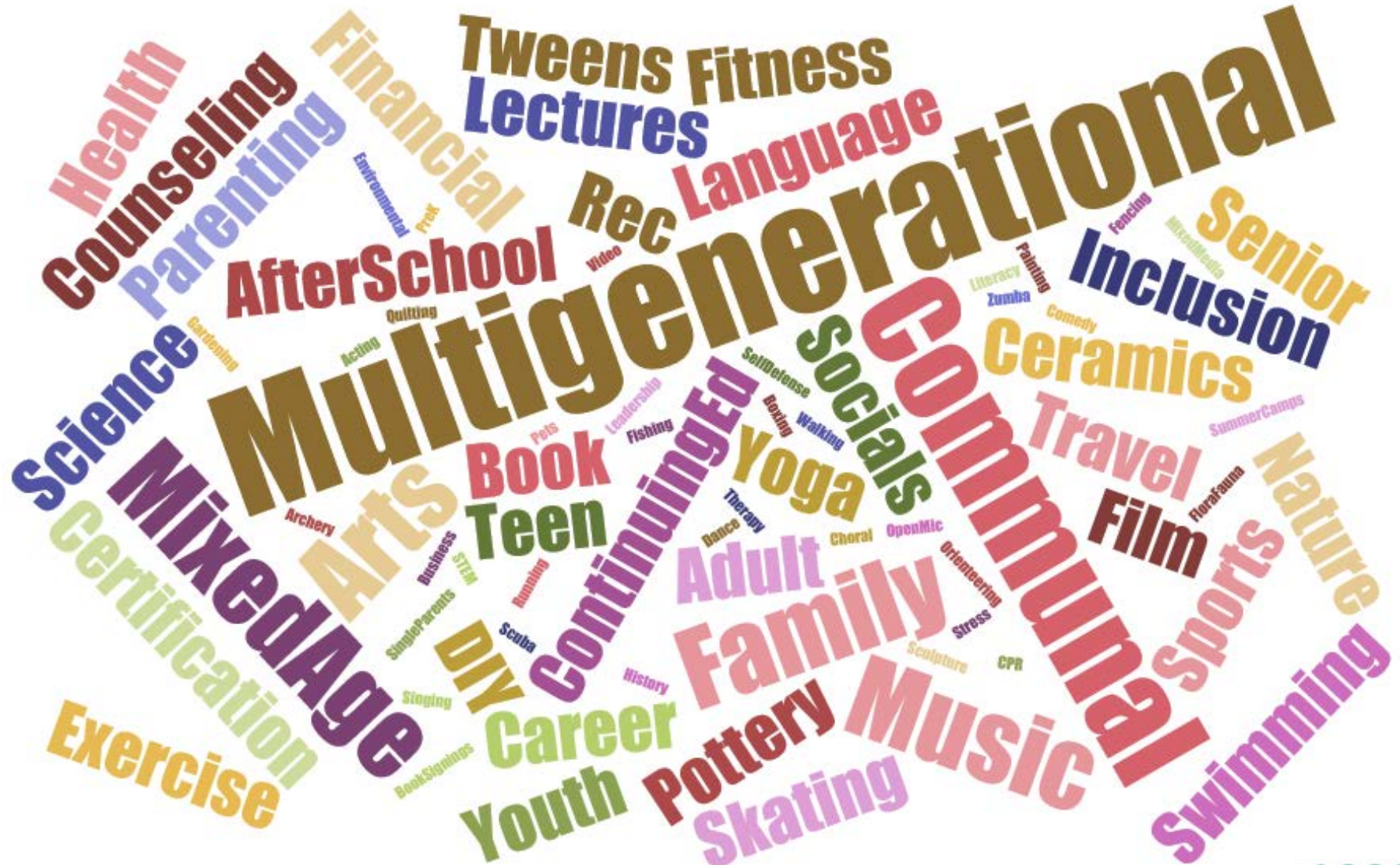
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# III. Community Input: Desired Programming

Q. Please think about the type of programs/classes you, your family and our community as a whole would best appreciate and use at an ideal Newtown Community Center. What are three things that come to mind you would like to include?



# Desired Programming – “Snapshot” of Write-In Feedback



See slides 104-155 for complete comments

# IV. Generational Programs & Dedicated vs. Flexible Space/Programming

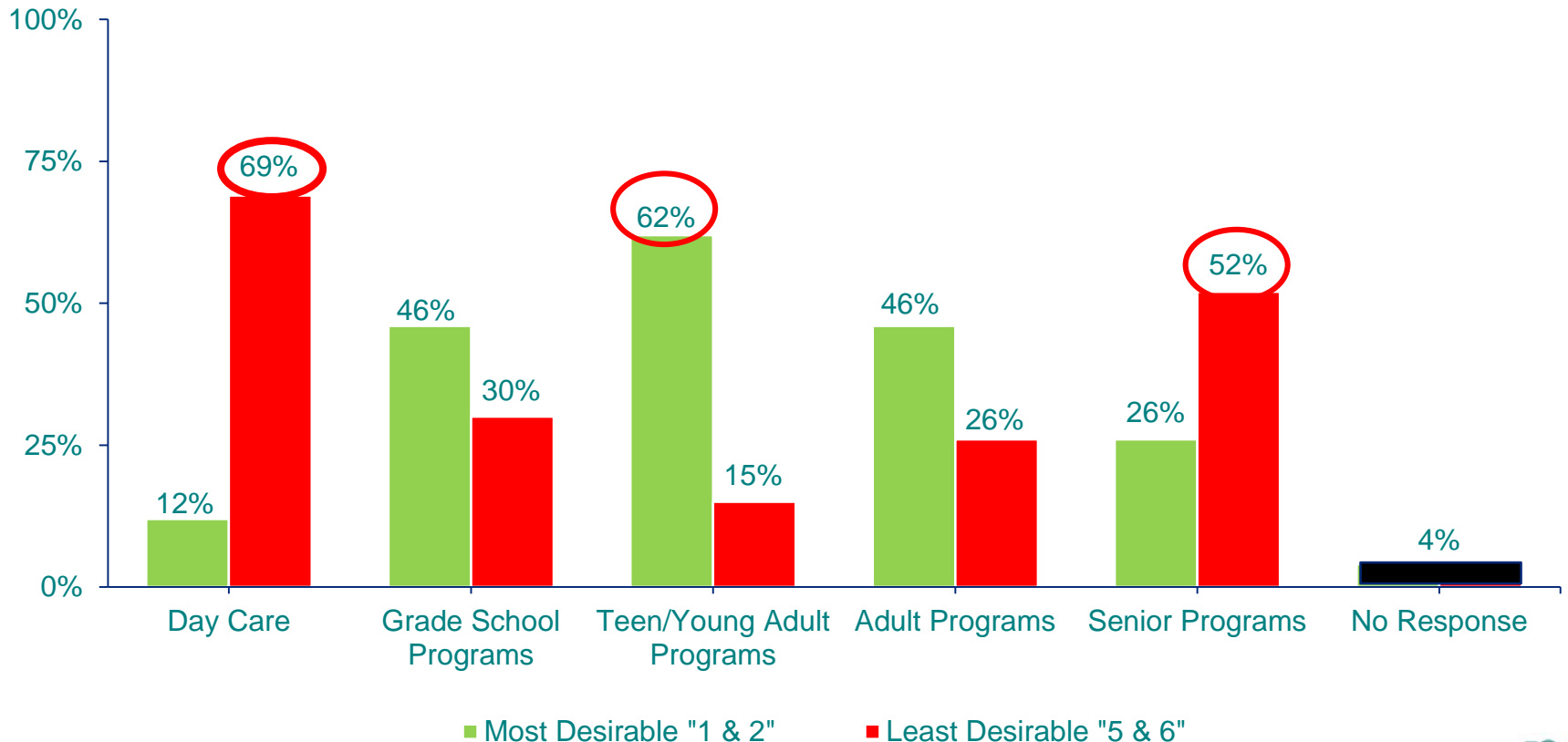




# Generational Programs

Q. To help better understand the type of programs/classes the Community Center could offer, consider what would be beneficial to you, your family and our community as a whole. Please rank the potential programs from “most desirable” to “least desirable”.

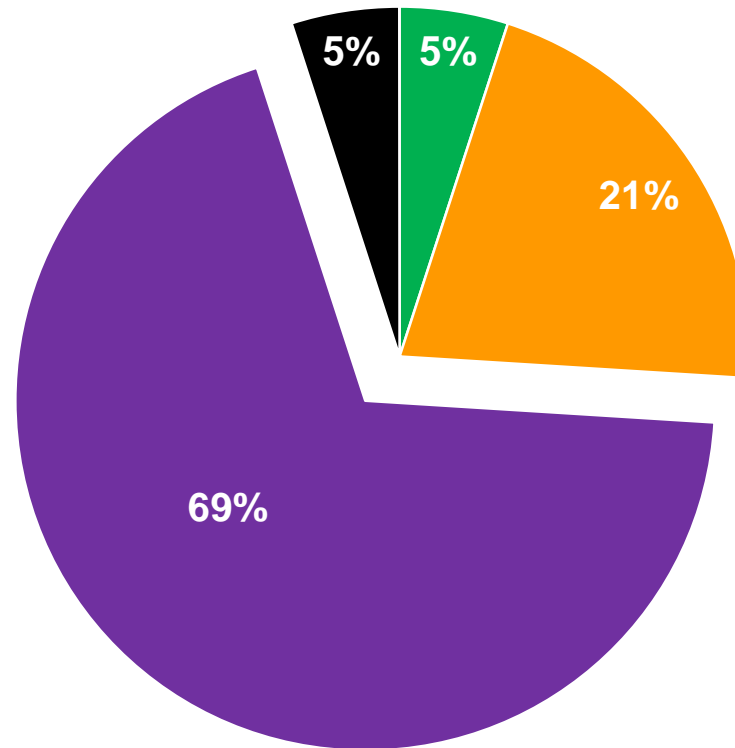
Survey Respondents %



# Dedicated vs. Flexible Programming & Space

Q. The statements below express points of view about programming and space at the proposed Newtown Community Center. Please choose the ONE statement that best represents how you feel:

- Spaces should be designed for specific programs and with specific audiences in mind
- Spaces should be multi-purpose with movable walls and furniture to accommodate different types of programs and audiences
- A combination of both
- Skipped Question



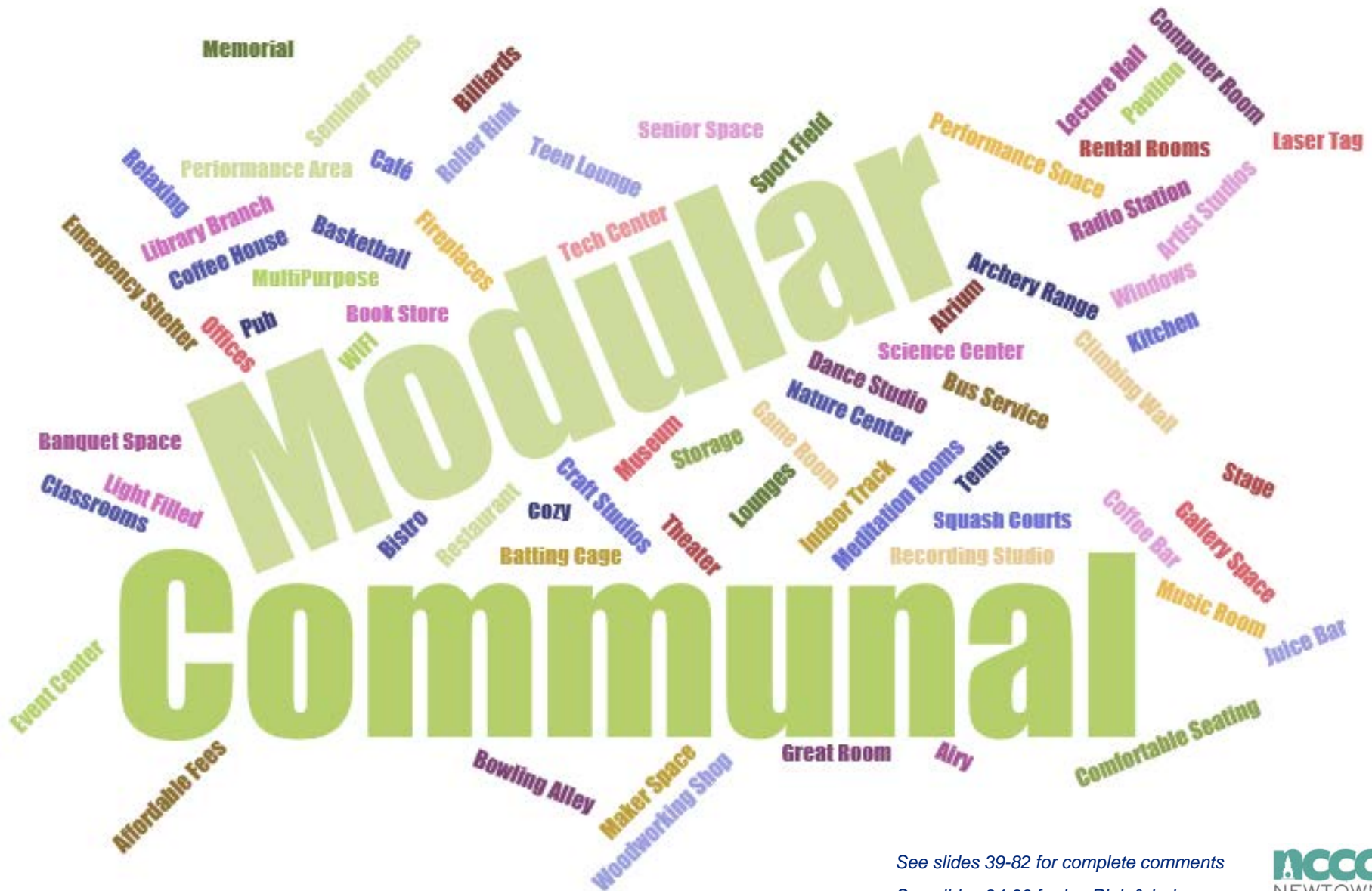
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# V. Community Input: The Facility & Outdoor Ideas

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# Facility Ideas – “Snapshot” of Write-In Feedback



See slides 39-82 for complete comments

See slides 84-93 for Ice Rink & Indoor  
Aquatics comments

# Outdoor Ideas – “Snapshot” of Write-In Feedback



See slides 95-102 for complete comments



# VI. Preferences for Suggested Key Features



# Possible Key Features of the Community Center

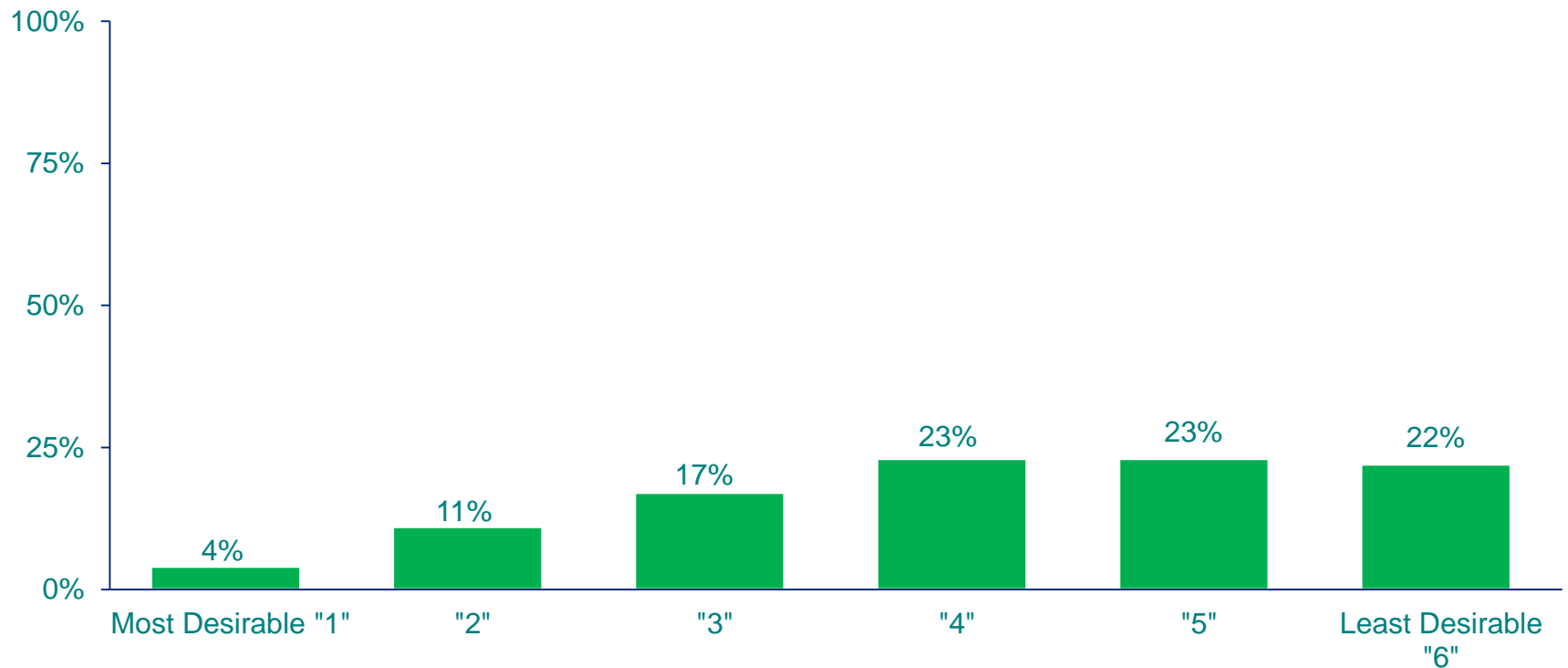
Q. To help prioritize what might be part of our new Community Center, please rate each potential feature from 1 to 6 with “1” being “most desirable” and “6” being “least desirable”

- Recreation
- Health & Wellness
- Arts
- Indoor/Outdoor Common Space
- Ice Rink
- Indoor Aquatics

# Recreation

Outdoor activities, TV lounge, training/education, video/table games, Wi-Fi access

Survey Respondents %

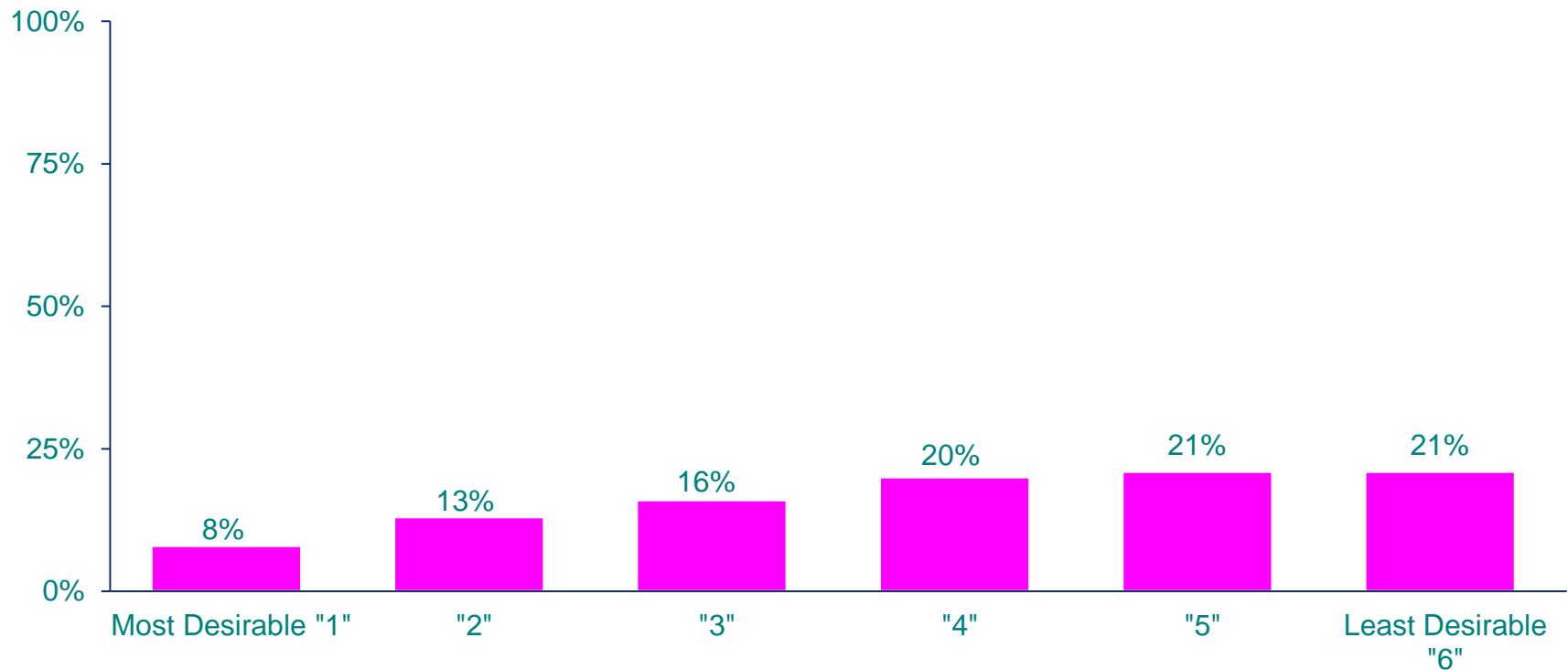




# Health & Wellness

Classes/programs dedicated to nutrition, brain health, physical well-being, and health assessments

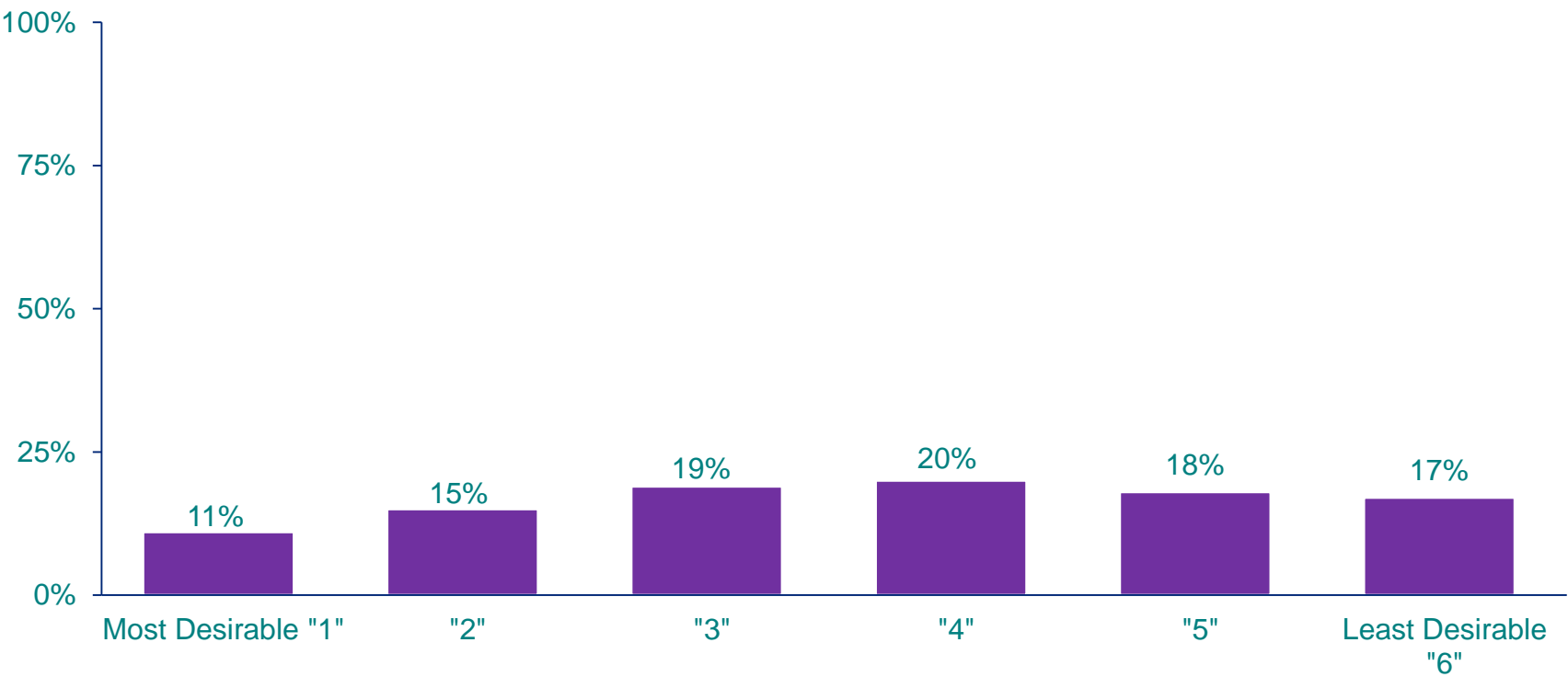
Survey Respondents %



# Arts

Performing/visual arts, creative activities/classes and exhibits

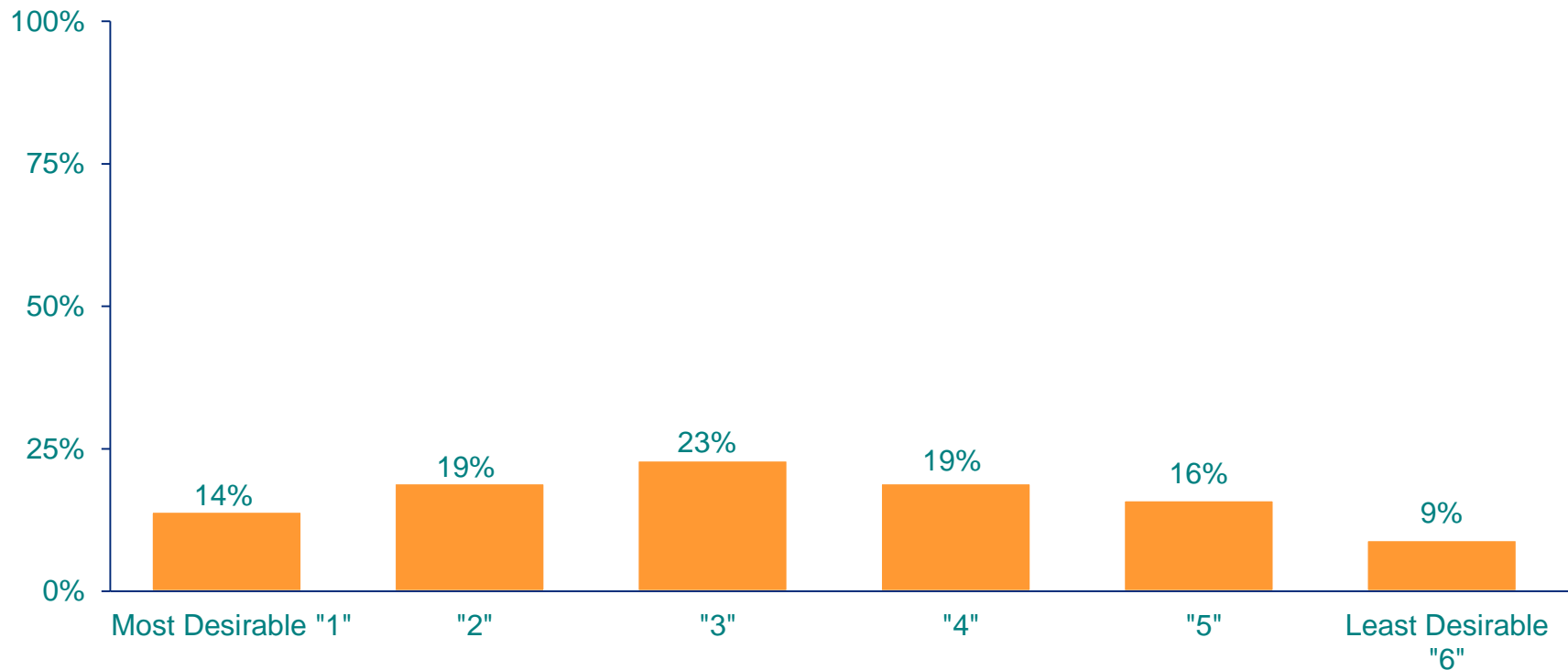
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# Indoor/Outdoor Common Space

