NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER COMMISSION

"Community – It's Everything"

Final Report

February 2016

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Our Perspective (1 of 3)

The Newtown Community Center Commission's first and foremost priority is the recommended creation of a vibrant Newtown Community Center or "Hub". We recommend the size be no less than 13,000 and up to 18,000 square feet and be available to residents of all ages – with a focus on opportunities to heal (see Newtown Recovery & Resiliency Team quote on page 8).

We strongly recommend the center to include a 50-meter pool with eight swimming lanes, a movable bulkhead as well as a zero-entry pool, subject to feasibility.

The 50-meter pool offers more usage options than a shorter, 25-yard pool such as dual usage options (laps and open swim for example) as well as swim lessons, water safety and scuba courses, mommy-and-me classes, water aerobics, and synchronized swimming to name a few.

The pool also provides income generating opportunities to offset operating costs of the Center and potentially provide dollars to support sliding program fees for those with economic needs.

Our Perspective (2 of 3)

On February 13th the Commission approved a motion to conduct a feasibility study to help further validate and enhance the financial model and long-term viability of the proposed Community Center – including a potential ice arena.

These elements are the direct result of extensive resident feedback, including public forums to discuss a draft proposal, and take into account:

1. Views that 13,000 square feet seemed too small to meet the community's needs for a core Community Center building,
2. A preference to stay within an already-committed budget of $15 million ($10M from GE and $5M earmarked from the Town's Capital Improvement Plan) and
3. A high level of interest in building an ice arena in town, based on responses from the Commission's online survey (see pages 48-204).

For the avoidance of doubt, a robust multi-use Community Center building is the Commission's top priority.

Our Perspective (3 of 3)

Because the pool area may require a slightly higher percentage of the total budget to construct, the square footage of the main building will only be finalized once more detailed estimates are submitted. Final plans can only be developed once the Public Building & Site Commission takes over the project after a passed referendum.

We strongly feel we have met our Commission Charge. We have adhered to GE's intent with their donation, provided a final proposal reflective of the majority of town residents, and above all, never lost sight of how a Center could potentially be a place our Community could come together after the tragedy of the Sandy Hook School shootings.

The Newtown Community Center Commission
February 2016

John Boccuzzi Sr.	*Bill Buchler*	*Andy Clure*	*Rob Cox*
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Executive Summary

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Community Center Commission Charge *– from the Commission Workbook*

- **The Board of Selectman charges the Community Center Commission to develop a proposal for construction and operation of a facility that meets these standards:**

- **Aligned with the conditions established by the donor (GE)**
  - Creates a location that does not exist today;
  - Acts as an anchor for the people of Newtown to come together
  - Serves the needs of the entire community (as best as possible)
  - Does not duplicate existing programs/services
  - Only be used for a new "build"
  - Is based on $10M to build; supported by a $1M annual grant over 5 years

- **Consistent with the long-term development plan of the community of Newtown**
  - Consider the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
  - Consider the Fairfield Hills Master Plan, the Newtown Plan of Conservation & Development, and the Strategic Plan for Municipal Facilities (work in progress)

- **Reach out to the community to understand broad-based needs**

- **Center to be built on FFH campus on open lot next to NYA**

Key Feedback

- Provide opportunities for residents to heal
- Create a vibrant and inclusive multi-generational hub
- Focus on a "Core" Center of ~18,000sf
- Give Newtown residents "priority access" over non-residents
- Design large common areas with free access to residents
- Offer competitive programming fees (sliding scales to those with financial needs)
- Hire an outside seasoned director focused on long term viability (financial/programs)
- Build an energy efficient center capable of serving as an emergency shelter
- Consider pools and/or ice arena as part of the "core center"
  - Features serve as "income engines" to offset operating costs
  - Pool satisfies larger demographic needs
- Provide multi-purpose space for multiple town groups who expressed need

Our Vision:

- **The Newtown Community Center Commission believes a Center should:**
  - Act as a vibrant, multi-generational hub for all Newtown residents
  - Promote health and healing
  - Have a reasonable model of self-sustainability
  - Provide educational, recreational, artistic & creative opportunities
  - Engage the community
  - Encourage social interaction
  - Build self-esteem
  - Showcase talent
  - As of 1/28/16, leverage the current Town CIP line item of $5M to supplement the GE donation of $10M – and their $5M over 5 years to operate the Center

Final Proposal

The Newtown Community Center or "Hub"

- Main building of ~18,000 sf to include:
  - Large entry/common area
  - Modular/multi-purpose rooms
  - A large "great room" for events, arts, and gatherings
- 50 meter, 8 lane pool with one bulkhead
- Zero-entry activity pool
- Dedicated space for the Legacy Foundations
- Standard features: storage, locker rooms, family restrooms, spectator seating

Per Newtown Recovery & Resiliency Team:
"Many people heal in different ways, but most heal when they are together with others".

The Commission's vision is a true hub for coming together based on a broad range of interests.

See slide 31-32 for additional recommendations and observations

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*Reference Images















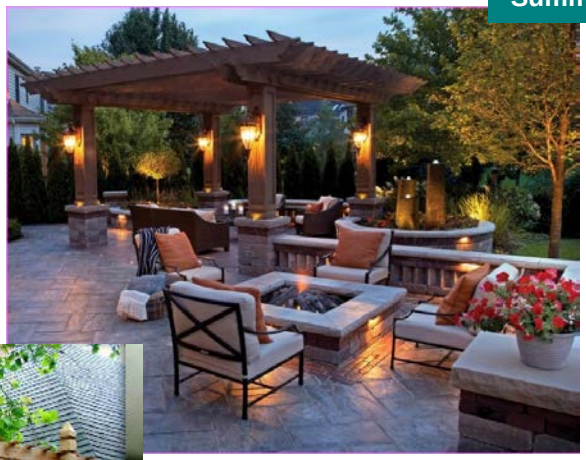
***Goat's Farm Arts Center**
Atlanta GA

- *Large 5,000 SF open space venue*
- *High ceiling with grid for lighting*
- *Flexible walls for arts exhibits & theatre backings*
- *Flat staging area*
- *Flexible seating*

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Reference Images











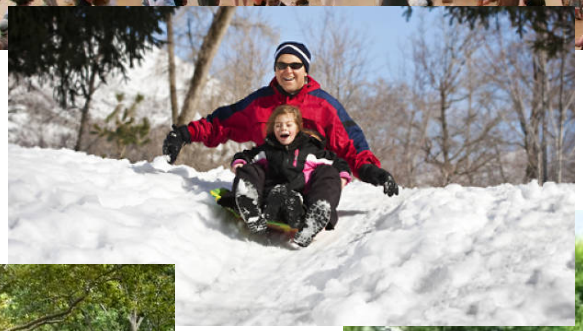


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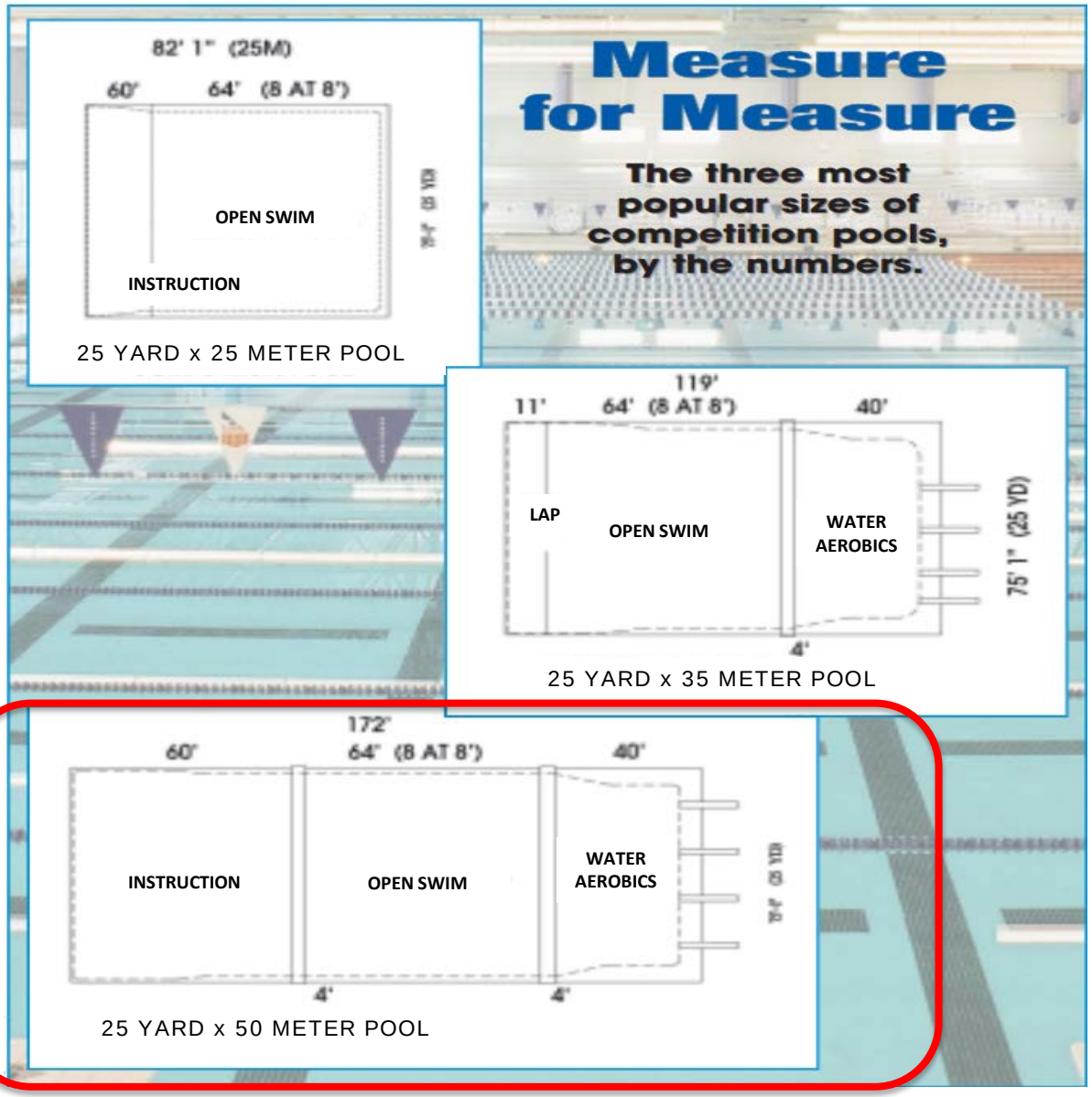




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Reference Images

This graphic provides a nice visual of how a 50 meter pool (versus a 25 yard pool) can be segmented to provide multiple activities at the same time via the use of bulkheads. More space, provides more options for residents.



Project Cost Estimates

Diversified Project Management Company

Town of Newtown, CT

Newtown Community Center

Construction Estimate

February 13, 2016

Community Center, 50 Meter Pool

	Square Footage		Cost per SF		Construction Estimate	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Project Costs
Community Center	16,500 sf	@	$215 /sf	=	$3,547,500	$300,000	
Aquatic Center - 50 Meter Pool & Activity Pool	32,000 sf	@	$250 /sf	=	$8,000,000	$100,000	
Parking Area -- 250 Vehicles					$562,500		
Site Development Costs					$461,900		
Subtotals					$12,571,900	$400,000	$12,971,900
Owners Consultants & Fees							$1,297,190
Project Contingency at 5%							$713,455
Total Cost Estimate							**$14,982,545**

Financial Projections

Community Center	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Revenue*	666,908	795,415	809,429
Expense	992,792	1,012,048	1,031,689
Net Gain / (Loss)	**(325,884)**	**(216,633)**	**(222,260)**

Aquatic Center	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Revenue*	807,395	984,321	1,039,897
Expense	905,908	918,476	931,281
Net Gain / (Loss)	**(98,513)**	**65,845**	**108,616**
Expense Synergies	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Net Gain / (Loss)	**(324,397)**	**(50,788)**	**(13,644)**
GE Operating Funds Used	**324,397**	**50,788**	**13,644**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
GE Operating Funds Received	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
GE Operating Funds Remaining**	675,604	1,624,816	2,611,171

** Note: No grants or fundraising was included in revenues*

*** Additional $2M in operating funds to be received from GE over Years 4 & 5*

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Strategic Recommendations to the Town

- Create a Steering Committee comprised of residents to collaborate with Town PB&SC and provide input throughout planning and construction of the Center
- Establish a strategic plan that outlines the future community use of Town land/buildings (FFH, Edmond Town Hall, etc.) and the construction of a Senior Center, Park & Rec Offices, Cultural Arts Center, Teen Center, and permanent Resiliency Center
- Prepare land/ability to connect for the potential future construction of an ice rink, senior center or other addition
  - Include potential additions in all upfront site and building studies
- Reserve expansion ability through commitment of $2.5M "place holder" funds in 2017-2018 CIP
- Hire an outside seasoned Community Center Director focused on long term viability of the center (financial/programs) and tasked with enhancing the income neutral business model to further ease tax payer burden
  - Continually investigate grants, fundraising or additional gift opportunities
- Continue working with local groups on funding opportunities via private means or through the Town for Community Center "add-ons" (ice arena, seniors, etc.)
- Leverage results from "*The Sports Facility Advisory/The Sports Facility Management*" feasibility and demographic study to further validate/improve financial models

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Background

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Donation History

- After the Sandy Hook tragedy, discussions with General Electric (GE) centered on GE's intent to help Newtown bring to fruition a project/projects that:
  - *"…the Town/municipality has been trying to achieve for eons of time but been unable to achieve due to a lack of resources"*.*
- Along with this, GE's executives, personnel and Foundation members agreed that:
  - *"…the community center is the thing that we [GE] have the most support for in terms of its value/added value to the community"**
- Finally, goal was to help the entire community either through something built all at once or over time but would ultimately serve the entire community (as best as possible)
- The context of these discussions helped create the Commission's charge

** Newtown video recording of 5/25/15 NCCC meeting. First Selectwoman recapped history of gift.*
See next slide for partial transcript.

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Partial Transcript from 5/26/15 NCCC Meeting

Meeting time stamp: 14:47

" In March 2013, I {Pat Llodra} was first visited by a local resident, executive of GE, sharing with me the information that, through the Foundation, they would like to do something substantive for Newtown. Asked what I was thinking of….four things came to mind immediately: 1) school safety/building safe schools… 2) a new police facility (long term, existing need)…3) help us restore FFH….and the fourth one…oh those were the 3…GE person said "think bigger than that…what has the Town/municipality been trying to achieve for eons of time that you've been unable to achieve due to a lack of resources."

Well, I said " a community center is the thing that's been on our to-do list for twenty years". Executive went back ….then local GE folks got together and said "Yes, agree that the community center is the thing that we have the most support for in terms of its value/added value to the community". There was no attempt on the part of GE personnel, corporate or Foundation or any other persons I've interacted with at GE to define what that means to us [Newtown], except new build, provide program and services to community that don't exist, $10million for build/$5million over 5 years….those are the key constraints…nobody at GE Corporate saying "you can or can't do that"…..GE affirmed that the Town is going to make the decision that is in their best interest (interest of Town) as long as meets the criteria."

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Details

Capital Improvement Plan '16/'17 *thru* '20/'21

Town of Newtown, Connecticut

Project #	P & R - 1
Project Name	Newtown Community Center

Department	Parks & Recreation
Contact	AMY MANGOLD, DIRECTO
Type	Building construction/renovati
Useful Life	
Category	Buildings
Priority	TBD

Description

To provide a community center for the residents of newtown.

A Community Center Commission has been created to determine the nature of the building.

