

# Newport Recreation Department Community Center User Survey

*Please help us determine the current and future needs of Newport Recreation & Programs. Thank You!*

GENDER (M/F) _____	AGE _____	RESIDENT OF _____	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>High Priority</b>
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**How important are the following to you / your family:**

	1	2	3	4
1. Does Newport need a new or improved Community Center?				
2. How important is quality recreation to your enjoyment of Newport?				
3. How important are health, wellness, and fitness programs?				
4. How important are community activities and programs?				
5. How important are programs for all ages?				
6. How important is Senior Citizen specific programming?				
7. How important is on site childcare at the Community Center?				
8. How important are the following spaces:				
a. Gymnasium with spectator seating				
b. Flexible indoor spaces serving multiple purposes				
c. Locker room facilities				
d. Free weights and strength training area				
e. Group exercise / aerobics / wrestling / karate space				
f. Indoor walking / jogging track				
g. Teen activity area				
h. Kitchen area for events / programs / concessions				
i. Meeting space / rental space for Birthday parties, etc.				
j. Adjacent outdoor multi-use recreation space				
k. Other (write-in):				

**Times per week**

	0	0-1	1-2	3-4	5+
9. How frequently do you / your family use the present Recreation Center?					
10. How frequently would you / your family use a new community center?					
11. How frequently do you / your family use a town park?					
12. How frequently do you / your family use the town forest?					

**Dollars per year**

	\$0	\$60	\$120	\$180	\$240	\$300	More
13. How much money in yearly Membership would you be willing to pay for a new / improved community center?							

14. What would you expect to receive for your membership? Please be specific.

15. What Newport Rec programs have you participated in over the last year?

16. What Non-Newport Rec programs have you participated in over the last year (include where)?

17. What do you think is Newport's greatest need for community / recreation programs?

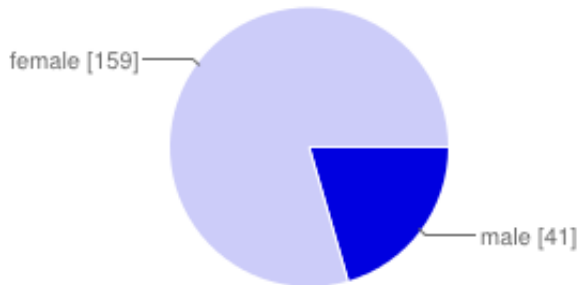
18. Are there any other programs, amenities, or recreation opportunities you would like to see?

19. Additional Comments:

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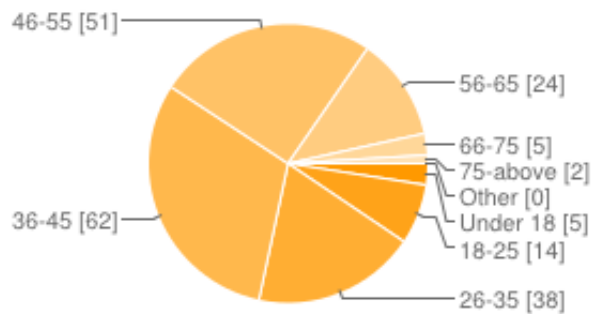
## Summary

### Gender



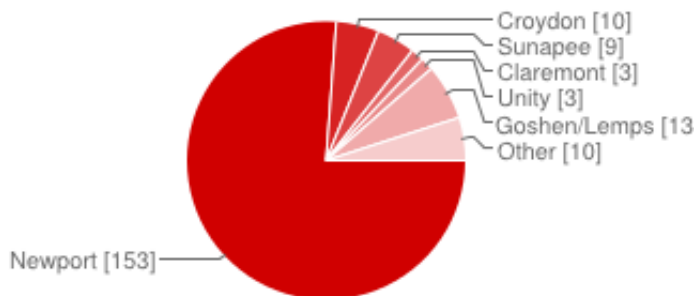
male	41	20%
female	159	79%

### Age (brackets)



Under 18	5	2%
18-25	14	7%
26-35	38	19%
36-45	62	31%
46-55	51	25%
56-65	24	12%
66-75	5	2%
75-above	2	1%
Other	0	0%

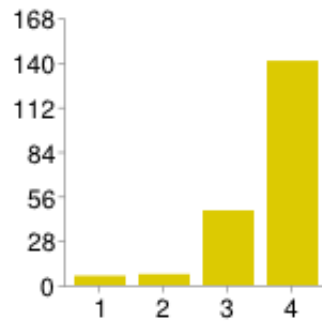
### Resident of:



Newport	153	76%
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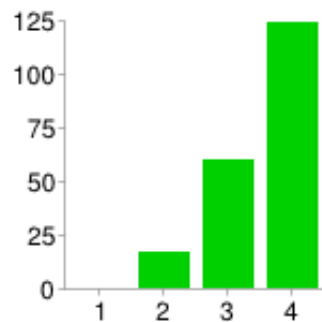
Croydon	<b>10</b>	5%
Sunapee	<b>9</b>	4%
Claremont	<b>3</b>	1%
Unity	<b>3</b>	1%
Goshen/Lempster	<b>13</b>	6%
Other	<b>10</b>	5%

### 1. Does Newport need a new or improved Community Center?



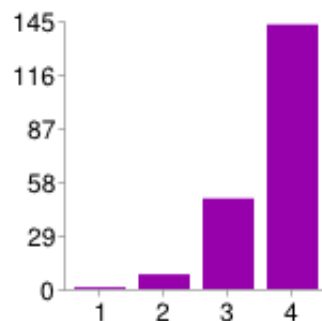
1	<b>6</b>	3%
2	<b>7</b>	3%
3	<b>47</b>	23%
4	<b>141</b>	70%

### 2. How important is quality recreation to your enjoyment of Newport



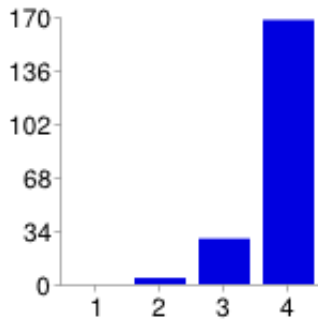
1	<b>0</b>	0%
2	<b>17</b>	8%
3	<b>60</b>	30%
4	<b>124</b>	62%