Areas for social interaction including a fire-place, event/banquet/festival space, café/bistro, outdoor spaces/seating (fire pits, lawn activities/event space)

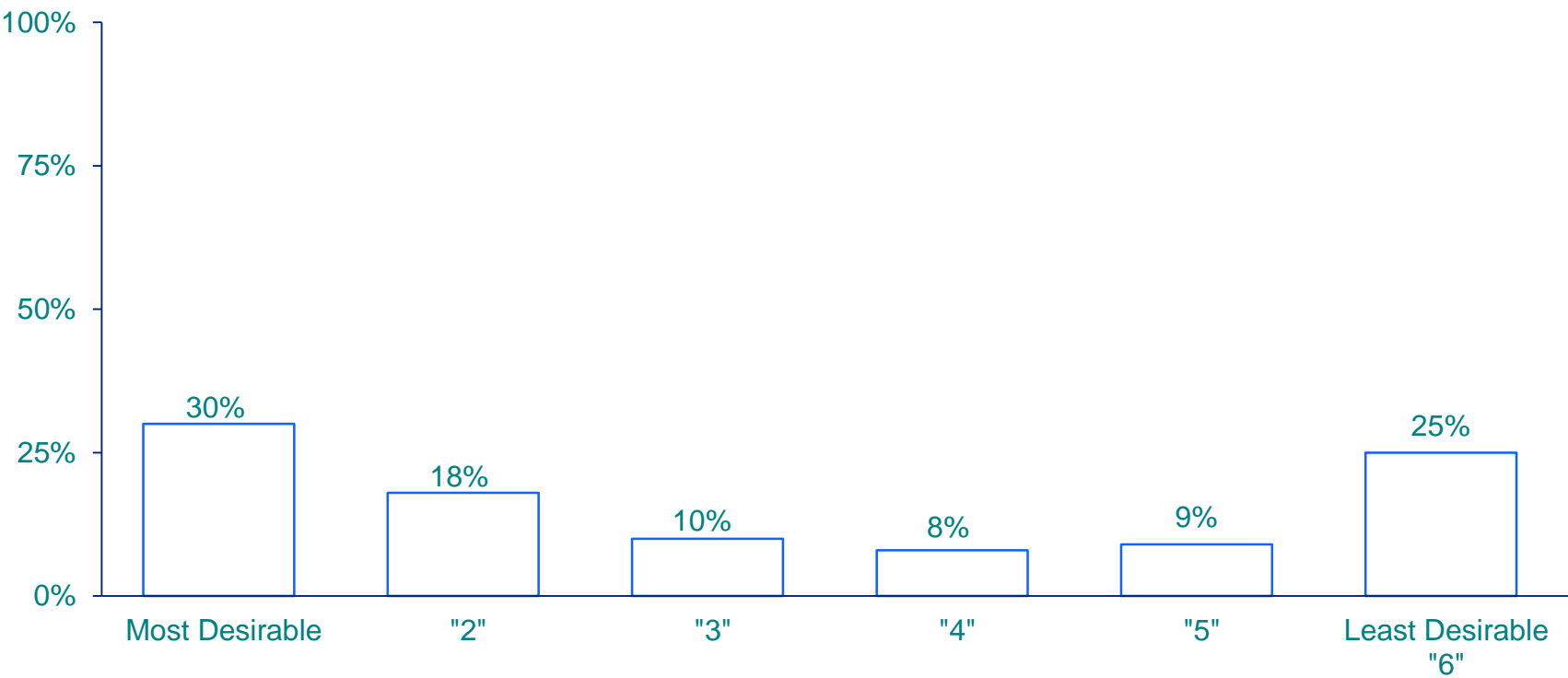
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# Ice Rink

Indoor/seasonal outdoor, ice hockey, figure/open skating, curling

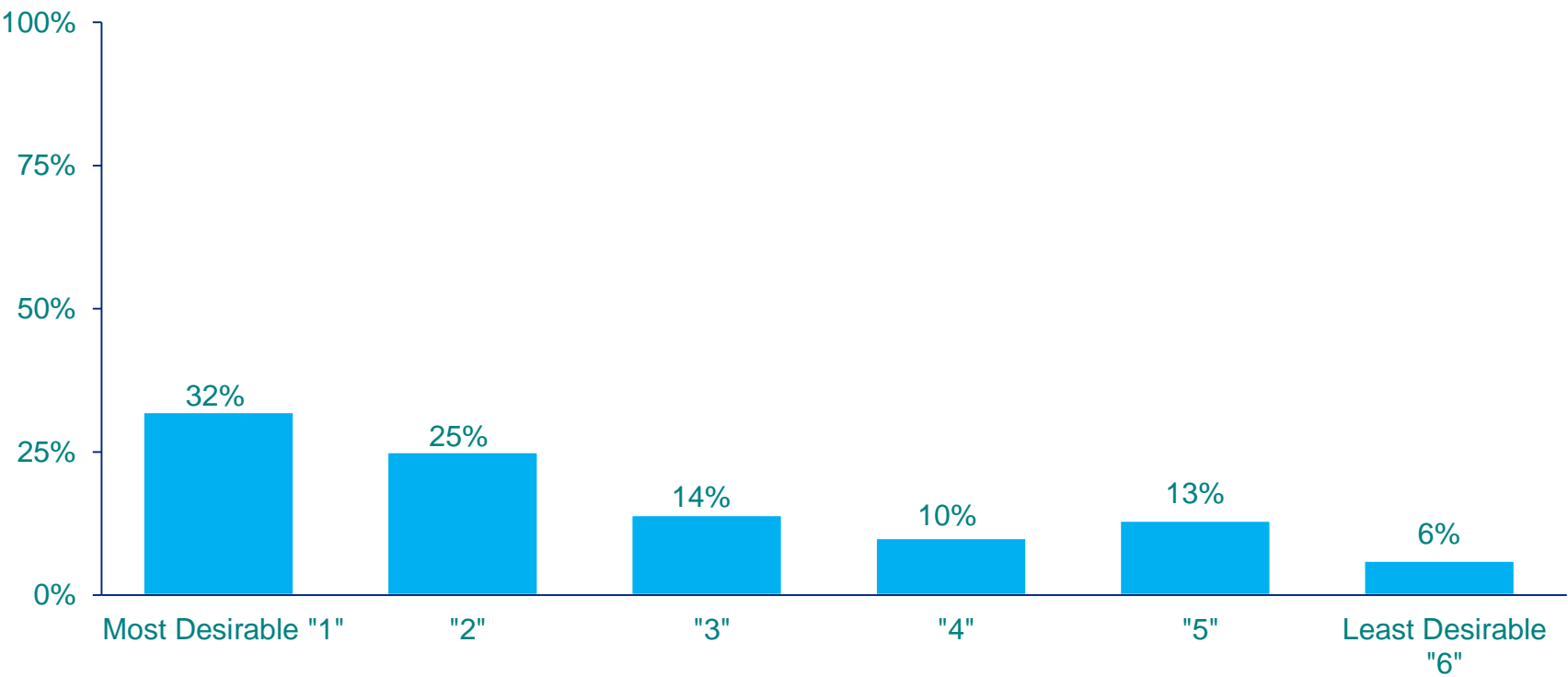
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# Indoor Aquatics

Pool, water sports/fitness, swim lessons/water certification classes, recreational swim, party rental

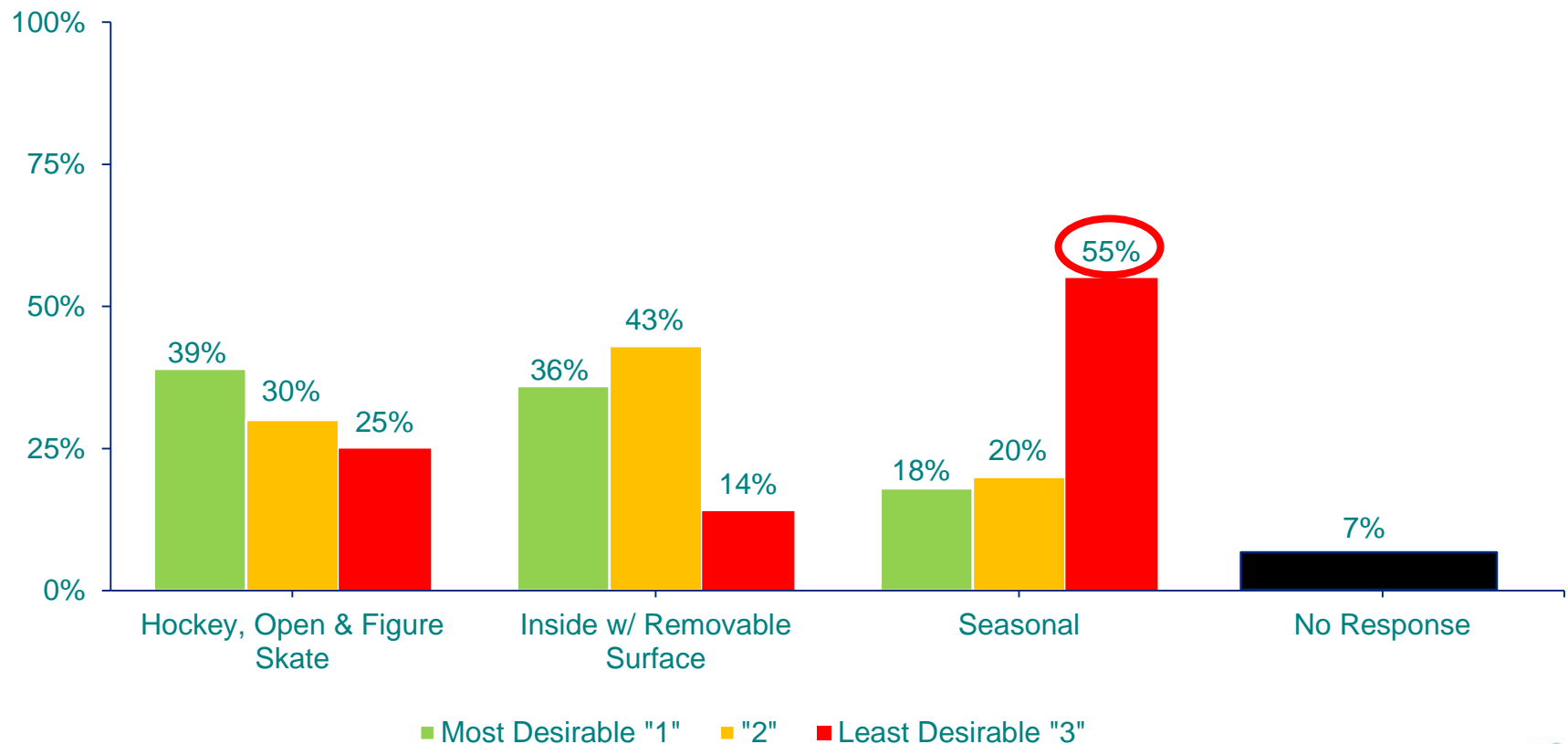
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# Ice Rink Preferences

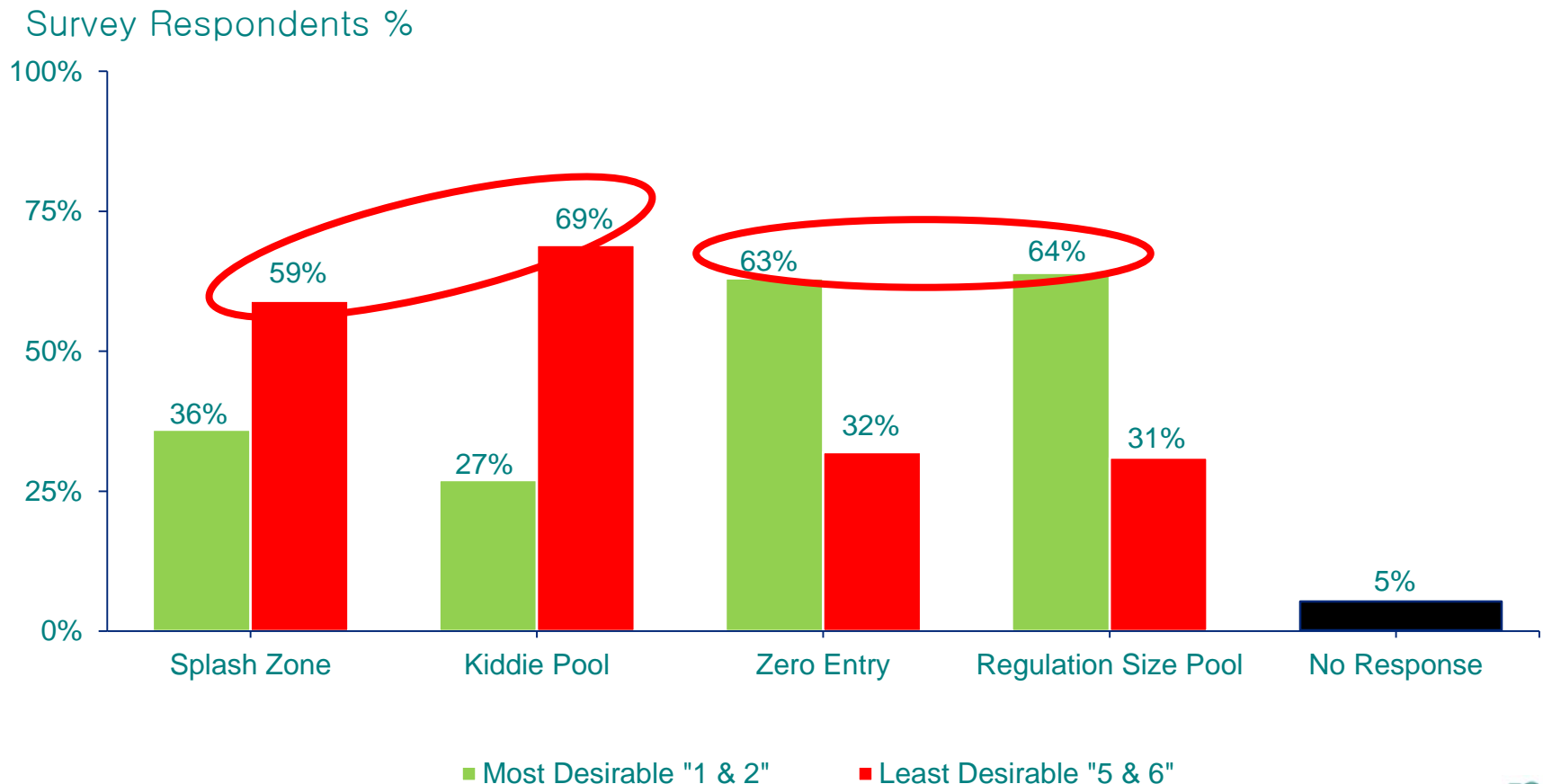
Q. When considering the possibility of an Ice Rink at the Community Center, please rank the following statements from most “most desirable” to “least desirable”.

Survey Respondents %



# Indoor Aquatics Preferences

Q. When considering the possibility of Indoor Aquatics at the Community Center, please rank the following statements from 1 to 6 with “1” being “most desirable” and “6” being “least desirable”



# VII. Comparison of 6 Suggested Key Features

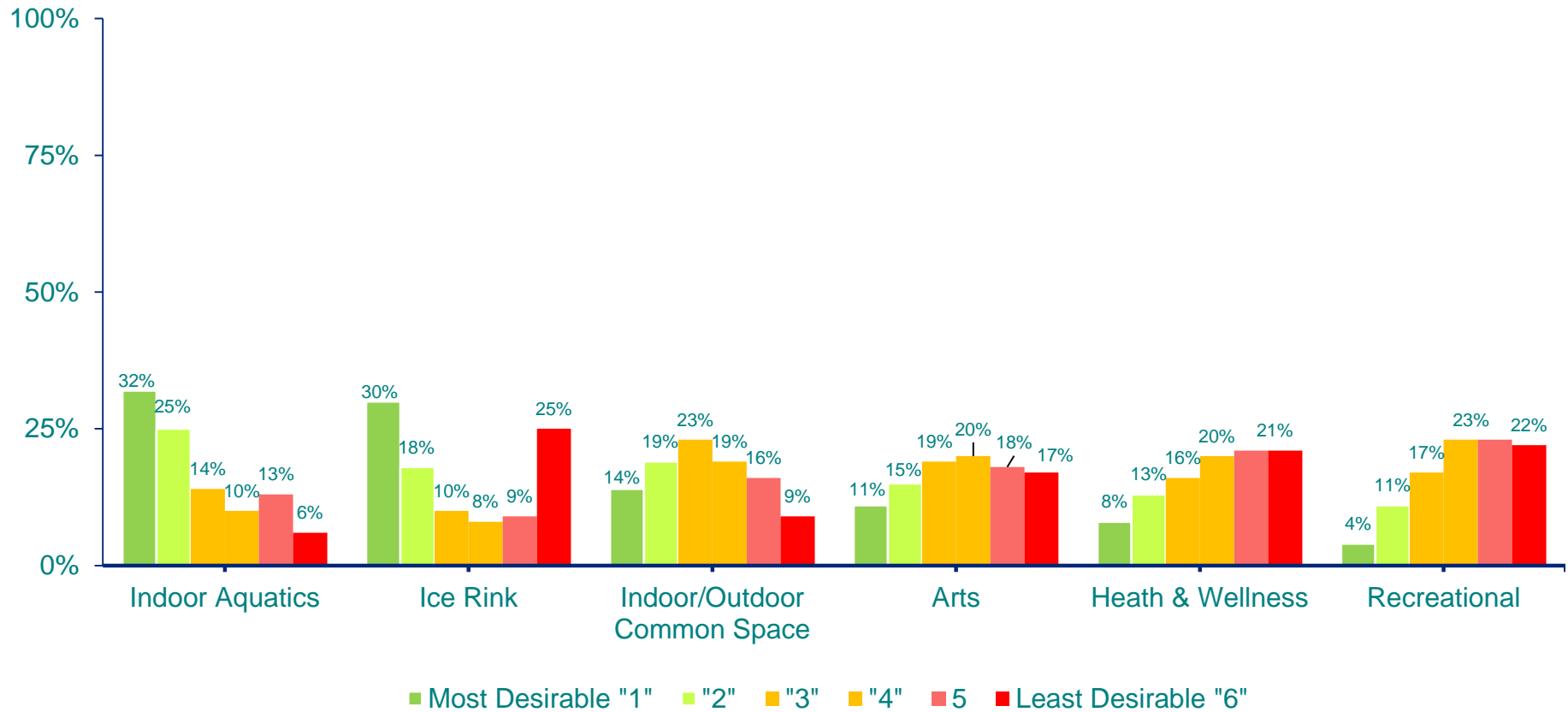




# Comparison of Possible Features (Standard, 100% Scale)

Q. To help prioritize what might be part of our new Community Center, please rate each potential feature from 1 to 6 with “1” being “most desirable” and “6” being “least desirable”

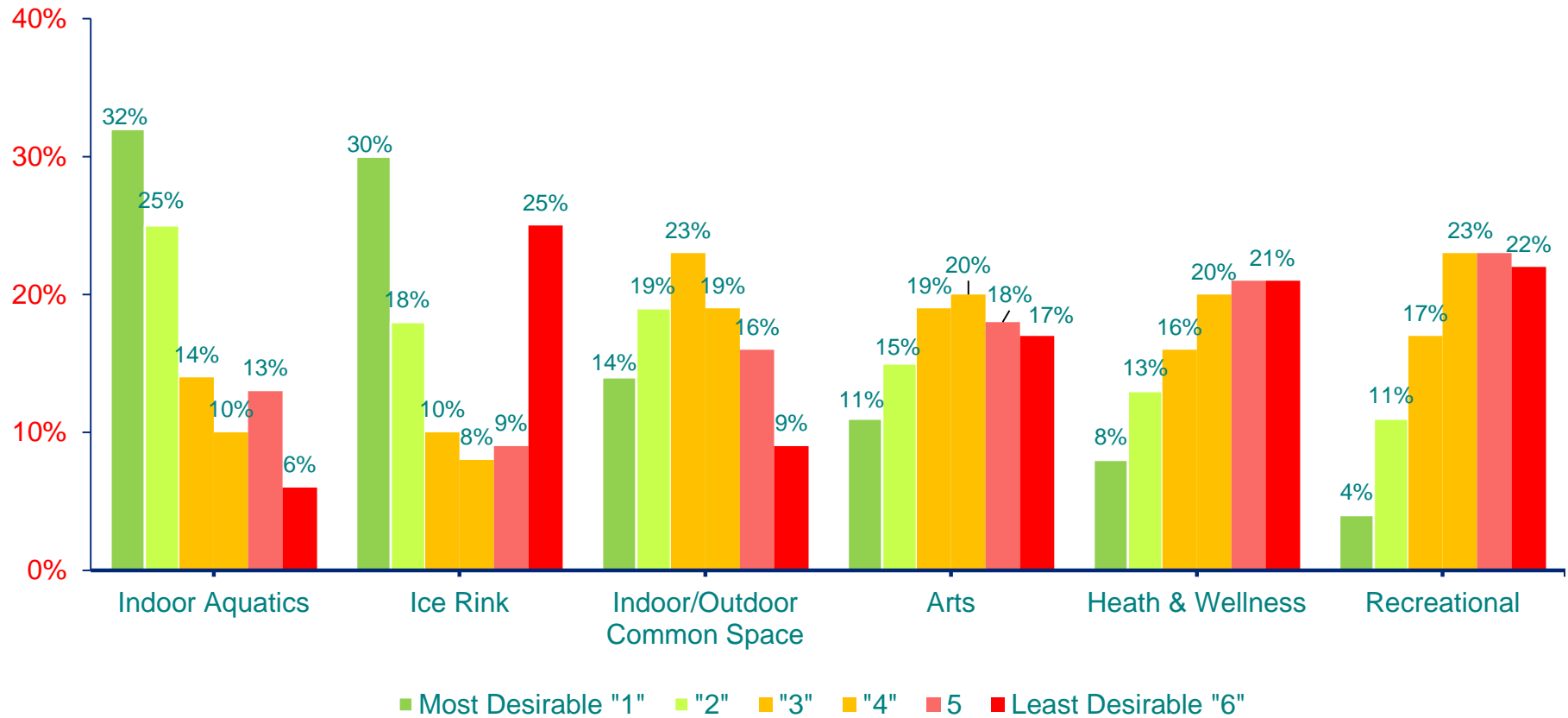
Survey Respondents %



# Comparison of Possible Features *(Enlarged, 40% Scale)*

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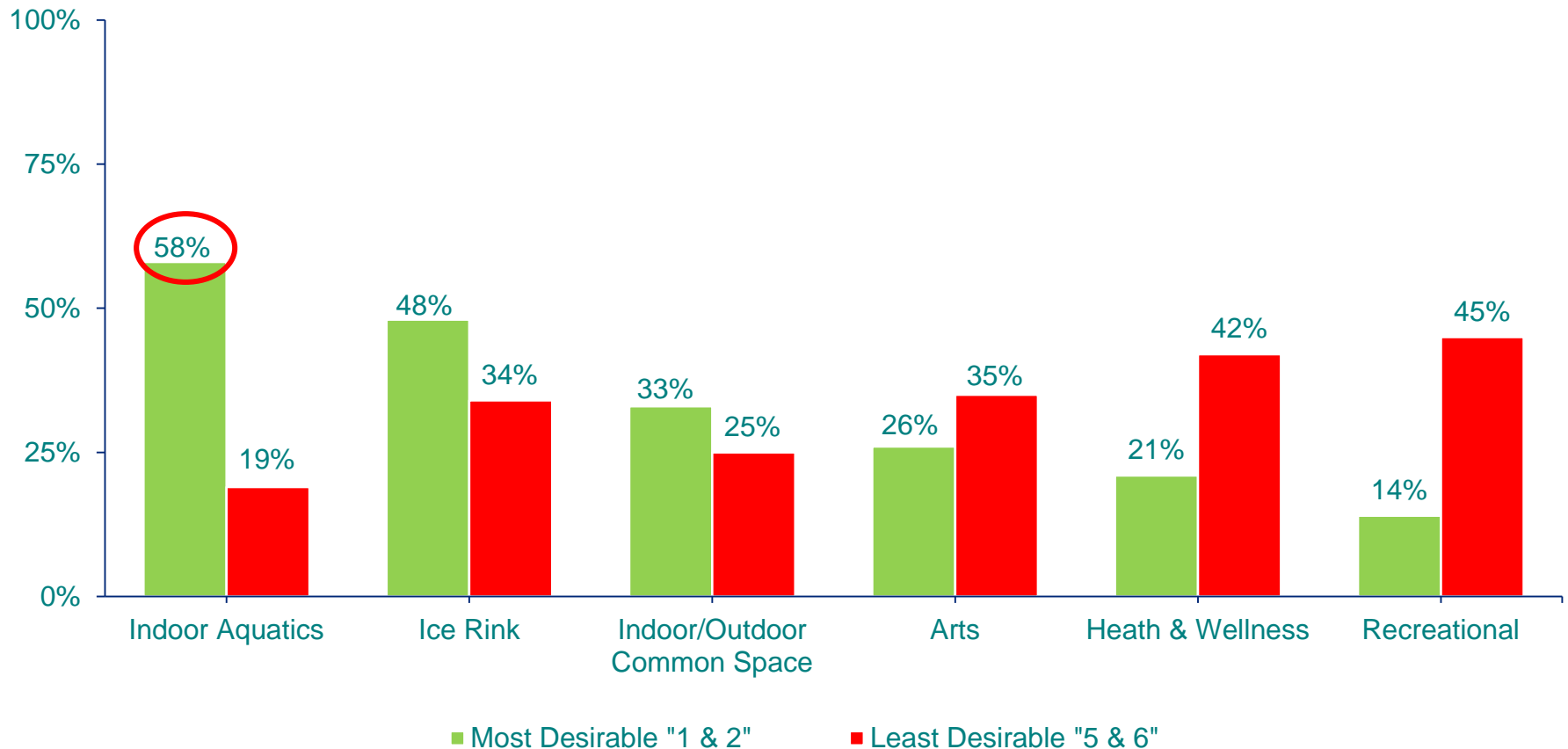
Survey Respondents %



# Comparison of Possible Features (Top & Bottom 2 Rankings)

Q. To help prioritize what might be part of our new Community Center, please rate each potential feature from 1 to 6 with “1” being “most desirable” and “6” being “least desirable”