The Legislative Council, on 12/16/2015 reduced 2016/17 amount from $10,000,000 to $5,000,000 and in 2017/18 from $5,000,000 to $2,500,000.

Justification

A $15,000,000 grant was awarded to Newtown from GE; $10,000,000 for the design and construction of a new community center; $5,000,000 for five years of operating expenses.

The $10,000,000 GE grant is accounted for in the prior year. The amounts below are to be bonded.

Prior	Expenditures	'16/'17	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	Total
9,550,000	Construction/Maintenance	5,000,000	2,500,000				7,500,000
Total	Total	5,000,000	2,500,000				7,500,000

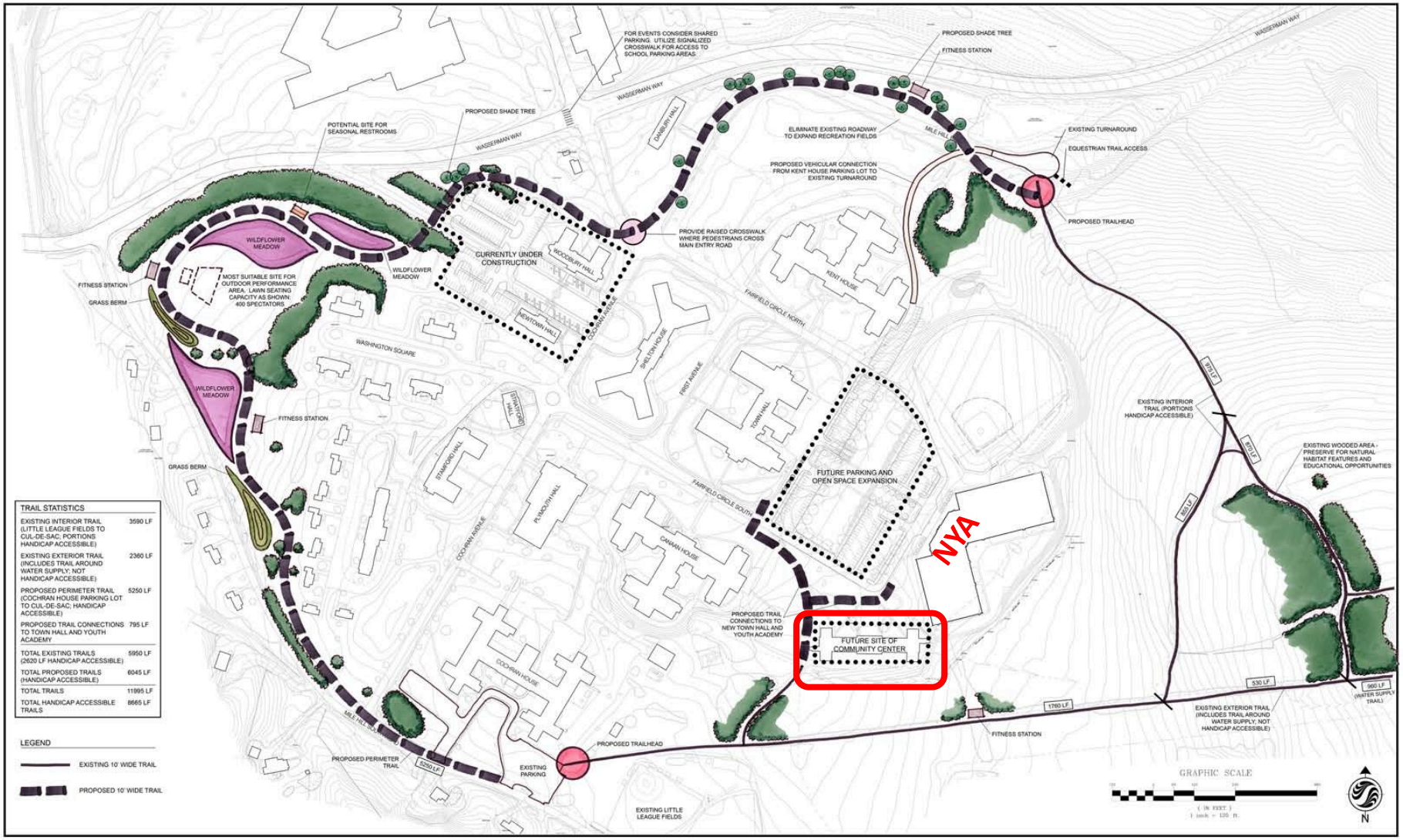
Prior	Funding Sources	'16/'17	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	Total
9,550,000	Bonding	5,000,000	2,500,000				7,500,000
Total	Total	5,000,000	2,500,000				7,500,000

Budget Impact/Other

A DETAILED OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT WILL BE CALCULATED AS THE PROJECT START DATE GETS CLOSER. NO ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIREMENTS ARE ANTICIPATED (IN THE GENERAL FUND).

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Proposed Location at Fairfield Hills



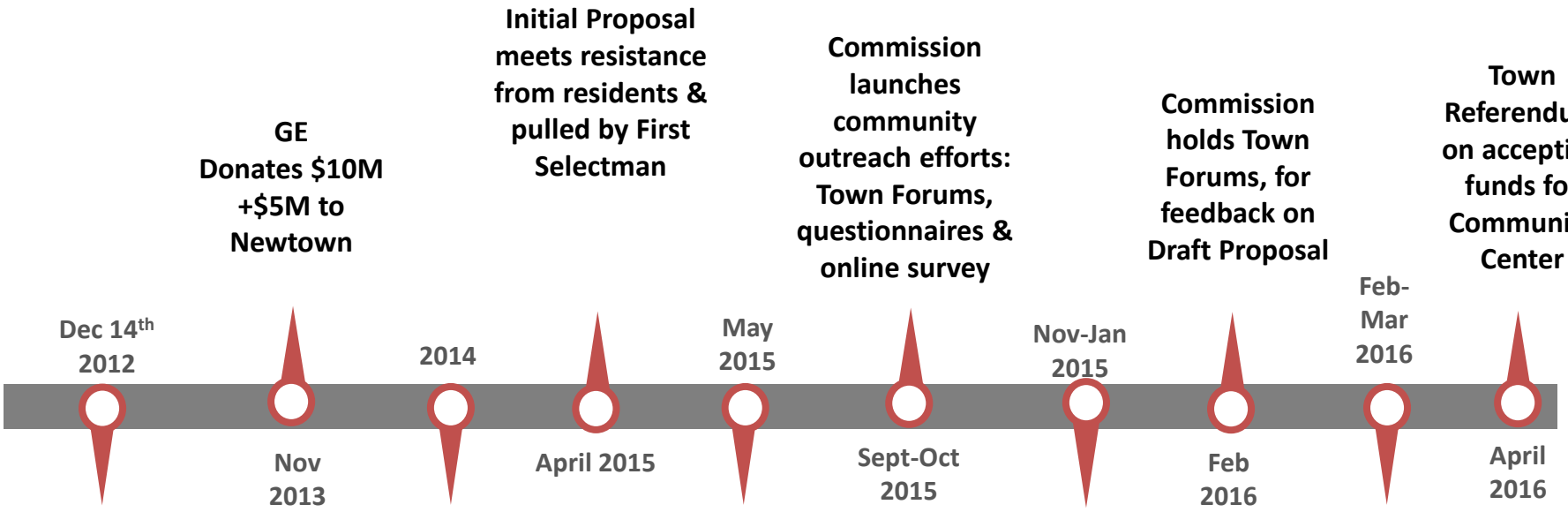
FAIRFIELD HILLS' TRAILS
NEWTOWN, CT

CONCEPT PLAN
MAY 12, 2009

Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

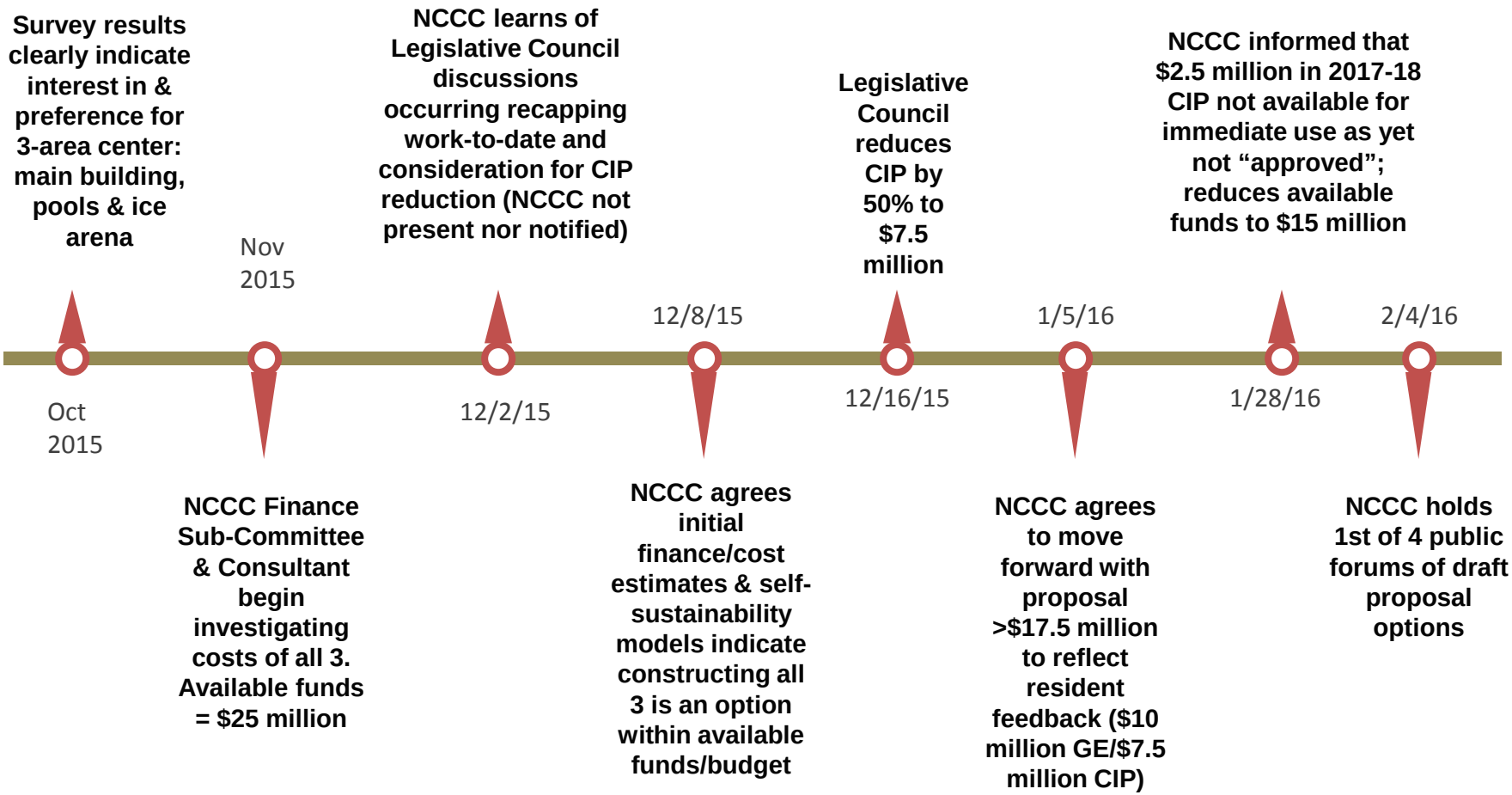
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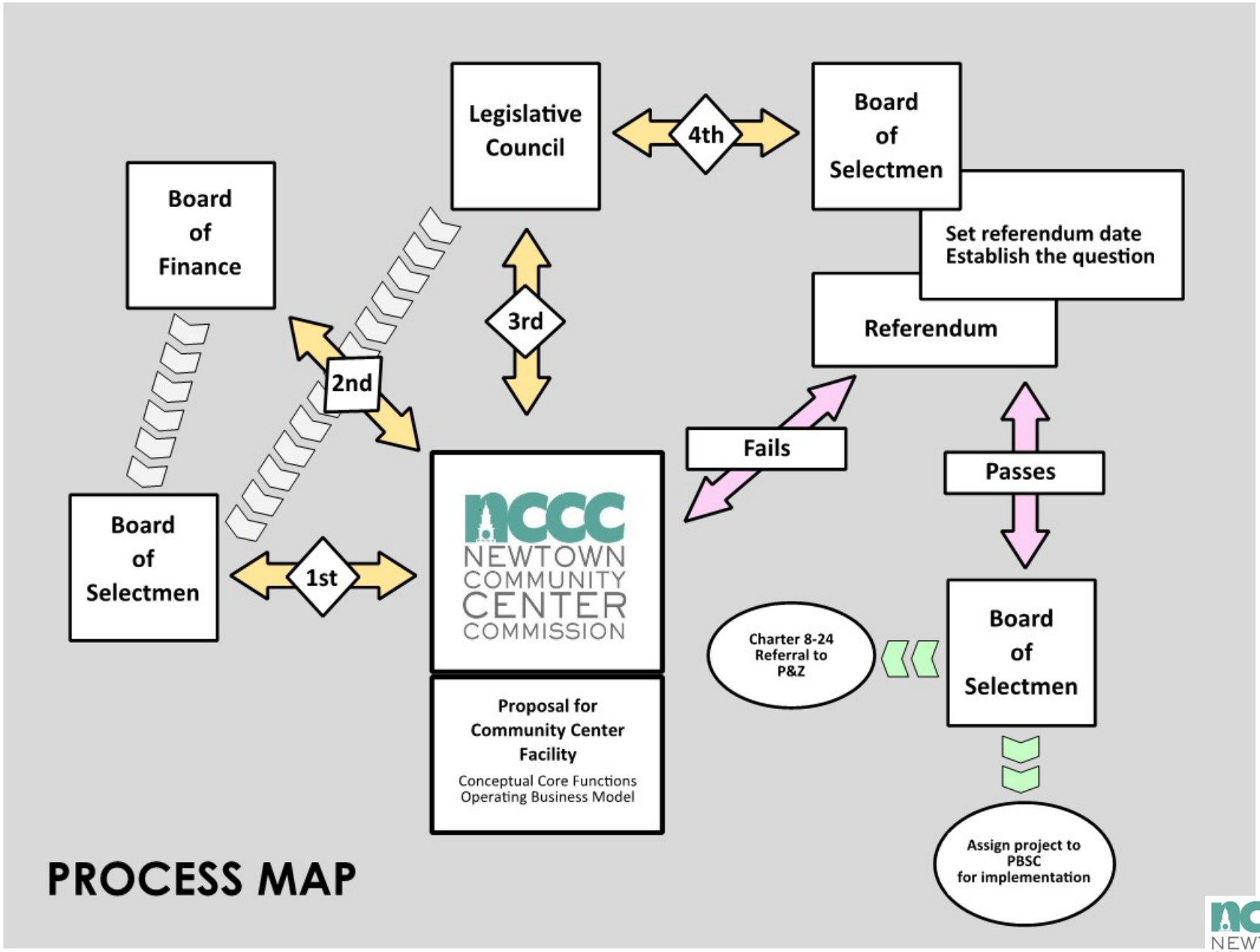
The General Timeline



Center "ribbon cutting" estimated to be 2–3 years from voter approval at referendum

NCCC Proposal Development Timeline & Hurdles




Legislative Council
4th
Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance
Set referendum date
Establish the question
Referendum
3rd
2nd
Fails
Passes
Board of Selectmen
1st
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Charter 8-24 Referral to P&Z
Board of Selectmen
Proposal for Community Center Facility
Conceptual Core Functions
Operating Business Model
Assign project to PBSC for implementation
PROCESS MAP

Proposal Details

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Final Proposal

A Core Community Center with Indoor Pools

- Main building/"hub" of ~18,000 sf to include:
  - Large entry/common area
  - Modular/multi-purpose rooms
  - A large "great room" for events, arts, and gatherings
- Dedicated space for the Legacy Foundations
- 50 meter, 8 lane pool with one bulkhead
- Zero-entry activity pool
- Standard features: storage, locker rooms, family restrooms, spectator seating

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The Commission's vision is a true hub for coming together based on a broad range of interests.