### 3. How important are health, wellness and fitness programs?



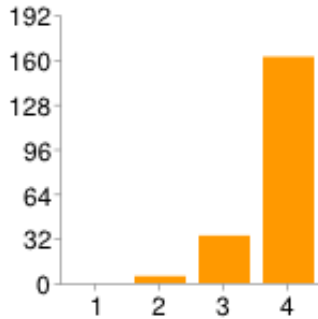
1	<b>1</b>	0%
2	<b>8</b>	4%
3	<b>49</b>	24%
4	<b>143</b>	71%

### 4. How important are community activities and programs?



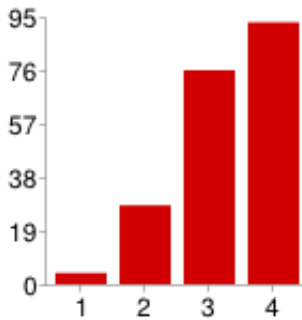
1	<b>0</b>	0%
2	<b>4</b>	2%
3	<b>29</b>	14%
4	<b>168</b>	84%

**5. How important are programs for all ages?**



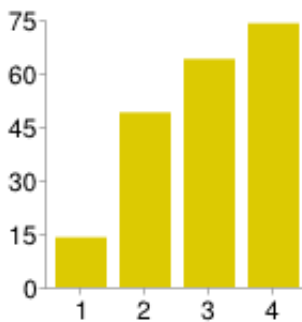
1	<b>0</b>	0%
2	<b>5</b>	2%
3	<b>34</b>	17%
4	<b>162</b>	81%

**6. How important is Senior Citizen specific programming?**



1	<b>4</b>	2%
2	<b>28</b>	14%
3	<b>76</b>	38%
4	<b>93</b>	46%

**7. How important is on-site childcare at the Community Center**

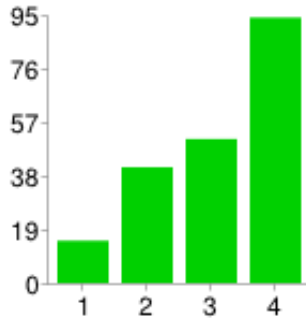


1	<b>14</b>	7%
2	<b>49</b>	24%
3	<b>64</b>	32%
4	<b>74</b>	37%

**8. Please mark your response to the following 11 items (a-k) below using 1 as low priority and 4 as high priority.**

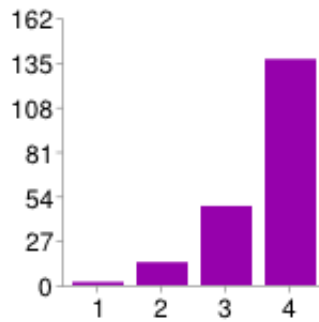
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### 8a. Gymnasium with spectator seating



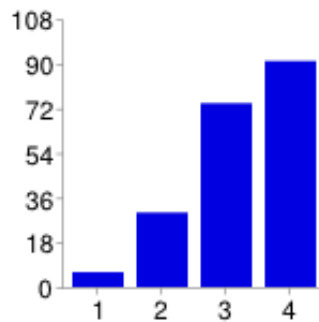
1	<b>15</b>	7%
2	<b>41</b>	20%
3	<b>51</b>	25%
4	<b>94</b>	47%

### 8b. Flexible indoor space serving multiple purposes



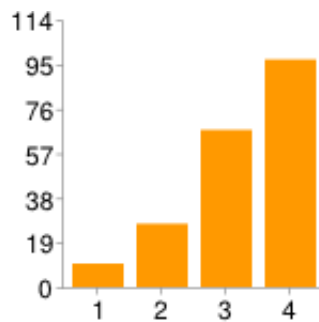
1	<b>2</b>	1%
2	<b>14</b>	7%
3	<b>48</b>	24%
4	<b>137</b>	68%

### 8c. Lockerroom facilities



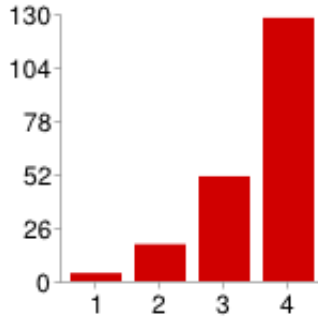
1	<b>6</b>	3%
2	<b>30</b>	15%
3	<b>74</b>	37%
4	<b>91</b>	45%

### 8d. Free weights and strength training area



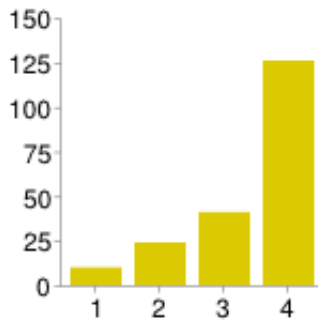
1	<b>10</b>	5%
2	<b>27</b>	13%
3	<b>67</b>	33%
4	<b>97</b>	48%

### 8e. Group exercise / aerobics/ wrestling/ karate space



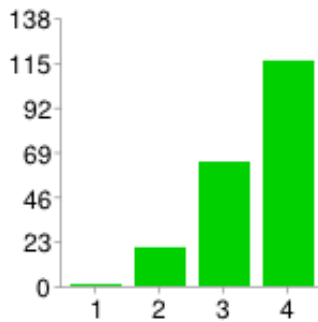
1	<b>4</b>	2%
2	<b>18</b>	9%
3	<b>51</b>	25%
4	<b>128</b>	64%

### 8f. Indoor walking / jogging track



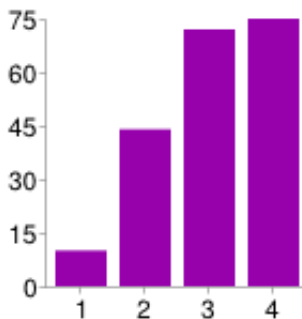
1	<b>10</b>	5%
2	<b>24</b>	12%
3	<b>41</b>	20%
4	<b>126</b>	63%

### 8g. Teen activities area



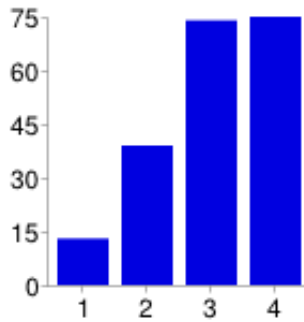
1	<b>1</b>	0%
2	<b>20</b>	10%
3	<b>64</b>	32%
4	<b>116</b>	58%

### 8h. Kitchen area for events / programs / concessions



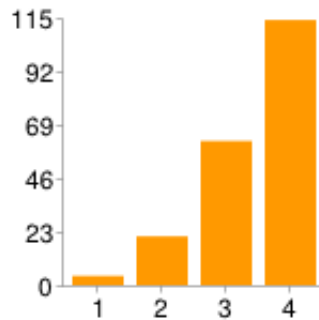
1	<b>10</b>	5%
2	<b>44</b>	22%
3	<b>72</b>	36%
4	<b>75</b>	37%

### 8i. Meeting space / Rental space for birthday parties, etc.



1	<b>13</b>	6%
2	<b>39</b>	19%
3	<b>74</b>	37%
4	<b>75</b>	37%

### 8j. Adjacent outdoor multi-use recreation space



1	<b>4</b>	2%
2	<b>21</b>	10%
3	<b>62</b>	31%
4	<b>114</b>	57%

### 8k. Other

crossfit space

a pool

Indoor Pool

POOL

swimming pool

need an indoor pool for exercise and a safer alternative to the current option of jumping off the trussel

crossfit specific area

can there be a pool?