Survey Respondents %



# VIII. Initial Observations & Next Steps



# Initial Observations

- Lots to absorb
- Indoor Aquatics has slightly more interest than the Ice Rink – and when comparing the two, more respondents feel having a rink is least desirable
- Multigenerational, Modular, and Communal Space appear to be key desires
- Respondents like a Center that accommodates space both for specific programs with specific audiences AND multi-purpose activities with different audiences
- Programs/classes for teens/young adults were viewed most favorable when compared to other generations
- Outside features appear to be desirable
- Connecting generations – teens to seniors, young adults to adults, grade school to teens – was also mentioned as being important
- Some “neat” ideas – radio station, emergency shelter, sledding hill, orchard, tech center, “maker” space, book store, areas to “watch the action”

# Next Steps for Data

- Think through other feedback from:
  - Major groups – Arts, Ice Rink Supporters, Pool Enthusiasts, Seniors, etc.
  - Key stakeholders— ranging from families who lost loved ones on 12/14 to Town organizations, clubs and groups to Park & Rec, and others
  - Informal discussions/conversations with residents
  - Community Forums
  - Social media and e-mails to the Commission
- Use combined insights during future Commission meetings to guide final Town Proposal – working to do so some time in January
- All survey data will be posted on the Town Website and via Facebook

# Appendix



# Community Input: Facility





# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Adult, Affordable Fees & Arts Space (1 of 44)

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Adult only zone   | Adults       |
| Car shop to restore classic cars  | Adults       |
| Non-commercial theatre for adult audiences  | Adults       |
| Public auto service bays with lifts   | Adults       |
| Women's center  | Adults       |
| Affordable cost to participate  | Affordable   |
| Event planner who stages exhibitions, shows, cookouts, etc.....   | Affordable   |
| Free to citizens fitness center   | Affordable   |
| Have it open to Newtown residents only, with little cost for families, and zero cost for kids   | Affordable   |
| If there is a charge - make it something all can afford.  | Affordable   |
| Low cost or free for Newtown residents  | Affordable   |
| Make rooms available for non profit groups to meet free of charge   | Affordable   |
| Rental events to general operating revenue  | affordable   |
| A hang-out area for students to do their homework   | After School |
| Space for students (HS and MS) to do homework and study   | After School |
| Tutor center  | After School |
| Tutoring center where high school kids help younger kids  | After School |
| Tutoring rooms for school age youth and young adults  | After School |
| Tutors for kids having homework trouble   | After School |
| Artist studios  | Arts         |
| "Maker" and art studio spaces, for all ages and abilities to come and create.   | Arts         |
| A big multi-purpose space - with a stage and sound and lights and an art gallery - a place for performances and events of all types, from dance to music to theatre to film - workshops in all the arts...<br>Classes.  | Arts         |
| A center exclusively devoted to the fine arts with gallery and studio areas for the visual, performing, and musical arts with gallery and performance space.. We have nothing like this in Newtown. This town has ignored the fine arts for sports for as long as I have been here. We need a more balanced environment not only in Newtown but in our country. | Arts         |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Arts Space (2 of 44)

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| A center for arts- creating and learning with artists along side, incorporating a gallery  | Arts |
| A facility that could also be used by the arts community   | Arts |
| A home for the arts and a home for the Newtown cultural arts commission  | Arts |
| A performance arts space along the lines of the Ridgefield playhouse   | Arts |
| A performing arts center   | Arts |
| A presentation venue for performance events with proper acoustics  | Arts |
| A quiet space for adults who want to read  | Arts |
| A space for arts   | Arts |
| Alternative arts space   | Arts |
| Always have music playing  | Arts |
| An art center that is divided into booths for artists or collectors to display their items for sale. I see this in many towns I visit. It's like a big consignment gallery.  | Arts |
| An art center with craft tables, pottery wheels and classes  | Arts |
| An art gallery   | Arts |
| An art gallery for various art exhibits, paintings, pottery, crafts, etc.....  | Arts |
| An art studio would be great. Newtown has a LOT of sports, but not much support for visual arts  | Arts |
| An art/ craft/ yoga/ cooking center  | Arts |
| An arts center can provide classes, esteem-building exhibitions, community socializing and creative outlets for all ages! I believe it would serve the most people in our town with classes, exhibits, and performances to attend. When I worked in Westport, I once visited their arts center which was a fantastic center for the community. Having a place where people from seniors down through to the three and four year olds can benefit from uplifting and inspiring participation in the arts would be the best option of all. | Arts |
| An arts center for art, music and cooking for all ages   | Arts |
| Area for art exhibits  | Arts |
| Art center for all ages  | Arts |
| Art center/display/museum  | arts |
| Art classes/ceramics studio  | Arts |
| Art exhibit with local theme and rotating features/artists/content   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Arts Space (3 of 44)

|   |      |
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| Art exhibits  | Arts |
| Art gallery   | Arts |
| Art gallery   | Arts |
| Art gallery space for exhibits  | Arts |
| Art museum  | Arts |
| Art rooms   | Arts |
| Art space/gallery/classes   | Arts |
| Art studio  | Arts |
| Art studio space and classes: drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics  | Arts |
| Art studios   | Arts |
| Art rooms for use by community members  | Arts |
| Arts - classes, shows, gallery  | Arts |
| Arts and stage utilization to build cultural activities   | Arts |
| Arts center with mixed media classes for all ages   | Arts |
| Big room with projector to show movies during day & night   | Arts |
| Cabaret theater   | Arts |
| Center for performing arts  | Arts |
| Changing art exhibition gallery space with art classes, programs & events (all ages)                          | Arts |
| Cinema for screening films  | Arts |
| Community art corner  | Arts |
| Community art display   | Arts |
| Concerts, art shows, seasonal events  | Arts |
| Crafts & wood working shops   | Arts |
| Creative arts center to house functions of 12/14 foundation as well as Bens lighthouse and Charlottes litter, | Arts |
| Creative zone for the arts - anyone can go in and work on their art   | Arts |
| Cultural arts center for artistic activities for all ages   | Arts |
| Dance hall  | Arts |
| Dance studio with unique cultural dances  | Arts |
| Dance studios   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Arts Space (4 of 44)

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| Dedicated space for arts & crafts classes  | Arts |
| Entertainment venue  | Arts |
| Exhibit-- place where seniors could see exhibits   | Arts |
| Gallery space for art exhibits   | Arts |
| Gallery space for local artists  | Arts |
| Gallery space to exhibit for art like painting, sculptor, mixed media,   | Arts |
| Home for Newtown cultural arts   | Arts |
| Kids movie theatre   | Arts |
| Maybe build-in a radio station (staffed by residents/all ages) when money allows.  | Arts |
| Modern art museum  | Arts |
| Movie theater  | Arts |
| Movie theater  | Arts |
| Movie theater - both current & classic/foreign films   | Arts |
| Movie theater that has movies for a range of ages.   | Arts |
| Movie theatre  | Arts |
| Multi generational area that has space indoors and outdoors with band shell type performance stage outside that can host different types of arts related shows, quiet seating areas, group seating areas w/ fire pits, meeting/event/party rooms and/or pavilions, indoor art room | Arts |
| Non-scan art gallery   | Arts |
| Performance space  | Arts |
| Performance space for theater, music, poetry readings  | Arts |
| Performance space that could also accommodate dances   | Arts |
| Performances/stage ability for local groups  | Arts |
| Performing arts center   | Arts |
| Performing arts center   | Arts |
| Performing arts center   | Arts |
| Performing arts studios and flexible performance venues  | Arts |
| Permanent space for cultural arts donation - stage, instruments, art/sculpture   | Arts |
| Performance arts facility for kids and adults to learn acting signing dancing and being able to perform shows plays concerts   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Arts Space (5 of 44)

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| Potters' wheels, and artist studios with appropriate natural light (north facing window) and other important characteristics to promote creativity   | Arts |
| Performing arts area very important  | Arts |
| Radio station that the community programs and runs/ds all kinds of music/genres  | Arts |
| Rooms out-fitted for arts, crafts, and theatre programs  | Arts |
| Rooms that can accommodate the arts  | Arts |
| Small performing arts center with national acts  | Arts |
| Space for art exhibitions and also lessons/demonstrations  | Arts |
| Space for community art exhibits   | Arts |
| Space for practical & performing arts - painting, clay, knitting, etc.....   | Arts |
| Space for the arts - performing arts as well as exhibit space. There is very little of this type of space available to the community.  | Arts |
| Space to accommodate art participation/therapy   | Arts |
| Stage and coffee house set up  | Arts |
| Student art exhibits   | Arts |
| Symphony orchestra program/concert hall  | Arts |
| Team up with 12/14 foundation for a performing arts theater  | Arts |
| The cultural arts commission needs a home to provide programs and activities. It needs a place to meet, storage space to ensure that all donated artwork and equipment resulting from 12/14 and has been entrusted to the NCAC by the town is properly maintained, and we also need space for art exhibits, workshops, and performances. The NCAC also needs office space. | Arts |
| Venue for the arts   | Arts |
| Visual and performing arts center  | Arts |
| Visual arts studios and gallery spaces   | Arts |
| Wood shop  | Arts |
| Wood working   | Arts |
| Woodshop   | Arts |
| Woodwork capabilities  | Arts |
| Woodworking shop i.e. Build a canoe, small sail boat etc.....  | Arts |
| Workshop spaces for weaving program, ceramics, and other crafts that require a dedicated space due to equipment)   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Child Care, Children & Communal Space (6 of 44)

|  |            |
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| Bike and stroller rental   | Child Care |
| Daycare center   | Child Care |
| A richly-interior-designed imagination play space, in which each playroom would replicate a fire station, an ice cream shop, a bank teller, a grocery store, a restaurant, etc..... Etc. All on a kids' scale. I would love to help design this--donna ball, 203-482-5557.   | Children   |
| An area for birthday parties   | Children   |
| Children's play area (indoor/outdoor)  | Children   |
| Hands on children's museum   | Children   |
| In indoor park/play area for kids under ten  | Children   |
| Indoor area with inflatables for kids (jump zone, Oldsmar, FL)   | Children   |
| Indoor play area for young kids - free so everyone can play - or very low cost   | Children   |
| Kids and young teen center   | Children   |
| Open space for kids to play /drop in for fun/games   | Children   |
| PRIORITY ABOVE ALL: some place safe for "our children" to hang out   | Children   |
| Venue for kids parties   | Children   |
| A central area for the community to gather as a whole for musical events, community tag sales, art/craft shows, art shows, i.e., Similar to "the green" in Southbury   | Communal   |
| A combination plex like Shelton has, the ice rinks, place to eat, laser tag etc.....   | Communal   |
| A common area to have guest artists, lecturers, etc.....   | Communal   |
| A community project during construction, such as tree planting   | Communal   |
| A crescent or square design with a courtyard would encourage gathering -- the point of this structure. The courtyard could be the ice rink or fire pit. Also, what about incorporating an equestrian concept? Newtown is horse country, and the governor's horse guards are here. NO RETAIL STORES, please. Finally, the town should consider a shuttle service between this place and the middle school, reed, H.S., The senior center and perhaps some of the new 55 and over residential locations. Charge if necessary. But the young and the old need public transport. If a restaurant/cafe with liquor license is approved, perhaps those funds can be used post year 5 for maintenance and/or shuttle service. PLEASE -- NO TV LOUNGE or VIDEO GAMES, etc..... No no no. That does not encourage interaction, engagement, social interaction. And please do not mimic Newtown youth academy. Let's think outside the typical municipal sports facility, PLEASE!!!!!! | Communal   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Communal Space (7 of 44)

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| A gathering place for various community groups to come together   | Communal |
| A hall usable for committee meetings, weddings, club meetings   | Communal |
| A little something for everyone   | Communal |
| A new community center for gathering that also has kitchen capabilities...To replace alexander room as a meeting place. | Communal |
| A space for indoor "drop in" activities, like yoga or pilates, when the weather is bad.                                 | Communal |
| A venue for community events  | Communal |
| Accommodate renting facility for social gatherings  | Communal |
| An expo center that would bring in all types of events  | Communal |
| An indoor playground or space that could accommodate kids during winter weather   | Communal |
| Any social activity with 'media' interaction suspended for the interaction.   | Communal |
| Areas of reflection for young adults  | Communal |
| Canned goods drop-off   | Communal |
| Center should be as multi-purpose as possible.  | Communal |
| Common area gathering rooms   | Communal |
| Common space - lounges, coffee shop   | Communal |
| Common use spaces that are set up for multi-use functions. Nothing should be dedicated.                                 | Communal |
| Communal cafe - a place to gather and get to know each other  | Communal |
| Community hang-out rooms for adults and teens   | Communal |
| Cozy seats to study and meet up, with fireplace   | Communal |
| Gathering hall with town wifi and coffee for the young and old to collaborate   | Communal |
| General place to meet for social events.  | Communal |
| High end community meeting room   | Communal |
| Indoor event space: ex. Weddings, birthdays, religious events   | Communal |
| Informal community gathering space  | Communal |
| Integrate major town services. - P&R, seniors, NYA  | Communal |
| Large banquet facility for local groups, clubs, etc.....  | Communal |
| Large reception area with seating   | Communal |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Communal & Educational Space (8 of 44)

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| Look at the public pools in Bavaria: competition length, water slides, interests for young kids (whirlpools, fountains), cafes, playscapes, etc..... The key for these is that there are enough things to drive large community usage, which drives revenue. Think beyond a pool. People get tired of pools. Think about getting both a competition-sized pool (revenue) and paring that with other things that will get young families and old alike to pay money to use the pools.                                      | Communal  |
| Lounge area with cafe wifi  | Communal  |
| Lounge room   | Communal  |
| Nice facilities for socializing lounges, fireplaces indoor outdoor  | Communal  |
| Open area for entertainment and shopping  | Communal  |
| Outdoor and indoor places where people can meet, visit and observe activities (e.g. Outdoor skating rink). Newtown has nothing like this, where one can sip tea or wine, perhaps play chess/checkers at the table, converse with others and "take in life". This is an important part of a "hub" rather than an activity location where parents drop off their kids and leave. We've got that. No idea where this will be built in town, but if at FFH, it might just be the impetus for a master plan up there. Finally. | Communal  |
| Party space   | Communal  |
| Place to socialize...Cafe setting   | Communal  |
| Relaxing spaces to "hang out" with common areas and quieter spots, both indoors and out   | Communal  |
| Room for parents to chat, have coffee while kids are entertained in another room  | Communal  |
| Simply put, a mini Chelsea piers even this can accommodate seniors and art community  | Communal  |
| Space to host family fun events - movie night, game nights  | Communal  |
| Spaces designed for connecting with other communities around the world  | Communal  |
| YMCA type of space  | Communal  |
| A community college   | Education |
| a computer center for classes such as Ben's Lighthouse's SCRATCH program  | Education |
| A Constitution Center (CT is the Constitution State) dedicated to exploration of the United States Constitution   | Education |
| A full fledged technology center for kids.  | Education |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Educational Space (9 of 44)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| A hands on museum   | Education |
| A maker area with tools and training classes  | Education |
| A Newtown History Museum  | Education |
| A place to allow children to build - traditional carpentry to 3D Printing   | Education |
| a resource center for all decidable issues facing Newtown residents   | Education |
| A world-class Children's Museum, which of course appeals to all ages.   | Education |
| Career counseling center  | Education |
| Career planning center  | Education |
| flexible classroom space  | Education |
| Garage bays for individuals to self-maintain their vehicles   | Education |
| lecture hall  | Education |
| Library   | Education |
| Library branch  | Education |
| Library satellite location, staffed, with books and PCs   | Education |
| Maker space   | Education |
| Maker Space - wood/metal/electronics fabrication equipment and training to facilitate crafting  | Education |
| Maker Space/STEM education space  | Education |
| Makers Space  | Education |
| Makerspace  | Education |
| Mechanical engineering/building   | Education |
| New library   | Education |
| Public/common space where individuals/agencies/businesses could come to do intro or demonstrations (not run their operation) but offer a sample or taste so people could try/get an idea of it - it could be therapeutic, healing, instructional, educational, skill building | Education |
| Shop classes, woodworking, metalworking, painting   | Education |
| space for ted talks etc.....  | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Emergency Shelter, Equine and Food Areas (10 of 44)

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Design facility so it can be used as a shelter during emergency situations  | Emergency Ctr |
| Emergency center with showers, cots etc..... Need generator for the building as well                                    | Emergency Ctr |
| Emergency shelter   | Emergency Ctr |
| Use as an emergency facility when power outages extend for prolonged amounts of time                                    | Emergency Ctr |
| Equestrian facility   | Equine        |
| A decent cafe/snack bar no matter what ends up going there  | Food          |
| A cafe  | Food          |
| A cafe area with nearby space for kids to play  | Food          |
| A cafe that is also a space for open mics and workshops   | Food          |
| A cafe to draw people together  | Food          |
| A coffee bar, drinks, light snacks and a great dedicated place to eat them  | Food          |
| A coffee lounge   | Food          |
| A coffee shop with walk up window and sitting area to accommodate the multitude of dog walkers and moms with strollers. | Food          |
| A coffee/juice bar/cafe'  | Food          |
| A community fruit orchard--once established, requires little care and free for all to pick what they need               | Food          |
| A kitchen / snack bar   | Food          |
| A nice eatery such as friendly's  | Food          |
| A restaurant / bar  | Food          |
| A restaurant or cafe - not catered by a deli and not convenience or fast food. Healthy and good stuff.                  | Food          |
| Cafe  | Food          |
| Cafe  | Food          |
| Cafe and seating area w free wifi   | Food          |
| Cafe area which sells items but also allows outside food to be brought in   | Food          |
| Cafe areas that are affordable for teens to hang out at   | Food          |
| Cafe or informal coffee shop/restaurant   | Food          |
| Cafe or restaurant  | Food          |
| Cafe space/lounge for informal gathering  | Food          |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Food Areas (11 of 44)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Cafe with a "talent open mic" time to give the many musically talented people in the community an opportunity to share their talents. | Food |
| Cafe/gathering place  | Food |
| Cafe/restaurant   | Food |
| Cafes   | Food |
| Cafes and entertaining spaces   | Food |
| Cafes/restaurants   | Food |
| Cafeteria with healthy food choices   | Food |
| Coffee  | Food |
| Coffee bar  | Food |
| Coffee bar  | Food |
| Coffee room   | Food |
| Coffee shop or social gathering space and/or activities for adults and other age groups   | Food |
| Community coffee shop   | Food |
| Eating area   | Food |
| Family gathering place-food and beverages   | Food |
| Farm to table cafe  | Food |
| Farm to table style restaurant - an extension of the high school culinary and agricultural programs                                   | Food |
| Food  | Food |
| Food events, local restaurants and/food trucks  | Food |
| Food for purchase   | Food |
| Food service  | Food |
| Food, cafe, snack bar, etc.....   | Food |
| Good cafe with nice, comfortable relaxing environment to enjoy with the people in the community                                       | Food |
| Have satellite school of culinary institute of America at the Fairfield hills campus  | Food |
| Health bar/cafe juice, smoothies, whole, healthy foods  | Food |
| Health food options within walking distance, especially "counter" service, i.e. A deli counter, smoothie bar, salad bar,              | Food |
| Healthy food  | Food |
| HEALTHY food and drink choices - a health bar, no fast food or junk   | Food |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Food Areas (12 of 44)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Healthy food for a healthy life   | Food |
| Healthy organic based restaurant w/indoor, outdoor seating  | Food |
| Healthy snack bar   | Food |
| Indoor/outdoor cafe with seating for both   | Food |
| Limited commercial space for food service (coffee, sandwich, smoothie- something maybe not tied to a major chain, maybe with some healthy options)  | Food |
| Local organic cafe  | Food |
| Locally run cafe, maybe with an outdoor patio and/or space for small performances (i.e.- Poetry, open mic)  | Food |
| Opportunity for food vendors to come lunch/dinner   | Food |
| Pizza restaurant  | Food |
| Pub   | Food |
| Pub/restaurant where people could meet  | Food |
| Quality coffee/beverage bar (so people congregate like Starbucks)   | Food |
| Restaurant  | Food |
| Restaurant  | Food |
| Restaurant with full kitchen and large seating area for catering and other special events.  | Food |
| Restaurant/bar  | Food |
| Restaurant/luncheonette   | Food |
| Restaurants   | Food |
| Restaurants or ice cream/yogurt shop, star bucks in addition to a snack place. Covered walkways connecting all buildings especially for handicapped | Food |
| Retail eating   | Food |
| Serve light food, central area to eat   | Food |
| Small bistro type area  | Food |
| Snack bar/commissary  | Food |
| Snack shack   | Food |
| Some type of small food venue should be included  | Food |
| Starbucks !   | Food |
| We need a golden coral!!!1  | Food |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Health & Fitness Areas (13 of 44)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Emergency first aid  | Health/Fitness |
| A bathroom that could be used by people walking their dogs; currently there are only filthy porta-johns available during part of the warmer seasons  | Health/Fitness |
| A climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| A free indoor track  | Health/Fitness |
| A quiet place for meditation and yoga  | Health/Fitness |
| A rock climbing room   | Health/Fitness |
| A small clinic, staffed by volunteer health care professionals (PA, MD, DC, PSY D, DDS) to evaluate, assess and care for those in need in the community, augmenting Kevin's Health center. | Health/Fitness |
| A trampoline   | Health/Fitness |
| A trampoline park  | Health/Fitness |
| Adult fitness center   | Health/Fitness |
| Adult-oriented exercise facilities   | Health/Fitness |
| An area with a climbing center   | Health/Fitness |
| An indoor track  | Health/Fitness |
| An indoor track  | Health/Fitness |
| An indoor track would be wonderful!  | Health/Fitness |
| An indoor walking track that would be free to all Newtown residents  | Health/Fitness |
| Ballroom and line dancing class space  | Health/Fitness |
| Bicycle center/ bike trail   | Health/Fitness |
| Bike rack/bike path  | Health/Fitness |
| Bike trails  | Health/Fitness |
| Bike trails or lanes bike trips for all levels   | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Health & Fitness Areas (14 of 44)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Climbing walls   | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing walls   | Health/Fitness |
| Climbing walls   | Health/Fitness |
| Dance/fitness studio for classes   | Health/Fitness |
| Exercise facility  | Health/Fitness |
| Exercise/gym area  | Health/Fitness |
| Family counseling center   | Health/Fitness |
| Fitness center   | Health/Fitness |
| Fitness center   | Health/Fitness |
| Fitness center   | Health/Fitness |
| Fitness center   | Health/Fitness |
| Fitness center and classes   | Health/Fitness |
| Full gym where residents could workout at reduced rates (see Ridgefield rec center)  | Health/Fitness |
| Full size indoor tract   | Health/Fitness |
| Full size regulation indoor track  | Health/Fitness |
| Golf simulators for off-season months  | Health/Fitness |
| Gym  | Health/Fitness |
| Gym for adults to exercise and a place for kids to play or do kid workout classes  | Health/Fitness |
| Gym/fitness center   | Health/Fitness |
| Gym-fully equipped   | Health/Fitness |
| Gymnastics center  | Health/Fitness |
| Gymnastics/parkour gym   | Health/Fitness |
| Healing center with various classes and modalities   | Health/Fitness |
| Health club/gym  | Health/Fitness |
| Heavy-duty gym equipment, weights, etc.....  | Health/Fitness |
| I know there are a lot of private gyms in town, but would be nice to have a fitness center with cardio and weights, classes, yoga and especially swimming laps in one facility, like a YMCA has. | Health/Fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Health & Fitness Areas (15 of 44)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Indoor climbing wall   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor climbing wall   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor climbing wall... Miniature golf...Outdoor inflatables   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rec center with indoor walking track  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor regulation track  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rock climbing facility  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rock climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rock climbing/zip lining/tree house   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor rock wall climbing  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor running track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor running/walking track (not a square one like at the NYA)  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track - we have many Newtown walkers  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track bigger than what we have since they downsized it  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track facility like the dome in Danbury   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track for walking and running since outdoor paths and sidewalks are not cleared of snow during the winter | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor track!  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor walking path please!  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor walking track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor walking track   | Health/Fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Health & Fitness Areas (16 of 44)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Indoor walking track  | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor walking/ jogging track   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor walking/running track for use in cold months   | Health/Fitness |
| Indoor/outdoor track  | Health/Fitness |
| Jump and bounce/trampolines   | Health/Fitness |
| Low cost fitness center /classes  | Health/Fitness |
| Massage room  | Health/Fitness |
| Meditation area   | Health/Fitness |
| Mind-body center with labyrinth walking meditation area   | Health/Fitness |
| Mixed activity center with bowling, rock wall, trampoline room                                      | Health/Fitness |
| More physical recreation space  | Health/Fitness |
| Need gyms   | Health/Fitness |
| NYA type facility   | Health/Fitness |
| Obstacle course features (ninja warrior)  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing area would also be cool   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing gym   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing gym. The nearest rock climbing gyms are 45 minutes away. This could generate revenue. | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Health & Fitness Areas (17 of 44)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Rock climbing wall (varying degrees of difficulty)                       | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing wall/ indoor and outdoor                                   | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing walls  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock climbing walls or other sport                                       | Health/Fitness |
| Rock wall & climbing structures  | Health/Fitness |
| Rock wall climbing - horseback trail riding                              | Health/Fitness |
| Rock wall(s)   | Health/Fitness |
| Rockwall, laser tag, indoor racetrack and roller skating                 | Health/Fitness |
| Roller rink  | Health/Fitness |
| Roller rink.   | Health/Fitness |
| Roller skating   | Health/Fitness |
| Roller skating   | Health/Fitness |
| Roller skating ring  | Health/Fitness |
| Roller skating rink  | Health/Fitness |
| Roller skating rink  | Health/Fitness |
| Roller skating rink  | Health/Fitness |
| Roller-skating rink  | Health/Fitness |
| Room for community exercise classes                                      | Health/Fitness |
| Rooms where several exercise, yoga classes can be going at the same time | Health/Fitness |
| Running track  | Health/Fitness |
| Sauna  | Health/Fitness |
| Spa  | Health/Fitness |
| Spa sauna / hot tub  | Health/Fitness |
| Space for gymnastics, physical fitness                                   | Health/Fitness |
| Studios for yoga, dance, exercise , etc.                                 | Health/Fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Health & Fitness Areas & Inclusion Needs (18 of 44)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Trampoline area like sky zone  | Health/Fitness |
| Trampoline park  | Health/Fitness |
| Trampoline room or rooms   | Health/Fitness |
| Trampolines  | Health/Fitness |
| Triathlon training center  | Health/Fitness |
| Walking track  | Health/Fitness |
| Weight room  | Health/Fitness |
| Weight training  | Health/Fitness |
| Work out area, exercise area   | Health/Fitness |
| A small room - a sensory gym (like an indoor gym) for kids with special needs (that would allow all kids, not just with special needs) | Inclusion      |
| An indoor sensory gym for kids with disabilities and special needs (typical children welcome, too!)                                    | Inclusion      |
| Facility for people with partial disability  | Inclusion      |
| Space for social programs for special needs such as autistic spectrum and other special needs kids (pre-k-young adult)                 | Inclusion      |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Kitchen Space (19 of 44)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| A commercial grade kitchen that could be rented out for event, small businesses, or even teaching                 | Kitchen |
| A community kitchen facility  | Kitchen |
| Allow supervised use of the kitchen for personal use (non-commercial)   | Kitchen |
| An approved commercial kitchen available for local food entrepreneurs to use/rent                                 | Kitchen |
| Commercial kitchen  | Kitchen |
| Commercial kitchen  | Kitchen |
| Commercial kitchen for events, catering and up-starts   | Kitchen |
| Commercial size kitchen   | Kitchen |
| Community kitchen where people (seniors, teens, young adults and families) could cook together, share meals,      | Kitchen |
| Community kitchen   | Kitchen |
| Community kitchen for events and social activities  | Kitchen |
| Cooking   | Kitchen |
| Cooking   | Kitchen |
| Cooking   | Kitchen |
| Cooking classes, area should have a kitchen   | Kitchen |
| Facility for cooking classes and demonstrations   | Kitchen |
| Full purpose kitchen for cooking classes  | Kitchen |
| Full service kitchen for events   | Kitchen |
| Galley kitchen is a must  | Kitchen |
| Have a commercial kitchen and offer cooking classes   | Kitchen |
| Have a restaurant/ kitchen for those CIA students to learn about hospitality and residents to enjoy their cuisine | Kitchen |
| Industrial sized kitchen to rent with meeting rooms   | Kitchen |
| Kitchen facilities  | Kitchen |
| Kitchen facilities to support private events - charity groups in town struggle to find appropriate venues         | Kitchen |
| Kitchen facility available to allow for banquets, receptions, parties etc.....                                    | Kitchen |
| Kitchen for cooking classes   | Kitchen |
| Kitchen for cooking classes   | Kitchen |
| Kitchen for cooking classes, coffee hour  | Kitchen |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Kitchen Space & Meeting Rooms (20 of 44)