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Key Points

Core Community Center (~18,000sf) + Indoor Pools

PROS

- Leaves $2.5M in CIP as "yet to be approved placeholder" funds for potential future use
- Fulfills Donor Intent/Commission's vision
- Forms central community "hub"/anchor
- Doesn't duplicate existing facilities, programs/services
- Reflects NCCC member "straw poll" favoring indoor pools
- Meets a large group of residents' "needs" and "wants" within financial limitations
  - Survey feedback indicated slightly higher preference for aquatics
  - Resident input indicated preference & need for 50-meter
- Brings new programs/services to Newtown
- Most town groups can use
- Reaches multigenerational demographics
- Meets Commission's goal of a reasonable model of self-sustainability
- Creates positive "draw to town" for prospective homeowners

CONS

- Requires use of the approved $5M in CIP to help fund
- The facility is income neutral without the ice arena – which hinders ability to provide discounted fees

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Critical Observations

- Include program offerings that address current and future healing needs
- Main gathering area of center will be open and free to public
- Fees/memberships will be charged for programming and use of specialized areas
- Imperative to leverage vast feedback from survey to design programs
- Multi-purpose space is only limited by community's imagination
- Continuously pursue donations and grants to further support NCC
- Buying or creating partnership with NYA was not explored
- Project Cost estimates include <u>many</u> costs the Commission has been made aware of but <u>not necessarily all</u> (e.g., traffic or utility study)
  - Additional costs to come out of Town's current CIP *<u>NOT</u>* GE donation and are above construction such as (but not limited to):
    - Site preparation work (estimates are $500K-$1M)
    - Parking (initial estimates stated as $500-$750K)
- Canaan Hall under demolition. Adjacent Plymouth Hall currently being investigated by Town for possible office space/arts usage; that land is not currently available

Recommended Features for Community Center

- Quality, higher-end products to help with maintenance ease and upkeep
- Environmentally smart (e.g., solar)
- Design with future expansion and/or adjoining consideration upfront and planned
- Areas for the pools to allow outdoor access in summer months (e.g., full length retractable windows)
- Large space for performances/banquets (e.g., 5,000 sf Performance Room in Goat Farm Arts Center, Atlanta, GA – see page 11 in the Executive Summary for images)
- Large, central free-to-all "common area" that allows relaxation, gathering, viewing of happenings at center
- State of the art commercial kitchen
- Sound proof room as well as other acoustics/sound systems for arts/entertainment
- Café/restaurant (to draw residents in, not as an afterthought)
- Retail (think rental shop for bikes, x-country skis, rollerblades)
- Outdoor (four season) options for people to gather (firepits, patios, lawns)
- An outdoor berm that could double as seating space for outdoor performances and as a sledding hill in the winter

Financial Benchmarks

50 Meter Pool

- Wilton / Norwalk YMCA
- Brookfield YMCA Western CT
- Ridgefield Rec Center
- Aquatic Center Feasibility Assessment: Town of Canton Mills Pond Pool (Mythic Sports)
- USA Swimming

Community Center

- Newtown Parks & Recreation
- Newtown Commission on Aging

Critical Action Steps Taken by Commission

- Approved conducting "*The Sports Facility Advisory/The Sports Facility Management*" feasibility and demographic study
  - February 13, 2016 NCCC members approved spending $32,000 to conduct study
  - Intended to further validate proposal and offer additional insights on self-sustainability
- Expected completion: April 2016

Additional Financials

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INITIAL ESTIMATES: Potential Costs to Build and Operate (1 of 2)

1. Stand-Alone Community Center

Multipurpose Rooms
Public Gathering Space
Commercial Kitchen
Admin Offices
Legacy Foundation Information Center

Size	Project Cost*	Net Profit (Loss) From Operations – Year 3
~13,000sf	$4.2M	~ ($222K)
~26,000sf	$9.2M	~ ($350K)
~39,000sf	$13.7M	~ ($500K)

2. Community Center + Indoor Pools (30.5Ksf)

50 meter, 8 lane pool
Zero-Entry Activity Pool
Shared Restrooms
Seating for 300
Family, Men's & Women's Locker Rooms
Appropriate Storage
CC portion
Legacy Foundation Information Center

Size	Project Cost*	Net Profit (Loss) From Operations – Year 3
~43,500sf	$15M	~ ($13K)
~56,500sf	$20M	~ ($141K)
~69,500sf	$24.5M	~ ($291k)

* "Project Cost" provided by Owners Representative from Diversified Project Management Company. Estimates dated 12/10/15 and 1/22/16

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INITIAL ESTIMATES: Potential Costs to Build and Operate (2 of 2)

3. Community Center + Ice Rink (40Ksf)

Standard IIHF Ice Pad
Locker Rooms
Seating for 300
Equipment Rooms & Storage
Shared Admin Offices
Shared Restrooms
CC portion
Legacy Foundation Information Center

Size	Project Cost*	Net Profit (Loss) From Operations – Year 3
~53,000sf	$15M	~ ($42K)
~66,000sf	$20M	~ ($170K)
~79,000sf	$24.5M	~ ($320K)

4. Community Center + Indoor Pools + Ice Rink (61.5Ksf)

Standard IIHF Ice Pad
Locker Rooms
Seating for 300 (Ice & Aquatic)
Equipment Rooms & Storage
Shared Admin Offices
Shared Restrooms
CC portion
Legacy Foundation Information Center

Size	Project Cost*	Net Profit (Loss) From Operations – Year 3
~74,500sf	$25.2M	~ $117K
~87,500sf	$30.2M	~ ($9K)
~100,500sf	$34.7M	~ ($159K)

* "Project Cost" provided by Owners Representative from Diversified Project Management Company. Estimates dated 12/10/15 and 1/22/16

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INITIAL ESTIMATES: Net Profit/Loss Calculations*

	Option 1 Stand-Alone Community Center	Option 2 Center + Indoor Pools	Option 3 Center + Ice Rink	Option 4 Center + Indoor Pools + Ice Rink
CC 13K sf	($222K)	($222K)	($222K)	($222K)
CC 26K sf [a]	($358K)			
CC 39K sf [b]	($494K)			
Aquatic		$109K		$109K
Ice			$80K	$80K
Synergy [c]		$100K	$100K	$150K
Total		**($13)**	**($42K)**	**$117K**

* Based on Year 3 financial projections
[a] Double non-director expense, add'l 75% program revenue
[b] Triple non-director expense, add'l 70% program revenue
[c] Expense savings from shared services

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INITIAL ESTIMATES:
Stand-Alone Community Center Financials

DRAFT BUDGET
~13,000sf
Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri 6am to 10:00pm
Sat 6am to 8pm, Sun 7am to 6pm

		FUTURE COMMUNITY CENTER (II) ESTIMATED BUDGET FIRST YEAR	(III) ESTIMATED BUDGET SECOND YEAR	(IV) ESTIMATED BUDGET THIRD YEAR
EXPENSES				
FULL TIME SALARIES & WAGES	**Sub Total**	$510,000	$520,200	$530,604
PART TIME SALARIES & WAGES	**Sub Total**	$150,000	$153,000	$156,060
OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS	**Sub Total**	$178,500	$182,070	$185,711
OTHER EXPENDITURES	**Sub Total**	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
BUILDING	**Sub Total**	$124,292	$126,778	$129,313
OTHER	**Sub Total**	$0	$0	$0
	EXPENSES TOTAL	**$992,792**	**$1,012,048**	**$1,031,689**
REVENUE				
MEMBERSHIPS		$254,800	$280,280	$294,294
Programs	**Sub Total**	$412,108	$515,135	$515,135
DONATIONS	**Sub Total**			
GRANTS	**Sub Total**			
	REVENUE TOTAL	**$666,908**	**$795,415**	**$809,429**
EXPENSE		**$992,792**	**$1,012,048**	**$1,031,689**
REVENUE		**$666,908**	**$795,415**	**$809,429**
GRAND TOTAL		**-($325,884)**	**-($216,633)**	**-($222,260)**

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INITIAL ESTIMATES:
Aquatic Center Financials

DRAFT BUDGET		AQUATIC CENTER		
		(I)	(II)	(III)
Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri 6am to 10pm Sat 6am to 8pm / Sun 7am to 6pm	(105 hrs per wk	**ESTIMATED BUDGET FIRST YEAR**	**ESTIMATED BUDGET SECOND YEAR**	**ESTIMATED BUDGET THIRD YEAR**
EXPENSES				
FULL TIME SALARIES & WAGES		$246,450.00	$250,762.88	$255,151.23
PART TIME SALARIES & WAGES		$235,900.00	$235,900.00	$235,900.00
OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS		$86,257.50	$87,767.01	$89,302.93
OTHER EXPENDITURES		$14,000.00	$14,280.00	$14,565.60
BUILDING		**$323,300.00**	**$329,766.00**	**$336,361.32**
	EXPENSES TOTAL	**$905,907.50**	**$918,475.88**	**$931,281.07**
REVENUE				
MEMBERSHIPS		$320,100.00	$352,110.00	$369,715.50
OTHER		$21,900.00	$24,090.00	$25,294.50
PROGRAMS		$349,770.00	$480,933.75	$504,980.44
EVENTS		$115,625.00	$127,187.50	$139,906.25
	REVENUE TOTAL	**$807,395.00**	**$984,321.25**	**$1,039,896.69**
	EXPENSE	-$905,907.50	-$918,475.88	-$931,281.07
	REVENUE	$807,395.00	$984,321.25	$1,039,896.69
	GRAND TOTAL	**(98,512.50)**	**65,845.37**	**108,615.61**

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INITIAL ESTIMATES:
Ice Arena Financials

DRAFT BUDGET

Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri 6am to Midnight (124 hrs per wk)
Sat/Sun 7am to Midnight

		ICE RINK		
		(I)	(II)	(III)
		ESTIMATED BUDGET FIRST YEAR	**ESTIMATED BUDGET SECOND YEAR**	**ESTIMATED BUDGET THIRD YEAR**
EXPENSES				
FULL TIME SALARIES & WAGES		$397,080.00	$405,021.60	$413,122.03
PART TIME SALARIES & WAGES		$243,750.00	$243,750.00	$243,750.00
OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS		$138,978.00	$141,757.56	$144,592.71
OTHER EXPENDITURES		$14,000.00	$14,280.00	$14,565.60
BUILDING		$473,500.00	$482,270.00	$491,215.40
	EXPENSES TOTAL	**$1,267,308.00**	**$1,287,079.16**	**$1,307,245.74**
REVENUE				
MEMBERSHIPS		$282,293.75	$310,523.13	$326,049.28
OTHER		$20,820.00	$22,902.00	$24,047.10
PROGRAMS		$857,386.00	$857,386.00	$857,386.00
PRO SHOP/ SNACK BAR LEASE		$144,000.00	$144,000.00	$144,000.00
Dasher Ads	24 @ $1500/yr	$36,000.00	$36,000.00	$36,000.00
	REVENUE TOTAL	**$1,340,499.75**	**$1,370,811.13**	**$1,387,482.38**
	EXPENSE	-$1,267,308.00	-$1,287,079.16	-$1,307,245.74
	REVENUE	$1,340,499.75	$1,370,811.13	$1,387,482.38
	GRAND TOTAL	**$ 73,191.75**	**$ 83,731.97**	**$ 80,236.64**

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Estimates from Diversified Project Management Company (1 of 3)

Town of Newtown, CT
Newtown Community Center
Construction Estimate
February 13, 2016

Community Center, 50 Meter Pool

	Square Footage		Cost per SF		Construction Estimate	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Project Costs
Community Center	16,500 sf	@	$215 /sf	=	$3,547,500	$300,000	
Aquatic Center - 50 Meter Pool & Activity Pool	32,000 sf	@	$250 /sf	=	$8,000,000	$100,000	
Parking Area -- 250 Vehicles					$562,500		
Site Development Costs					$461,900		
Subtotals					$12,571,900	$400,000	$12,971,900
Owners Consultants & Fees							$1,297,190
Project Contingency at 5%							$713,455
Total Cost Estimate							**$14,982,545**

Commission assumed 10% reduction in order to meet new budget parameters (outlined 1/28/16)

Estimates from Diversified Project Management Company (2 of 3)

Town of Newtown, CT

Newtown Community Center

Construction Estimates

December 10, 2015

Community Center, Ice Rink

	Square Footage		Cost per SF		Construction Estimate	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Project Costs
Community Center	13,000 sf	@	$240 /sf	=	$3,120,000	$390,000	
Indoor Ice Rink	40,000 sf	@	$180 /sf	=	$7,200,000	$1,050,000	
Parking Areas					$550,000		
Site Development Costs					$750,000		
Subtotals					$11,620,000	$1,440,000	$13,060,000
Owners Consultants & Fees							$1,959,000
Project Contingency							$1,501,900
Total Cost Estimate							**$16,520,900**

Commission assumed 10% reduction in order to meet new budget parameters (outlined 1/28/16)

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Estimates from Diversified Project Management Company (3 of 3)

Town of Newtown, CT
Newtown Community Center
Construction Estimates
January 22, 2016

Community Center

		Square Footage		Cost per SF		Construction Estimate	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Project Costs
Community Center		26,000 sf	@	$240 /sf	=	$6,240,000	$520,000	
Community Spaces	26,000 sf							
Parking Areas						$325,000		
Site Development Costs						$312,000		
Subtotals						$6,877,000	$520,000	$7,397,000
Owners Consultants & Fees								$924,625
Project Contingency								$832,163
Total Cost Estimate								**$9,153,788**

		Square Footage		Cost per SF		Construction Estimate	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Project Costs
Community Center		39,000 sf	@	$240 /sf	=	$9,360,000	$780,000	
Community Spaces	39,000 sf							
Parking Areas						$487,500		
Site Development Costs						$468,000		
Subtotals						$10,315,500	$780,000	$11,095,500
Owners Consultants & Fees								$1,386,938
Project Contingency								$1,248,244
Total Cost Estimate								**$13,730,681**

Input and Feedback Efforts

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Community Outreach Efforts (1 of 2)

Community "Stake-Holder" Discussions:

- Discussion with and questionnaires to:
  - Legacy Foundations
  - 26 families (as best as possible)
  - 80+ local town clubs, organizations, and groups

Community Communications:

- Booth at Newtown Arts Festival
- Two mailings to Newtown residences
- Ongoing posts on Community Center Facebook Page (over 1,100 likes)
- Posts on Town Twitter Page
- Slide in pre-movie promotions at Edmond Town Hall
- Articles and Ads in the Newtown Bee promoting Public Forums
- E-mails via Town/Park & Rec lists
- Town-wide "A frame" signs and window signs in stores
- Requested e-mail support from Interfaith Council and all local pre-schools

Public Forums:

- Four in Sept/Oct 2015
- Four additional forums in Feb 2016

Online Community Survey:

- 3200+ respondents in Oct 2015

Community Outreach Efforts (2 of 2)

Commission Meetings with Multiple Boards, Councils, and Organizations:

- FHA, Park & recreation, COA, NCAC, ETH

Local Interest Group Presentations:

- NCAC, Ice Arena, Pool, individual residents

Site Visits

- Viewed multiple local and regional sites
- Conducted online research on sites out of our region and also spoke with directors from others

The Online 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 was NOT a voting tool
- This information has been 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