Indoor pool lap swimming

Pool, think of Claremonts

indoor pool

A new gym is needed at the high school instead of at a community center. Top Priority. I would like to see an indoor pool.

Indoor pool for classes, free swim, & renting out for events

need indoor pool!

Indoor heated swimming pool for exercise would be fantastic! Wouldn't have to go to Claremont! Great for the elderly and people with muscle/joint problems!!!

conference room for meeting place

a community pool

inclusion for kids with disabilities, help kids learn to play together and support each other

Pool

A pool.

Indoor swimming pool. Offer swim lessons for all ages

25 meter lap pool

needs an indoor pool

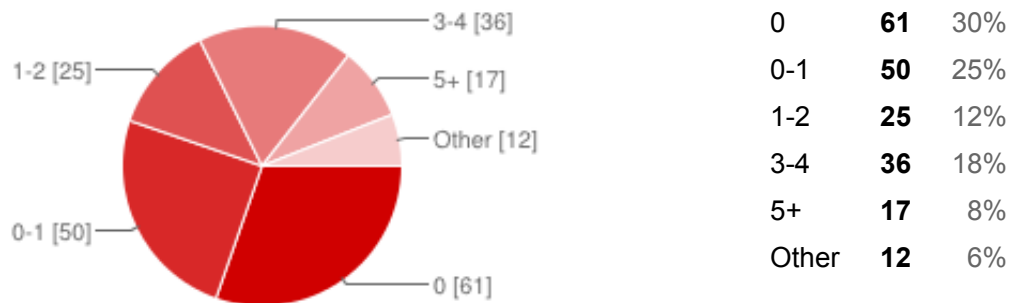
POOL!

pool

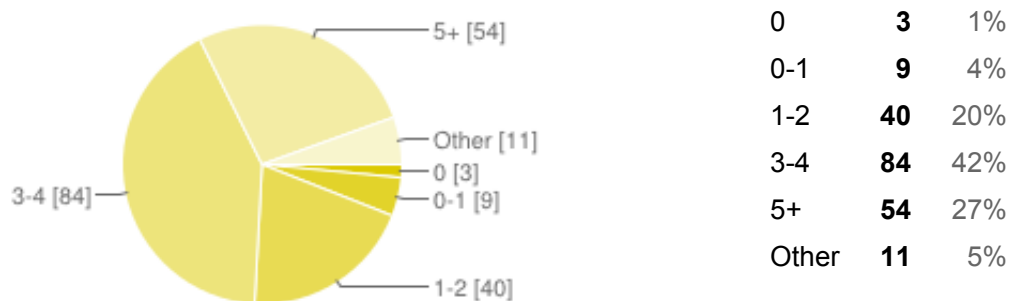
Indoor Olympic pool

Basketball court and swimming pool

### 9. How often do you /your family use the current recreation center per week?

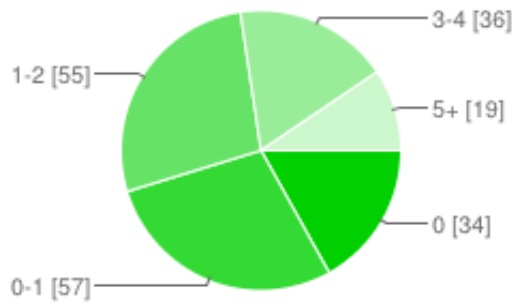


### 10. How frequently would you /your family use a new community center per week?



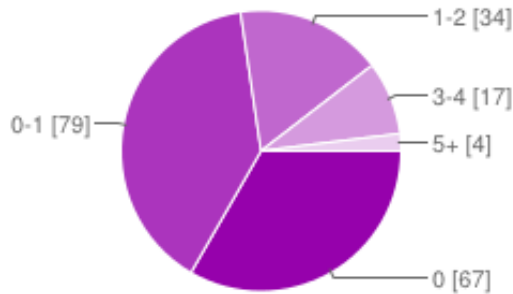
### 11. How frequently do you, your family use a Newport town park per week?





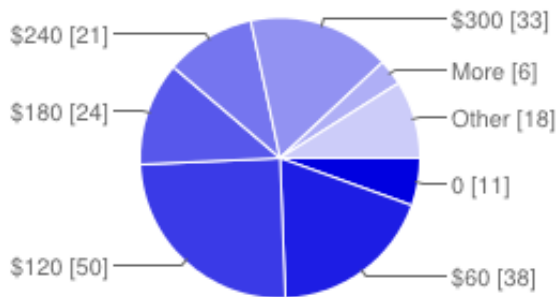
0	<b>34</b>	17%
0-1	<b>57</b>	28%
1-2	<b>55</b>	27%
3-4	<b>36</b>	18%
5+	<b>19</b>	9%

## 12. How frequently do you, your family use a town forest per week?



0	<b>67</b>	33%
0-1	<b>79</b>	39%
1-2	<b>34</b>	17%
3-4	<b>17</b>	8%
5+	<b>4</b>	2%

## 13. How much money in yearly memberships would you be willing to pay for a new / improved community center?



0	<b>11</b>	5%
\$60	<b>38</b>	19%
\$120	<b>50</b>	25%
\$180	<b>24</b>	12%
\$240	<b>21</b>	10%
\$300	<b>33</b>	16%
More	<b>6</b>	3%
Other	<b>18</b>	9%

## 14. What would you expect to receive for your membership?

Gym access. Clubs and events

pool, weights, treadmills, ellipticals

Access to all activities & equipment

Access to gym and classes. . Pay extra for childcare

Use of equipment and training

Access to programs and activities which 'might' have a sign up/ participation fee. Not interested in a yearly fee. Not so sure we actually NEED a new facility but it might be nice.