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Kitchen with cooking classes  | Kitchen       |
| Kitchen/eating area   | Kitchen       |
| Large room with commercial kitchen to host events   | Kitchen       |
| Professional kitchen to support rental parties, cafe, pot lucks, etc.....   | Kitchen       |
| Hall for town citizens and organizations to rent for use  | Meeting Rooms |
| Include meeting spaces for town activities  | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting rooms   | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting rooms for clubs, like scouts  | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting rooms for community clubs and events  | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting rooms for community clubs/associations  | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting rooms/halls that are soundproof   | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting space   | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting space   | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting space for local clubs, i.e. Scouts, independent book clubs, etc.....  | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting space for social groups or 12 step  | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting space that can be booked by groups in town (there are so few places to meet - esp. That are free or low cost!)      | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting spaces available for small groups   | Meeting Rooms |
| Meeting spaces for community organizations  | Meeting Rooms |
| Multiple meeting room spaces for various group sizes  | Meeting Rooms |
| Multiple meeting room spaces. There aren't enough in town and the schools are getting harder and harder to use after hours. | Meeting Rooms |
| Placed for organizations to hold meeting  | Meeting Rooms |
| Room(s) to use for meetings for local non-profits   | Meeting Rooms |
| Rooms available for local groups to reserve for use at a nominal or no cost basis.  | Meeting Rooms |
| Rooms for socializing/meetings  | Meeting Rooms |
| Small meeting rooms   | Meeting Rooms |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Meeting Rooms, Memorial, & Mixed Use (21 of 44)

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Small meeting rooms for groups, clubs, etc.....  | Meeting Rooms |
| Small meeting rooms for local non-profits  | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for community groups to host meetings  | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for community organizations like ben's lighthouse to set up shop and serve kids.   | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for local clubs to meet.   | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for non profit community organizations to meet or hold events  | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for non profits  | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for non-profit arts classes or groups to meet  | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for parks and rec arts classes - performance and visual, for all ages. There's not enough for non-senior adults in Newtown.              | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for parks and rec classes to meet  | Meeting Rooms |
| Space for support groups to meet   | Meeting Rooms |
| A reflection point so we never forget what happened and we always stay connected as a community  | Memorial      |
| Build the memorial to the victims in the area. Not right next to it though.  | Memorial      |
| Dedication area to those lost on 12/14/12  | Memorial      |
| Memorial for the victims of the shooting   | Memorial      |
| Memorial meditation garden dedicated to 12/14 victims  | Memorial      |
| Space for an appropriate SHES memorial   | Memorial      |
| Space for families who lost a loved one on 12/14 to host their foundations   | Memorial      |
| All purpose room   | Mixed Use     |
| Area that can be used for dance or wrestling   | Mixed Use     |
| Hands-on activities not tied to technology, gathering space to have book club meetings, handwork groups & other community building activities, | Mixed Use     |
| Indoor party room for birthdays and social events  | Mixed Use     |
| Lots of 'general usage' space that could be rented by town groups for a reasonable fee (i.e. boy scouts, etc.....)                             | Mixed Use     |
| Multi purpose. Space for classes, performances and meetings  | Mixed Use     |
| Multiple use   | Mixed Use     |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Mixed Use & Modular Space (22 of 44)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Multipurpose   | Mixed Use |
| Multipurpose area that can be used by all of the demographics shared either by time or day.  | Mixed Use |
| Multipurpose rooms   | Mixed Use |
| Multi-purpose rooms for all ages   | Mixed Use |
| Multi-purpose rooms that can be adapted for educational, recreational, athletic and social events  | Mixed Use |
| Multipurpose rooms that can be used for park and rec, and rented for parties, meetings, etc.....   | Mixed Use |
| Multi-use room with a stage and sound equipment and lights useable for performances and shows  | Mixed Use |
| One place that can house misc. extra-curricular activities   | Mixed Use |
| Open space for new activities month to month. Not dedicated to sole use of one activities.   | Mixed Use |
| Open, big space for gatherings   | Mixed Use |
| Party/lecture/ open room   | Mixed Use |
| Reservable rooms for youth to gather for musical group rehearsals  | Mixed Use |
| Rooms to rent for parties that include kitchen facilities  | Mixed Use |
| Shared rooms to be used as desired connected with wifi   | Mixed Use |
| Small multipurpose rooms   | Mixed Use |
| Smaller classroom space  | Mixed Use |
| Space for classes, meetings and clubs.   | Mixed Use |
| Space for speakers, presentations  | Mixed Use |
| Features: modular to enable variety of room sizes; kitchen facilities  | Modular   |
| Flexible meeting space   | Modular   |
| Flexible multipurpose space  | Modular   |
| Flexible space to be used in a multitude of ways, based on needs, time of day, size of groups, activities, etc.....  | Modular   |
| Flexible space that can be configured as needed  | Modular   |
| Giant indoor playroom split into thirds: one side for younger children (climbing net complex, ball pits, bounce house); center area with rely comfy club chairs for parents to sit and relax and socialize; third area with indoor fun appropriate for reed/middle age with air hockey, foosball, "safe" video games, pinball). One big open room with gates to enter each space and all within view of parent seating area. | Modular   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Modular & Multigenerational Space (23 of 44)

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Large areas to support projects done by volunteer groups i.e. WIN thanksgiving baskets  | Modular           |
| Large flexible meeting spaces   | Modular           |
| Large space and smaller spaces...Model after Wilton's center where it can also bring in income from renting it for antique shows, etc.....  | Modular           |
| Large, open multi-purpose building that can be divided to accommodate groups of different sizes and different needs depending on the activity.  | Modular           |
| Lots of flexible meeting and classroom spaces   | Modular           |
| Multi-functional, multi-purpose spaces  | Modular           |
| Multipurpose spaces to adapt to changing needs over time  | Modular           |
| Multi-purpose, divisible rooms/spaces   | Modular           |
| Open flexible communal space  | Modular           |
| Space that could be divided or shrunk according to what the need is at any time   | Modular           |
| The center needs to be multi-functional similar to the harbor yard where you could have ice floor then cover for concerts, children and adult activities. The key word is "modular"   | Modular           |
| A center that balances its offerings for youth and seniors  | Multigenerational |
| A center that would service the majority of the citizens. Not just one group or age. A community center should be built around the focus of the entire community. The facility should stand where other activities such as walking, running, biking, meeting our neighbors and kids all centered out of this one facility being the anchor. | Multigenerational |
| A mixed use facility, not perfect for any one group ...   | Multigenerational |
| A place which is welcome to all...Young and old.  | Multigenerational |
| Anything that would bring ALL the town residents together.  | Multigenerational |
| Areas where parents/families can interact/wait while kids are participating in sports/classes   | Multigenerational |
| Areas/rooms for class's and various programs of any kind  | Multigenerational |
| Bring all electro schools that together to build community  | Multigenerational |
| Broad offerings to be inclusive of all citizens   | Multigenerational |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Multigenerational Space (24 of 44)

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Center for everyone in town of all ages   | Multigenerational |
| Center should encourage seniors and kids of all ages to interact, not segregate them.   | Multigenerational |
| Combined adult day and child day care center  | Multigenerational |
| Do not "dedicate" space to any users. All uses should be for all ages.  | Multigenerational |
| Emphasis on a whole community   | Multigenerational |
| Expanded senior center/multi generational   | Multigenerational |
| Family friendly   | Multigenerational |
| Family oriented and not just for one age group  | Multigenerational |
| Family use and friends as well  | Multigenerational |
| Flexibility to accommodate activities for all age groups is important   | Multigenerational |
| Inter generational space  | Multigenerational |
| Mirror the Ridgefield facilities for families & seniors   | multigenerational |
| Multi use space so it's not just for seniors or youth. All should benefit from it.  | multigenerational |
| No dedicated space for any one group or demographic   | multigenerational |
| Open/friendly to ALL Newtown residents.   | multigenerational |
| Senior center and teen and young adult center are important. It would be great to have a place teens could go and enjoy.  | Multigenerational |
| Senior center to me seems to miss the point of the GE gift. But I do believe that the recreational/community concept that we do finally arrive at should have space for seniors in mind. It should be noted that seniors too will benefit from a more general community/athletic center, and if portions of that type of facility can be earmarked for senior needs (without trying to be all things to all people), that would be ideal. | Multigenerational |
| Shared space for everyone   | Multigenerational |
| Space for kids (middle school age especially) to play games (video, board) and space for parents to have tea/coffee and be there w/o being too close  | Multigenerational |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Space for Music, & Nature (25 of 44)

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| A place to have concerts like the Ives center   | Music  |
| A music room for singers and instruments  | Music  |
| A place to showcase local musicians   | Music  |
| A rehearsal space for young & old musicians   | Music  |
| Area for bands  | Music  |
| Areas for concerts  | Music  |
| Art studio and music/recording space  | Music  |
| Arts section should include acoustics suitable for music performances/rehearsals  | Music  |
| Community radio station (plays local band music)  | Music  |
| Music center  | Music  |
| Music library   | Music  |
| Music rooms   | Music  |
| Music space   | Music  |
| Music space & equipment (padded practice space, amplifiers, lessons, recording space), painting, drawing, creative writing  | Music  |
| Music, dance and performance studios  | Music  |
| Musical offerings in coffee house type setting  | Music  |
| Performance area for bands and concerts   | Music  |
| Performing arts center for seasonal opera, Shakespeare, music   | Music  |
| Place to host concerts/live music - nothing brings people together like good music  | Music  |
| Print making equipment, music studio equipment for recording and mixing music and sounds  | Music  |
| Small/medium-sized room(s) with piano(s) for local music teachers etc..... To have student recitals, and for the adult musicians (amateur and otherwise) to give small informal concerts (chamber music, jazz, music that wouldn't normally be heard at a bar or restaurant). | Music  |
| A nature center   | Nature |
| Agriculture   | Nature |
| Agriculture center  | Nature |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Space for Offices and Pavilion (26 of 44)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Atrium  | Nature   |
| Community gardens   | Nature   |
| Nature center   | Nature   |
| Nature center?  | Nature   |
| Nature/interpretive center  | Nature   |
| Small nature center with rescued animals and possibly a goat/mini horse petting zoo   | Nature   |
| Space for club meetings; hiking, fishing, birdwatching, etc.....  | Nature   |
| A place for small community groups to meet  | Offices  |
| Ability to use space for girl scout/cub scout activities  | Offices  |
| Access to printers, copies, fax - and mail pickup   | Offices  |
| Areas for people to hold a meeting (not enough in the muni center). Cafeteria   | Offices  |
| Business networking meeting space   | Offices  |
| Community meeting rooms that can be scheduled (no charge or very small fee)   | Offices  |
| Family legacy space   | Offices  |
| Head quarters for different clubs and orgs  | Offices  |
| Office space (possibly shared) for some of the small community non-profits  | Offices  |
| Space available to and dedicated for use by the organizations created by families who lost children/adults IS A MUST. Spaces should have no or minimal fee associated, and be large enough to accommodate needs pf programs planned by that organization. Office space should be a part of the space. | Offices  |
| A band shell or amphitheater  | Pavilion |
| A band shell to listen to live classical, jazz and swing  | Pavilion |
| A facility large enough to hold graduations   | Pavilion |
| A facility to host graduation ceremonies, concerts  | Pavilion |
| A new theater/auditorium  | Pavilion |
| A theater for shows, concerts, and lectures   | Pavilion |
| A theater or arena which can accommodate concerts, speeches, etc.....   | Pavilion |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Pavilion (27 of 44)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| A venue for large ceremonies (graduations) to eliminate the need to travel to Danbury                         | Pavilion |
| Ability to hold graduations - high school and middle school   | Pavilion |
| Amphitheater for concerts   | Pavilion |
| Amphitheater for cultural events, i.e. Symphonies, physical attributes akin to tanglewood in Stockbridge, MA. | Pavilion |
| Amphitheater-for concerts/plays/lectures/classes  | Pavilion |
| Amphitheatre, to host larger outdoor events/shows   | Pavilion |
| Amphitheater/stage for shows & concerts   | Pavilion |
| An aesthetically pleasing event space   | Pavilion |
| Arena for concerts/ shows   | Pavilion |
| At the very least a 300-400 seat theater.   | Pavilion |
| Auditorium  | Pavilion |
| Auditorium  | Pavilion |
| Auditorium for performances   | Pavilion |
| Auditorium space for movies live shows  | Pavilion |
| Band shell  | Pavilion |
| Ceremonial events- graduation back in town  | Pavilion |
| Community theater   | Pavilion |
| Community theater - with education for all ages   | Pavilion |
| Community theater &/or public concerts  | Pavilion |
| Concert space for performances, etc.  | Pavilion |
| Concert venue   | Pavilion |
| Concert venue (size of Ridgefield playhouse?)   | Pavilion |
| Concert/theater   | Pavilion |
| Concerts  | Pavilion |
| Concerts  | Pavilion |
| Concerts  | Pavilion |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Pavilion (28 of 44)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Concerts & art exhibits (photography/oil/water color)  | Pavilion |
| Concerts from famous people  | Pavilion |
| Convertible area to use for school graduations and events  | Pavilion |
| General assembly (concerts, graduation)  | Pavilion |
| Graduations held in NCC, rather than O'Neil ctr.   | Pavilion |
| Having a place where NHS graduation and NMS moving up ceremony can take place  | Pavilion |
| Large (2,500 seat plus) multi use event and sports center.   | Pavilion |
| Large area for general assembly for graduations, etc.....  | Pavilion |
| Modest amphitheater  | Pavilion |
| Multiplex theater  | Pavilion |
| Multi-purpose theater similar to edmond town hall or the HS auditorium   | Pavilion |
| Music amphitheater with variety of shows   | Pavilion |
| Music concerts and live shows  | Pavilion |
| Music venue  | Pavilion |
| Music venue  | Pavilion |
| Music venue ( similar to Levitt pavilion or Ridgefield playhouse)  | Pavilion |
| Music venue including rock bands   | Pavilion |
| Music venue to promote shows, bands playing  | Pavilion |
| Programing for feature sporting events, concerts, shows, exhibitions, car shows, graduations, moving up ceremonies and other large special events. | Pavilion |
| Small auditorium   | Pavilion |
| Small concert stage for local music  | Pavilion |
| Space big enough to hold the HS graduation.  | Pavilion |
| Space for commencement exercises for our schools!  | Pavilion |
| Space for large gatherings   | Pavilion |
| Space ideal to host HS graduations and other larger indoor community events  | Pavilion |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Pavilion (29 of 44)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Stage for shows and concerts   | Pavilion |
| Stage for shows and plays  | Pavilion |
| Stage with sufficient offstage and backstage space                               | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater  | Pavilion |
| Theater for musicals and plays   | Pavilion |
| Theater for the performing arts  | Pavilion |
| Theater for the performing arts  | Pavilion |
| Theater for the performing arts  | Pavilion |
| Theater/concert hall   | Pavilion |
| Theater/concert hall   | Pavilion |
| Theater/performance space/auditorium   | Pavilion |
| Theater/stage/concert center other than high school or edmond                    | Pavilion |
| Theatre  | Pavilion |
| Theatre for plays, musicals, concerts and the like                               | Pavilion |
| Theatre room   | Pavilion |
| Théâtre venue for concerts etc.  | Pavilion |
| Would love to see a stage for performances for area dance companies, etc.....    | Pavilion |
| Would love to see performance arts center for play's, events, concerts, etc..... | Pavilion |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Pets and Recreational Space (30 of 44)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Doggie daycare  | Pets |
| A fun zone with go-cart racing, batting cages, driving range/mini golf, bowling alley and arcade games.                                   | Rec  |
| A game room with pool tables, ping pong table, card tables  | Rec  |
| A game room-arcade & board games  | Rec  |
| A place for people to do recreation which is free!  | Rec  |
| A pool table  | Rec  |
| A recreation room with pool table and card tables   | Rec  |
| Arcade  | Rec  |
| Arcade  | Rec  |
| Arcade  | Rec  |
| Arcade  | Rec  |
| Arcade of some sort   | Rec  |
| Arcade room   | Rec  |
| Area to play board games and other social interaction   | Rec  |
| Billiards/ ping pong  | Rec  |
| Billiards room  | Rec  |
| Bocce or shuffleboard courts  | Rec  |
| Bocce ball court - low cost to build and maintain   | Rec  |
| Bocce court   | Rec  |
| Bounce house for little ones  | Rec  |
| Campus center area, chess board tables, coffee  | Rec  |
| Chess tables  | Rec  |
| Comfortable space for teens to hang out with pool tables, ping pong, game room? ( So they don't have to be at Starbucks, big Y, etc.....) | Rec  |
| Community space for social groups - pool table, ping pong, fuseball, bridge club, etc.....  | Rec  |
| Free arcade/pinball/darts/pool tables/wifi cafe/lending library/ebooks  | Rec  |
| Game room   | Rec  |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Recreational Space (31 of 44)

|  |     |
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| Game room for all ages   | Rec |
| Game room for table tennis, billiards, TV for sports.                                  | Rec |
| Game room that's open all the time, unlike the "garage" teen center                    | Rec |
| Game room, i.e.: chessboard, backgammon, Wifi, etc.....                                | Rec |
| Game rooms   | Rec |
| Game rooms with chess tables, backgammon etc....., pool tables, ping pong, etc.....    | Rec |
| Game room  | Rec |
| Gaming room for young adults for tournaments (video games, etc.....)                   | Rec |
| General game room  | Rec |
| Indoor arcade center with go-karts laser tag and a roller rink                         | Rec |
| Indoor game center: video games, air hockey etc.....                                   | Rec |
| Indoor go cart track   | Rec |
| Indoor park/family entertainment   | Rec |
| Indoor play place  | Rec |
| Indoor playground  | Rec |
| Indoor playground for older kids- climbing wall, ropes, parkour stuff, obstacle course | Rec |
| Indoor playground space for children to use in winter or extreme weather conditions    | Rec |
| Indoor recreation for adults   | Rec |
| Indoor roller-skate/ arcade  | Rec |
| LAN/internet gaming center   | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |
| Laser tag  | Rec |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Recreational, Retail & Revenue Producing Space (32 of 44)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Miniature golf/bowling center   | Rec     |
| Newtown arcade  | Rec     |
| Ping pong and billiard tables   | Rec     |
| Ping pong, pool tables, hang out space  | Rec     |
| Pool and ping pong tables, chess tables (maybe outdoor),  | Rec     |
| Pool tables   | Rec     |
| Rec center geared towards kids of all ages  | Rec     |
| Rec center- type classrooms for kids programs   | Rec     |
| Social center with card room, pool room, ping pong rooms, fuseball etc.....   | Rec     |
| Social gathering area with arcade, bowling and other games.   | Rec     |
| A book store  | Retail  |
| A dedicated flea market/tag sale building--helps vendors and brings business to Newtown, strong for the community, a great way to recycle   | Retail  |
| A salon for nails   | Retail  |
| An opportunity to combine with businesses and have indoor market (i.e. like the ferry market building in SF <a href="http://www.Ferrybuildingmarketplace.Com/">http://www.Ferrybuildingmarketplace.Com/</a> or Chelsea market in SF <a href="http://chelseamarket.Com/">http://chelseamarket.Com/</a> ) | Retail  |
| Book store, clothing stores,  | Retail  |
| Retail shopping   | Retail  |
| Shopping  | Retail  |
| A dedicated party room as a revenue generator   | Revenue |
| A money-making (for the town), rentable space for very high quality, large screen HD presentation of worldwide events....6-10 rooms that can be catered and offer exceptional food, drink, entertainment quality for small groups of 6-25 people  | Revenue |
| A space for party rental both indoor and outdoor space, preferably for events such as moderately sized weddings and confirmation/bar/bat mitzvah celebrations.  | Revenue |
| An area that generates revenue so that the facility is self-sustaining and does not require constant inflow of tax-dollars to maintain.   | Revenue |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Revenue Producing Space (33 of 44)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Area to facilitate weddings and receptions   | Revenue |
| Areas large enough for banquets, business meetings, weddings (?)   | Revenue |
| Banquet area, w/ kitchen, for rental or classes,   | Revenue |
| Banquet hall   | Revenue |
| Banquet hall   | Revenue |
| Banquet hall   | Revenue |
| Banquet hall for events  | Revenue |
| Banquet hall to host moving up ceremony, HS Graduation etc.....  | Revenue |
| Birthday party rental area   | Revenue |
| Birthday party spaces for children   | Revenue |
| Clubhouse for rental   | Revenue |
| Community room for rent for events   | Revenue |
| Event rooms  | Revenue |
| Event space and kitchen for fund raising   | Revenue |
| Facilities that could provide places to rent out hall for dining and social gatherings   | Revenue |
| Facilities with nice rooms to rent out for parties events, commercial kitchen for cooking classes and catering,  | Revenue |
| General event space for rental by community leaders  | Revenue |
| Have large multi purpose room that can be rented out to town residents   | Revenue |
| Include rooms that people can rent for functions   | Revenue |
| Indoor areas to rent for private events  | Revenue |
| Large banquet room-graduations, rent out   | Revenue |
| Large meeting rooms that could be rented out to accommodate various events   | Revenue |
| Large multipurpose space available for inexpensive rental  | Revenue |
| Large space for rental events/private parties  | Revenue |
| Maybe a membership section with nicer locker room and services   | Revenue |
| Open recreation/meeting room that folks could use (free of charge) for personal events like bridal/baby showers, birthday/anniversary parties. First come, first serve. With kitchenette so people could bring/warm their own food for event. Include standard tables/chairs to set up/take down per party responsibility. | Revenue |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Revenue Producing & Science Space (34 of 44)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Party rental space   | Revenue |
| Place to rent for parties  | Revenue |
| Rentable event space w prof kitchen. Flexible hangout spec   | Revenue |
| Rentable event/program spaces  | Revenue |
| Rentable space for the above   | Revenue |
| Rentable space for town fundraiser functions (such as Newtown scholarship fundraisers), for school dances and for family or class reunions to bring people back to Newtown | Revenue |
| Rental capabilities/catering facility  | Revenue |
| Room rentals for family events   | Revenue |
| Room(s) to rent for residents at nominal cost for private parties  | Revenue |
| Rooms for rent for parties   | Revenue |
| Rooms of different sizes available for rental  | Revenue |
| Rooms to rent for community use  | Revenue |
| Use the community open space for wedding, communions etc..... Supported by by the culinary arts  | Revenue |
| A science center with observatory/telescope  | Science |
| A telescope for public use.  | Science |
| Applied Science: Astronomy (Telescope Night), Robot Lab  | Science |
| Aquarium/science center  | Science |
| Dedicated space for youth science investigation  | Science |
| Science museum   | Science |
| Telescope with star tracking/ night sky programs   | Science |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Senior Space (35 of 44)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| A better senior center that is better equipped  | Seniors |
| A commercial accessible kitchen, for community cooking activities for seniors and youth. Enabling seniors who are not longer able to cook on their own, (due to safety or economics) to continue to participate in this meaningful activity while sharing their memories and recipes with youth who are just learning this skill. They could come together once a week to cook meals for the week that they could divide and share. | Seniors |
| A more desirable Senior center to attract more residents. Current "center" not utilized--interesting town input: unattractive, dull, no computes, no comfortable chairs for talking and sitting, no updated atmosphere!   | Seniors |
| A new senior center... Ours is an embarrassment!  | Seniors |
| A senior center   | Seniors |
| A senior center with it's OWN parking lot.  | Seniors |
| A separate part of the building for seniors.  | Seniors |
| Adequate clean space for seniors.   | Seniors |
| An area specific for senior citizens needs to be provided by the community center. The current senior center does not fit the needs of Newtown seniors. It is outdated and too small. Look at the surrounding towns: Southbury, Woodbury, Monroe. Their senior centers are new, beautiful and state of the art. Why is Newtown so behind in this area???  | Seniors |
| Dedicated area for senior programming   | Seniors |
| Dedicated senior center with pool   | Seniors |
| Dedicated senior space  | Seniors |
| Have separate function rooms - one could be "adult only" to appease senior citizens   | Seniors |
| Have the senior center in this building, so they are part of the community, not isolated in sandy hook. Offer intergenerational programming   | Seniors |
| I liked the idea of senior space and pools as part of a three phase plan.   | Seniors |
| I think it should have a senior center  | Seniors |
| Meeting place for seniors, plus space for activities  | Seniors |
| Meeting rooms for seniors   | Seniors |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Senior & Sports Space (36 of 44)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| More indoor space and parking places for seniors and all their activities   | Seniors |
| New senior center   | Seniors |
| Organized senior center for 55 and older  | Seniors |
| Relocation of the senior center. I'm not a senior but compared to surrounding towns ours is pathetic  | Seniors |
| Retirement hang out.  | Seniors |
| Senior center   | Seniors |
| Senior center   | Seniors |
| Senior center   | Seniors |
| Senior center   | Seniors |
| Spaces for seniors to help kids with schoolwork   | Seniors |
| We desperately need a new senior center either there or attached  | Seniors |
| We need to get a more modern place for seniors.   | Seniors |
| 45'x90' wrestling/cheer/martial arts/fitness room with space for mats   | Sports  |
| A batting cage area with pitching machines  | Sports  |
| A better indoor track then the really small one with tight corners at the NYA   | Sports  |
| A bowling alley   | Sports  |
| A few bowling lanes   | Sports  |
| A roller skating rink   | Sports  |
| A volleyball court  | Sports  |
| A wrestling/ cheer room where mats can be left out for use year round   | Sports  |
| Affordable bowling, great for all ages, families, safe date nights for teens, adult opportunities for leagues and fundraisers, brings people together   | Sports  |
| Another baseball facility   | Sports  |
| Archery center (most in the area are associated with gun ranges and I can't take my 12/14 survivor there)   | Sports  |
| Archery range   | Sports  |
| Ask lucky strike to build bowling alley like in west Nyack area. That would be great for adults and kids, I think a bowling alley is really needed in this community - its a fun way for the kids to get together as well as adults | Sports  |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Sports Space (37 of 44)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Ball fields - an addition to what exists, maybe a lighted multi-use turf field | Sports |
| Basketball   | Sports |
| Basketball   | Sports |
| Basketball   | Sports |
| Basketball   | Sports |
| Basketball court   | Sports |
| Basketball court   | Sports |
| Basketball courts  | Sports |
| Basketball courts  | Sports |
| Basketball courts  | Sports |
| Basketball league - adult/teen   | Sports |
| Basketball or volley ball courts   | Sports |
| Batting cages  | Sports |
| Batting cages, bowling, laser tag  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling  | Sports |
| Bowling alley  | Sports |
| Bowling alley  | Sports |
| Bowling alley  | Sports |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Sports Space (38 of 44)