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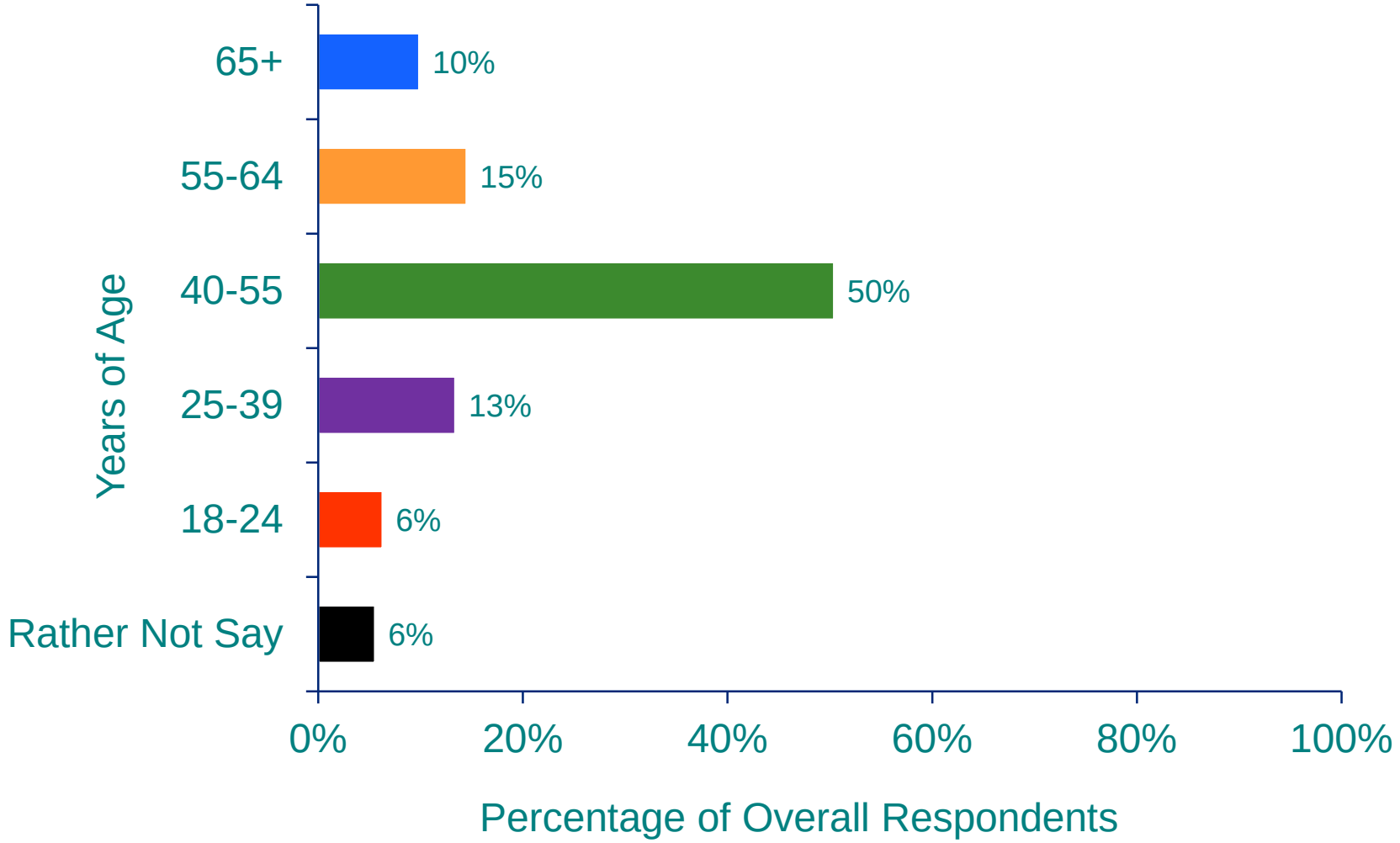
Marketing to Promote the Survey

- 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, 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

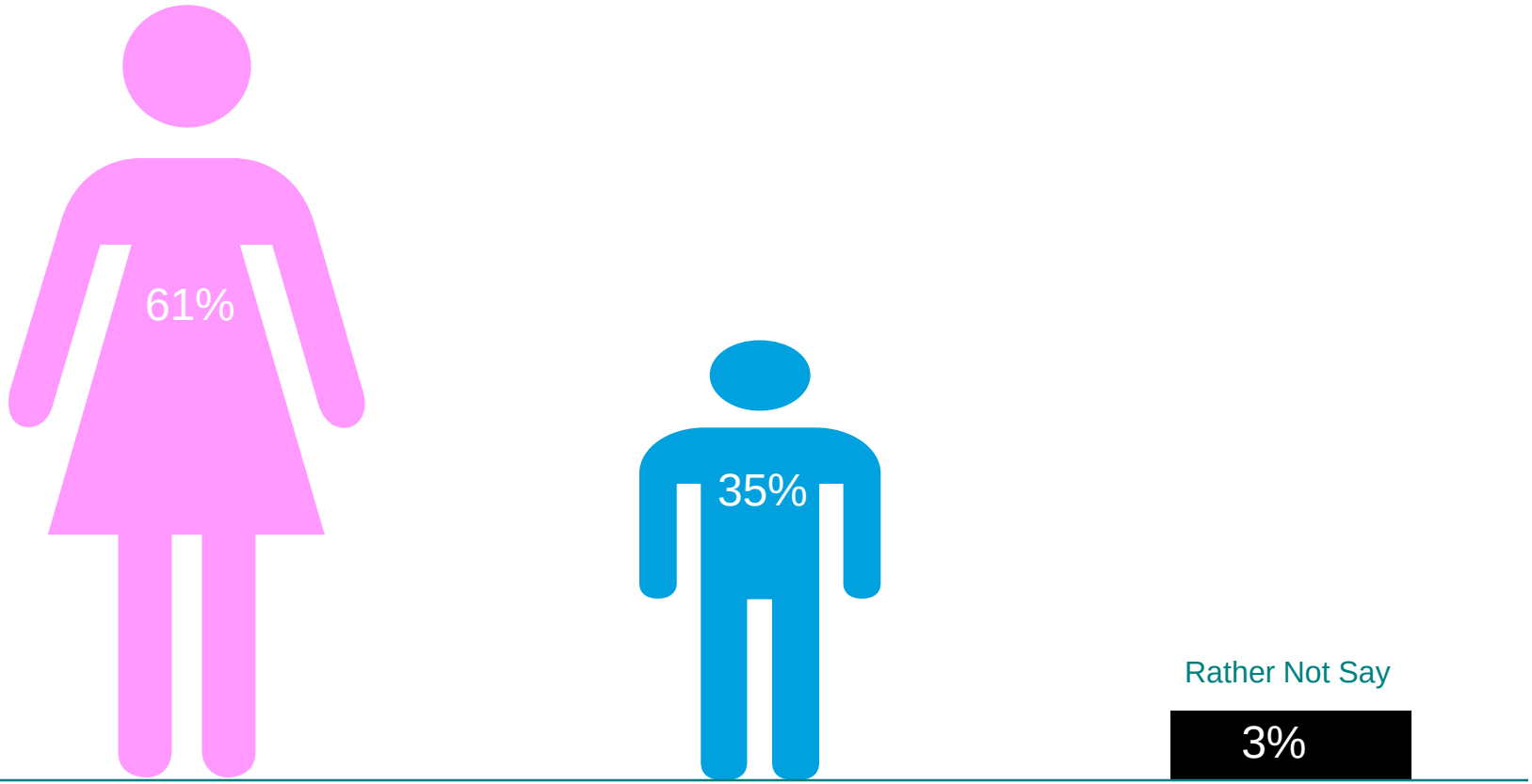
Observations on Survey Data

- 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 are 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”

Age

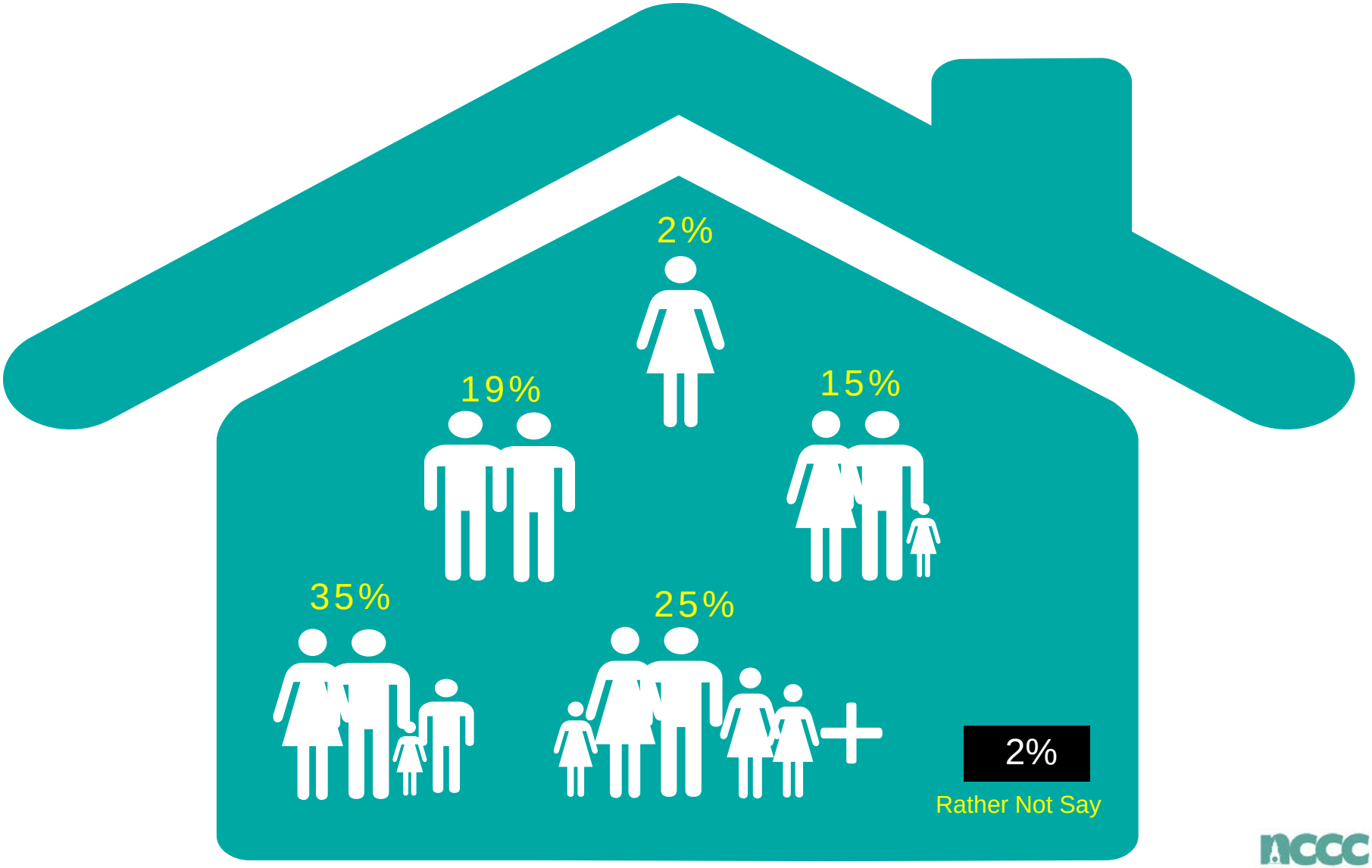

65+
10%
55-64
15%
40-55
50%
25-39
13%
18-24
6%
Rather Not Say
6%
Years of Age
0%
20%
40%
60%
80%
100%
Percentage of Overall Respondents