Full access to all areas and 1 "class" a week. Yoga/aerobics/strength or conditioning.

Access to all features of the building and free classes (yoga, exercise, etc)

Full use of the facilities.

Use of facilities when regular programs are not using them.

Access to all facilities, some classes, limited amount of child are per week possibly.

A quality facility that continues to support and enrich Newport.

Full membership to all facilities and hopefully to the pool :)

Use of all the exercise facilities. I would expect to pay additional fees for party rentals, but possibly with a discount for being a member.

Fitness classes and access to any and all fitness related things

Full use and not to have to pay extra for other programs.

i would love a strong gym like environment and people trained in many different fields of exercise as well as a relaxing place to be year round

Access to all facilities. Reduced rates to rent a room for a party or other event. Reduced rates for classes. Priority in registering for programs.

A world class weightroom / crossfit open box experience

Access to all classes and unlimited use of the gym/track/pool etc..

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A clean facility that offers a wide range of options

Use of the facilities.

Family access

Exercise programs -- Membership- ??? family or single -- needs to be very low to accommodate the number of children that come from low income homes

Locker/changing area with bathroom facilities Indoor walking track health and fitness activities for all ages Lighted parking lot full size/regulation size gym

Access to facilities and use of rooms for parties/gatherings

Access to all areas of the facilities.

The use of the facilities, exercise classes, If we had a pool I would use it a lot.

All-inclusive

Onsite child care while using facilities Gym facilities. Weights/cardio Swimming pool.

Toddler playgroups

I would expect someone available to help me use equipment someone who could direct me to things in the center

family memberships

Access to equipment & group activities.

Full gym membership for \$120 a year, for town residents. Claremont wants to treat their residents better, we can play that game too

Access to the center. Free/discounted programs.

membership interest and what I would be willing to pay per year depends on the value of the actual program and facilities. Indicating what I'd pay or expect are challenging with nothing concrete to base it on. For example, proposed alternative scenarios would have allowed for me to provide more meaningful feedback on interest and what I'd be willing to pay for each scenario.

accessibility for all community members and degree of participation for staff to be educated in inclusion of all community members. Coed teams and all ability teams focus on fun and team spirit and not winning. Right now no one in Newport knows what to do with kids with disabilities, and how to include them in health and activity nor how to teach typical kids to play nice

Open access

access to all activities with an added fee for specific classes/activities if needed

Access to all facilities and classes

Use of all facilities, one free class, and a locker in the locker room

Indoor pool

Easy access to weights, treadmill, along with better times for group participation for workout grps, biggest lower programs. Currently the times are more accessible to those that work in town not for those that come from Lebanon and can't make the 5:00 pm sessions or noon times.

Full access to facility, variety of programs

Access to fitness areas & fitness classes.

Access to the Community Center whenever we want

n/a

All the above, not to be bothered by unruly kids...a secure locker room with lockable lockers for personal items...for the outdoor area to include a picnic area or at least benches for sitting.

Access to fitness equipment, group fitness classes, pool, locker room and indoor track.

Use of equipment discount off of boot camp

exercise programs

All programs

access to whatever is available for exercise. Maybe a reduced rate for use of facilities (birthday party/meeting).

Locker space and access to the facility.

Full use of gym and equipment. Minimal extra fee for any classes.

A rec center that everyone can enjoy. A gym and nutrition area.

What ever was offered , the rec is really great about giving you your monies worth .

Discounted class fees (I would pay more in membership if the class fees were included in the membership).

10% discount on building for private event, normal hour activities.

Exercise machines, classes with the ability to hire a personal trainer, kids activities for all ages

Indoor walking track

A place for toddler programs

Open gym/weight room/workout room hours.

Free access to classes. Nothing more annoying than paying for a membership plus added fees of classes, not including sporting events into this like kids soccer and etc.

A physical space that would accommodate my exercise; A physical space that makes it fun and accessible for children...to keep kids coming to the Rec throughout their childhood, into the young adult years

Access to fitness equipment, showers, discounted /free fitness classes....

All programs free of charge Membership should be two tiered for individuals and families.

Use of the facilities, perhaps a discount on rental for birthday parties.

Easy access and extended hours

a membership similar to the community center in Claremont.

Classes for free, use of the facility for exercise for free and discounted rates as a member for renting the space for meetings/parties etc, and discounted rates for summer day camp. And a reduced sliding scale for kids memberships...either one kid free with paid adult, or with each subsequent child the membership fee decreases.

Pool

Use of facility...pay extra for classes...

Safe comfortable environment for adults children and families

Classes, individual use, discounts on childcare, special member events.

entry to the community center and free/reduced sports programs

Access to all areas, reduced rate for classes, free childcare.

Access to fitness area, indoor track. Discounts on classes and meeting room rentals.

For a higher membership fee access to programs at a small fee compared to people that do not pay for the membership as they feel that this should be offered via their high tax payments they should not get the same benefits as a member. Extended business hours for people that work during the day (early morning access or evening).

Use of weight room, pool (if existed), some free classes. We would really like to see a spin class and possibly crossfit or trx classes. Childcare for an additional fee would be useful, but not necessary. A saltwater lap pool would be preferable, and a small area for kids to swim. A basketball court would be an added bonus as well

use of all facilities, flexible hours on most areas whether structured or not. Activities with groups and without. Safe family friendly environment.

Family Membership with the ability to use all the programs available. The programs at

the current rec are great, but an updated facility is well needed given the amount of people who use the facility for several different activities.

Access to all amenity's!

clean, well lit, multi function areas that have a lot of local history on the walls

all access early morning or late evenings!

use of the facilities

Flexible indoor recreation, meeting space, and exercise area. A place to regularly bring my child to recreate in the winter time or on rainy days.

Access to facilities and fitness classes at a reduced rate.

Workout facilities and space for activities

Free use of the pool, exercise area.

Access to all activities offered . Would love to see a indoor pool, which could cover many activities such as; physical therapy, swim lessons, swim team, free time swim, toddler program.

All access to facility and programs, excluding seasonal teams (baseball, softball, volleyball). These would need additional fees.

Free use of everything with exception of classes taught, I.e. water zumba, yoga class, etc.

Use of the equipment, classes, and instruction if needed.

opportunity to use machines, maybe fitness classes after work

Access to the facility and maybe extra fees for specialty classes. Hoping things like Zuma and yoga stay out of the center to help grow the down town area that already pets these classes. Would like for the spinning and biggest last and kid activities to continue as this seems to be a very large roll for the rec center in this community. I just feel the center needs to be rebuilt for health reasons, otherwise the roll it plays here in Newport is already awesome no need to change it!