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Bowling alley   | Sports |
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| Bowling alley   | Sports |
| Bowling alley   | Sports |
| Bowling alley   | Sports |
| Bowling alley   | Sports |
| Bowling alley with tables/food for socializing  | Sports |
| Bowling alley!!!!!!!  | Sports |
| Bowling ally  | Sports |
| Bowling lanes   | Sports |
| Community center - like Shelton's center - mini golf, driving range, laser tag, batting cages, food center  | Sports |
| Competition size bowling alley would bring in people from other parts of the country and stimulate the local economy.<br>When not in use by competition would allow healthy adult activities. | Sports |
| Dedicated wrestling room that could store mats  | Sports |
| Driving range   | Sports |
| Driving range to shoot golf balls   | Sports |
| Duckpins bowling  | Sports |
| Field house with open basketball courts, workout center   | Sports |
| Fields & courts   | Sports |
| Fields/courts   | Sports |
| Gathering space for sports team functions (such as end of season gatherings/celebrations)   | Sports |
| Indoor activities such as bowling, racquetball that are not provided to the public where you need a membership.   | Sports |
| Indoor and outdoor gold driving range   | Sports |
| Indoor badminton courts   | Sports |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Sports Space (39 of 44)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Indoor baseball batting cages  | Sports |
| Indoor baseball infield for drills   | Sports |
| Indoor basketball courts   | Sports |
| Indoor basketball courts for random use  | Sports |
| Indoor batting cages for baseball  | Sports |
| Indoor bocce   | Sports |
| Indoor court sports  | Sports |
| Indoor golf range for off-season months  | Sports |
| Indoor golf simulators   | Sports |
| Indoor pickle ball   | Sports |
| Indoor pickle ball courts  | Sports |
| Indoor pickle ball courts  | Sports |
| Indoor racquet courts  | Sports |
| Indoor softball  | Sports |
| Indoor softball field with dirt  | Sports |
| Indoor squash courts   | Sports |
| Indoor tennis  | Sports |
| Indoor tennis courts   | Sports |
| Indoor tennis courts   | Sports |
| Indoor tennis courts   | Sports |
| Indoor tennis courts   | Sports |
| Indoor tennis courts   | Sports |
| Indoor tennis courts - there is only one at the NYA and many players in town.  | Sports |
| Indoor track and field - NYA removed this and there is no place close that offers this. It would be great to be able to host track and field events and have a training facility available year round to the runners, throwers and jumper in our community | Sports |
| Indoor track and field complex for competitive events and local training   | Sports |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Sports Space (40 of 44)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Indoor turf field that is football sized           | Sports |
| Indoor turf for baseball                           | Sports |
| Indoor turf multi-purpose field space              | Sports |
| Indoor, affordable rec soccer                      | Sports |
| Inside batting cages                               | Sports |
| More tennis facilities                             | Sports |
| Pickle ball  | Sports |
| Pickle ball court                                  | Sports |
| Pickle ball courts                                 | Sports |
| Pickle ball  | Sports |
| Pickle ball  | Sports |
| Pickle ball courts                                 | Sports |
| Pickle ball, pool, exercise, yoga, dance, etc..... | Sports |
| Public golf course with restaurant                 | Sports |
| Racket ball courts                                 | Sports |
| Racquetball  | Sports |
| Racquetball court                                  | Sports |
| Racquetball  | Sports |
| Racquetball and squash courts                      | Sports |
| Racquetball courts                                 | Sports |
| Racquetball courts                                 | Sports |
| Racquetball courts                                 | Sports |
| Racquetball/squash courts                          | Sports |
| Racquetball  | Sports |
| Racquetball courts                                 | Sports |
| Racquetball/tennis courts                          | Sports |
| Room with mats for wrestling and gymnastics        | Sports |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Sports Space & Structure Ideas (41 of 44)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Room with tumbling mats for gymnastics practice   | Sports    |
| Space for informal play/pick up games - non-league!!! Games   | Sports    |
| Space for indoor soccer   | Sports    |
| Sporting center   | Sports    |
| Sports complex like Chelsea piers   | Sports    |
| A dedicated wrestling gym for the youth wrestling program. One in which meets and tournaments can be held properly.   | Sports    |
| Wrestling pavilion.   | Sports    |
| Wrestling room  | Sports    |
| Wrestling room for our youth and high school teams  | Sports    |
| Wrestling/karate, judo etc..... Padded floor  | Sports    |
| A place for both an actual and a virtual (computerized) 'bulletin board' where people of common interests can connect   | Structure |
| A quiet "viewing" area including large windows overlooking the action. This is a space where those sensitive to noise could still feel like a part of the community by watching the action from another area. | Structure |
| Activity board, calendar of events  | Structure |
| Ample parking for accommodate large gatherings  | Structure |
| Any space used for medical purposes should have separate entrance and exit  | Structure |
| Classes for aerobics, technology classes, indoor lounges with gas fireplaces overlooking skating and pool areas   | Structure |
| Closets/storage areas to rent/assign to groups using multi-use facilities   | Structure |
| Different areas set up for age groups for idea 1  | Structure |
| Display areas   | Structure |
| Easy drop off and pickup setup for older kids to the building   | Structure |
| Eco friendly- solar, etc.....   | Structure |
| Event center  | Structure |
| Fireplace (indoor and outdoor)  | Structure |
| Good parking  | Structure |
| Good storage area for scenery, lights, other equipment  | Structure |
| Indoor handgun range  | Structure |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Structure & Technology Ideas (42 of 44)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Indoor skating rink and pool with large outdoor patio's with fireplaces, mini stadium style seating for outdoor movie, plays | Structure  |
| Large community room/auditorium for forums, lectures, etc.....   | Structure  |
| Large room for meetings  | Structure  |
| Large windows to see the hustle and bustle from anywhere in the building, showing the action                                 | Structure  |
| Nice touches like an atrium and/or a fireplace with lots of comfortable, but practical seating                               | Structure  |
| Parking garage   | Structure  |
| Provide charging stations for devices like those on many college campuses  | Structure  |
| Rooms for information and presentations of issues regarding town   | Structure  |
| Seminar room(s) that block outside noise   | Structure  |
| Separate areas kids/teens/adults/srs   | Structure  |
| Shooting range   | Structure  |
| Should incorporate town south offices so seniors only have to go to one building   | Structure  |
| Small, cozy, quiet areas like a library setting or living room   | Structure  |
| Storage area for clubs.  | Structure  |
| Storage space where a stage, tables, and chairs can be stored when not in use.   | Structure  |
| Use as the voting place  | Structure  |
| Whatever the design, it should include wifi  | Structure  |
| Anything technologically oriented  | Technology |
| Computer access for individuals without computers or smart phone access  | Technology |
| Computer and social media including smart phones and other computer-type devices   | Technology |
| Computer area  | Technology |
| Computer cafe  | Technology |
| Computer center  | Technology |
| Computer lab/access  | Technology |
| Computer labs  | Technology |
| Computer room  | Technology |
| Computer such as iPad, iPhone, apps, etc.....  | Technology |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Technology Ideas & Teen Space (43 of 44)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Computer/tech-enabled spaces may encourage both young & old to use the space   | Technology |
| Free computer and internet access  | Technology |
| Internet cafe  | Technology |
| Inventors station - 3D printers, resources for building, promoting innovation  | Technology |
| Performance place that has up to date technology.  | Technology |
| Rooms that are equipped with projectors and screens for community use.   | Technology |
| Technology center  | Technology |
| Technology center  | Technology |
| Technology lab for classes targeted to 18-99   | Technology |
| Teen center  | Teens      |
| Teen center  | Teens      |
| Teen center  | Teens      |
| Teen center  | Teens      |
| Teen center with free accessibility and planned activities   | Teens      |
| Teen center/lounge, pool, ping pong etc.....   | Teens      |
| Teen place   | Teens      |
| Teen, young adult "playground"- climbing, ropes, obstacles   | Teens      |
| Expanded teen center   | Teens      |
| A large teen center that would be inclusive of all different groups  | Teens      |
| A place for children to go after school where they can "drop in" if need be, that isn't an expensive membership fee. Rather than hanging around in town and at big Y, Dunkin or Starbucks they can have a place to hang out, do homework, socialize and grab a snack with friends. | Teens      |
| A place for high schools to hang out-there are none now!   | Teens      |
| A place for live music or fun activities for teens to high school  | Teens      |
| A place for the middle school kids to go instead of all over big Y   | Teens      |
| A place where boy and girl teens can socialize without dates   | Teens      |
| A teenager hang out place. I am a teenager but that age group was not available  | Teens      |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Facility – Teen Space, Trails & Transportation Ideas (44 of 44)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Area for tweens and teens - somewhere for them to go, and their parents can be in the same building   | Teens     |
| Definitely something for teens. They have few areas in Newtown to congregate and have fun.  | Teens     |
| Have a team lounge or hangout.  | Teens     |
| Nice teen center with juice & snack bar   | Teens     |
| Opportunities for local teen employment   | Teens     |
| Places where teenagers can hang out and play games  | Teens     |
| Pre/teen center   | Teens     |
| Safe places for teens to hang out   | Teens     |
| Space and activities for teenagers  | Teens     |
| Space for teens - video games, music, dance, etc.....   | Teens     |
| Stage for teen performances   | Teens     |
| Teen area. Monitored  | Teens     |
| Teenage rec center: cafe/ bowling/ music/movie theater  | Teens     |
| There is no teen 18/21 activities in Newtown- bowling might be helpful  | Teens     |
| True teen center  | Teens     |
| With drugs making their way farther into suburban communities I think it's critical we have a teen center that actually appeals to teenagers. I grew up in a town that had its heart in the right place but developed an ill-conceived center that was basically a place for kids to sneak out and smoke. | Teens     |
| A path around the building to walk on with benches and places to rest   | Trails    |
| More paved walking trails   | Trails    |
| Bus service to the center   | Transport |
| Busing from elementary schools and reed along with supervised child enrichment activities (swim lessons, skating lessons, art classes, sports classes)  | Transport |
| Shuttle bus service to key locations around town  | Transport |
| Shuttle service for adults who can't drive  | Transport |
| Transportation available from schools   | Transport |

# Community Input: Ice Rink



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Ice Rink – Curling & Education (1 of 5)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Curling  | Curling   |
| Curling  | Curling   |
| Curling  | Curling   |
| Curling  | Curling   |
| Curling  | Curling   |
| Curling  | Curling   |
| Curling clubs  | Curling   |
| Curling lessons/club   | Curling   |
| Curling.   | Curling   |
| Beginners ice skaters for teens                                      | Education |
| Figure skating and hockey development courses all ages.              | Education |
| Hockey / skating specific training                                   | Education |
| Hockey clinic  | Education |
| Hockey clinics   | Education |
| Ice hockey camps/schools   | Education |
| Ice skating classes  | Education |
| Ice skating classes  | Education |
| Ice skating classes, curling classes, art classes, culinary classes, | Education |
| Ice skating lessons  | Education |
| Ice skating lessons  | Education |
| Learn to play hockey   | Education |
| Learn to skate   | Education |
| Learn to skate   | Education |
| Learn to skate - figure and hockey                                   | Education |
| Learn to skate & youth hockey lessons                                | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Ice Rink – Hockey (2 of 5)

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Travel hockey team                              | Hockey |
| Adult hockey                                    | Hockey |
| Deck hockey - outdoor/indoor roller hockey rink | Hockey |
| Hockey  | Hockey |
| Hockey  | Hockey |
| Hockey  | Hockey |
| Hockey arena                                    | Hockey |
| Hockey arena                                    | Hockey |
| Hockey arena                                    | Hockey |
| Hockey club for all age groups                  | Hockey |
| Hockey ice rink                                 | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
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| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |
| Hockey rink                                     | Hockey |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Ice Rink – Hockey (3 of 5)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Hockey rink   | Hockey         |
| Hockey rink is a great idea   | Hockey         |
| Ice hockey  | Hockey         |
| Ice hockey rink   | Hockey         |
| Indoor hockey rink  | Hockey         |
| Indoor hockey rink all year   | Hockey         |
| Indoor hockey rink all year   | Hockey         |
| Indoor hockey rink all year   | Hockey         |
| Recreational ice hockey   | Hockey         |
| Hockey/ ice skating   | Hockey/skating |
| An open skate for people that do not play hockey or figure skate  | Programming    |
| DJ dances on the ice  | Programming    |
| Family/public ice   | Programming    |
| Fun ice hockey games to watch   | Programming    |
| Ice hockey camps for children   | Programming    |
| Ice hockey for adults   | Programming    |
| Ice hockey pick up leagues for adults   | Programming    |
| Ice rink disco teen nights etc.   | Programming    |
| Ice rinks - hockey, free skate time - like Norwalk's center   | Programming    |
| Ice sledding , ice hockey on sled for handicapped veterans and all interested   | Programming    |
| LOVE the combined ice rink/pool with the self sustaining aspect that can also be used for shows, festivals etc. when rink is off season. Great for kids, teens, AND seniors; total win. | Programming    |
| Newtown youth ice hockey program  | Programming    |
| NHS varsity ice hockey locker room  | Programming    |
| REMOVABLE ICE RINK - is a perfect idea. Find a balance to support youth, attract people from other towns, and incorporate opportunities for seniors (aquatics/space).                   | Programming    |
| Skating - open skate nights of teens on weekends  | Programming    |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Ice Rink – Programming, Revenue & Skating (4 of 5)

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| The proposed ice rink could be converted not only to event space during the summer, but also to roller hockey. This is what Shelton's rink does. | Programming |
| Use ice rink for "Disney on ice type shows" to drive revenues in the out years that'll sustain the center financially                            | Programming |
| Outdoor ice rink for families (open skate only).   | Programming |
| Ability to generate revenue for other towns in need of ice time.   | Revenue     |
| Ice rink to bring people to our community  | Revenue     |
| Ice rink to host events  | Revenue     |
| Ice skating shows  | Revenue     |
| Make this a venue that draws outsiders in as well. Concerts, rental if ice time, etc.  | Revenue     |
| Party room rentals at an ice hockey rink   | Revenue     |
| The ice arena would boost the tax base - - it would be in use all the time!  | Revenue     |
| Community skating  | Skating     |
| Competitive figure skating team  | Skating     |
| Figure skating   | Skating     |
| Figure skating   | Skating     |
| Figure skating   | Skating     |
| Full year ice skating  | Skating     |
| Ice skating  | Skating     |
| Ice skating  | Skating     |
| Public ice skating sessions  | Skating     |
| Skating  | Skating     |
| Skating  | Skating     |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Ice Rink – Structure (5 of 5)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| A rink with removable ice to allow music and theater performances.  | Structure |
| Appropriate viewing area for skaters  | Structure |
| Connecting ice rink   | Structure |
| Having ice break down to host concerts, graduations, etc.   | Structure |
| Hockey ice arena that ice can be taken off of for basketball courts, stage, ceremonies, etc..   | Structure |
| If there is an ice rink with a removable surface, can we PLEASE have roller skating   | Structure |
| Locker rooms for the ice rink   | Structure |
| Outdoor ice rink used as walking track in summer  | Structure |
| Outdoor skating rink would be a great places for community to gather in the winter around a firepit   | Structure |
| Stands and bleachers for the ice rink   | Structure |
| Comfortable place to spectate hockey/swimming/games   | Structure |
| Swimming and ice skating are both things that are missing from Newtown recreational offerings right now, so I find that of interest. I like the idea of linking the facility to the NYA, or at least in the central location of Fairfield hills, which creates synergies with the ball fields and walking trails. | Structure |
| Viewing areas for both pool and ice rink  | Structure |
| 50-meter pool and ice rink would be huge draw to families looking to move to Newtown  | Structure |
| 50-meter pool and ice rink would encourage businesses to open up shop at Fairfield hills  | Structure |
| An ice rink with an indoor swimming pool and then large play area with everything from gaming centers to basketball hoops is ideal.   | Structure |
| Ice rink with pool include suspended walking track above facilities for all ages to use, nice to have whirlpools health spa   | Structure |

# Community Input: Aquatics



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Aquatics – Affordable, Health/Fitness, & Programming (1 of 4)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Free access to pool   | Affordable     |
| Free swimming - town pool expensive and would be nice to have a free place to swim for Newtown residents    | Affordable     |
| Free swimming for town residents  | Affordable     |
| Heated therapeutic pool   | Health/fitness |
| Heated therapy pool!  | Health/fitness |
| Hot tub/sauna   | Health/fitness |
| Include large hot tub/whirlpool tub adults only 8 + adults  | Health/fitness |
| Smaller "therapeutic" pool- warmer, graded entry for adults & children with disabilities or mobility issues | Health/fitness |
| Therapeutic pool - multi-use  | Health/fitness |
| Therapeutic pool for all ages and those needing rehab   | Health/fitness |
| Therapeutic pool for muscle and arthritis therapy   | Health/fitness |
| Warm therapy pool   | Health/fitness |
| Adult swim aerobics--not geared toward seniors  | Programming    |
| Adult swimming exercises  | Programming    |
| Adults only pool  | Programming    |
| Aqua aerobics   | Programming    |
| Aqua aerobics   | Programming    |
| Aqua aerobics is great for young and seniors.   | Programming    |
| Infant swim classes   | Programming    |
| Kids drop in swim programs  | Programming    |
| Lap indoor swimming, maybe a bubble like Wilton YMCA  | Programming    |
| Lap swimming  | Programming    |
| Lap swimming 6am to 10am and 7-9pm  | Programming    |
| Learn to swim   | Programming    |
| Olympic sized pool to host regional swim events   | Programming    |
| Open swim   | Programming    |
| Open swim   | Programming    |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Aquatics – Programming & Structure (2 of 4)

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Open swim all year round.   | Programming |
| Our town needs a pool that is indoor in non-summer months and has the ability to be open air during may, June, July, august. I do not believe an indoor pool in summer is user-friendly. A pool needs double purpose - in for the cold weather, outdoors for the warm weather. You cannot enjoy the sun and fresh air in an indoor pool in summer. It just does not work and it bad planning. | Programming |
| Pool must support complete swim!  | Programming |
| Pregnancy swim classes  | Programming |
| Some activities or open times (for pool or rec) scheduled on evenings and/or weekends for working families  | Programming |
| Standard 25 meter swimming pool with separate specific day-time daily swim times for seniors, adults, and children, so each demographic has their own swim time every day.  | Programming |
| Health aquatics for seniors   | Seniors     |
| 50 meter by 25 yard pool  | Structure   |
| 50 meter indoor pool  | Structure   |
| 50 meter pool   | Structure   |
| 50 meter pool   | Structure   |
| 50 meter pool   | Structure   |
| 50 meter pool   | Structure   |
| 50M swimming pool   | Structure   |
| 50-meter pool provides much more flexibility than 25-yard pool and provides revenue opportunities by drawing regional events  | Structure   |
| 50-meter pool would be a regional draw and would generate revenue that would then support community spaces and other community center activities  | Structure   |
| A 25 yard pool with 6-8 lanes would be fantastic. The HS pool is not available enough to the community and summer is very short season.   | Structure   |
| A waterslide  | Structure   |
| A zero entry pool, as mentioned above--definitely   | Structure   |
| An indoor aquatics center would be amazing--with splash park for littlies   | Structure   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Aquatics – Structure (3 of 4)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Any aquatic pool needs to be heated   | Structure |
| Diving  | Structure |
| Diving well   | Structure |
| Family lockers sauna whirlpool  | Structure |
| Heated pool   | Structure |
| Hot tub in the pool area  | Structure |
| I don't have small children but a salt pool would be better for them too  | Structure |
| I would like to see a pool that is NOT chlorine based. Salt is preferred.   | Structure |
| If it is only a hotel sized pool or like Ridgefield it will not meet the needs to the community both young and old. Need to be able to host lessons, classes, competition, rent out time,.... Plan for the long-term note short-term. | Structure |
| If there is a pool it must have zero entry for seniors, handicapped and toddlers to enjoy it  | Structure |
| If you are building the infrastructure for an indoor pool, what about adding a (small) outdoor pool adjacent to it? That way, the infrastructure could be shared.   | Structure |
| Indoor and outdoor regulation pool for all season lap swimming or "bubble" covered pool that can be used in winter and removed in summer  | Structure |
| Indoor pool with slides, fountains, etc.  | Structure |
| Indoor splash pad/pool  | Structure |
| It is critical that the pool be HEATED and have a WOW factor (tubular slides, etc.)   | Structure |
| Large outdoor swimming with seating   | Structure |
| Olympic pool that we can use to pay for this in the future  | Structure |
| Olympic pool with movable bulkhead for 2X the use   | Structure |
| Olympic size pool with movable bulkhead and diving well   | Structure |
| OUTDOOR pool - with chairs/deck/food  | Structure |
| Outdoor pool (depending on where the bldg. is located and plans for Dickinson)  | Structure |
| Outdoor pool and recreation area  | Structure |
| Outdoor swimming pool/swim club only for residents and their guests and can accommodate events like family potluck dinner nights, swim teams, and private parties. (Reference TENAFLY, NJ SWIM CLUB)                                  | Structure |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Aquatics – Structure (4 of 4)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Pool with bubble over it so it can be an outdoor pool in the summer   | Structure |
| Seasonal destination type fun i.e.. Splash park   | Structure |
| Splash pad  | Structure |
| Splash pad/sprinklers outdoors in the summer  | Structure |
| Splash park   | Structure |
| Water park  | Structure |
| Water play area like a splash pad for kids would be fantastic   | Structure |
| Water slide at outdoor pool   | Structure |
| Water slides and fountains will be a huge draw for the pool. It will increase the draw of young children to the pool. Ask anyone who has added a slide to their pool at home. Might sound silly but I am the father of 3 competitive swimmers. Add a slide. | Structure |
| Water splash pad would be fantastic!  | Structure |
| We need a regulation lap pool for swim meets and adults   | Structure |