Gender



Percentage of Overall Respondents

Number of Household Members



Percentage of Overall Respondents

Children Living at Home

Pre-K



10%

K-4th



23%

5th-6th



15%

7th-8th



25%

9th-12th



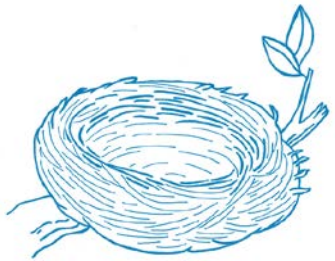
33%

Post HS



18%

No Kids

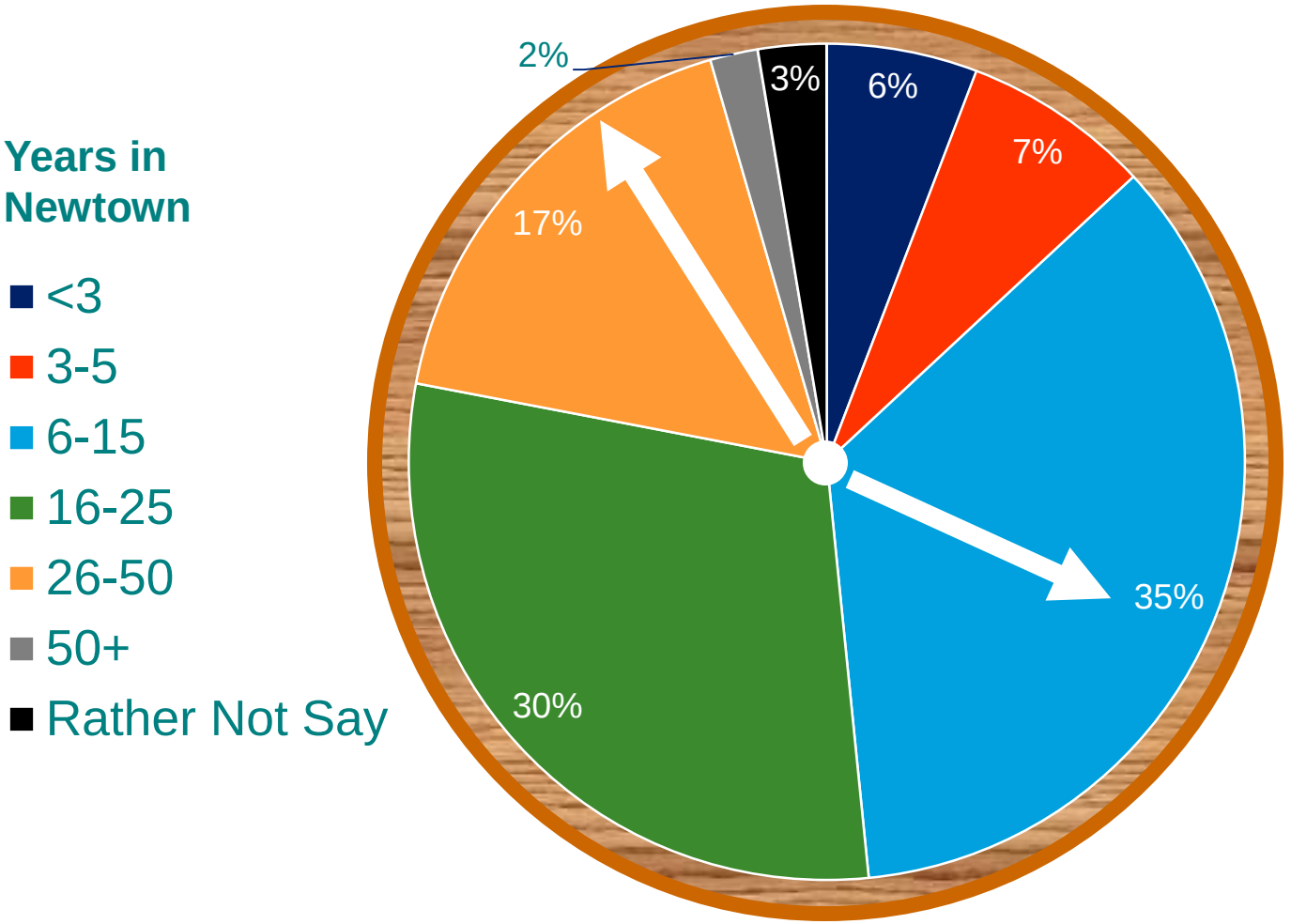


25%

Rather Not Say

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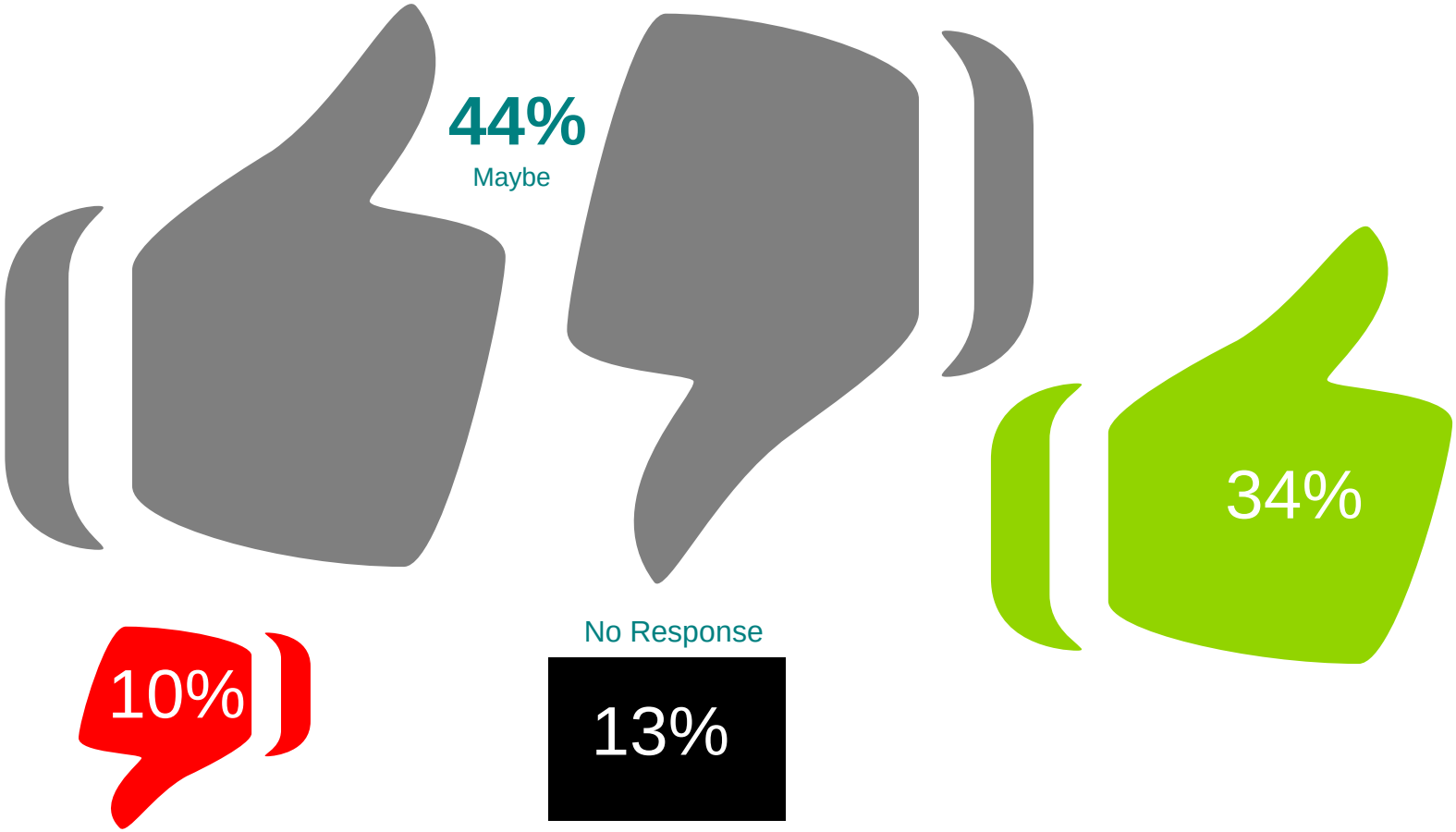
Time Spent Living in Newtown



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?



Percentage of Overall Respondents

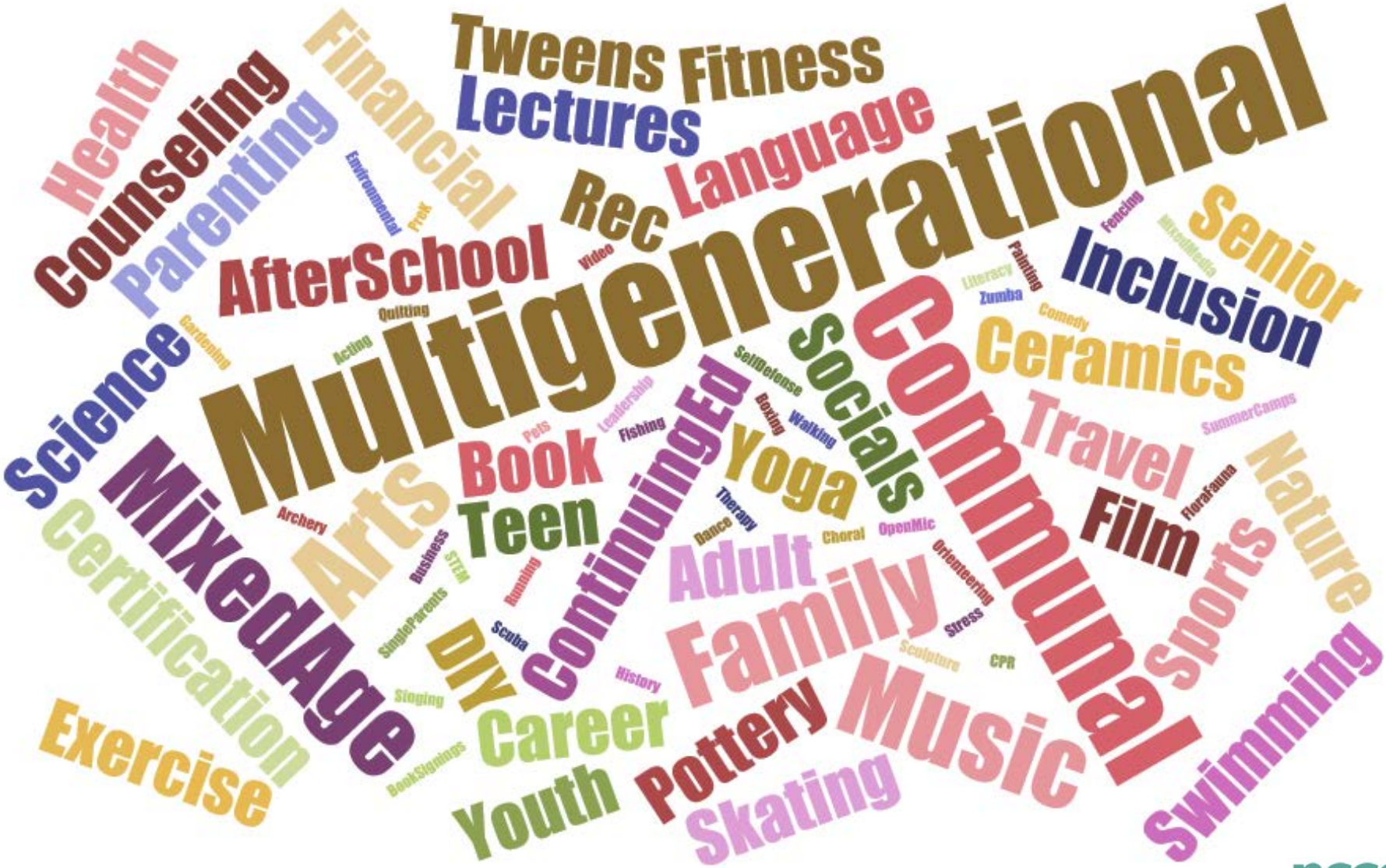
Online Survey Results

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?

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Desired Programming – “Snapshot” of Write-In Feedback



See slides 75-199 for complete comments

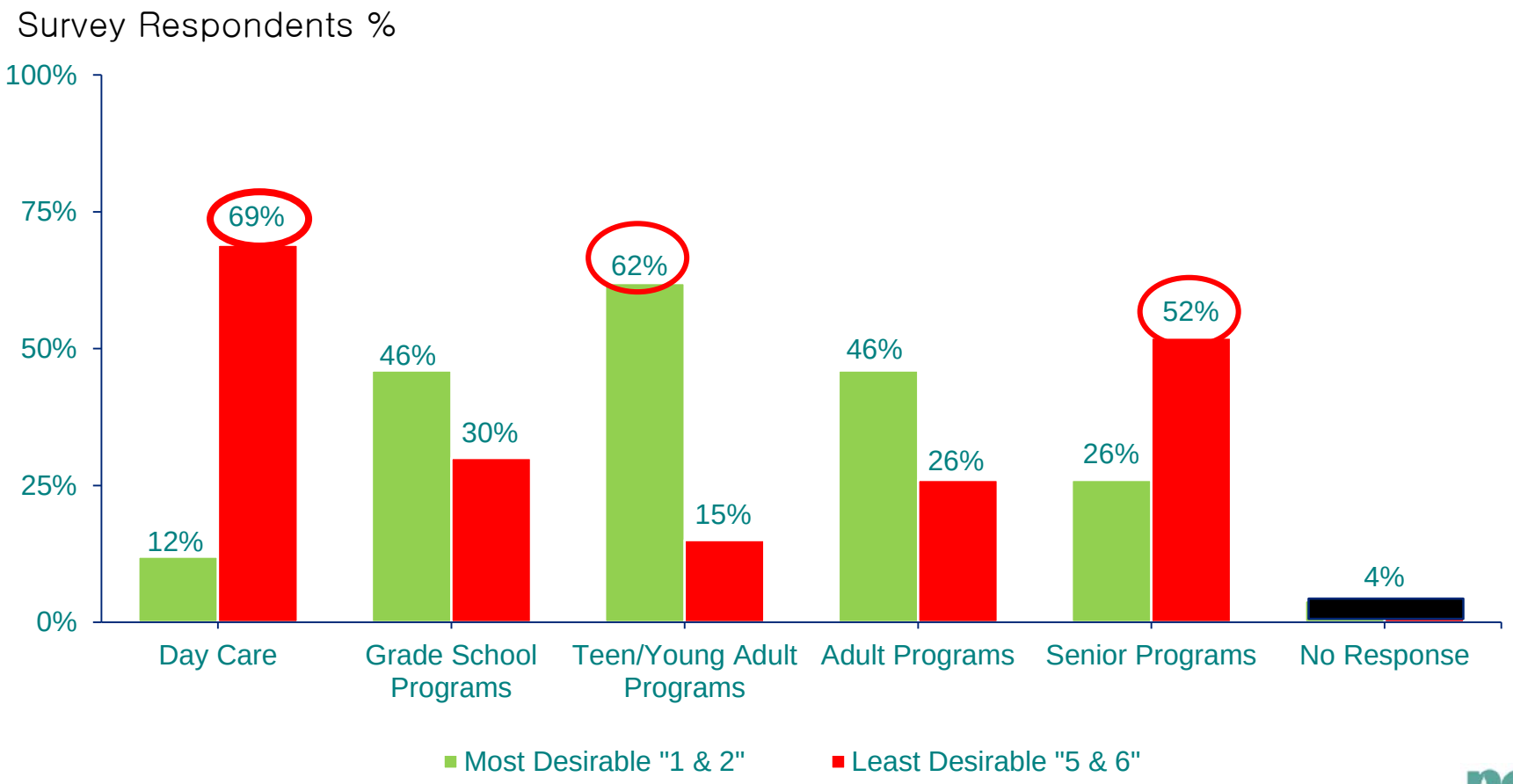
Online Survey Results

Generational Programs & Dedicated vs. Flexible Space/Programming

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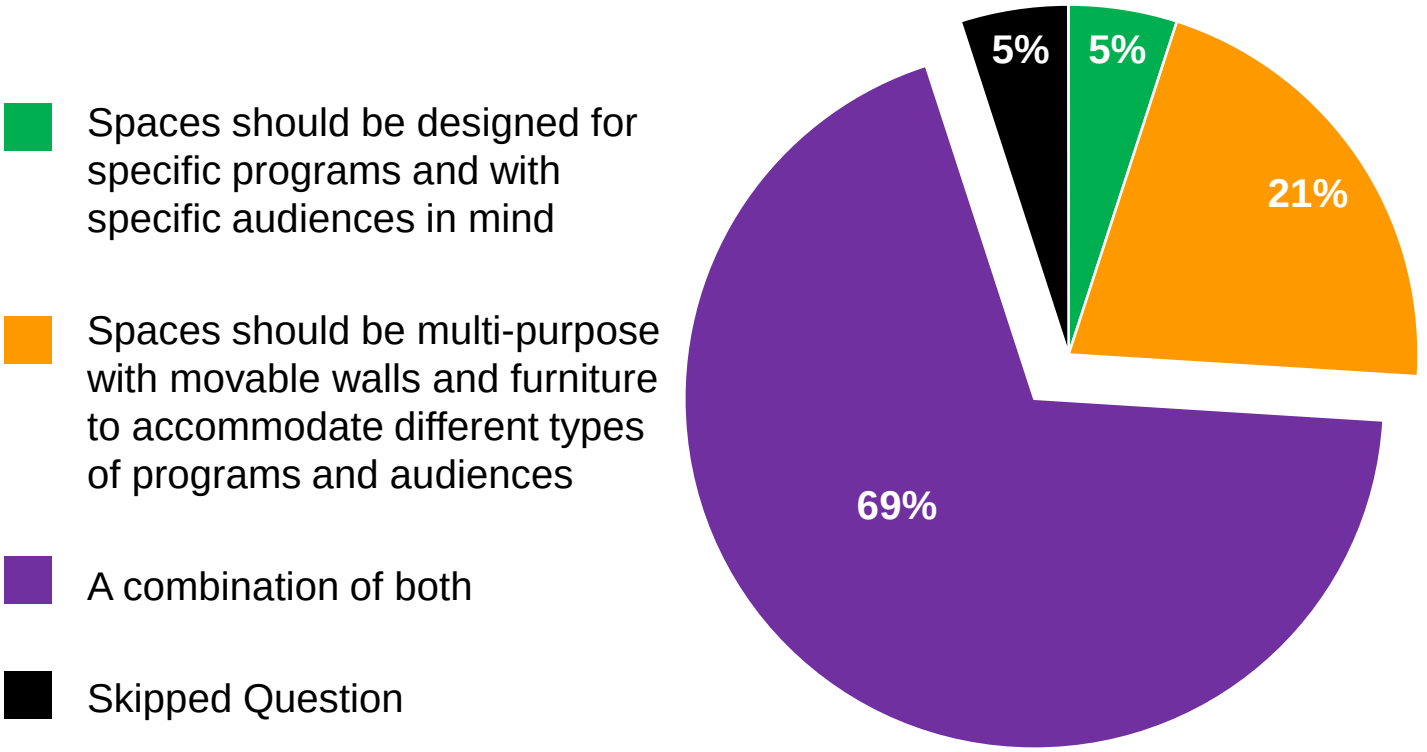
Generational Programs

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”.