Full access

Lap pool, free weight and nautilus equipment, elevated track, multiple basketball courts, plenty of parking.

access to equipment and some classes

I expect no rec center that is going to drain us dry like Claremont's monstrosity. I am happy with what we have and do not wish for more. I am sick of gov. employees deciding to build stuff the taxpayers who live here can't afford. I will vote against any changes and will make sure everyone I know does too. I do NOT think it's fair to allow other towns to even fill in a "suggestion" pole form they won't have to shoulder the fees for!!!!

a list of all activities and classes provided.pool indoor, for all year, a family fun, safe, place that holds a good amount of people.

Full access to all facilities.

Access to voting on what happens with the rec center. Use of rec center. Etc

Diverse programs, extended hours of use, polite receptionists

I'm most interested in an inexpensive yoga program. If that came free with the cost of membership, I would pay much more for the year.

Would pay around \$300 for a family of four

Use of swimming pool and free weight, exercise rooms, maybe some exercise classes

Entrance to use of any facilities, priority when booking use of a room for a family event (non-member would have to go on a waiting list), discounts on certain events when cost is being incurred. Offer another discount if you have sponsors and set by sponsoring group amount

## **15. What Newport Rec programs have you participated in over the last year?**

just getting back in to it but considering the boot camp

Bootcamp, covered bridge 5k

women's league volleyball

exercise class

Special Events only

Renting the facility, soccer, and etc.

Adult Bootcamp, high school Bootcamp, soccer x4, wrestling x4, daycamp x3

Boot Camp fitness class

Myself, none, but my children have been involved with rec department sports for several years.

Boot camp, biggest loser

None, only been an audience member

Spinning class

Bootcamp, daycamp

My daughter participated in cheerleading. It is hard for me to participate in classes because I am a single mom with no childcare.

volleyball watching youth sporting events

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Boot camp

Basketball wrestling after school bootcamp

Cycling, volleyball, rec camp, workouts, rec trips, sporting programs

Road races

Egg drop.

None. Just moved to town.

10+

Day Camp for my son. an occasional use of gym

None. With a new center I would do indoor walking and use of pool.

As a teacher at the Newport Montessori school these facilities are important to our general health or PE classes.

We sent the boy to Day Camp this summer. He loved it.

Activities provided during winter carnival. The sunshine 5k. I drop my nephews off there after school.

Rex camp, wrestling, soccer

Soccer, basketball, track, summer camp

Watched volleyball.

Boot camp and yoga

Soccer, boot camp, birthday party, and school gym class.

None

X

Summer camp, boot camp, play group

Boot camp, track & field

Sports for children and Day Camp

parties, gym

n/a

teen trips

Day camp, volleyball, ice rink, tough mudder, and old school p.e.

Spinning, bootcamp, volleyball, childrens day camp program, teen adventure trips, soccer, field hockey, probably other activities too! Sunshine 5k, Sticks in the Stix, etc..

Color Run, fall sports

Soccer, Track, Day Camp

Boot Camp and Biggest Loser, Spinning class too!

Organized sports ie soccer

Volleyball Boot Camp

Bootcamp, volleyball, soccer

Boot camp...kids day camp

Windmill 5K. Bootcamp. Montorsorri PE

Sister went to day camp

Kids have done many sports and gone to after school program

Sports

Twas chilli walk, winter carnival, sunshine 5k, basketball. Ice skating on the common.

none-- they are not advertised well

Field hockey, softball, morning exercise, rental of the space, rec camp activities and we

stood do the after school activities and ice skating

Bootcamp

Boot camp 3 nights a week

don't recall

biggest loser, volleyball, bootcamp

Newport Rec day camp, Volley BALL, Boot camp, 5k , running programs

none

none, as do not have a swimming pool

None, we joined the community center in Claremont

Summer camp bootcamp

soccer, track, wrestling, bootcamp

Rec Day Camp Basketball Teen Trips

Men's pick-up basketball Men's Volleyball Coed Volleyball

Basketball,soccer

•Newport Rec Day Camp PJ's Group

Toddler playgroup egg drop at parlin airfield

Bootcamp/Biggest Loser Day Camp Volleyball

Boot camp.

ice skating rink

T-ball, Basketball, dances. Ice Skating

High school bootcamp, rec day camp, rec sponsored community events (winter carnival, etc)

Trail work

My children participate in the wrestling program.

Volleyball, old school PE, basketball, movie nights

Boot Camp, Volleyball, Winter Carnival, Basketball, spinning class

Boot camp, kids sports, day camp

Many seasons on bootcamp although not in the last year.

Volley ball & biggest loser

rec pickup soccer and indoor volleyball

Men's hoop, birthday parties, weights, renting basketball court

Soccer,basketball, rec camp, winter carnival

Adventure camps, day camps, boot camp, volleyball, soccer,

Montessori PE, dances, sports

Bootcamp, cycling and private workout sessions

Zumba



most of them....boot camp, 5K, six in the stix, winter carnival, soccer, track, wrestling, day camp, afterschool

Spinning, bootcamp,

Wrestling and the program, is just fine the way that it is.

**16. What Non-Newport Rec programs have you participated in over the last year (include where)?**

Claremont Rec Center for Winter program at Towle

hiking groups

Member in Claremont using indoor rec space, Claremont April vacation camp

Zumba - Newport Fitness Yoga - Flowing Forms Horse back riding - personal

Beach volleyball in Maine charity races around the upper valley

Newport Fitness

Claremont Rec- swimming, track walk, basketball

Sporting games, (basketball games) over at the Rec in Claremont

Events in Claremont

Indoor field hockey at the Grantham Indoor Facilities.

Much of my recreation is spent hiking or biking, or simply walking outside.

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None...Senior with physical disabilities.

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Swimming at Aquatic center WR & Claremont

using the Claremont Community Center, swimming at CSBCC, running races and events in other towns, Girl Scouts-Claremont, Grantham indoor soccer,

Summer Basketball League at the Claremont Community Center Workout areas and pool of the Claremont Community Center

NA

Youth sports

Claremont community center family membership.

Organized sports through Newport High School, Off-Season Club Sports through programs existing at the Hogan Center (Colby sawyer college) and the Dartmouth Field House

Claremont Community Center -- Many Sunapee Rec - Many Spartan Races (3) 5k's (4)

Swimming, baseball, Hogan Sports Center, Day Camp, Claremont Community Center birthday party rental

Turkey trot ,

None

Softball

Gym facilities @ colby-sawyer Pool @ colby-sawyer Newport fitness gym

Swimming lessons, water Zumba, volleyball league, parks.