# Community Input: Outdoor Ideas





# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Aquatics, Arts, Children & Communal Space (1 of 8)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Outdoor splash area for kids  | Aquatics |
| Outdoor splash pad  | Aquatics |
| Outdoor splash pad like one at Rockwell park in Bristol   | Aquatics |
| Outdoor sprinkle park for little kids in the summer   | Aquatics |
| Outdoor sprinkler park for little kids  | Aquatics |
| An inflatable large screen for viewing movies outside (a la the Boston prudential center movies in the courtyard) | Arts     |
| Events and festivals fields   | Arts     |
| Movies on the lawn during the summer months. Great way to get kids to watch some classics with friends.           | Arts     |
| Outdoor movie night   | Arts     |
| Outdoor movie nights  | Arts     |
| Outdoor movies (seasonal)   | Arts     |
| Outdoor performance area - summer concerts  | Arts     |
| Outdoor space for concerts, performances  | Arts     |
| Outdoor stage for performing arts   | Arts     |
| Outdoor theater   | Arts     |
| Outdoor theater   | Arts     |
| Outdoor theater / concert space   | Arts     |
| Outdoor theatre for concerts & plays  | Arts     |
| Season outdoor area/stage for concerts  | Arts     |
| Another outdoor playground for all ages   | Children |
| Playground  | Children |
| Playground, other appropriate place for kids to be loud and run around  | Children |
| A campground  | Communal |
| A firepit   | Communal |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Communal, Equine and Food Areas (2 of 8)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| A large treehouse w bridges like in treehouse masters   | Communal |
| Outdoor areas   | Communal |
| Outdoor areas to rent for private events  | Communal |
| Outdoor seasonal space  | Communal |
| Space for community festivals - creating more opportunities for things that bring the community together like the labor day parade, arts festival, and the music nights at Dickinson park   | Communal |
| An outdoor (or indoor!) Riding ring for adults and children who ride horses in town. Fairfield hills has many horse trails and Newtown bridle lands association is currently installing a trail of angels bridle path at the Catherine violet Hubbard animal sanctuary. It would be a great spot for community events, fund raising opportunities, park and rec opportunities, equine assisted therapy etc.... etc..... | Equine   |
| A community garden  | Food     |
| A community greenhouse where one could rent out and work an organic vegetable garden  | Food     |
| A hotdog stand outside  | Food     |
| A sugar shack to promote connection with nature and local farming traditions during mud season  | Food     |
| An outdoor cafe for families and pets (dogs)  | Food     |
| Communal garden   | Food     |
| Community garden  | Food     |
| Community garden  | Food     |
| Community garden  | Food     |
| Community garden space  | Food     |
| Covered, open air farmer's market - local cooked foods  | Food     |
| Farmer's market   | Food     |
| Farmers market once/twice a week  | Food     |
| Larger community garden   | Food     |
| Organic farmers market  | Food     |
| Organic farming to help the foodbank, to host farm to table community events, to teach sustainable farming, healthy eating and sustainability demos/classes, etc.....   | Food     |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Food, Health/Fitness & Music Areas (3 of 8)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Outdoor "warmed" cafe by ice rink   | Food           |
| Outdoor community garden  | Food           |
| Outdoor garden/crop share to buy into   | Food           |
| Room for a bigger farmer's market with food trucks  | Food           |
| Space for a farmer's market   | Food           |
| Think outdoor farming farm to table for cooking classes and restaurant community based farming  | Food           |
| Tie in w farmers market   | Food           |
| A track. It is very hard to use the one at Newtown high school. It's off limits during the school day and so busy with school and other events outside of the school day and on weekends. | Health/Fitness |
| Biking  | Health/Fitness |
| Fitness trail (w workout stations) on Fairfield hills trail or Al's trail   | Health/Fitness |
| Outdoor confidence adventure course   | Health/Fitness |
| Outdoor fitness center, rock climbing etc.....  | Health/Fitness |
| Outdoor pond with canoes & kayaks   | Health/Fitness |
| Outdoor rec center not to duplicate NYA   | Health/Fitness |
| Outdoor walking labyrinth   | Health/Fitness |
| Ropes course for various age groups   | Health/Fitness |
| Ropes course/climbing wall  | Health/Fitness |
| Ropes course/zip lines/rock climbing  | Health/Fitness |
| Ropes, rock climbing, trampolines   | Health/Fitness |
| Running facility/track for training/meets   | Health/Fitness |
| Would be great to have an outdoor aerial park   | Health/Fitness |
| Ziplining   | Health/Fitness |
| A REAL outdoor band shell -- Dickenson outdoor stage is terrible, not nearly appropriate  | Music          |
| Concerts for children and adults, like Tanglewood   | Music          |
| Concerts in the park  | Music          |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Nature and Pavilion Space (4 of 8)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| A peace garden   | Nature   |
| Coached outdoor programs - kayak/canoe   | Nature   |
| Garden center  | Nature   |
| Gardening  | Nature   |
| Gardening  | Nature   |
| Gardening/permaculture   | Nature   |
| Greenhouse   | Nature   |
| Outdoor seating with trees, fountains; a botanical garden feel   | Nature   |
| Outdoor/wilderness safety  | Nature   |
| Outside activity   | Nature   |
| Outside play area  | Nature   |
| Park for picnics, leisure, benches, fountain with nature center  | Nature   |
| Peaceful and beautiful area  | Nature   |
| Performing arts/graduation venue with opening to outside for use year round. Outside lawn to be used for picnicking prior and during concerts. Landscaping, trees, flowers, etc..... Very important to draw people in.               | Nature   |
| Ability to host outdoor movie nights, concerts   | Pavilion |
| An outdoor bandshell   | Pavilion |
| Are to facilitate out door concerts  | Pavilion |
| Multi-use pavilion - attached outdoor covered area/pavilion to use for farmer's market, bands on a rainy day, rent it out for birthday parties, add a retractable movie screen to show community outdoor (but under the roof) movies | Pavilion |
| Music & movies outdoors, with shelter and/or seating   | Pavilion |
| Musical venue/outdoor stage  | Pavilion |
| Out door theater   | Pavilion |
| Outdoor amphitheater to bring outside or local shows   | Pavilion |
| Outdoor area for movies/talks/plays/shows/community gatherings   | Pavilion |
| Outdoor bandshell  | Pavilion |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Pavilion, Pet and Recreational Space (5 of 8)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Outdoor concert facility   | Pavilion |
| Outdoor concert/performance space  | Pavilion |
| Outdoor concerts   | Pavilion |
| Outdoor music pavilion - Fairfield hills   | Pavilion |
| Pavilion with bathrooms  | Pavilion |
| Stone amphitheater on hill overlooking flat performance area   | Pavilion |
| Animal friendly area   | Pets     |
| Pet-friendly areas, and/or within walking distance of the current dog park.  | Pets     |
| Add on an outdoor miniature golf course when money allows.   | Rec      |
| Additional park / recreation space (Frisbee golf, rock climbing, larger community garden) and expansion of recreation center | Rec      |
| An outdoor climbing wall would be a sweet add-on   | Rec      |
| Horseshoes; indoor with computer scoring, lighted outdoor.   | Rec      |
| Maintained lawn game area (croquet, lawn bowling, bocce)   | Rec      |
| Merry go round suitable for all ages   | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Mini golf  | Rec      |
| Miniature golf   | Rec      |
| Miniature golf   | Rec      |
| Outdoor activities such as Frisbee golf, fitness trail, etc....  | Rec      |
| Outdoor disc golf course (could do for less than \$25k)  | Rec      |
| Outdoor recreation - horseshoes, etc.....  | Rec      |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Recreational, Retail, Science, Senior & Sports (6 of 8)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Outdoor recreation programs  | Rec     |
| Outdoor recreational space/park with BBQs, water features, gardens                           | Rec     |
| Outdoor rink for demolition derby or truck/tractor pulls                                     | Rec     |
| Paint ball / airsoft park  | Rec     |
| Paintball course   | Rec     |
| Sledding hill, tubing hill for winter.   | Rec     |
| Small outdoor ski slope with ski lessons   | Rec     |
| Versatile outdoor space for events   | Rec     |
| Like the idea of an outside space with shops restaurants and book store.                     | Retail  |
| Outdoor shopping area (promenades at evergreen walk)   | Retail  |
| Outdoor shopping/eating areas  | Retail  |
| A science playground   | Science |
| Open-- place where seniors could go to walk  | Seniors |
| "Adventure park"- ropes/activity/ziplines  | Sports  |
| A pond or water feature for fishing  | Sports  |
| An outdoor park with a lake to swim in and some zip lines and playground sets.               | Sports  |
| Baseball   | Sports  |
| Baseball fields are needed in Newtown  | Sports  |
| Football/soccer field  | Sports  |
| Fun center- go cart track  | Sports  |
| Go carting   | Sports  |
| Go karts   | Sports  |
| Go karts   | Sports  |
| Golf course  | Sports  |
| Golf course  | Sports  |
| Golf course--dropped the ball long ago! Newtown should have public course not shitty 9 holes | Sports  |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Sports Areas (7 of 8)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Golf related activities  | Sports |
| Golfing  | Sports |
| Golfing practice area  | Sports |
| Kayak, cycle, cross-country skiing, hiking   | Sports |
| Large outdoor sprinkler pad  | Sports |
| Level outdoor soccer fields  | Sports |
| Lighted tennis courts  | Sports |
| Manmade hill for sledding, bunny hill to learn skiing                              | Sports |
| Motor sports   | Sports |
| Outdoor basketball court   | Sports |
| Outdoor open play fields   | Sports |
| Outdoor rifle range  | Sports |
| Paddle tennis for winter time activity.  | Sports |
| Par 3 golf course or driving range   | Sports |
| Ski mountain   | Sports |
| Tennis courts  | Sports |
| Tennis courts  | Sports |
| Tennis courts/paddle ball courts/volleyball nets/horseshoes/bocce                  | Sports |
| Tennis wall outside for people to practice on own                                  | Sports |
| Tennis/racquetball/handball courts   | Sports |
| Turf field   | Sports |
| Turf field   | Sports |
| Turf field at reed intermediate with lights-would be used heavily by the community | Sports |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Outdoor – Structure Ideas & Trails (8 of 8)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Fountain   | Structure |
| I think having an indoor and outdoor rink is a great idea with fireplace that you could set up outside. In fact there should be an outdoor concept built into this plan we have such a great location for this outdoors should be included | Structure |
| Incorporate outdoor portion to take advantage of beautiful surrounding including firepits, outdoor picnic dining, outdoor movie nights or plays  | Structure |
| Make sure outdoor area can accommodate gatherings, shows, host artists   | Structure |
| Outdoor fireplace with an outdoor ice rink   | Structure |
| Reflective pool/fountain/eatery  | Structure |
| A better trail/path (like with rivers and places where animals hibernate etc.....)   | Trails    |
| A link to hiking/cross country ski trails  | Trails    |
| A path around the building to walk on with benches and places to rest  | Trails    |
| Hiking   | Trails    |
| Inclusion of hiking  | Trails    |
| Long bike paths, all around Newtown that would connect us all. That way people could bike to the center. Newtown needs to get more bike friendly.  | Trails    |
| More paved walking trails  | Trails    |
| Off road dirt bike trails  | Trails    |
| Out door walking path  | Trails    |
| Sidewalks from different parts of town to access on bike or walking  | Trails    |
| Trail for walking/bike riding  | Trails    |



# Community Input: Programming



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Adults (1 of 50)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Activities for non-working adults during school  | Adults |
| Adult (not just senior) fitness classes  | Adults |
| Adult advanced swimming lessons  | Adults |
| Adult classes  | Adults |
| Adult club activities - painting, cooking , exercise   | Adults |
| Adult continuing education   | Adults |
| Adult couples dance nights teach one hour, open dance follows                                  | Adults |
| Adult dance  | Adults |
| Adult day care center for people with Alzheimer's and dementia                                 | Adults |
| Adult daytime courses  | Adults |
| Adult ed.  | Adults |
| Adult education (e.g.. Computer, retirement planning)  | Adults |
| Adult education classes  | Adults |
| Adult education classes  | Adults |
| Adult education classes at night in dedicated class rooms                                      | Adults |
| Adult education classes.   | Adults |
| Adult hobby classes (e.g.. Woodworking, photography)   | Adults |
| Adult hockey leagues   | Adults |
| Adult kick boxing, exercise classes offered in the evening (7pm or later) for working mothers. | Adults |
| Adult lap swimming   | Adults |
| Adult learning center, 21st century skills training  | Adults |
| Adult lunch skate  | Adults |
| Adult recreational classes   | Adults |
| Adult sports leagues   | Adults |
| Adult sports leagues   | Adults |
| Adult volleyball/basketball/sports   | Adults |
| Adult workshops, such as woodworking, pottery, painting, etc....                               | Adults |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Adults (2 of 50)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| An after school program for working parents  | Adults |
| Aquatic exercise for adults  | Adults |
| Art classes for adults   | Adults |
| Availability for those with young families during school hours   | Adults |
| Exercise for middle-aged adults  | Adults |
| Mixers for adults  | Adults |
| New mothers/newly retired groups   | Adults |
| Newcomers club   | Adults |
| Newcomers meetings   | Adults |
| Non competitive sports clubs for adults  | Adults |
| Off-Broadway type performances   | Adults |
| Painting, pottery for kids n adults  | Adults |
| Painting, sculpture  | Adults |
| Painting/sculpture/clay classrooms   | Adults |
| Parent night out, babysitting for kids   | Adults |
| Parents night out program  | Adults |
| Productive forums for adults - speakers, classes, volunteer opportunities                                      | Adults |
| Programs and classes for adults.   | Adults |
| Programs for parents to help with growing children   | Adults |
| Programs geared to adults  | Adults |
| Quality adult classes/activities   | Adults |
| Separation for adult recreation from teens and children  | Adults |
| Single parent group/classes  | Adults |
| Social programs for adults living alone  | Adults |
| Swimming for adults  | Adults |
| There are plenty of resources in town for youth activities, gear the center primarily toward adult activities. | Adults |
| Young adult activities   | Adults |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Affordable & After School (3 of 50)

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| After school activities for families that can't afford other programs in town   | Affordable   |
| Anything affordable - it's hard to find affordable family activities for larger families                                      | Affordable   |
| Free access to recreational/athletic programs for children  | Affordable   |
| Free classes  | Affordable   |
| Free entry for all Newtown student  | Affordable   |
| Free exercise classes   | Affordable   |
| Free exercise opportunities - yoga, weights, etc.... - Scheduled or drop-in   | Affordable   |
| Free exercise programs for town residents   | Affordable   |
| Free gym for residents  | Affordable   |
| Free movies   | Affordable   |
| Free opportunities that everyone in town would be able to engage in   | Affordable   |
| Free or low cost tutoring for students  | Affordable   |
| Free seminars for mental health related issues  | Affordable   |
| Low- or no-cost activities (even if not "structured")   | Affordable   |
| Make all services affordable so all could attend  | Affordable   |
| More affordable community activities for adults   | Affordable   |
| More affordable summer camps with more accessible hours for working parents   | Affordable   |
| Programs with little fees involved so all could join in   | Affordable   |
| Reasonable rates so I can participate in more activities.   | Affordable   |
| Reasonably priced summer camps for children   | Affordable   |
| Recreation activities with no fees like indoor tennis racquet ball basketball track weight center                             | Affordable   |
| Some parts that are fee based so that the space can be self sustaining  | Affordable   |
| After school activities for middle schoolers  | After school |
| After school activities in conjunction with NYA   | After school |
| After school care for all school aged children that provides care plus extra activities like swim class, dance class, sports. | After school |
| Bussing from all Newtown schools.   |              |
| After school care for kids  | After school |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – After School & Arts (4 of 50)

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| After school classes for children, bused directly from each school   | After school |
| After school program that's affordable for kids to play and do homework  | After school |
| After school programs  | After school |
| After school programs  | After school |
| After school programs for kids   | After school |
| After school programs with bus drop-off  | After school |
| After school programs with free bus rides from schools   | After school |
| Afterschool activities through 6pm   | After school |
| After-school program for all students to help promote academic enrichment, physical fitness, nutritional and life skill programs to challenge children in a fun learning environment. Free to all Newtown kids (would help defray daycare costs/prevent kids from being idle while parents work) | After school |
| Afterschool programs   | After school |
| Before/after school programs: activities and tutoring run by NHS STUDENTS  | After school |
| Community activities for school aged children during summer/school breaks  | After school |
| Drop off children programs particular for holidays/ planned early dismissal/delayed opening days   | After school |
| Homework/tutoring  | After school |
| Maybe a homework help center   | After school |
| Vacation/early dismiss/late school start care  | After school |
| "Open-mic" area for amateur performers   | Arts         |
| 2cooking   | Arts         |
| 4h program (right now the closest one that matches our family's interest in goats is in Litchfield).   | Arts         |
| A comprehensive arts program   | Arts         |
| A full fledged music and theater program combined  | Arts         |
| A full fledged music program   | Arts         |
| A multi age musical group or chorus  | Arts         |
| A place to showcase local artists  | Arts         |
| A program that trains in public/community art like murals etc.... Art with a message -- bring in guest artists for seminars.   | Arts         |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (5 of 50)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| A talent showcase for art, music, poetry, plays, crafts and include all ages.  | Arts |
| A winter place for the Newtown juggling & circus arts club to meet and teach juggling. Our group would enthusiastically help to draw people to the center! | Arts |
| Acting/singing classes for children and teens  | Arts |
| Activities i.e.. Outdoor movie night - NOT school based. Events which young and old can enjoy together.  | Arts |
| All types of artistic design; jewelry, painting, wood, etc....   | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art - painting, sculpture, etc.... for middle school +   | Arts |
| Art / craft/ woodworking / classes for adults and teens  | Arts |
| Art and music education for all ages   | Arts |
| Art and theatre programs   | Arts |
| Art center, art education  | Arts |
| Art class  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes ( painting, sculpture, writing, etc....)   | Arts |
| A talent showcase for art, music, poetry, plays, crafts and include all ages.  | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (6 of 50)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| A winter place for the Newtown juggling & circus arts club to meet and teach juggling. Our group would enthusiastically help to draw people to the center! | Arts |
| Acting/singing classes for children and teens  | Arts |
| Activities i.e.. Outdoor movie night - NOT school based. Events which young and old can enjoy together.  | Arts |
| All types of artistic design; jewelry, painting, wood, etc....   | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art  | Arts |
| Art - painting, sculpture, etc... for middle school +  | Arts |
| Art / craft/ woodworking / classes for adults and teens  | Arts |
| Art and music education for all ages   | Arts |
| Art and theatre programs   | Arts |
| Art center, art education  | Arts |
| Art class  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes  | Arts |
| Art classes ( painting, sculpture, writing, etc...)  | Arts |
| Art classes (painting/sculpting/photography)   | Arts |
| Art classes all ages   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (7 of 50)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Art classes for adults and children                           | Arts |
| Art classes for all age groups. This is very therapeutic.     | Arts |
| Art classes for all ages                                      | Arts |
| Art classes such as ceramics, culinary arts, and photography  | Arts |
| Art classes, etc...   | Arts |
| Art classes/exhibits/clubs                                    | Arts |
| Art events for all ages would be a great asset to thee town   | Arts |
| Art lessons   | Arts |
| Art program   | Arts |
| Art programs  | Arts |
| Art programs  | Arts |
| Art programs (visual, performing, literary)                   | Arts |
| Art programs/classes  | Arts |
| Art related events that are geared for multiple ages together | Arts |
| Art shows   | Arts |
| Art, painting, sewing, pottery                                | Arts |
| Arts  | Arts |
| Arts  | Arts |
| Arts  | Arts |
| Arts & crafts   | Arts |
| Arts & crafts   | Arts |
| Arts (ceramics, sculpture, painting)                          | Arts |
| Arts (watercolor, cooking, pottery, etc...)                   | Arts |
| Arts and craft programs                                       | Arts |
| Arts and crafts   | Arts |
| Arts and crafts   | Arts |
| Arts and cultural programs                                    | Arts |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (8 of 50)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Arts and performing arts  | Arts |
| Arts based activities   | Arts |
| Arts classes  | Arts |
| Arts classes  | Arts |
| Arts festivals etc...   | Arts |
| Arts programs for both young and old, including culinary programs   | Arts |
| Arts related classes (visual and performing arts)   | Arts |
| Arts related program: how to, group gathering events  | Arts |
| Arts, shows etc...  | Arts |
| Arts/crafts from potting to knitting to photography to carpentry  | Arts |
| Arts/culture  | Arts |
| Ask the Newtown cultural arts commission about what classes we need. I'm not kidding, and no I don't work for them, No, understanding the importance of the arts is not something everyone can do, even artists themselves.. We need to service the entire community, which the arts in fact does. Seniors are not the majority of the population and even if they are it is not as important to the growth of the town and lives of locals to have a senior center or children's playground. | Arts |
| Authors, book signings  | Arts |
| Ballroom dancing  | Arts |
| Battle of the bands   | Arts |
| Beginner and other art programs   | Arts |
| Beginner's quilting   | Arts |
| Bens bells programs   | Arts |
| Book clubs for all ages   | Arts |
| Book clubs, chess clubs, billiards lessons  | Arts |
| Build on what NYA offers. More arts related activities and more for adults.   | Arts |
| Ceramics  | Arts |
| Ceramics and other art courses  | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (9 of 50)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Ceramics class   | Arts |
| Ceramics class   | Arts |
| Ceramics classes   | Arts |
| Choral   | Arts |
| Chorus group could be formed   | Arts |
| Classes ( exercise, language, Photography, etc.)                                 | Arts |
| Classes in areas such as knitting, caning etc...                                 | Arts |
| Classes in the arts  | Arts |
| Classes on crafts (sewing, knitting, etc....)                                    | Arts |
| Coffee house music performance   | Arts |
| Comedy   | Arts |
| Comedy nights for all  | Arts |
| Community art classes  | Arts |
| Community arts   | Arts |
| Community arts/music events  | Arts |
| Community musicals/play productions  | Arts |
| Community theater acting classes   | Arts |
| Community theater/ musical theater programs                                      | Arts |
| Contemporary art learning  | Arts |
| Contemporary art shows   | Arts |
| Coral  | Arts |
| Could be educational, recreational, arts & crafts, performances, events, etc.... | Arts |
| Craft or art classes   | Arts |
| Craft shows  | Arts |
| Crafts   | Arts |
| Crafts   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (10 of 50)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Crafts  | Arts |
| Crafts  | Arts |
| Crafts, seasonal for kids and adults like bells   | Arts |
| Crafts, woodworking, sculptures, etc....  | Arts |
| Create a classic arts program (various artist teaching crafts, in the space for both kids and adults - kind of like Brookfield arts center) - or dedicate a room to doing it (or if not there some other building on campus.  | Arts |
| Creating an active youth theater group - more than new arts - year round - there are so many theater kids in town - we need a performance space - as well as an area to draw talent for intimate events where the town can make \$\$ off of it. Will also raise property values | Arts |
| Creative arts   | Arts |
| Creative arts and healthy lifestyle programs  | Arts |
| Creative arts classes   | Arts |
| Creative arts such as pottery, etc...   | Arts |
| Creative thinking, film arts  | Arts |
| Creative workshops  | Arts |
| Creative/arts classes   | Arts |
| Culinary classes  | Arts |
| Culinary classes  | Arts |
| Culinary classes  | Arts |
| Culinary programs. It would be great for commercial kitchen (multiple cooking appliances and ovens) ability for cooking classes or even competitive group cooking seminars  | Arts |
| Cultural  | Arts |
| Cultural  | Arts |
| Cultural events for all   | Arts |
| Dance   | Arts |
| Dance   | Arts |
| Dance   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (11 of 50)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Dance  | Arts |
| Dance and music programs/classes   | Arts |
| Dance class  | Arts |
| Dance classes  | Arts |
| Dance classes  | Arts |
| Dance classes  | Arts |
| Dance classes  | Arts |
| Dance club/classes for youth to seniors  | Arts |
| Dance music arts as part of physical wellbeing   | Arts |
| Dance party  | Arts |
| Dances   | Arts |
| Dances   | Arts |
| Dances   | Arts |
| Dancing  | Arts |
| DJ party's   | Arts |
| Drama and music classes for all ages   | Arts |
| Drama, art,  | Arts |
| Drum circle with percussion instruments provided   | Arts |
| Encouragement of the arts in Newtown--much needed  | Arts |
| Entertainment, concerts, plays   | Arts |
| Festivals / shows ( seasonal shows like a October fest or old car shows etc...               | Arts |
| Fine arts classes for people (18-35) (there are none anywhere!)                              | Arts |
| Fine arts- exhibits and classes (on your list)   | Arts |
| Free arts and crafts periodic events   | Arts |
| Free drop-in no pressure art classes   | Arts |
| Guest musicians  | Arts |
| Parks and rec classes, so they are in a centralized space rather than scattered around town. | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (12 of 50)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Independent artists teaching   | Arts |
| Instructional painting classes for all age groups                                    | Arts |
| Instrumental music classes   | Arts |
| Interactive arts programs and classes (music, painting, pottery, weaving)            | Arts |
| Kids music classes   | Arts |
| Knitting / crochet   | Arts |
| Concerts   | Arts |
| Lego engineering g   | Arts |
| Line dance   | Arts |
| Live bands   | Arts |
| Live music   | Arts |
| Live music. All styles.  | Arts |
| Live performances  | Arts |
| Live performances, music, theater, dance   | Arts |
| Live shows   | Arts |
| Local choir  | Arts |
| Make it like the Ridgefield playhouse. Performances could be geared for every group. | Arts |
| Movie nights   | Arts |
| Movie nights for kids  | Arts |
| Movies   | Arts |
| Movies   | Arts |
| Movies   | Arts |
| Movies   | Arts |
| Multi media art  | Arts |
| Music  | Arts |
| Music  | Arts |
| Music  | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (13 of 50)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music   | Arts |
| Music & dancing   | Arts |
| Music activities  | Arts |
| Music and singing groups  | Arts |
| Music and theatre classes, art classes, rooms that can accommodate different activities | Arts |
| Music appreciation  | Arts |
| Music appreciation  | Arts |
| Music classes   | Arts |
| Music classes   | Arts |
| Music classes   | Arts |
| Music dance for 18-20 yr.   | Arts |
| Music enrichment- get together and play   | Arts |
| Music instruction   | Arts |
| Music instruction all ages  | Arts |
| Music lessons   | Arts |
| Music lessons   | Arts |
| Music lessons   | Arts |
| Music lessons for all ages  | Arts |
| Music oriented programming  | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (14 of 50)

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Music performances   | Arts |
| Music performing/practice  | Arts |
| Music programs   | Arts |
| Music shows throughout the year, akin to summer concert series                     | Arts |
| Music together   | Arts |
| Music, theater arts  | Arts |
| Music/creative movement  | Arts |
| Music/well known artist  | Arts |
| Musical performances   | Arts |
| Musical programs availing our town of ALL the talent we have here in our community | Arts |
| Musical theatre classes  | Arts |
| Newtown crafting club  | Arts |
| Newtown film festival  | Arts |
| Night time concerts, activities, festivals   | Arts |
| One time only art/craft classes for small fee                                      | Arts |
| Open mic events and community parties  | Arts |
| Open mic night   | Arts |
| Open mike music and story telling  | Arts |
| Open-mike nights for adults, as well   | Arts |
| Paint and sip  | Arts |
| Paint classes, art classes   | Arts |
| Paint parties  | Arts |
| Painting   | Arts |
| Painting & drawing   | Arts |
| Painting classes   | Arts |
| Painting/ art classes for adults and kids  | Arts |
| Performance art /music   | Arts |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts (15 of 50)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Performing and visual arts  | Arts |
| Performing arts   | Arts |
| Performing arts   | Arts |
| Performing arts - live entertainment for all ages (at different time)   | Arts |
| Performing arts (especially music performances/concerts)  | Arts |
| Performing arts program   | Arts |
| Performing arts shows   | Arts |
| Performing arts: music, theater, dance  | Arts |
| Photography   | Arts |
| Photography club  | Arts |
| Plays, movies   | Arts |
| Please read an independent research study provided by the national endowment for the arts for more insight about what benefits the community the most, in this case, outlining in its third section, the economic value that will be gained | Arts |
| Pottery   | Arts |
| Pottery   | Arts |
| Pottery   | Arts |
| Pottery   | Arts |
| Pottery/painting for beginners  | Arts |
| Programs for kids that are not athletic...These kids have no where to go  | Arts |
| Programs such as 4H - gardening, sewing, animal show  | Arts |
| Programs that provide support to students that have interests outside of sports   | Arts |
| Regularly scheduled shows and performances  | Arts |
| Sculpture   | Arts |
| Shows   | Arts |
| Shows   | Arts |
| Signing, dancing classes, karaoke in the lounge if there is one   | Arts |
| Some type of hobby center-photo, modeling, crafts etc....   | Arts |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Arts, Business, and Child Care (16 of 50)