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:



Percentage of Overall Respondents

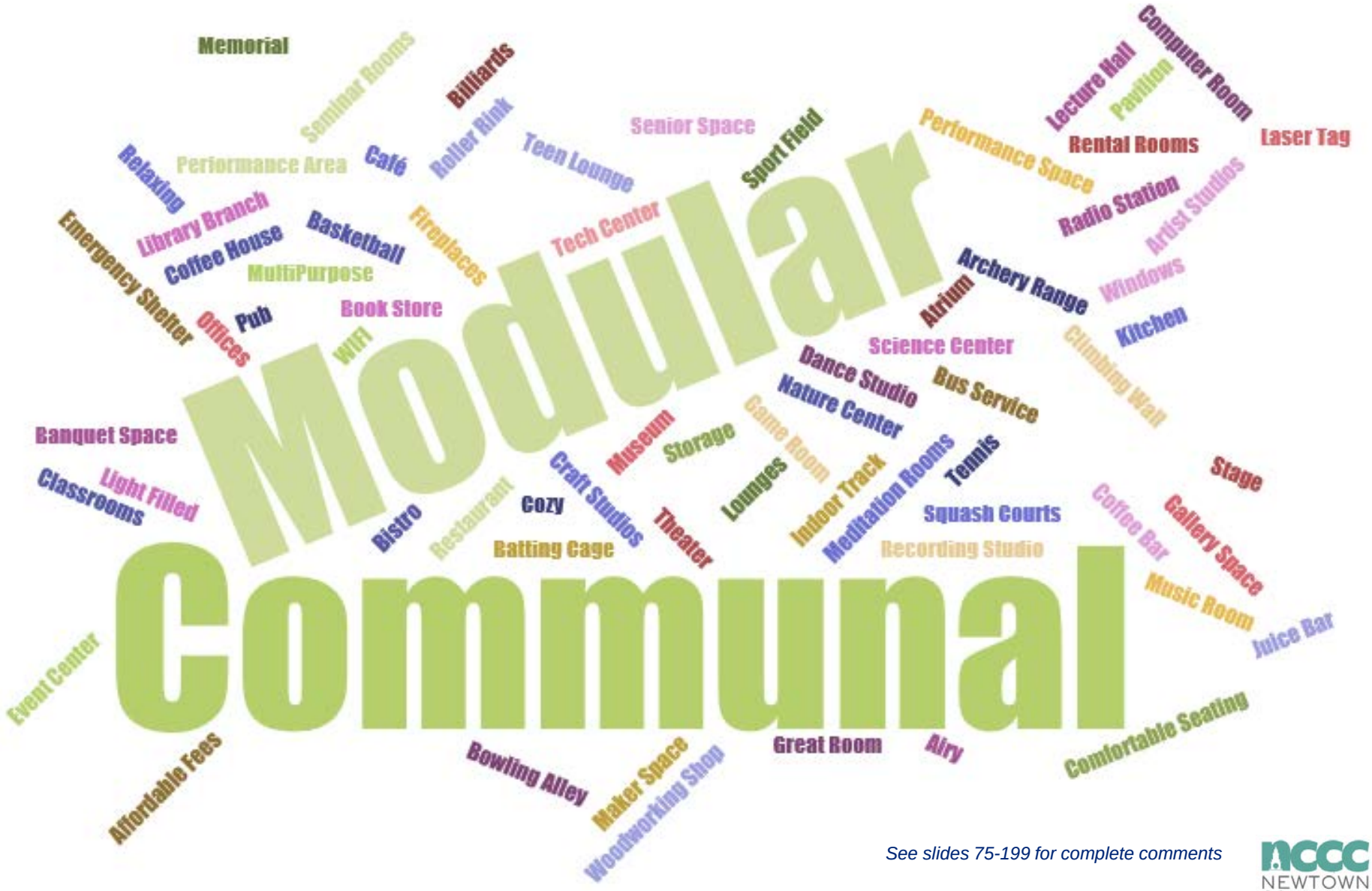
Online Survey Results

Community Input: The Facility & Outdoor Ideas

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?

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Facility Ideas – "Snapshot" of Write-In Feedback



See slides 75-199 for complete comments

Outdoor Ideas – “Snapshot” of Write-In Feedback



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Online Survey Results

Preferences for Suggested Key Features

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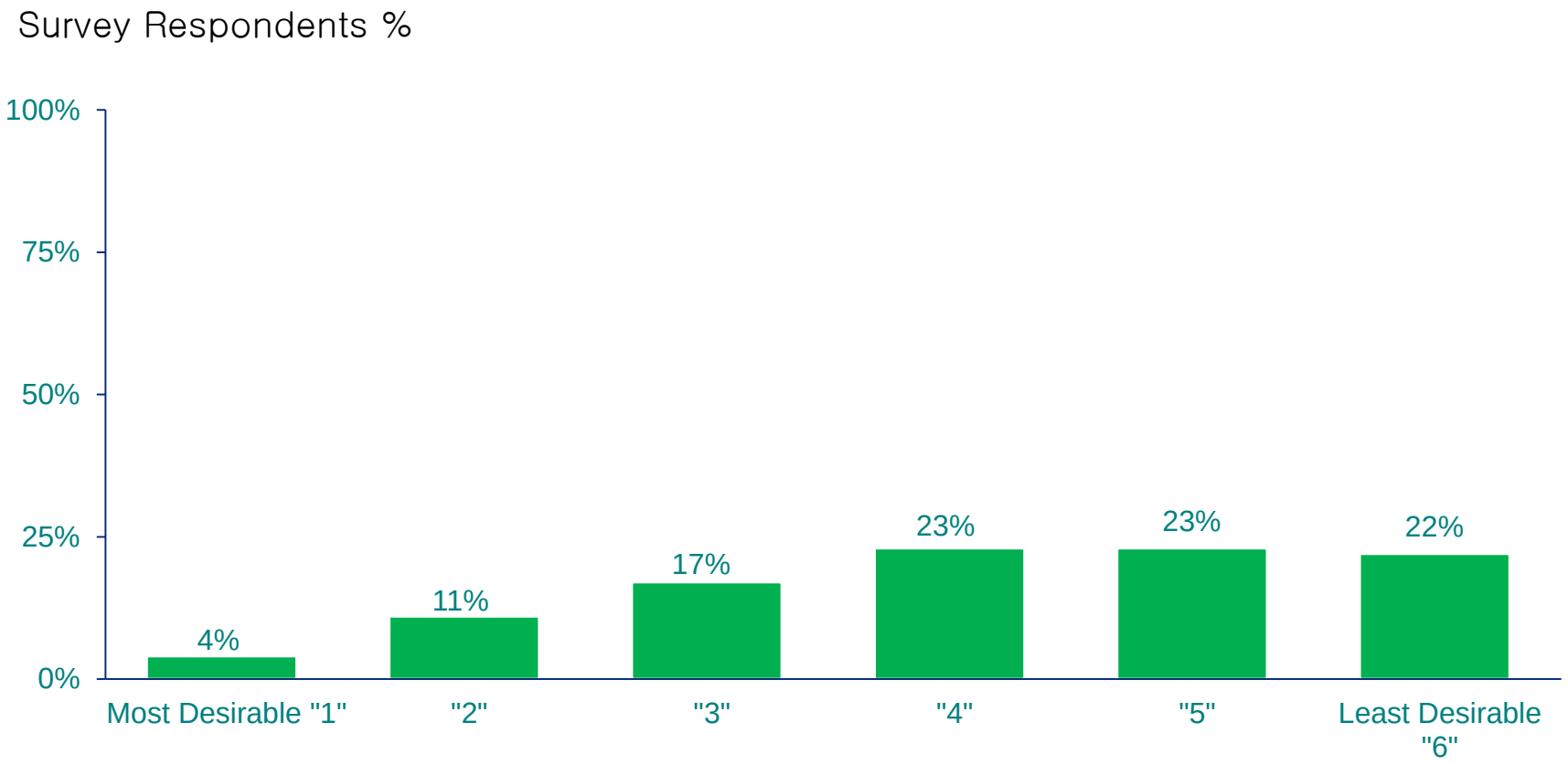
Possible Key Features of the Community Center

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

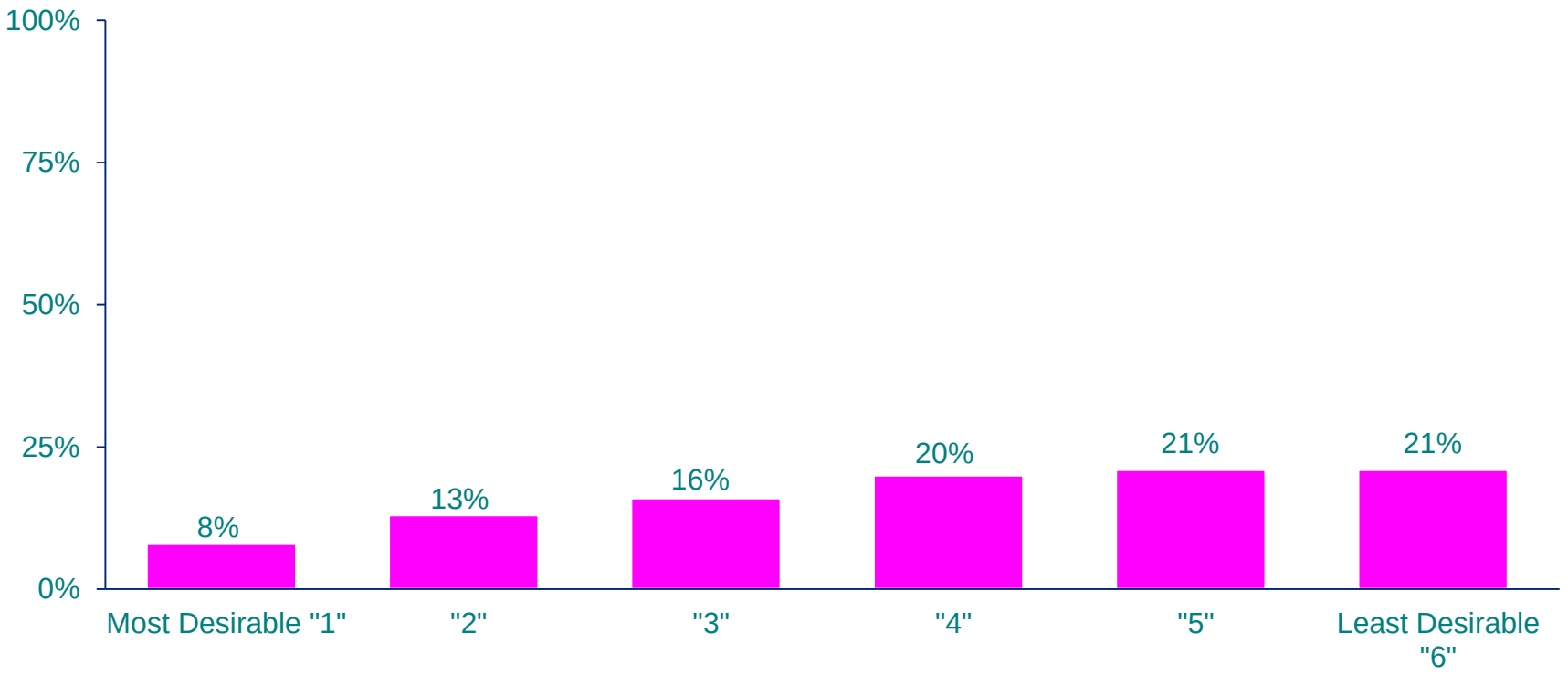
Recreation

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



Health & Wellness

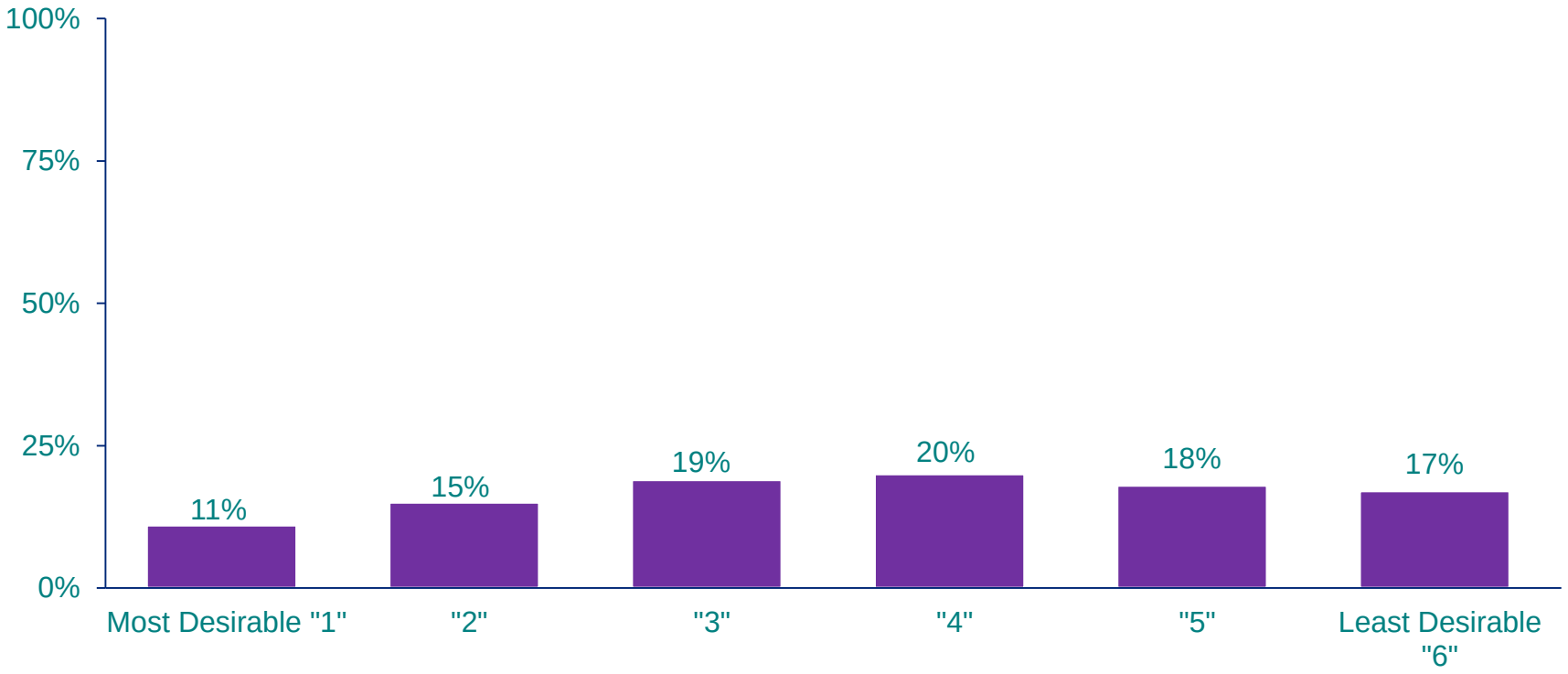
Classes/programs dedicated to nutrition, brain health, physical well-being, and health assessments