Dance (Stardancer Studios) Football (Newport HS) These are my children's activities

Soccer - nhs, baseball - cal Ripken, yoga-flowing forms

Crossfit at RVC Swimming at Upper Valley Aquatics Spin class at RVC Pilates mat class

RVC

High school cheerleading

n/a

oh geez

parent tot swim in claremont Toddler playgroup in Hanover

Cheerleading newport high school

Springfield VT Arthur May Recreation Center

indoor soccer at claremont community center, outdoor soccer in south royalton VT, Disc

golf

Claremont pool

Sports

Claremont Pool.....went swimming, its good for old peeps (who feel old anyhow with joint problems.)

Fitness Center

hiking (Mt. Kearsarge), co-ed softball (Claremont), Bowling League (Claremont)

We go swimming in Claremont from time to time.

none

Towle School Winter Program at the rec. dept. Ice Skating on the Common

Frisbee golf, newport town forest, basketball at the high school

Softball

Membership at Claremont rec center

Cal Ripkin league, softball and baseball. Along with using the facility for meetings.

Dance at stardancers, classes at newport fitness & the yoga studio. Bowling@maple lanes. Windmill run. Golfing @newport. Various Events at moose lodge.

walking the trails

Claremont Rec (yearly member)

Football

Yoga at flowing forms, work outta at the gym at the Claremont community center

Newport chamber events, New London Hospital Days

We joined the Claremont community center and used the fitness room, track, basketball court, and pool.

Zumba @ stardancer

We have gone to the community center in Claremont multiple times.

Swimming Claremont

Dance - Stardancers Art Classes- LAC Swimming- Claremont Community Center

Zumba- Newport Fitness Center

Member CCBA in Lebanon.

indoor soccer, basketball, camping,

Total Body Fitness class - Dartmouth College

Soccer - New London & Sunapee

all most every summer this being the only one it did not happen i play a game called gold. it is a light contact combat and therder program commonly referred as a larp <live action role play>

swimming--

Newport fitness, sugar river softball

Clarmont rec member. Frequent use of pool and track. Multiple classes. Toddler time.

Baseball, NL

Easter egg hunt. Horsey park

Youth softball

Claremont rec center activities

water aerobics, water zumba, senior zumba

## **17. What do you think is Newport's greatest need for community/recreation programs?**

An updated place for Newport Residents to gather and exercise, also for our town youth to go and make wise choices.

We need an outside benefactor to build a new sports facility, especially for winter sports. There isn't enough space for everything we offer. But the town shouldn't pay for it - it's more important to fund the academic side of the district.

Large, clean open facilities.

The current program offerings are fantastic, especially for a small community. The facility itself is what is lacking.

Seating for game watching and overall bigger facility with choices of activities, individual and group.

Accessible hours for those who work Monday to Friday and don't get back into Newport till the evening.

INCLUSIVE sports programs.

a place where children and teens can go and have high quality programmed activities and afterschool programs

Programs for teens Being able to run more than 1 program at a time by providing different areas.

Helping people get out and get fit

multi-purpose areas locker rooms plenty of seating

Activities for kids to keep them active and out of trouble.

Ultimate frisbee and crossfit

More things for Families. Children/teen/Adult interactive activities to bring people together.

To have an updated weight room, and open gym hours

More indoor space for all to use

Adult Activities Fitness Children's Programs

A facility that can give all and can offer all

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I think all the activities that are happening at the rec need to continue and flourish. Youve got AMAZING staff there who continue to improve the communities health and welfare recreation and activities for the youth

A new facility in general, the one we have is old and dirty, which is understandable given the amount of traffic that goes through there on a daily basis. I believe the Rec. Dept. does the best it can do with what they are given but a new Rec center is way overdue!!

More options for events and clubs

We really just need the resources to be able to keep active and healthy. Luckily the current rec program does work for most people but having a new better area would be so much more beneficial for everyone

The current rec center doesn't meet the needs of the community and what it does meet is limited. For the amount of money we pay in taxes we should have a top of the line community center. There are many families that belong to the Claremont Community Center because the Newport Rec Center is limited in what it has to offer.

To help combat the health issues in the community.

Larger, clean, safe space for all age groups to participate in community activities.

The rec right now isnt very big and it would have a lot more to offer with a new rec center It would be awesome with all of the people I have met at physical therapy, to have our own, town indoor, heated pool to be able to exercise in. Our children only know what they learn and are exposed to ~ make health and fitness a priority! It would be super to have a running track either above or the outer edge so exercise doesn't have to stop in the winter or bad weather.

weight loss programs for all ages that do not require gym fees that are expensive.

Programs for ALL ages, to help keep some of the teens off the streets and out of trouble

Need for teen services..

Weight control, health of the community. Safe environment

a pool, it would serve all of Newport's residents. Also it would help so they (NRD) wouldn't have to rent pool space in summer for swimming lessons. It would also bring in money in the way of swimming lessons, therapies would want to rent the space as well, an overall win win situation.

Our teens need productive recreational activities Wellness activities such as Yoga for all ages

Swimming pool Indoor walking/jogging track

Well rounded for all ages. Maybe get the town departments involved in spirited games against each other like the annual Police/Fireman basketball game.

New building or major make over of building.

new rec center with better facilities to be offer to the community

Outdoor sports activities and walking areas not on the road

To help keep the kids off the streets and give them a place to have fun and stay healthy

All of it is important

need to involve community and other business to be involved so there is not competition, but collaboration of services for the community IE: like the main st yoga offer discounted session every tue at the rec-which promotes their business and helps community and same think like karate-dance- newport fitness

Hard to say, this center is so active in participating in the children's lives as much as the adults. All of what they already do I guess.

#1 -- A clean new effective building providing programs for kids both after school and during the summer -- #2 - Adult programs-- #3 - New building #4 Indoor swimming

Activities for all ages but especially our teenagers for evening hours and weekends. I feel we need a more modern facility with lots of options for the children of Newport. We currently have great staff and wonderful programs but would love to see that expanded to involve more of our school-age students.

More coed sports for adults

space, locker room

To keep kids out of trouble and promote health and wellness.

A new Recreation center that will allow multiple users for different activities at the same time!

fitness/health outreach

A new Rec Center!!!