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Story exchanges   | Arts       |
| Student talent shows  | Arts       |
| Theater and acting classes  | Arts       |
| Theater classes an plays/performances   | Arts       |
| Theater opportunities for kids not enrolled in high cost theatre programs   | Arts       |
| Theater. Acting   | Arts       |
| Theater/drama club/plays  | Arts       |
| Theatre plays for lids  | Arts       |
| Theatre production opportunities for adults and kids  | Arts       |
| This town needs more non-athletic activities for teens & young adults.  | Arts       |
| Try it events like try making a craft, try scuba in the pool, 1 day try it day for classes offered by parks and rec. Try before you buy type thing. | Arts       |
| Various art classes   | Arts       |
| Video production and photography, computer  | Arts       |
| Visiting artist(s) in residence   | Arts       |
| Visiting performers (stand up)  | Arts       |
| Visual art  | Arts       |
| Visual arts   | Arts       |
| Watercolor, oils & drawing lessons,   | Arts       |
| We have sports but no arts which is community   | Arts       |
| Wine tasting  | Arts       |
| Young child music/ activity classes   | Arts       |
| Incubator space/resources for start-up companies  | Business   |
| A before school program for working parents   | Child Care |
| A universal PreK like center - providing affordable PreK programs/childcare for the communities children  | Child Care |
| Babysitting (paid) so parents could participate in programs   | Child Care |
| babysitting nights so parents can have night out  | Child Care |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Child Care & Children (17 of 50)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Before and after school care with busing from all elementary schools and Reed  | Child Care |
| Before care and after care connected to our elementary schools   | Child Care |
| Before/aftercare for working parents   | Child Care |
| Child care to support adult facility usage   | Child Care |
| Combined daycare/after school/senior center  | Child Care |
| Parental or guardian supervision of children required  | Child Care |
| A space that NP&R could use for programs such as tumbling for kids   | Children   |
| Activities for Children 3-12   | Children   |
| Activities for school age children   | Children   |
| Camps During School Year   | Children   |
| child learning programs  | Children   |
| Children's seasonal activities   | Children   |
| Cool programs for tweens   | Children   |
| Elementary and Reed age non sport activities   | Children   |
| Focus on the children of Newtown   | Children   |
| Inexpensive summer camps for kids. We like the grace church camp for under 20/week.  | Children   |
| Kids activities  | Children   |
| Kids rec activities - 6-18 yrs. old  | Children   |
| Let the schools decide on programs each year to enhance kindness in our school   | Children   |
| Middle School specific activities  | Children   |
| Mommy and Me activities  | Children   |
| More drop in activities for kids during summer and winter  | Children   |
| Pre School Activities  | Children   |
| Preschool Programs   | Children   |
| Programming classes for elementary aged children   | Children   |
| Programs for birth thru Pre-K for moms. There's nothing for moms of really little kids. Or maybe teens volunteering and being trained at a free babysitting program for community service hours. | Children   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Children & Communal (18 of 50)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Programs for pre school   | Children |
| Programs for young kids, additional fields - batting cages  | Children |
| Programs targeted to youth, HS which don't exist today such as competitive programs in technology such as games, a place where kids can meet to watch football, major events. And a even a place where dance can become a big part of hosting . think about the days where dance parties and Friday nights at Newtown dance party and competitions for kids.  | Children |
| Youth programs  | Children |
| A space where residents can com together and enjoy specific hobbies: gardening, sewing, chess   | Communal |
| An organized community outreach/volunteer program where pre-teens/teens and/or whole families could easily become engaged in helping other communities. I think making it simple for individuals or families to be able to volunteer time would be good enriching for those involved and a benefit for the town overall. It could be a "Newtown army" where you can sign up for a day/week/longer to help a community elsewhere in the state that is in need. | Communal |
| Bus trips   | Communal |
| Central volunteer sign up for Newtown residents   | Communal |
| Community "fairs", tables with various community groups and activities  | Communal |
| Community activities that help those in need  | Communal |
| Community building activities   | Communal |
| Community clubs   | Communal |
| Community dances  | Communal |
| Community engagement activities town hall discussions, lectures, etc..  | Communal |
| Community events  | Communal |
| Community events  | Communal |
| Community gatherings  | Communal |
| Community gatherings outdoor family movies on lawn  | Communal |
| Community gatherings that encourage meeting others  | Communal |
| Community outreach between sports and community   | Communal |
| Community service   | Communal |
| Community service organization  | Communal |
| Community unifying and strengthening events   | Communal |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Communal (19 of 50)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Conceptualize, develop & launch annual compassion games  | Communal |
| Co-op- Newtowners volunteer with their talents   | Communal |
| Educational, interactive and community oriented events   | Communal |
| Entertainment to bring community together  | Communal |
| Events to bring community together   | Communal |
| Extended hours, and open to everyone in community  | Communal |
| Fireworks on the 4th   | Communal |
| Frequent town forums and whole town events and discussions   | Communal |
| Function like a YMCA   | Communal |
| Get everyone involved in environment - and maybe use a MAKER faire to promote creative solutions that are local but could be shared globally | Communal |
| Hosting special holiday events   | Communal |
| Interactive community events   | Communal |
| International/sister city activities   | Communal |
| Intramural activities  | Communal |
| Monthly community dances   | Communal |
| Monthly community gatherings   | Communal |
| Monthly parties/social events for kids (teens)   | Communal |
| Polite socials' to inspire person to person interaction  | Communal |
| Programs that bring isolated/lonely people together  | Communal |
| Programs: community volunteer centers & training   | Communal |
| Social   | Communal |
| Social and family activities   | Communal |
| Social area with comfortable seating, wifi, near coffee shop   | Communal |
| Social events, community dinners/pot lucks etc..   | Communal |
| Social fellowship groups if bored can come hang out  | Communal |
| Social gatherings  | Communal |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Communal (20 of 50)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Social groups  | Communal |
| Social interaction classes -how to interact  | Communal |
| Socials to get to know folks with some common interest. Arts n crafts gatherings. Women or men groups etc..  | Communal |
| Something with both planned events and open public use hours (ex. Ice rink with scheduled classes/events, open skate)  | Communal |
| Taste of Newtown type events   | Communal |
| Team and community building activities / programs.   | Communal |
| The center needs to fulfill needs that are not yet met. Newtown has a full educational system for young people, for example. Community is the important word here--community means helping people in the community with their myriad of needs--from physical and building health and fitness to psychological and providing a means to assist those who need support with self-esteem, resilience and personal strength. | Communal |
| The center needs to have recreation and programming, but also be a place where people can go to find out what services are available to provide them with support. Most important, is cost. There are many people who require free or very low-cost services. The community center must cater to this group.   | Communal |
| The center should be combined with the existing NYA. No need for a new separate center, just add to what exists.   | Communal |
| Town events  | Communal |
| Travel groups  | Communal |
| Travel movies and trips  | Communal |
| Volunteer base   | Communal |
| Volunteer board - post help needed so people can help other community members  | Communal |
| Volunteer center   | Communal |
| Volunteer center - matches volunteer opportunities w/ volunteers   | Communal |
| Volunteer opportunities  | Communal |
| Volunteer opportunities at the center  | Communal |
| Volunteer programs   | Communal |
| Volunteerism center for different agencies (maybe a food bank)   | Communal |
| Volunteers community board   | Communal |
| Volunteers to give legal advice, help with living wills, and other legal matters   | Communal |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Communal & Education (21 of 50)

|  |           |
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| Volunteers who can help with financial planning, taxes or other domestic advice  | Communal  |
| Weekly gathering, like Friday night pizza.   | Communal  |
| Whatever we do, it must be organized and staffed. A "community" center will not happen just because the building is there.   | Communal  |
| Yearly celebration that will bring the community together  | Communal  |
| A full time red cross certification class for general CPR and life guarding  | Education |
| A girls centered program   | Education |
| A hackerspace to encourage innovation  | Education |
| A non violence program   | Education |
| A place where all ages come to gather. Offering programs for all ages and opportunities for the seniors to interact with teens and young children. Have HS students teach computer classes to seniors and be a tech resource. A place to bring everyone together.                            | Education |
| A program that engages promotes community & being connected. Something that could begin in adolescent years & would not bear a great cost to families who could really benefit from this type of learning.   | Education |
| A wider variety of continuing ed. Classes  | Education |
| After school and on weekends - engage at-risk youth through adventure sports. Students who might not typically have access to outdoor sports learn new activities like skiing, snowboarding, rock climbing, backpacking, hiking, etc... Along the way they are mentored by adult volunteers. | Education |
| American sign language   | Education |
| An extensive set of both awareness & education programs that varies over time  | Education |
| Anti-bullying campaign   | Education |
| Anti-bullying programs   | Education |
| Automotive program   | Education |
| Basic cooking, baking instruction  | Education |
| Basic PC classes   | Education |
| Basic self defense   | Education |
| Before and after school enrichment programs like swim lessons, arts and crafts, ice skating lessons, basketball, etc..   | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Education (22 of 50)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Budget programs   | Education |
| Business classes, such as startup a business, taxes, etc..                | Education |
| Career development and concealing   | Education |
| Career development center to support all ages                             | Education |
| Career placement services   | Education |
| Certification programs  | Education |
| Certifications  | Education |
| Classes geared toward sustainability and energy efficiency                | Education |
| Classes on interviewing skills, how to be street smart, youth development | Education |
| College classes for the community   | Education |
| Community collage courses   | Education |
| Community college   | Education |
| Community culinary school for kids, adults, & seniors                     | Education |
| Community/child education events that teach how to assist at risk youth   | Education |
| Continuing education  | Education |
| Cooking classes   | Education |
| Cooking classes   | Education |
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| Cooking classes   | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Education (23 of 50)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Cooking classes  | Education |
| Cooking classes  | Education |
| Cooking classes for adults n kids  | Education |
| Cooking classes for all ages.  | Education |
| Cooking classes from local restaurants   | Education |
| Cooking club/classes for youth to seniors  | Education |
| Cooking programs   | Education |
| Cooking technique classes  | Education |
| Cooking, nutrition   | Education |
| Cooking/baking classes for adults and children   | Education |
| Cooking/baking/culinary arts   | Education |
| Coordinate space use with continuing Ed  | Education |
| CPR  | Education |
| CPR and other health/safety courses.   | Education |
| CPR class  | Education |
| CPR classes  | Education |
| CPR training class   | Education |
| CPR/first aid  | Education |
| Day courses offering basic home repair and gardening                                       | Education |
| Discussion groups/speakers   | Education |
| DIY classes such as computers 101, plumbing 101, carpenter 101, etc..                      | Education |
| DIY redecorating or remodeling classes - basic   | Education |
| Do it yourself home renovation lessons. Ex: how to tile a floor, how to fix a leaky faucet | Education |
| Drivers Ed classes   | Education |
| Drug and alcohol resistance for high schoolers   | Education |
| Drug control programs for youth  | Education |
| Education program  | Education |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Education (24 of 50)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Education programs like engineering and fashion for our children          | Education |
| Education programs on Lyme and pandas                                     | Education |
| Educational   | Education |
| Educational age appropriate programs for young and old                    | Education |
| Educational retirement planning   | Education |
| Employment/career center  | Education |
| Entrepreneurship and related programs like small-business coaching        | Education |
| Financial advice so we can continue to live here and pay ridiculous taxes | Education |
| Financial planning  | Education |
| Financial planning for all ages   | Education |
| Firearm safety classes for all citizens                                   | Education |
| Foreign language classes for all ages                                     | Education |
| Foreign language classes for elementary age kids                          | Education |
| Foreign language classes or group conversations                           | Education |
| Foreign language education (not merely conversational)                    | Education |
| Gender and sexuality discussions, place where people can learn acceptance | Education |
| Guest speakers  | Education |
| Guest speakers  | Education |
| Guest speakers on various educational topics                              | Education |
| Historical interest   | Education |
| Historical/genealogical   | Education |
| History/educational/cultural lectures                                     | Education |
| History/tours of town   | Education |
| Home EC programs  | Education |
| Home tech education for adults  | Education |
| House project classes - electric, wood etc..                              | Education |
| I would love to see cooking classes                                       | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Education (25 of 50)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Include cooking classes for the kitchen space                                | Education |
| Information about Newtown government   | Education |
| Inspired etiquette for today's young generation                              | Education |
| Investment basics  | Education |
| Invited guest lectures on stimulating topics                                 | Education |
| Job center   | Education |
| Job training skills  | Education |
| Kids environmental awareness classes   | Education |
| Language   | Education |
| Language programs  | Education |
| Languages  | Education |
| Languages  | Education |
| Leadership classes for all ages  | Education |
| Learn a language   | Education |
| Learn how to be more handy with tools and fix stuffs                         | Education |
| Learn how to saw, knit, paint, draw and more                                 | Education |
| Lectures by famous speakers or ted talks                                     | Education |
| Lectures by scholars on world events, history and topics of general interest | Education |
| Lectures, talks, demonstrations  | Education |
| Lectures/adult Ed/book club  | Education |
| Literacy programming   | Education |
| Literary performances  | Education |
| Local history  | Education |
| Math contests  | Education |
| Mechanical programs  | Education |
| Media  | Education |
| Michele Garcia winner social thinking activities for all ages                | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Education (26 of 50)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Money & finance  | Education |
| Money managing and budgeting for all ages.   | Education |
| More classes in continuing education   | Education |
| Offer community service hours for our youth to help run the facility! However, if they want hours there, they need to go through mandatory EDUCATION on substance abuse/depression/teen issues as well as compassion/education on our elderly population. Just another opportunity to reach our youth. | Education |
| On going youth (non sport) training activity, whether it is arts, technology, etc...   | Education |
| Parenting  | Education |
| Parenting center for educational programming   | Education |
| Parenting classes  | Education |
| Partner with college or university to offer classes in Newtown e.g. Campus extension site  | Education |
| Personal enrichment  | Education |
| Personal finance classes for families  | Education |
| Personal growth workshops  | Education |
| Politics -- all ages   | Education |
| Positive discipline class keep the funding going   | Education |
| Programs that teach humans how to be decent to other humans  | Education |
| Programs that teach humans how to be decent to other humans  | Education |
| Programs that teach humans how to be decent to other humans  | Education |
| Recreational, social and learning classes  | Education |
| Recycling/environmental awareness  | Education |
| Safety awareness   | Education |
| Self defense   | Education |
| Self defense classes   | Education |
| Self-defense   | Education |
| Seminars on topics for the community   | Education |
| Simple DIY instruction, e.g., room painting  | Education |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Education, Equine, and Facility (27 of 50)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Small expos/demonstrations - cooking, home, etc..  | Education |
| Social awareness   | Education |
| Social skills (children and adults)  | Education |
| Spanish classes  | Education |
| Spanish lessons  | Education |
| Special education opportunities for children and parents                                 | Education |
| Special needs vocational/programs  | Education |
| Stem   | Education |
| Tie to UConn and offer continuing education courses in areas beneficial to the community | Education |
| Tour center with local, nationwide and international info                                | Education |
| Town or regional historical information and exhibits                                     | Education |
| Training (adult education or certificate training)                                       | Education |
| Vocational   | Education |
| Wood working classes   | Education |
| Workshops for adults   | Education |
| Workshops  | Education |
| World language classes and word culture lectures   | Education |
| Affiliation with a stable so horseback riding lessons can be offered.                    | Equine    |
| Affordable horse back riding lessons   | Equine    |
| Horse back riding  | Equine    |
| Horse riding   | Equine    |
| Late hours/24 hours...A place anyone can go at any time and feel welcome                 | Facility  |
| Model after Ridgefield's facility  | Facility  |
| Modeled after Ridgefield community center  | Facility  |
| Must have full weekend and evening hours.  | Facility  |
| Newtown residents only   | Facility  |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (28 of 50)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| A babysitting "school" that would teach ways to entertain kids but also covers CPR and basic medical care.  | Health/fitness |
| A cardio class  | Health/fitness |
| A center focused on the STEM skills, with age appropriate tech classes                                      | Health/fitness |
| A fitness class   | Health/fitness |
| A health component: blood pressure, nurse checks, mental health assistance, counseling                      | Health/fitness |
| A place to provide equine therapy for residents.  | Health/fitness |
| Aerobics  | Health/fitness |
| Aerobics/ fitness classes   | Health/fitness |
| Affordable fitness area, classes  | Health/fitness |
| Alternative division for yoga, meditation, tai chi, drumming, natural care/stress relief for mind and body. | Health/fitness |
| Alzheimer's support group   | Health/fitness |
| An adaptive program for intellectual & physical disabilities  | Health/fitness |
| An exercise class   | Health/fitness |
| Aquatic exercise  | Health/fitness |
| Aquatic exercises   | Health/fitness |
| Aquatic therapy program like angelfish  | Health/fitness |
| Awareness of mental illness, open discussion to create safe, inclusive community free of stigmas            | Health/fitness |
| Behavior therapy programs for children  | Health/fitness |
| Certified nursing assistant class, CPR class, stress management, yoga, pilates                              | Health/fitness |
| Classes such as those at the Brookfield craft center please!!   | Health/fitness |
| Classes: EMT, CPR   | Health/fitness |
| Community mindfulness/meditation classes (free)   | Health/fitness |
| Community programs on mental health for youth & young children  | Health/fitness |
| Community support services  | Health/fitness |
| Community yoga classes  | Health/fitness |
| Community yoga classes (free)   | Health/fitness |
| CPR and other health related activities   | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (29 of 50)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Different ways to exercise/ get healthy   | Health/fitness |
| Emotional intelligence for all ages   | Health/fitness |
| Events to get people out of the house and active  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes for all ages & ability levels (i.e.: gentle yoga) not just advanced classes for athletes | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes for low-impact fitness for all ages  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise classes/weight training equipment  | Health/fitness |
| Exercise group classes (yoga, etc.)   | Health/fitness |
| Exercise programs   | Health/fitness |
| Exercise programs   | Health/fitness |
| Expressive arts therapy   | Health/fitness |
| Faith-based outreach programs.  | Health/fitness |
| Family health/exercise classes, yoga, pilates, etc..  | Health/fitness |
| Fitness   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes   | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (30 of 50)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Fitness classes  | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes  | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes  | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes for all ages   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes- not just wellness classes   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness classes such as yoga   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness guidance   | Health/fitness |
| Fitness programs   | Health/fitness |
| Gentle exercise class  | Health/fitness |
| Grief counseling and talking with others about sandy hook  | Health/fitness |
| Group adult fitness classes  | Health/fitness |
| Group exercise classes   | Health/fitness |
| Group exercise classes with later hours that accommodate the schedule of working parents (i.e. 7-7:30pm start times) | Health/fitness |
| Group therapy for elementary aged children who were not inside sandy hook but are still scared                       | Health/fitness |
| Gymnastics   | Health/fitness |
| Gymnastics   | Health/fitness |
| Gymnastics s   | Health/fitness |
| Have comfort dogs  | Health/fitness |
| Health -- nutrition, yoga, general health/ all ages  | Health/fitness |
| Health (mental and physical)   | Health/fitness |
| Health and wellness classes and activities for each target age group   | Health/fitness |
| Health and wellness classes- tai chi, aromatherapy, nutrition, fitness   | Health/fitness |
| Health education / fitness   | Health/fitness |
| Health related programs: eating, exercise, stress reduction  | Health/fitness |
| Health topic series, including brain health, all ages  | Health/fitness |
| Health/wellness  | Health/fitness |
| Health-focused forum sponsored by hospital, pharmacy, pharma   | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (31 of 50)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Heath and wellness   | Health/fitness |
| Herbal   | Health/fitness |
| Holistic wellness  | Health/fitness |
| Hot yoga   | Health/fitness |
| I would like to see more physical and fitness programs for youth   | Health/fitness |
| I would like to see programs linked to online groups (i.e. Facebook) to encourage new people and strengthen bonds.   | Health/fitness |
| If the tragedy in town happened today how would we think about programming? Our kids would come immediately to mind as well as the adults who were impacted let's keep that spirit in mind when deciding especially the fact that the children who were impacted the most will be teens when this gets built | Health/fitness |
| Inexpensive exercise classes without NYA member fees   | Health/fitness |
| Kindness activities to benefit the community   | Health/fitness |
| Learn to skate classes   | Health/fitness |
| Low impact group classes: Zumba, yoga, etc.  | Health/fitness |
| Maintain GE's vision that the center promote healing above all   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation   | Health/fitness |
| Meditation programs  | Health/fitness |
| Meditation, yoga, nutritional  | Health/fitness |
| Mental exercises to maintain memory & function   | Health/fitness |
| Mental health  | Health/fitness |
| Mental health awareness programs that use seniors and families in volunteer programs.  | Health/fitness |
| Mental health care/community awareness   | Health/fitness |
| Mental health maintenance- yoga  | Health/fitness |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (32 of 50)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Mental health of kids should be first priority   | Health/fitness |
| Mental health programs and services for all  | Health/fitness |
| Mental health programs for all including speakers who are experts in the field   | Health/fitness |
| Mental health programs to educate and treat people with mental health issues   | Health/fitness |
| Mental health / group therapy classes  | Health/fitness |
| Mental well being  | Health/fitness |
| Mental wellness for school aged kids is a must for next 10 years as kids cycle through our school system and continue to cope with the tragedy   | Health/fitness |
| Mind - body meditation/yoga  | Health/fitness |
| Mindfulness  | Health/fitness |
| Mindfulness and yoga for adults as well as children  | Health/fitness |
| Modern dance for adults  | Health/fitness |
| More fitness classes   | Health/fitness |
| Motivational/therapeutic programs/lectures   | Health/fitness |
| Non-traditional therapies  | Health/fitness |
| Nutrition classes/hands-on workshops   | Health/fitness |
| Nutrition, wellness classes  | Health/fitness |
| Nutritional classes  | Health/fitness |
| Nutritional/wellness classes   | Health/fitness |
| Open skate   | Health/fitness |
| Open skate and swim, not just for leagues to use all the time. Game room   | Health/fitness |
| Organization of help mission trips   | Health/fitness |
| Place for reach Newtown to do activities   | Health/fitness |
| Planned activities   | Health/fitness |
| Plenty of fitness classes at all levels (gentle/low impact through intense) to encourage people of all fitness levels to come together and move. | Health/fitness |
| Program supporting mental and emotional health   | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (33 of 50)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Programs on how to deal with mental illness, substance abuse, divorce, bullying. | Health/fitness |
| Programs related to health and nutrition   | Health/fitness |
| Promoting an active life style   | Health/fitness |
| Public skating / teen skating nights   | Health/fitness |
| Running groups   | Health/fitness |
| School age fitness after school programs   | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons for young kids   | Health/fitness |
| Skating lessons if there is a rink   | Health/fitness |
| Skating programs   | Health/fitness |
| Skating. As a family.  | Health/fitness |
| Social dancing   | Health/fitness |
| Social worker/counselor  | Health/fitness |
| Social/age classes such as yoga, self defense, exercise classes                  | Health/fitness |
| Speed & weight training  | Health/fitness |
| Spinning classes   | Health/fitness |
| Stress management  | Health/fitness |
| Stress management and relaxation   | Health/fitness |
| Stress reduction classes including yoga, meditation, tapping, etc.               | Health/fitness |
| Summer camps   | Health/fitness |
| Summer camps for school aged children  | Health/fitness |
| Summer camps indoor options  | Health/fitness |
| Support group  | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (34 of 50)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Swim classes for babies   | Health/fitness |
| Swim classes year round (Newtown totally lacks these)   | Health/fitness |
| Swim lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Swim lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Swim lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Swim lessons- all ages  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming classes  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming classes for all ages   | Health/fitness |
| Swimming lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming lessons  | Health/fitness |
| Swimming programs   | Health/fitness |
| Tai chi   | Health/fitness |
| Tai chi   | Health/fitness |
| Tai chi   | Health/fitness |
| Tai-chi   | Health/fitness |
| The arts  | Health/fitness |
| The center should focus on creating and sustaining child hood memories that make Newtown synonymous with happiness for the children and their parents, not the SH tragedy | Health/fitness |
| The center should NOT be an extension of other services such as sports, which are healthy and healing, but not focused on healing   | Health/fitness |
| The families of those who LOST children deserve this community's support in this tangible, obvious way.   | Health/fitness |
| Therapy dogs available to everyone  | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (35 of 50)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Therapy/help groups  | Health/fitness |
| Therapy/warm water pool  | Health/fitness |
| There needs to be a site for ongoing mental health services.                   | Health/fitness |
| Ti che lessons   | Health/fitness |
| Transcendental meditation kids & adults FREE                                   | Health/fitness |
| Walking clubs  | Health/fitness |
| Walking groups   | Health/fitness |
| Walking program  | Health/fitness |
| Water aerobics 10-12   | Health/fitness |
| Water safety   | Health/fitness |
| Water safety classes   | Health/fitness |
| We still need counseling in our town and funding for resiliency center funding | Health/fitness |
| Weight loss groups (both fitness and nutritional counseling)                   | Health/fitness |
| Weight loss programs   | Health/fitness |
| Wellness   | Health/fitness |
| Wellness classes / diet & exercise   | Health/fitness |
| Wellness/mindfulness training for kids and teens                               | Health/fitness |
| Workshops for mental well-being ....Meditation etc.                            | Health/fitness |
| Yoga   | Health/fitness |
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| Yoga   | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (36 of 50)

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| Yoga                                     | Health/fitness |
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| Yoga                                     | Health/fitness |
| Yoga                                     | Health/fitness |
| Yoga                                     | Health/fitness |
| Yoga , relaxation classes                | Health/fitness |
| Yoga and physical health classes         | Health/fitness |
| Yoga center                              | Health/fitness |
| Yoga classes                             | Health/fitness |
| Yoga classes                             | Health/fitness |
| Yoga classes                             | Health/fitness |
| Yoga classes                             | Health/fitness |
| Yoga classes or general exercise classes | Health/fitness |
| Yoga for all ages                        | Health/fitness |
| Yoga for all ages                        | Health/fitness |
| Yoga for all ages                        | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Health/Fitness (37 of 50)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Yoga for all ages   | Health/fitness |
| Yoga for kids   | Health/fitness |
| Yoga for kids   | Health/fitness |
| Yoga for working mothers                                    | Health/fitness |
| Yoga or other wellness programs                             | Health/fitness |
| Yoga room   | Health/fitness |
| Yoga space  | Health/fitness |
| Yoga, meditation  | Health/fitness |
| Yoga, meditation etc.                                       | Health/fitness |
| Yoga, meditation, art instruction,                          | Health/fitness |
| Yoga, stretch classes                                       | Health/fitness |
| Yoga, tai chi, crossfit facilities                          | Health/fitness |
| Yoga, pilates   | Health/fitness |
| Yoga/dance studio and meditation area/garden with labyrinth | Health/fitness |
| Yoga/meditation center                                      | Health/fitness |
| Yoga/meditation classes for all ages                        | Health/fitness |
| Yoga/meditation/health & wellness                           | Health/fitness |
| Yoga/tai chi classes  | Health/fitness |
| Young kids open swim 2-4                                    | Health/fitness |
| Youth cycling program                                       | Health/fitness |
| Youth figure skating  | Health/fitness |
| Youth learn to skate  | Health/fitness |
| Zimba   | Health/fitness |
| Zumba   | Health/fitness |
| Zumba classes   | Health/fitness |
| Zumba for kids  | Health/fitness |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Inclusion & Multigenerational (38 of 50)

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Inclusion activities for special Ed and typical kids   | Inclusion         |
| Programs and accommodations for children and adults with special needs   | Inclusion         |
| Programs encouraging teens & adults to create & join committees to help residents in need or other beneficial programs | Inclusion         |
| Programs for all ages set aside for those with special needs   | Inclusion         |
| Programs for kids with disabilities  | Inclusion         |
| Programs for special need children/adults  | Inclusion         |
| Programs for those with intellectual disabilities  | Inclusion         |
| Programs for those with physical disabilities  | Inclusion         |
| Rec. Programs for kids with disabilities - schools offer nothing!!   | Inclusion         |
| Some kind of regularly scheduled activities or events for both adults and children with special needs                  | Inclusion         |
| Unified recreational activities - including special needs  | Inclusion         |
| "Free play" events for kids in different age groups  | Multigenerational |
| A program that integrates children with seniors.   | Multigenerational |
| A program where teens interacted with seniors, like reading to them or teaching them technology.                       | Multigenerational |
| A variety of programs for a variety of ages  | Multigenerational |
| A well rounded program for all ages needs good management- careful hiring!   | Multigenerational |
| Activities for all ages including infants  | Multigenerational |
| Activities for all even if they are not athletic   | Multigenerational |
| Activities for children from 1 to 3 yrs. old & adults 55+  | Multigenerational |
| Activities that pull multiple age groups together  | Multigenerational |
| Activities to bring all generations together   | Multigenerational |
| All ages   | Multigenerational |
| Annually sponsored events for all ages   | Multigenerational |
| Anything that brings generations of people together rather than segregating them.                                      | Multigenerational |
| Available and interesting to all age groups  | Multigenerational |
| Classes aimed at bringing together all age groups (seniors, youth, adults) rather than separating these ages           | Multigenerational |
| Classes for skating, curling, swimming, art, acting, culinary, technology for all ages                                 | Multigenerational |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Multigenerational (39 of 50)

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Classes or programs that are intergenerational  | Multigenerational |
| Classes other than team sports  | Multigenerational |
| Classes/events that bring older residents together with the children of Newtown   | Multigenerational |
| Combination of all age groups involved in center. Seniors/adults/teens/children. Arts for kids to read to or put on shows for seniors, etc.. Separate, yet involved together at times... Seniors reading to kids, or telling stories etc..... | Multigenerational |
| Combine age groups - get seniors to tell stories in daycare - let's infuse wisdom of elders into children   | Multigenerational |
| Combine day care activities with sr. Center activities! Have seen research on this - amazing opportunity for both   | Multigenerational |
| Combined usage- sharing space for all.  | Multigenerational |
| Coordinate tours for people of all ages going together  | Multigenerational |
| Crafting areas for each age group- children through senior citizens   | Multigenerational |
| Create a relationship between the seniors and rest of Newtown citizens. There is too much of a divide.  | Multigenerational |
| Current/relevant programs that bring people together  | Multigenerational |
| Equal use for children, adults, and seniors   | Multigenerational |
| Events targeted to families   | Multigenerational |
| Events that encourage diversity of people   | Multigenerational |
| Family activities -art room, cooking class room ?   | Multigenerational |
| Family festivals/concerts   | Multigenerational |
| Family fun activities   | Multigenerational |
| Family game nights or talent shows  | Multigenerational |
| Family nights   | Multigenerational |
| Family programs for all ages in a family  | Multigenerational |
| For the community, not seniors only   | Multigenerational |
| Give seniors and teens a center, two under served parties   | Multigenerational |
| I like the idea of multi-generational use/activities  | Multigenerational |
| Incorporate the whole community...Kids to seniors.  | Multigenerational |
| Inter generational programs   | Multigenerational |
| Interactive classes with all ages   | Multigenerational |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Multigenerational (40 of 50)