Arts

Performing/visual arts, creative activities/classes and exhibits

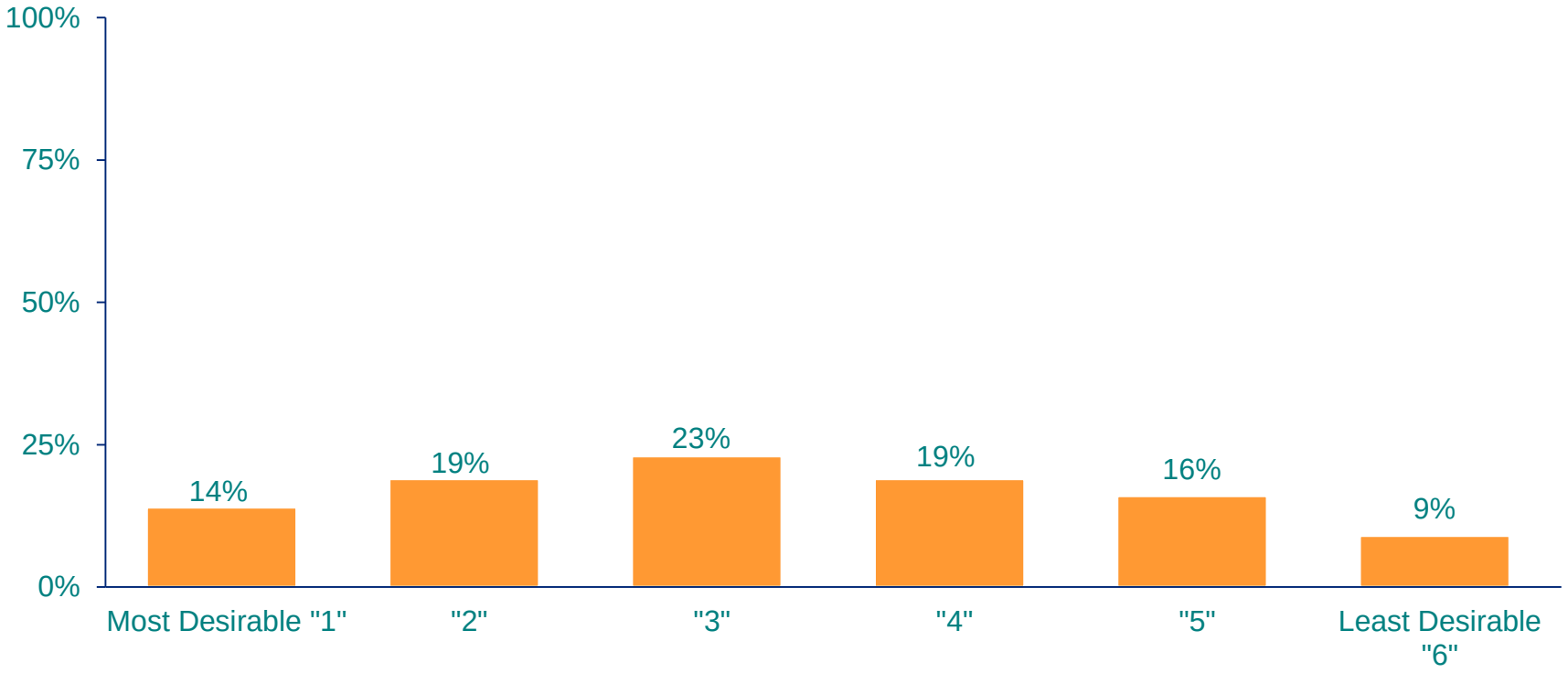
Survey Respondents %



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)

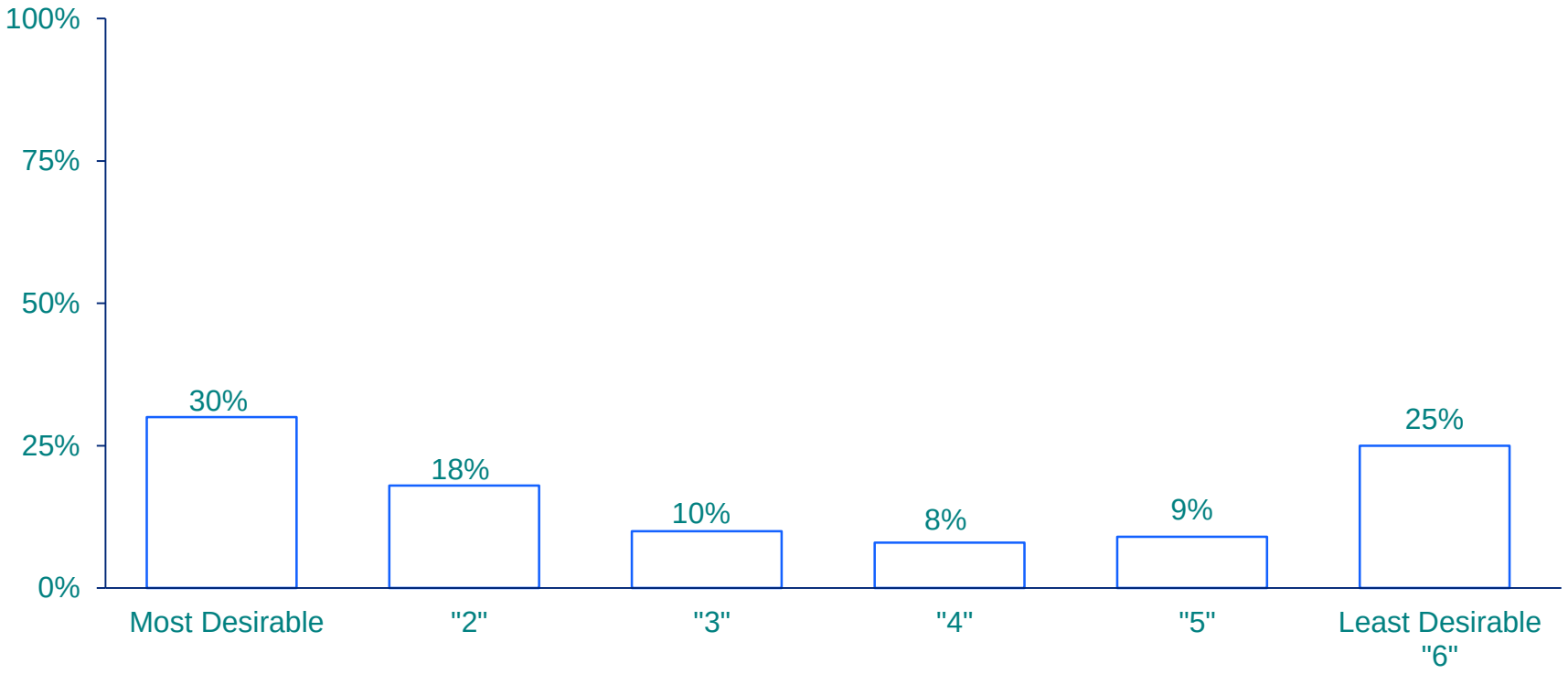
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Ice Rink

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

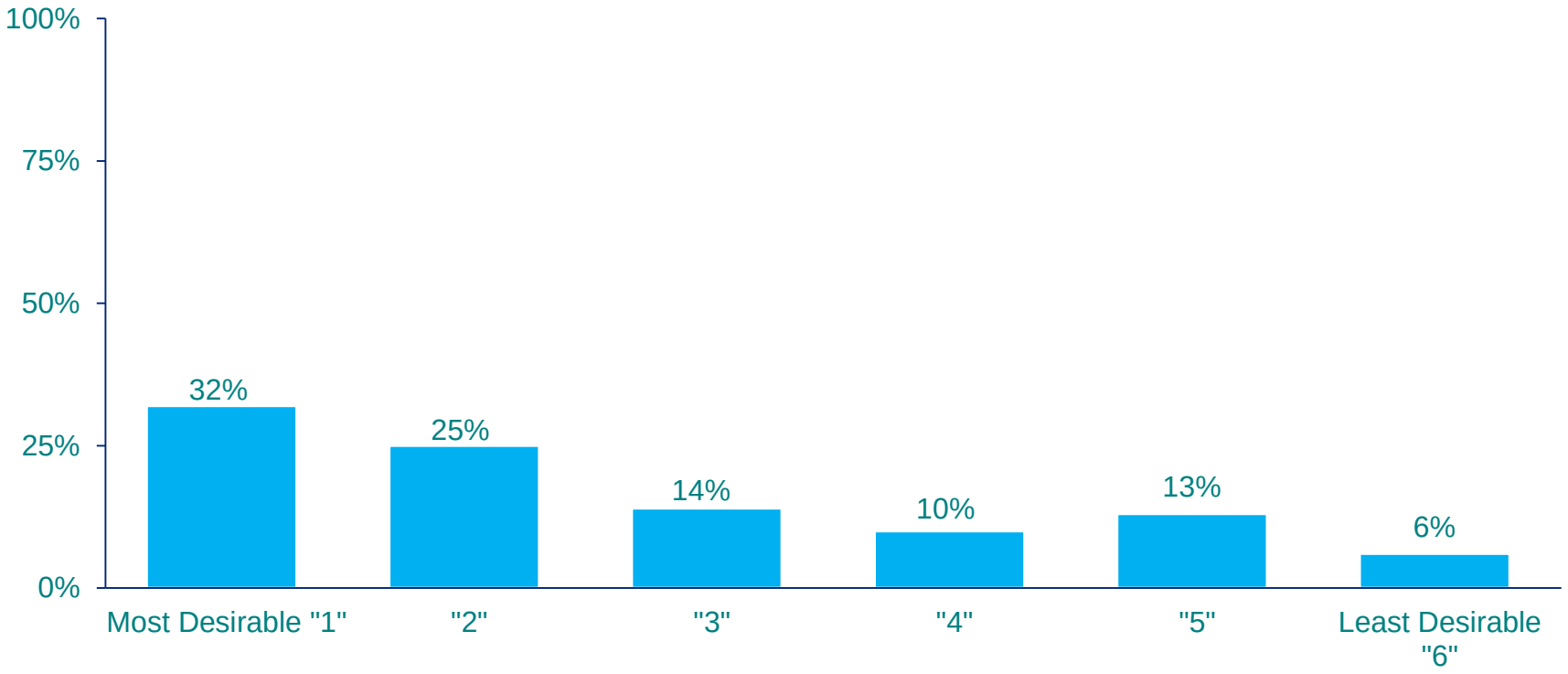
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Indoor Aquatics

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

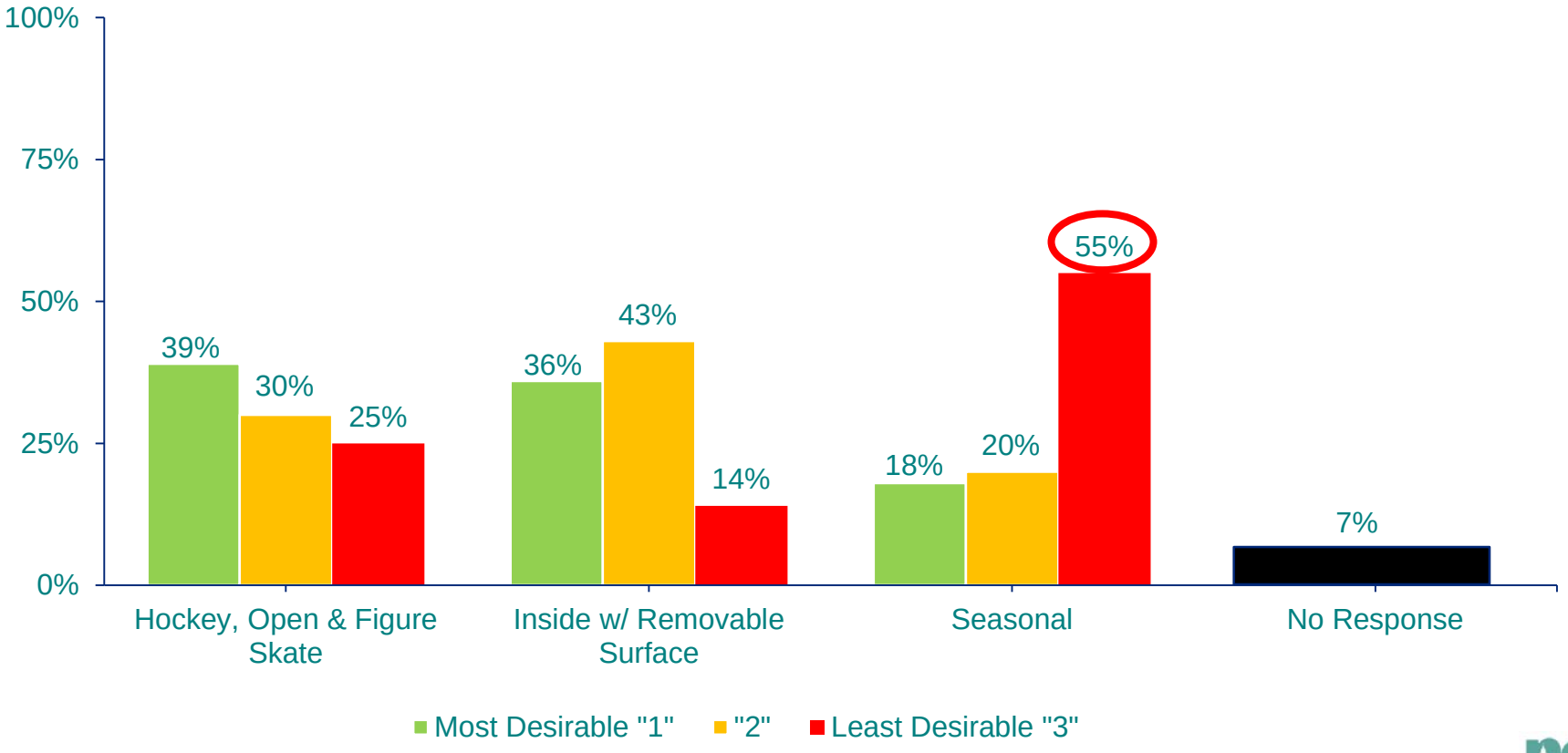
Survey Respondents %



Ice Rink Preferences

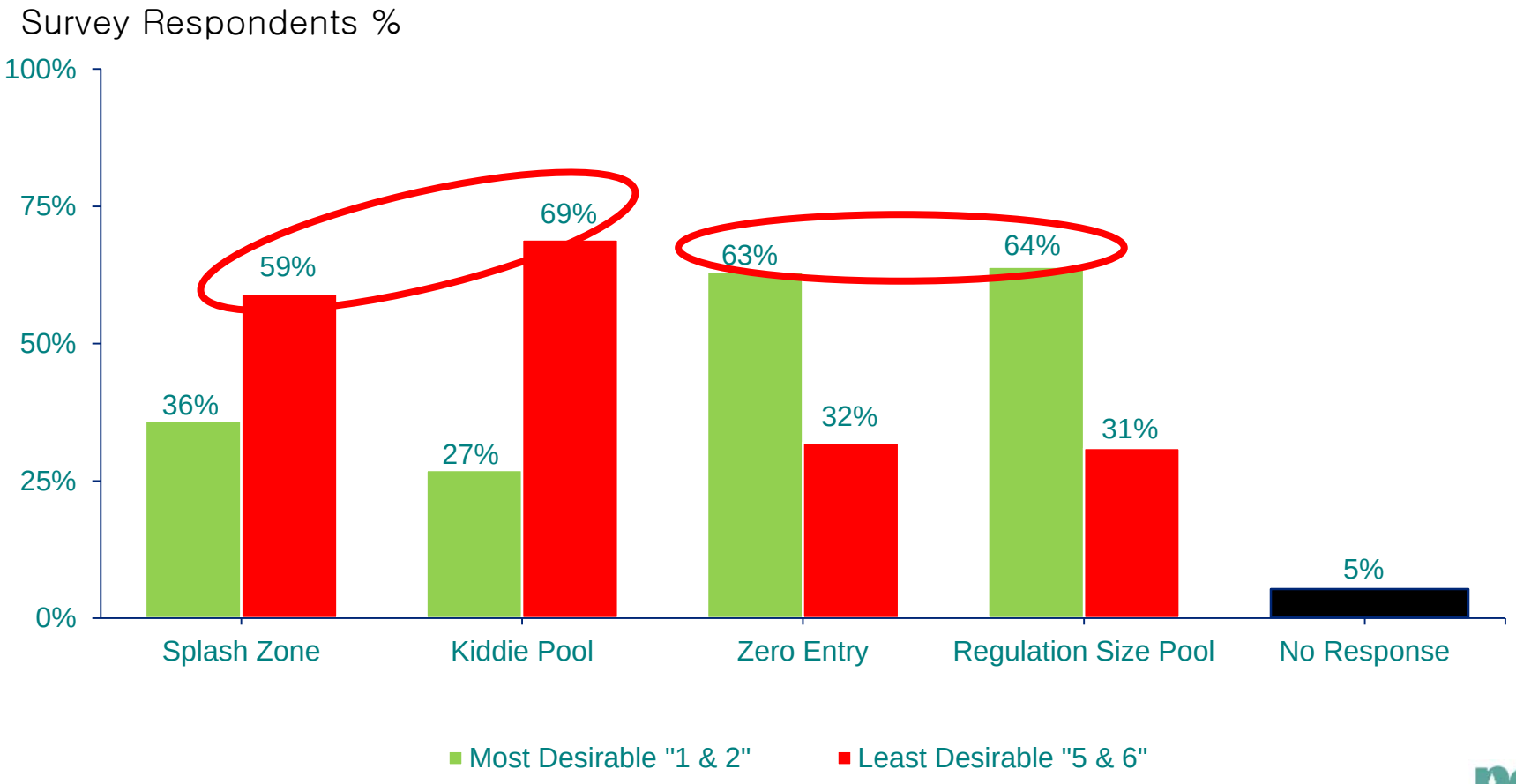
Q. When considering the possibility of an Ice Rink at the Community Center, please rank the following statements from most “most desirable” to “least desirable”.