Pool & indoor track

Community based youth feeder programs and outdoor recreation space / trails

Teen programs as Newport offers virtually nothing for the high school age level unless they participate in sports on the high school level or clubs which do not extend into the

summer in most cases.

Engaging teens into physical activities and volunteer programs. Would be great to have hobby or enrichment activities.

A safe place kids can go to after school and on weekends. A place that athletic teams can use to play and practice. Programs that allow for mentoring from older highschool kids; ie. Homework help sessions, afterschool athletic fun.

1st- Programs and events for children of all ages 2nd- adult programs - space/room for craft nights, movie nights, square dancing night, classes for adults on financing -how to maintain a checking account, credit cards, how to buy your first home, etc. parenting classes, health classes- many, many more

more information about what is going on

None - I repeat - I expect no rec center that is going to drain us dry like Claremont's monstrosity. I am happy with what we have and do not wish for more. I am sick of gov. employees deciding to build stuff the taxpayers who live here can't afford. I will vote against any changes and will make sure everyone I know does too. I do NOT think it's fair to allow other towns to even fill in a "suggestion" pole form they won't have to shoulder the fees for!!!!

indoor pool.

Place for children and teens to spend quality time to develop life skills.

A place for everyone to use. Like the center in Claremont indoor pool!! So people can do water aerobics

Fitness, social.

Teens need more to do to keep them from trouble.

Current facility is in poor condition and not able to provide safe ongoing community activities when ceiling leaks and pieces fall onto floor. Not big enough for activities that have been brought forth to community .

A safe place for children to hang out after school and be a part of the community.

Swimming Pool

More organized week-end activities

The rec needs to be updated an more efficient for the whole community as a whole I believe if more was offered there more would go to the Newport rec instead of having to drive to claremonts new community center

A pool

Facilities

Pool

A place for teens

Programs for kids and a place for kids to go that is safe and supervised

A place that does not become a "Hangout" but a place to come and be part of a

community. Too often in the past I have seen kids come just to hangout in a negative way and not as a community with structured things to do. The center could offer something positive for the kids to enjoy.

Get these kids off the streets and into a gym to get into sports. Let's keep them out of trouble

A place for children, teens, and adults to focus on their fitness and well being. More options equals more likelihood of participation and to bring the community even closer.

Summertime for children

Better, healthier and more space to allow multiple kid and adult activities at the same time.

Regular sporting programs

I believe the youth of the town need as much to do as possible.

A large enough space to accommodate all of the many programs the Newport Rec provides. A space for community members to use during the winter months Locker rooms and more than one bathroom

A better equipped facility that can host a variety of community and school events more teen & senior programs, after school also

Fitness programs for all ages not just sports. It would be great if they had a fitness/workout program for children so they could have an opportunity to do something physical but not have to be part of a team.

Space!

Getting the kids involved in after school fitness programs.

More organized sports/training classes/yoga sessions/etc

Pool and track.

Improved fitness center.

Multiple programs offered at different times and available for different levels of fitness etc.

place for kids to go after school that is "cool" and welcoming for all ages

Kids activities, especially teens.

Not sure

## **18. Are there any other programs, amenities, or recreation opportunities you would like to see?**

More for teens , better exercise eq, swimming and adult soccer

Hiking, biking tours along the rail trail. Maybe these happen and I just don't know about it!

:)

It's already been said, but just want to emphasize INDOOR TRACK!!!

Indoor pool would be good.

Gym membership card, so you can scan to get into just a weight room or workout room

Yoga classes

Either indoor or outdoor pool. Better hours. Better equipment, more classes such as yoga, hot yoga and to have these classes available for those that live in this community can attend beyond 5pm.

See above

Ninja Warrior Course

I would LOVE to see a community pool. A place where youth can learn to use exercise equipment safely.

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The teens have no where to go to stay out of trouble. They need a place where they can go and learn healthy habits. I would love to see a separate area or building for them to 'be themselves' and not have to worry about a bad word slipping out of their mouth, but an adult overseer to guide them to healthier words and ideas. I don't have a degree, but I've raised 5 wonderful kids and have learned quite a bit from them, and would be happy to work with the teens. A teen center, along with a new Rec would be super terrific!

Maybe we could prevent some of them from 'going the wrong route' and even encourage some of them to work with the younger kids as mentors! I think this should be a number one priority! There are also a few young adults in town with mental disabilities. Maybe this could be a place for them to volunteer on a good day. It may make their good days increase!

I would really like to see some type of swimming team.

Possibly an indoor pool

I'd like to see a nice dog park built

Non-boot camp fitness options.

Indoor pool & track, gym facility

swimming pool

Turf field as an outdoor surface.

NO

More gym space would be a huge plus. We are always short on gym space

Ping pong tables. A pool would also be great.

Spinning classes year round!

A new gym at the high school is top priority not at the community center. An indoor pool would be fantastic and an indoor walking area.

An indoor pool

I would love a pool but understand the cost prohibitive of it.

Yoga, aerobics, spinning, discounts to healthy food choices with membership (ie, weight watchers, herbalife, shakeology)



It would be great to see an indoor pool with offered swimming lessons for kids.

Better space and more restrooms.

some programs for the younger kids too

Swimming

If we had a pool inside, programs could be developed to help people of all ages. teaching swimming, people with disabilities and people that have physical problems would feel great in a pool and could do exercises and strengthen there. Over weight people that are physically challenged to exercise (Yes it may take some doing to convince people to use it and get over their fear of body image being around other people in swim suit. But as a community we could somehow all work on it together. I know that the Biggest loser program was done and had great response to it.

Indoor pool

I'd like to see a duplicate of what they have currently in Claremont.

Definitely an indoor

Indoor swimming- need this for year round and for swim team program

No

an indoor track and a swimming pool

Tennis, Golf, Swimming, yoga, tai chi

Rec sponsored adult slow pitch softball Basketball tournaments/leagues Things of the like

Family activities and activities for all age specific.

Would love to see public access to a pool

Indoor field hockey. Indoor track. Fitness area with strength training machines.

A pool

Pool

A pool.

I want more classes! I miss yoga and wish there were also other options for times and days for spinning and other classes being offered would be awesome!

ropes course, rock climbing, business challenges

i am getting more information right now but in like 6 months i want to apply for a show that is on nbc it is called american ninja warrior and if some of the stuff they do were offered i think that might be great

Swimming, boxing

Pool.

Regulation Basketball Court with increased seating capacity and good bathrooms / locker rooms

I think a salt water pool with a dedicated lap area and therapy pool are of high importance.