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Intergenerational activities  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational activities  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational and educational programs regarding aging from birth to 90                           | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational community activities  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational games and activities - seniors and teens  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational mentoring seniors/young adults  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational programming to bring groups together  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational programs  | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational programs seniors and youngsters   | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational programs that bring people of all ages together                                     | Multigenerational |
| Intergenerational recreational programming  | Multigenerational |
| Intramural programs for different age groups  | Multigenerational |
| Intramurals for every age group including adults, for sports like volleyball, racquetball, and other. | Multigenerational |
| Kids interacting with seniors/put on play etc.  | Multigenerational |
| Less 'age' segregation.....It's ridiculous here.  | Multigenerational |
| Maker activities get kids and adults building with tools and their hands                              | Multigenerational |
| Mentor/ me tee programs   | Multigenerational |
| Mentoring programs  | Multigenerational |
| Mentoring programs  | Multigenerational |
| Mix of ages   | Multigenerational |
| Mix of both arts and athletics  | Multigenerational |
| Mixed age space - seniors use during the day - working adults in the evening                          | Multigenerational |
| Mixed space to allow seniors and youth interact. Checkers, chess, bingo, etc..                        | Multigenerational |
| Multi generational  | Multigenerational |
| Multi generational activities   | Multigenerational |
| Multi generational activities. Enough with sports!  | Multigenerational |
| Multi generational programs (activities for the very old and very young together)                     | Multigenerational |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Multigenerational (41 of 50)

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Multigenerational activities - cooking, crafts, music, dance etc.   | Multigenerational |
| Multi-generational programming, no just programs for the very young or very old   | Multigenerational |
| Multigenerational programs  | Multigenerational |
| Multiple age level activities to promote community building within all demographics.  | Multigenerational |
| Must be a place where all ages can intermix   | Multigenerational |
| Need a variety of activities to cover different age groups  | Multigenerational |
| Not be focused on one particular group but the whole community  | Multigenerational |
| Opportunities for kids to interact with seniors in a positive way   | Multigenerational |
| Parent/tot skating classes  | Multigenerational |
| Place that people of all ages can use   | Multigenerational |
| Planned intergenerational educational programming   | Multigenerational |
| Programming that appeals to more than one age group   | Multigenerational |
| Programming that brings all age groups together such as craft classes, dancing, etc..   | Multigenerational |
| Programs encouraging younger adults and seniors to interact   | Multigenerational |
| Programs for young to interact with older adults  | Multigenerational |
| Programs from birth to toddlers with adult  | Multigenerational |
| Programs that appeal across generations to unite instead of divide groups   | Multigenerational |
| Programs that bring age groups together   | Multigenerational |
| Programs that bring all ages together.  | Multigenerational |
| Programs that mix seniors with elementary aged children. Several recent studies show how helpful such programs are for both demographics.   | Multigenerational |
| Programs that would bring together teens and seniors  | Multigenerational |
| Programs to bring seniors and young children together   | Multigenerational |
| Provide programs specifically designed to bridge the gaps between youth and seniors. Maybe community events surrounding seasonal holidays that would allow for creating crafts together, gift exchanges etc.. | Multigenerational |
| Rainy / cold day activities   | Multigenerational |
| Regularly scheduled activities  | Multigenerational |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Multigenerational & Nature (42 of 50)

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Ridgefield rec enter also offers open swim for all ages not specifying senior times versus children times all people should be included together as a community  | Multigenerational |
| Rugby club/classes for youth to seniors  | Multigenerational |
| Something along the idea of a YMCA just for Newtown residents  | Multigenerational |
| Something for every age group.   | Multigenerational |
| Something that welcomes all ages & physical abilities even if at different times to accommodate scheduling/room use  | Multigenerational |
| The center should have programs for every age and stage of the community. Toddler, school age, adult and senior, not one over the other.   | Multigenerational |
| Why do programs have to be ONLY for adults, or ONLY for seniors, or teens. The emphasis should be on programs that can be shared by the greatest number of people at the same time. These are programs, for example arts entertainment for all ages or educational programming that is intergenerational or can be tiered for different ages. As soon as you have programs "dedicated" to one group--whether young or senior--it is no longer community. | Multigenerational |
| Bird, tree, wildflower identification  | Nature            |
| Gardening classes  | Nature            |
| Gardening, health topics, master classes   | Nature            |
| Indoor/outdoor flower and gardening for all levels   | Nature            |
| Indoor/outdoor gardening/landscaping   | Nature            |
| Learning about wildlife and nature   | Nature            |
| Native flora/fauna classes with trips to the field   | Nature            |
| Nature   | Nature            |
| Nature programs  | Nature            |
| Nature walks, learn about plants and animals   | Nature            |
| Nature/environmental   | Nature            |
| Offer training classes for outdoor recreation activities such as climbing, mountain biking etc.  | Nature            |
| Orienteering/map reading classes   | Nature            |
| Scouting   | Nature            |
| A working farm w/produce saleable to community youth, recipes shared by them & part of proceeds to feed homeless   | Nature            |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Parents, Pets, Vocational & Rec (43 of 50)

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Classes and class times to accommodate working parents   | Parents     |
| Animal classes   | Pets        |
| Animal protection and care - get kids to lead the way in terms of being humane and VOLUNTEERING to care at shelters and wildlife rehab | Pets        |
| Animal rescue  | Pets        |
| Animal training programs   | Pets        |
| Community pets. People and children can sign up to help take care of the pets. All can interact if they want.                          | Pets        |
| Pet care/training and handling for youth and adults  | Pets        |
| Pet training classes   | Pets        |
| Vocational group programming   | Programming |
| Vocational/job training  | Programming |
| A room for pick-up games of Ping-Pong, basketball, etc..   | Rec         |
| Ability to borrow board games/puzzles to use in a common comfortable area  | Rec         |
| Any parks & rec activities   | Rec         |
| Bingo  | Rec         |
| Board game nights  | Rec         |
| Boating club   | Rec         |
| Bowling/pool tables/rock climbing  | Rec         |
| Card and games room  | Rec         |
| Chess tournaments  | Rec         |
| Classes that are open for drop in...Not ones that require a long term commitment or membership such as the NYA.                        | Rec         |
| Something for young people to do on a Friday or Saturday.  | Rec         |
| Community bingo  | Rec         |
| Fly tying fishing flies  | Rec         |
| Game tables (not video games)  | Rec         |
| Game tournaments - like bridge, dominoes, magic, backgammon  | Rec         |
| Games for kids and adults, table tennis, pool, arcade  | Rec         |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Rec, Rental, Retail & Revenue (44 of 50)

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Gaming groups / cards   | Rec          |
| Include day trips   | Rec          |
| Mahjong games   | Rec          |
| Marksmanship  | Rec          |
| Model railroading   | Rec          |
| Model shop - learn about(stuff) hands on  | Rec          |
| Old school gaming area, horseshoes, shuffle board, billiards,   | Rec          |
| Other hobby   | Rec          |
| Ping pong   | Rec          |
| Ping pong tables  | Rec          |
| Ping pong tables and league   | Rec          |
| Scuba diving  | Rec          |
| Scuba diving lessons for adults only over 21years of age  | Rec          |
| Scuba diving training   | Rec          |
| Several table tennis tables for all ages to enjoy   | Rec          |
| Table tennis; tournaments, leagues, town championships all ages.  | Rec          |
| Video game competitions for kids  | Rec          |
| Video game tournaments, like super smash brothers. Can attract a lot of peoples from different age groups   | Rec          |
| Video games   | Rec          |
| Weekly games - mah Jong, cards  | Rec          |
| Have birthday party's   | Rental space |
| Indoor markets  | Retail       |
| Indoor year round farmers market  | Retail       |
| Newtown showcase of bus./Restaurants  | Retail       |
| Activities that not only serve Newtowners but also are regionally attractive so as to be a revenue generator and kickstart some economic development at FFH | Revenue      |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Science & Seniors (45 of 50)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Alternative energy science work shop  | Science |
| Hands on science  | Science |
| Programs for all ages to learn about art/science                                    | Science |
| Science related programs  | Science |
| Science- stem   | Science |
| Scientific interest   | Science |
| 55+ adult activities  | Seniors |
| Activities for seniors  | Seniors |
| Adult & senior social events  | Seniors |
| Adult/senior walking group  | Seniors |
| Aquatic exercise class for seniors  | Seniors |
| Art with seniors  | Seniors |
| Availability to seniors during school hours   | Seniors |
| Balance & muscle strengthening for seniors  | Seniors |
| Card games for seniors  | Seniors |
| Classes for art, bridge, and exercise, geared for senior citizens                   | Seniors |
| Daily activities geared towards senior citizens                                     | Seniors |
| Dancing events for seniors  | Seniors |
| Education for elders, history, computers, etc.                                      | Seniors |
| Exercise and physical fitness programs for seniors                                  | Seniors |
| Exercise for seniors  | Seniors |
| Exercise for seniors  | Seniors |
| Expanded exercise classes for seniors with enough space to accommodate participants | Seniors |
| Fitness and arts for seniors  | Seniors |
| Gym with classes for seniors only   | Seniors |
| Have a home helping area in one part of building.                                   | Seniors |
| Hos about gearing some things toward people who have lived in town for a long time  | Seniors |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Seniors (46 of 50)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| I am not currently a senior; but there should be dedicated space for seniors and their programming requirements.  | Seniors |
| I know I am a senior, but I am embarrassed every time I go to the center. I am an active senior and there is NO place for the "younger seniors". Don't even build the center if there is no provision for the older population. | Seniors |
| Improved senior activities overall  | Seniors |
| Matching senior daily needs with volunteers who can help  | Seniors |
| Mental honing for seniors: bridge, mahjong, languages, bonko  | Seniors |
| More active programs for seniors-walking, hiking, etc.  | Seniors |
| More communication with the seniors in town when project finished to make them aware there is a new, bright place available now and less controlling atmosphere.  | Seniors |
| More for mature folks of all ages, not so focused on children   | Seniors |
| More programs for seniors   | Seniors |
| Newtown devotes paltry opportunities for seniors. We are less vocal; we are fewer; we cost less to the town yet pay taxes and get VERY LITTLE   | Seniors |
| Off site days for seniors with shows  | Seniors |
| Opportunities for meeting other seniors   | Seniors |
| Organizes trips to the various town parks/interesting locations in town and provides transportation to and from (with guides ideally)   | Seniors |
| Physical activities suited for those who are aged   | Seniors |
| Play 60   | Seniors |
| Programs for master (senior) athletes   | Seniors |
| Programs for seniors  | Seniors |
| Programs for seniors  | Seniors |
| Programs/classes specifically geared toward seniors (financial planning, social security, etc..)  | Seniors |
| Self defense for seniors -NO firearms   | Seniors |
| Senior activities   | Seniors |
| Senior activities   | Seniors |
| Senior citizen computer program classes   | Seniors |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Seniors & Sports (47 of 50)

|  |         |
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| Senior citizen health classes  | Seniors |
| Senior citizen programming   | Seniors |
| Senior classes   | Seniors |
| Senior classes that keep them active and involved with life, both in the house/family and in the community | Seniors |
| Senior daycare   | Seniors |
| Senior educational   | Seniors |
| Senior initiated meeting relate to various interests, topics   | Seniors |
| Senior programming   | Seniors |
| Senior programs  | Seniors |
| Seniors can get involved with watching kids, dogs  | Seniors |
| Space for senior activity  | Seniors |
| Staff with competent & friendly senior & family personnel  | Seniors |
| Strong senior programs offered at night as well as during the day.   | Seniors |
| Swimming for seniors   | Seniors |
| Visit-- place where seniors could meet for coffee  | Seniors |
| Activities for the youth-hockey, indoor soccer   | Sports  |
| All-star cheerleading  | Sports  |
| Archery  | Sports  |
| Archery  | Sports  |
| Box lacrosse/ lacrosse   | Sports  |
| Boxing   | Sports  |
| Broomball  | Sports  |
| Cheer mats for Newtown youth cheer   | Sports  |
| Curling at the ice rink  | Sports  |
| Curling classes  | Sports  |
| Cycling - soccer for adults - photography -  | Sports  |
| Drop-in sports   | Sports  |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Sports (48 of 50)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Fencing  | Sports |
| Fencing classes  | Sports |
| Fencing classes for adults only over 21 years of age   | Sports |
| Fishing lessons and trips  | Sports |
| If you open this facility, the ice rink and pool idea, the town benefits two ways- both with programs for our own kids, and highly sought after space for renting if necessary | Sports |
| Indoor football/flag football league   | Sports |
| Indoor room for our youth and HS wrestling team.   | Sports |
| Indoor sports during winter  | Sports |
| Intermural sports leagues  | Sports |
| Kids drop in athletic programs   | Sports |
| Newtown MMA competitions   | Sports |
| Ninja warrior  | Sports |
| Ninja warrior type course appropriate for kids.  | Sports |
| Non competitive sports   | Sports |
| Pickup games & rec sports  | Sports |
| Place to practice sports for free  | Sports |
| Recreational leagues for minority sports like team handball, badminton, water polo or kids sports like wall ball, extreme tennis   | Sports |
| Recreational team sports   | Sports |
| Sport teams to just do for fun, no competition   | Sports |
| Sporting events  | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Sports (49 of 50)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports   | Sports |
| Sports for children 5-18                               | Sports |
| Sports for grade school                                | Sports |
| Sports venue for a wide range of ages                  | Sports |
| Support sports that are not supported by NYA           | Sports |
| Time for Newtown hockey to play and practice           | Sports |
| Town hockey program with men's league                  | Sports |
| Town swim team   | Sports |
| Triathlon club of Newtown                              | Sports |
| Triathlon programs                                     | Sports |
| Ultimate Frisbee                                       | Sports |
| Volley ball, tennis                                    | Sports |
| Volleyball courts                                      | Sports |
| Volleyball courts --sand courts                        | Sports |
| Volleyball league - adult/teen                         | Sports |
| Volleyball/badminton                                   | Sports |
| Whatever is overbooked at NYA - should be present here | Sports |
| Wrestling  | Sports |
| Youth hockey   | Sports |
| Youth hockey   | Sports |
| Youth hockey!  | Sports |
| Youth hockey!!!!                                       | Sports |
| Youth ice hockey                                       | Sports |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Technology & Teens (49 of 50)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| An area elder adults can get help with online issues. For those who do not know how to use a computer  | Technology |
| Classes on keeping up with technology (teen & adult)   | Technology |
| Classes on using computers, etc.   | Technology |
| Computer classes   | Technology |
| Computer classes with lots of computers  | Technology |
| Computer learning for all ages   | Technology |
| How to use computer programs   | Technology |
| How to without technology. Fix it type classes.  | Technology |
| Technology   | Technology |
| Technology classes, i.e., Computers, application specific  | Technology |
| Technology classes   | Technology |
| Training on the use of the latest technologies   | Technology |
| Activities for teens on Friday & sat nights  | Teens      |
| Anything for teens (not just sports!) - They are often forgotten   | Teens      |
| Boys and girls club  | Teens      |
| Cool programs for teens  | Teens      |
| Geared towards high school age kids; not enough for them to do once they age out of parks & rec programs.  | Teens      |
| High school specific activities  | Teens      |
| I really think Newtown is in desperate need for a place for pre-teen and teens to go and have things to do, activities to keep them off the street and out of trouble! | Teens      |
| Just a place for teens to go to have good, clean fun   | Teens      |
| Mentor program between the high school and reed students   | Teens      |
| Mentor programs (teens for pre-teens etc.)   | Teens      |
| Mentor programs for kids and teens   | Teens      |
| More safe teen activities to give them activities to do that keep them out of trouble (i.e.. Concert events, dances, sports competitions)                              | Teens      |
| Parties for teens  | Teens      |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Teens (50 of 50)

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Place for teens to hang out and be safe  | Teens |
| Place for tweens and teens to go for Friday and Saturday night activities - place where they are safe          | Teens |
| Please have something for older teenagers  | Teens |
| Programming for teens, tweens and children   | Teens |
| Programs for gathering for teens   | Teens |
| Programs for middle/high school students on weekends and over summers  | Teens |
| Programs for pre-teens and teens that are not sports related   | Teens |
| Programs that provide a safe environment for teens   | Teens |
| Prom/ homecoming   | Teens |
| Shows/activities that interest teens   | Teens |
| Social programs for teens including dances with live bands   | Teens |
| Some space where high school kids can get together safely outside their parents' house                         | Teens |
| Something for teens to 20 year olds to do  | Teens |
| Something for young teenagers  | Teens |
| Something great for the teens  | Teens |
| Something to get teens involved/participating as a group in fun activities that they find interesting          | Teens |
| Something/anything for high school kids to do. Nothing in Newtown  | Teens |
| Structured programming that will entice high schoolers (14-18) to come to the center on Friday/Saturday nights | Teens |
| Student run programs by HS students for younger children   | Teens |
| Supervised teen programs of all sorts, particularly on weekends  | Teens |
| Teen activities  | Teens |
| Teen activities  | Teens |
| Teen activities ranging from 18-21- such as open basket ball courts till 11 pm                                 | Teens |
| Teen activities/bowling alley  | Teens |
| Teen and school age self esteem and confidence boosting activities   | Teens |
| Teen nights  | Teens |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## Programming – Teens (51 of 50)

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Teen program to provide a safe and fun place for teens to learn and grow through a variety of activities such as arts, dance, indoor and outdoor activities, team building and self-esteem activities, etc.. Activities should focus on developing a youth's self worth while giving them the opportunity to explore different hobbies and activities. Teens will also build leadership skills and character development. | Teens |
| Teen programming! No place for teen's to hang out except parking lots and Starbucks   | Teens |
| Teen programs/community service related programs  | Teens |
| Teen social opportunities   | Teens |
| Teen/adult discussions re technology & culture  | Teens |
| Teen/young adult "club" or "open mic" facility  | Teens |
| Teenage social events   | Teens |
| Weekend night activities that actually engage teens and give them somewhere to go instead of party  | Teens |
| Weekend programming for children ages 12-18 that is healthy, stimulating, and fun. There is nothing for young adults to do in this town and it is sad. We fail our seniors and our young adults in Newtown with a lack of space and activities. The teen center is a joke for a town this size . Newtown needs to get with the program.   | Teens |

# Community Input: General Comments



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (1 of 7)

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| "Community" is the key word, not either/or  |
| A central location in town  |
| A facility that wasn't only sports oriented, we have that in the NYA already  |
| A pool is necessary, but not the exclusion of other offerings such as community events and the arts   |
| A pool or ice rink is too narrow a focus. Look to gain more from more donors too. A senior center should be added as a separate component to the main community center.   |
| A program to get truck traffic off main St.   |
| A shooting range staffed with professionals to teach gun safety and the detrimental effects of gun control laws   |
| A true parks & rec staff facility with space for extensive programs, like pools, etc.   |
| Absolutely no to ice rink   |
| Address seniors, pool, ice rink, in this order ....   |
| An ice rink should be elsewhere on the property   |
| An ice rink would be an immediate asset for this town. This grant was intended to be for KIDS, not seniors! Sorry!  |
| Anti liberal conditioning   |
| Anything to generate revenues   |
| Art aspect is important!  |
| Back to basics - communication without social media   |
| Base for Community improvement (environment, business, etc.)  |
| Best thing would be too have the library located within/adjacent to the community center.   |
| Build it to generate income/sustain maintenance of cost   |
| Build the project for 500K, then use the rest of the money so whatever is built is maintained for 200 years   |
| Can we please stop having EVERYTHING geared towards kids???   |
| Check with other centers to see what works for them most  |
| Children oriented. Isn't that the purpose of the GE grant. I believe the seniors have enough government support. It sickening the you elector officials can't see the needs of the children of our community needs. |
| Cigar/poker night   |
| Clean, well maintained facility   |
| Closing the existing senior center and opening with new facilities at NCC   |
| Clothing optional section   |
| Combine with NYA  |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (2 of 7)

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| Day passes available for guests  |
| Dishonest survey. Denied entering the same   |
| Do not build the center  |
| Do not multi-purpose this space by making it the sr center or parks n rec office   |
| Don't complicate it with the NYA   |
| Don't spend money just to spend money  |
| Enhance economic development   |
| Entertainment- bring in revenue  |
| Eventual connector to NYA  |
| Everyone is going to get old one day and we need idea no. 2.   |
| Facility that can be self sustaining, revenue generating via rental  |
| Families have very little time left over for a community center.   |
| Finance, environment   |
| Fix roads  |
| Focus on opportunities that are not already in town - indoor (heated) pool, ice rink, etc.   |
| Fucking  |
| GE provides blood money!   |
| Give back the GE money   |
| Give up on the project   |
| Golden   |
| Good security so it stays safe for all.  |
| Good use of Fairfield hills campus or buildings if possible  |
| Have there be a nice staff   |
| How about not taking the money at all? Why should this town benefit from such a tragedy?   |
| How about talking to Malloy who forced GE out after they donated 10 million?   |
| How many people in Newtown would really use a community center?  |
| How many seniors would this really serve?  |
| How much will maintenance costs be!  |
| <a href="http://www.Nrpa.Org/uploadedfiles/nrpa.Org/membership/awards/gold_medal/gold-medal-award-winners(1).Pdf">Http://www.Nrpa.Org/uploadedfiles/nrpa.Org/membership/awards/gold_medal/gold-medal-award-winners(1).Pdf</a> ? Look at award winning recreational facilities. Leesburg, VA has won several. |



# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (3 of 7)

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| I don't think we need an community center, we shouldn't accept the money  |
| I like the hockey rink concept, but have not seen any financial results to determine what the operating expenses are. Would be interesting to see the operating/financial results of Danbury ice arena but no info on that online.  |
| I would love to see the new place be dedicated to the victims of the sandy hook shooting and have pictures of all them  |
| I'd like the money to go directly to each Newtown public school   |
| Ideal to buy the existing NYA and have it free use for Newtown residents  |
| If I senior center and pools served too narrow a cross section of our community, by the same logic how could we ever justify an ice rink?   |
| If we have a pool, warmer than the high school pool need to be warmer than he pool but I don't think the own needs another pool   |
| Indoor field that the town pays for from our taxes  |
| It should be located at FFH to keep everything central and connected to what has already started there...Nya  |
| It will become a tax burden in years to come  |
| Keep it as a stand alone facility   |
| Keep separate from NYA  |
| Knock down more FFH buildings to improve overall appearance   |
| Large initiatives such as pools, skating rinks would limit the amount of resources available for healing, education, art, teaching, etc., All of which can be done in smaller spaces and contribute more directly to healing. These also apply to ALL ages whereas pools and rinks would mean too many people needing "healing" are unlikely to use. Note under question #1 on your first page, you listed training/education under recreation, where I think it belonged under a different heading. Just FYI |
| Less soccer fields  |
| Let's not overemphasize the seniors. They already have a senior center. This is a community center. Not a handout to the seniors.   |
| Limited to use by only Newtown residents  |
| Llodka said no more gifts   |
| Location of this is super important, it needs to be convenient for people to get to, particularly those in our community who have fewer resources and are more likely to take advantage of the NCC.   |
| Look at Ridgefield rec center for ideas   |
| Low income housing  |
| Low operating costs, no new taxes or fees!  |
| Low overhead and maintenance costs  |
| Low upfront cost, refurbish an existing building?   |
| Lower taxes   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (4 of 7)

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| Lower taxes  |
| Lower taxes  |
| Need program space   |
| Need program space for parks and rec   |
| News letters sent to all residents to get center information   |
| Newtown already has a senior center. We don't need another.  |
| Newtown devotes incredible opportunities/facilities/acreage for sports. More programs are NOT needed |
| No I do not work for GE  |
| No ice - cost too much to maintain   |
| No ice- current ice rinks in area are not popular  |
| No ice rink  |
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| No ice rink  |
| No ice rink period   |
| No ice rink. Go to Danbury ice arena.  |
| No ice rink.. It's a waste of time   |
| No kiddies, teens, young adults - they already have enough other facilities.                         |
| NO MORE SPORTS RELATED activities  |
| No pool. Use the pool at Newtown high school during the summer when Treadwell pool is closed.        |
| No senior center - money was not given for their use   |
| No specific group catered to...No aquatic center   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (5 of 7)

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| No specific group catered to...No ice rink of any kind  |
| No video games  |
| None  |
| None  |
| None  |
| None  |
| None  |
| Not a pool  |
| Not a senior center   |
| NOT a skating rink or pool  |
| Not an ice rink   |
| Not an ice rink   |
| Not an ice rink   |
| Not an ice rink   |
| Not another bank  |
| Not another Italian restaurant  |
| Not building a community center   |
| Not catering to a small grp interest only   |
| Not for park & rec  |
| Not hockey  |
| Not just a gym/ a rock climbing wall or trampoline park   |
| Not much of what you have listed. Forced choice by columns is not realistic, or desirable.  |
| Not to piss away money  |
| Number. Example "not desired" can be entered only   |
| NYA is great for athletic children, but I'd love to see something for other minded kids.  |
| Once. This is not a true and honest survey. What is your agenda?  |
| Please don't duplicate existing facilities such as NYA sport & fitness center or edmond town hall - there's no need   |
| Please listen to the Newtown cultural arts commission, a non-paid organization of intelligent baby boomers who have spent countless hours servicing the community for no other reason than the effectual welfare of others. |
| Purchase nya and make some additions to that. It would cost less and get done quicker   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (6 of 7)

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| Purchase NYA with the money and fit out the space for the pools  |
| Purchase property adjoining lake lillinona for public park   |
| Purchase the NYA and connect it to the community center. Build a stand alone senior center.  |
| Purchase the NYA and make adjustments there (cheaper and quicker)  |
| Put in a nearby hotel to accommodate visitors and generate revenue to lower taxes  |
| RCN should be part of it   |
| Reduce costs of government   |
| Reduce town and school budget to reduce taxes, close down Hawley school  |
| Reduce town and school budget to reduce taxes, to attract young families back to town  |
| Refurbishing Fairfield hills   |
| Restore Dickenson park pool it was SOOOOO nice   |
| Reuse an existing structure  |
| Ridgefield rec center has rooms available to rent for ballet/karate etc. classes   |
| Set up a trust with some of the money so that it continues to pay for itself and is not yet another burden to tax payers. This must be run better than Fairfield hills has been (largely a waste for 15 years) or we shouldn't take the money! |
| Should not be focused only on seniors and must displace other existing facilities that create a tax burden. This town can not afford additional buildings / programs that increase the tax base without some offsets.                          |
| Something that isn't already available elsewhere. We have theaters and shops we need something different like an ice rink and indoor pool. We have too many kids going to other towns to enjoy what they should be doing here'                 |
| State of the art police station  |
| Stop with anything that is going to increase taxes in the future   |
| Supplant costs   |
| Sustainability   |

# Community Input from Open Field Question

## General Comments (7 of 7)

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| The Newtown senior center is too small for present activities.  |
| Theayer   |
| There is no off season with hockey  |
| Think most broadly vs. A narrow population  |
| This facility should not be focused on sports.. This survey makes it sound like skating and a pool are already decided. |
| Tire of the transients running the town   |
| Too many things already for children.   |
| Upgrade technology at the public schools  |
| Use money to clean up asbestos problems to attract retail and dinning   |
| Use NYA for much and fund services there  |
| Varied interests all ages   |
| We already have a indoor pool at the high school and outdoor at treadle   |
| We already have adult continuing education at the high school   |
| Whatever we choose, it must be self funded with no tax increase   |
| Why did we take the money?  |
| Would also provide part-time and full time employment for all   |
| Year round venue  |
| YMCA  |
| YMCA to cover all other stuff   |