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"



Online Survey Results

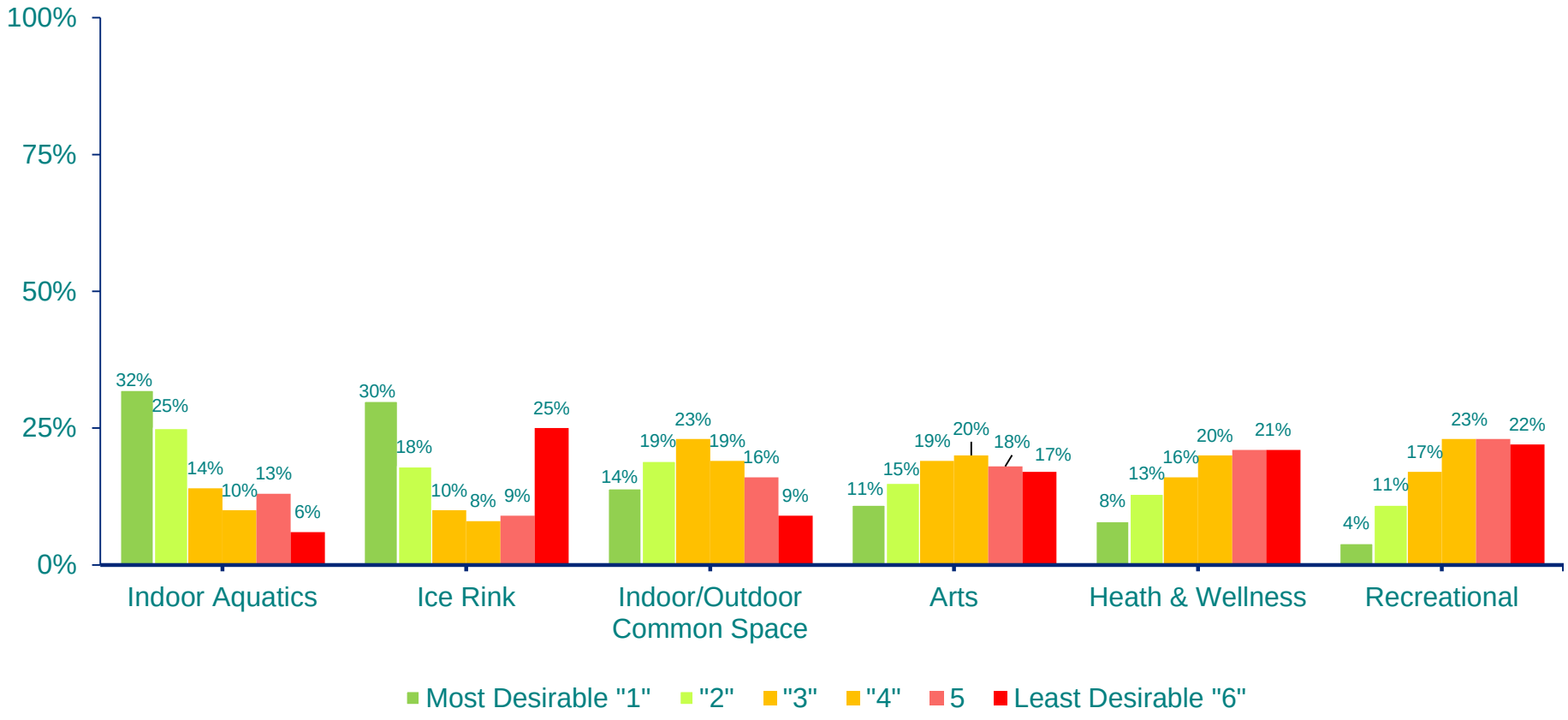
Comparison of 6 Suggested Key Features

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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"

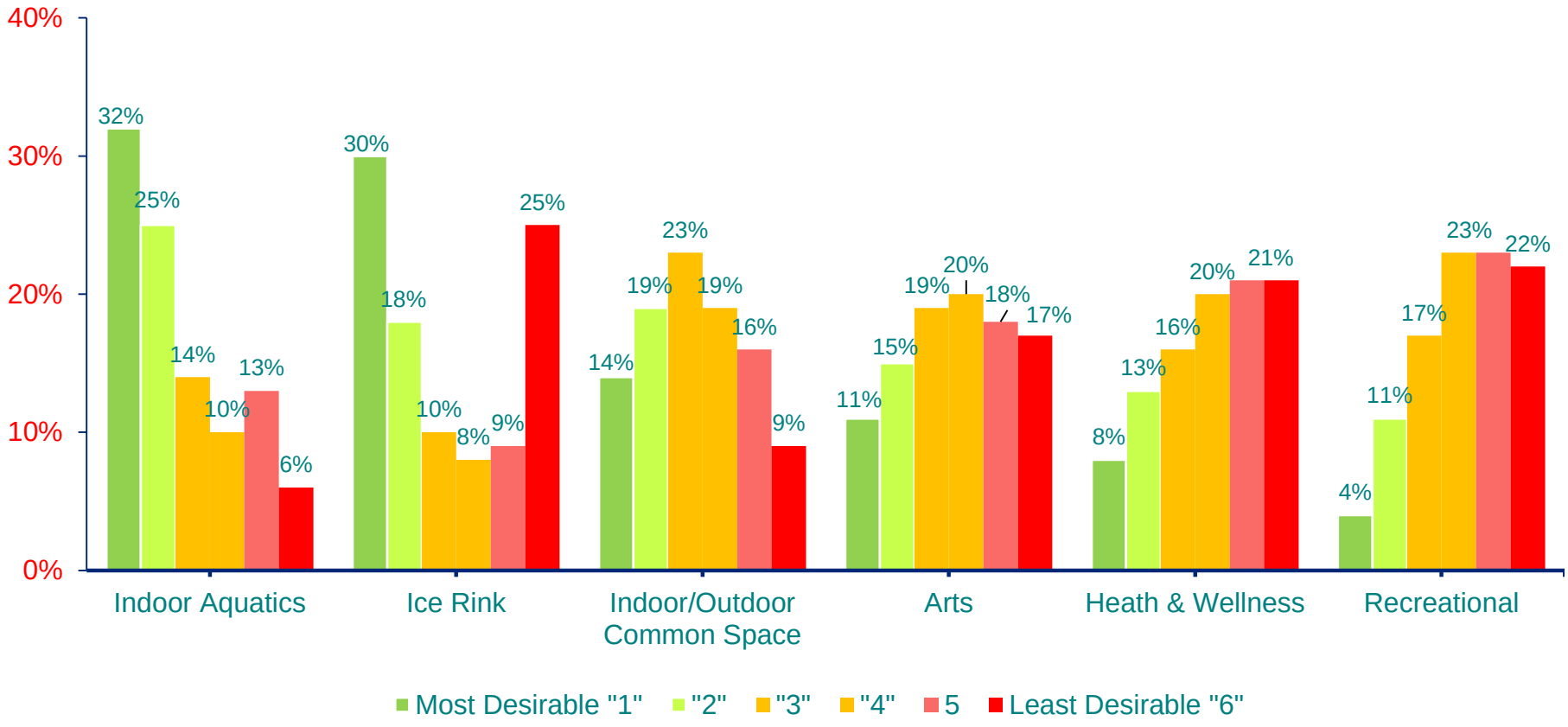
Survey Respondents %



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

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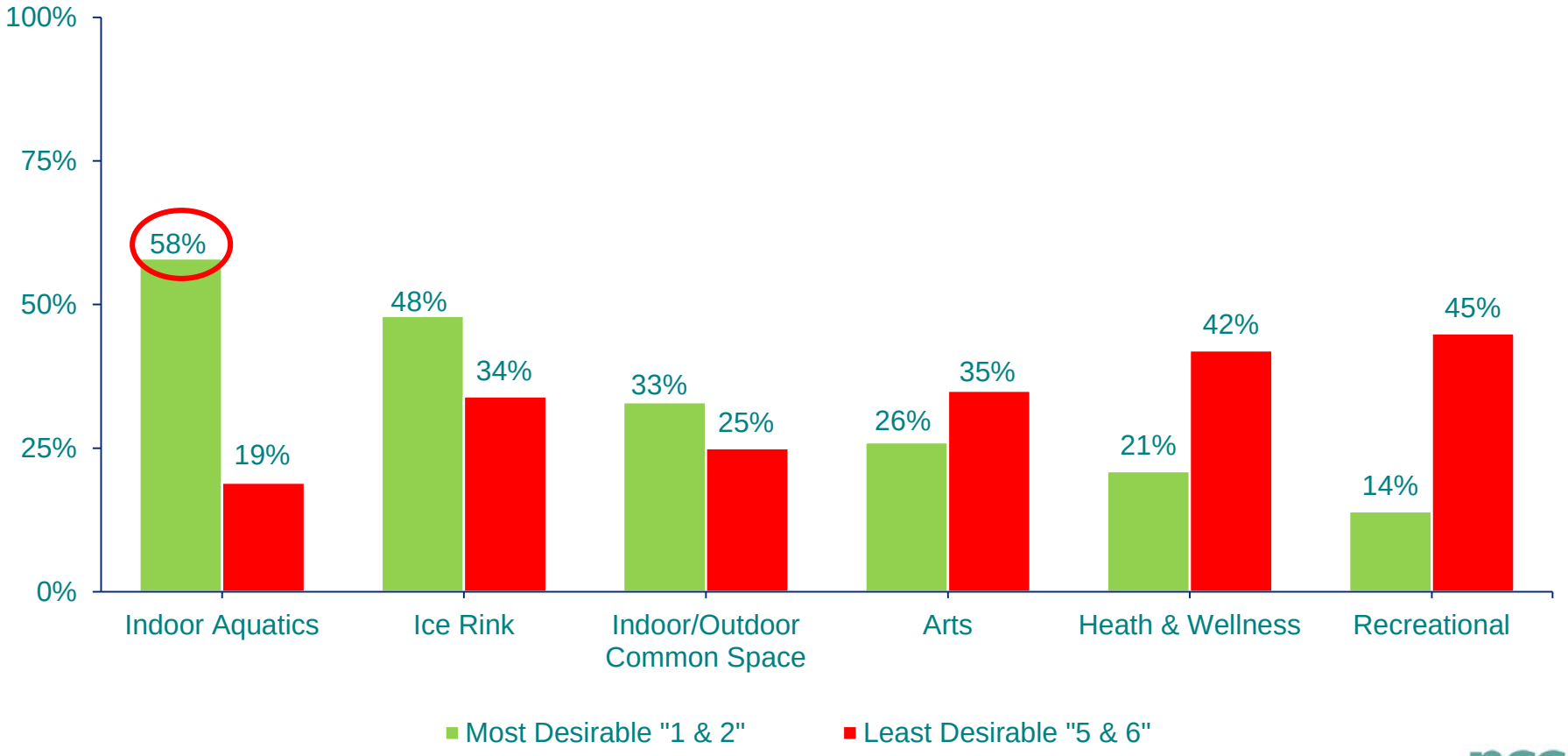
Survey Respondents %



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 %



Online Survey Results

Community Input: Write-In Answers on Facility

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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... 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)

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)

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 of12/14 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)

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

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Facility – Arts Space (5 of 44)

Potters' wheels, and artist studios with appropriate natural light (north facing window) and other important characteristics to promote creativity	Arts
Preforming acts 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

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Community Input from Open Field Question

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

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

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Facility – Communal Space (7 of 44)

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 foe gathering that also has kitchen capabilities...To replace alexander room as a meting 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)

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

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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
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Climbing wall	Health/Fitness
Climbing wall	Health/Fitness
Climbing wall	Health/Fitness

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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
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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

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Facility – Recreational Space (31 of 44)

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
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Laser tag	Rec
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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 http://www.Ferrybuildingmarketplace.Com/ or Chelsea market in SF http://chelseamarket.Com/)	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

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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

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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 greats 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

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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, bowing, laser tag	Sports
Bowing	Sports
Bowling	Sports
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Bowling alley	Sports
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Facility – Sports Space (38 of 44)

Bowling alley	Sports
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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. 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Community Input: Write-in Answers on Ice Rink

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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
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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

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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

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Community Input: Write-In Answers on Aquatics

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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

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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 completive 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

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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

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Community Input: Write-In Answers on Outdoor Ideas

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Community Input: Write-In Answers on Programming

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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. Bussing from all Newtown schools.	After school
After school care for kids	After school

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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 idol 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
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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

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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
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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
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Art classes	Arts
Art classes	Arts
Art classes (painting, sculpture, writing, etc...)	Arts
Art classes (painting/sculpting/photography)	Arts
Art classes all ages	Arts

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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

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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

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Programming – Arts (9 of 50)

Ceramics class	Arts
Ceramics class	Arts
Ceramics classes	Arts
Choral	Arts
Chorus group could be formed	Arts
Classes (exercice, langage, 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

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Programming – Arts (10 of 50)

Crafts	Arts
Crafts	Arts
Crafts, seasonal for kids and adults like bens 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

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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

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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

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Programming – Arts (13 of 50)

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Programming – Communal & Education (21 of 50)

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

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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
Cooking classes	Education
Cooking classes	Education
Cooking classes	Education
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Cooking classes	Education
Cooking classes	Education

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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
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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

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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 heath / group therapy classes	Health/fitness
Mental well being	Health/fitness
Metal 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

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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

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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

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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

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Programming – Health/Fitness (36 of 50)

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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. 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

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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

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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

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Programming – Seniors & Sports (47 of 50)

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

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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

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Programming – Sports (49 of 50)

Sports	Sports
Sports	Sports
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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

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Online Survey Results

Community Input: General Comments

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Community Input from Open Field Question

General Comments (1 of 7)

"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 ring 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)

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!
Http://www.Nrpa.Org/uploadedfiles/nrpa.Org/membership/awards/gold_medal/gold-medal-award-winners(1).Pdf? Look at award winning recreational facilities. Leesburg, VA has won several.

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Community Input from Open Field Question

General Comments (3 of 7)

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
Llodra 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)

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

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Community Input from Open Field Question

General Comments (5 of 7)

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)

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

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Community Input from Open Field Question

General Comments (7 of 7)

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

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