Indoor walking space

Yoga classes. Zumba classes. Women only fitness groups. Programs for new moms/toddlers.

pool

I quit my upper valley gym when they dropped STEP classes. Yoga might be good, or other aerobics classes after work hours.

Volleyball for younger kids

Years ago, we used to have family roller skating down at the Rec once a month. It would be great to have that reinstated. It would be great if there were activities for those with disabilities. As a parent with a child with autism there is NO social/physical activities around for children with disabilities. They kind of get swept under the rug most times, and end up sitting home playing video games which doesn't improve their social skills at all. Wouldn't it be great if Newport was the leader in getting children with disabilities together with those that are not? Every person, young, old, disabled or not has something they can bring to the community to make our community shine.

None at this moment

I just believe there should be a wide variety of everything

Swimming pool

See above

anything

More activities for young adults, teens; Girl-centered programs-to keep girls interested in health/activity through their middle school years

there seems to be programs for the younger children an pre teens, how about more programs for the older kids the teenagers something to keep their interest and to make them want to help others younger than them

Swim lessons. More kindergarten/pre-k programming.

indoor soccer, gymnastics

Better physical plant most important. Claremont rec Start Smart programs were great when my children were little ie: under 5. Start Smart baseball was fun.

Volleyball Court, Indoor Track, Swimming pool, & Zumba classes

## **19. Additional comments**

Please make this happen. You have my full support.

I hope you all succeed in getting and building a new recreation center somewhere close to downtown, there are a lot of people especially the older generation that do not drive and would like to be able to use the recreation center also. Your location now is very handy and easy to get to for those who may have walking disabilities. Thanks

A new facility means nothing if the Recreation Program is not managed well. Our current

management with PJ Lovely is unrivaled - ensure we have the means to support management even while we are focusing efforts on funding a new facility.

I believe this would be a HUGE asset to Newport not only for its residents but perhaps to bring more people to Newport.

I love you Newport. Please be amazing

Please don't think about spending millions of dollars we DON'T have on a new rec center!

A new facility is very much needed for All in Newport.

We need a town pool. Indoor.

Keep up the good work! I have never lived in a community that needs a new center as much as Newport because most that look like this one are not nearly as active in the town. They deserve it worth as much as they do.

I know there are a lot of residents that don't use the Rec Center at all but maybe if you could keep a sign in log of how many people do use it on a daily basis and the reason they are there for say a week or a even a month maybe this would help convince the non-users that with that much traffic we need and deserve a healthier and better facility that fits the needs of our resident users!!

Newport need something like what Claremont has. My family will be joining the Claremont Rec this winter. I would love to be able to keep my money in Newport.

I would need the new Rec to still be affordable to my family. As a single mom, the Rec has been a great place for the kids to go without breaking the bank. If kids could have a free membership that would be awesome! I would still like to see the same programs offered as currently there. It would be great to have a facility for sporting games or practices that had seating. A facility that could allow more than one activity at a time, i.e. basketball and volleyball, would be awesome as well.

Apparently this suggestion form is only for people who want a pie in the sky list of invisible money. Where are the I don't want this options??? Again - I expect no rec center that is going to drain us dry like Claremont's monstrosity. I am happy with what we have and do not wish for more. I am sick of gov. employees deciding to build stuff the taxpayers who live here can't afford. I will vote against any changes and will make sure everyone I know does too. I do NOT think it's fair to allow other towns to even fill in a "suggestion" pole form they won't have to shoulder the fees for!!!!

I think we have a great little town; we need to provide a healthy, productive area for our kids and those who want to stay healthy and fit, other than joining a gym. Families could 'grow' together in a healthy environment and have some good old fun! Positive brings positive!

Have partnerships with local agencies.

A new community center would be great for this town. We have spent a lot of time at the

one Claremont and have really enjoyed it. Especially during the winter.

Programs that are already offered work well because of the efforts of Peter Lovely-- If this new building goes through it should be a GREEN BUILDING -- and Peter should have help to run these programs-- also I'm sure there are several people in Newport willing to volunteer to help- PLEASE ALSO - when planning this building invite local building contractors to help design and PLEASE HIRE A LOCAL CONTRACTOR !!!

I have to state that though I did not prioritize an area for rental above, that if it was thought that it would be income producing enough over time to either pay for itself or actually be income for the Dept. I would change my mind.

yeah beth

In door pool

Until we can fix all roads,bridges,schools etc we should not be adding more to our tax burden....

We are lucky to have such an outstanding recreation department- we all deserve a comfortable space to enjoy all of their programs.

I haven't used the center for years. I remember when there used to be Roller skating, it was great. Not sure when that stopped.I was involved in other programs back then.

There was an outside above ground pool years ago. I would like to get more involved in town programs when it fits my schedule. We have the senior center and they do a lot down there. But if we had more programs at the Community center it would bring all ages together. It is so important for our young people to know and learn from older folks while they are still around. I wish I was more aware of it when I was younger. Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to put together this survey. I hope you get enough feedback and we can update the rec center. :)

This would really be beneficial to everyone in the community. It's a win-win situation.

This would be wonderful for the town and its citizens. Long overdue! So hope this happens, town needs this.

I admit that the rec center could use some updating and improvements, but I do not think that a huge complex is needed for a small town like Newport. Claremont already has such a center that they struggle to support because their rates are so low. It already cost the taxpayers hundreds of dollars to pay for construction, and now they struggle to sustain themselves. Although I heard that the whipple family is willing to pay for a large portion of such a center in Newport, i don't think that citizens of Newport should be crippled by the cost of this community center. The town already has a local gym which has competitive prices and a large community center would destroy such a small business. I think that Newport has other things more important to work on and the money could be better spent elsewhere. I do not deny that the rec center provides great programs and activities for all citizens, but a community center is not our top priority.

As a tax payer, I wouldn't mind supporting a new center but only if it included an indoor pool and multi purpose space.

Please vote yes for this - it is desperately needed

I think the Newport Recreation department does a great job keeping the community involved in programs. A new center would add to the benefits that Newport has to provide. I believe more people in the Newport community and surrounding towns are active due to the many programs that are offered.

Great idea!

Our family love the rec programs.

I hope this happens! Please send me info on donations: Sarah Reeck 93 Pine st  
Newport, NH 03773

This town needs a new rec center! The one like Claremont, NH's would be ideal for the town, and all levels of fitness. Not just the stuck up over priced Gym on main st.

r really FEEL that a pool is a great need. The Claremont Savings Bank Community Center's pool is a big hit to Newport residents. Lets try to keep them at HOME.

## Number of daily responses

