

# Newport Recreation Department Community Center Voter Survey

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

GENDER (M/F) _____	AGE _____	RESIDENCE (Rent/Own) _____	<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?					

**Dollars per year**

	\$0	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	More
11. How much money in yearly taxes would you be willing to pay for a new / improved community center?							

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

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

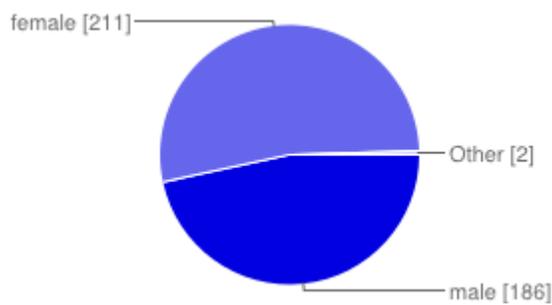
14. Additional Comments:

# 440 responses - voter survey

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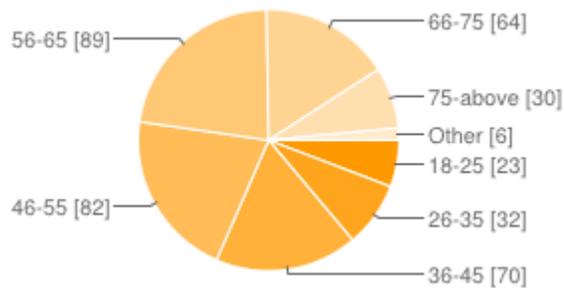
## Summary

### Gender



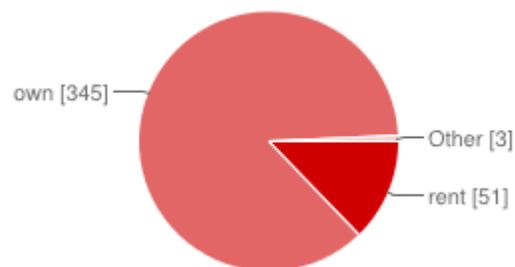
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female	<b>211</b>	48%
Other	<b>2</b>	0%

### Age (brackets)



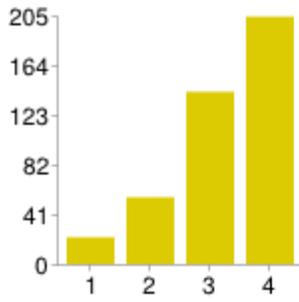
18-25	<b>23</b>	5%
26-35	<b>32</b>	7%
36-45	<b>70</b>	16%
46-55	<b>82</b>	19%
56-65	<b>89</b>	20%
66-75	<b>64</b>	15%
75-above	<b>30</b>	7%
Other	<b>6</b>	1%

### residency



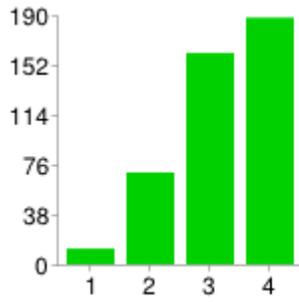
rent	<b>51</b>	12%
own	<b>345</b>	78%
Other	<b>3</b>	1%

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



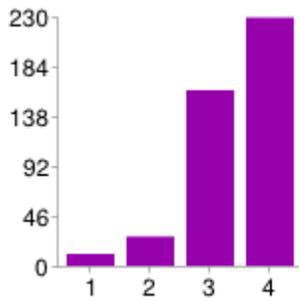
1	<b>22</b>	5%
2	<b>55</b>	13%
3	<b>142</b>	32%
4	<b>204</b>	46%

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



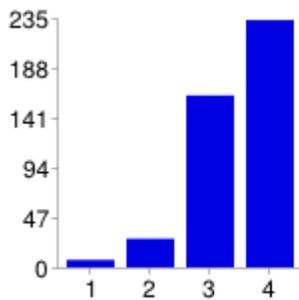
1	<b>12</b>	3%
2	<b>70</b>	16%
3	<b>161</b>	37%
4	<b>188</b>	43%

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



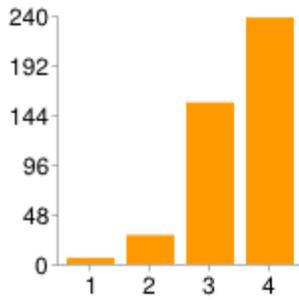
1	<b>11</b>	3%
2	<b>27</b>	6%
3	<b>162</b>	37%
4	<b>229</b>	52%

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



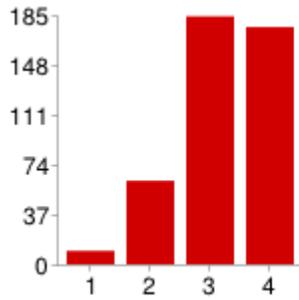
1	<b>7</b>	2%
2	<b>27</b>	6%
3	<b>162</b>	37%
4	<b>233</b>	53%

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



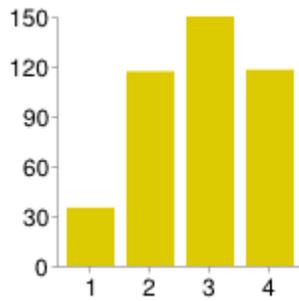
1	<b>6</b>	1%
2	<b>28</b>	6%
3	<b>156</b>	35%
4	<b>238</b>	54%

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



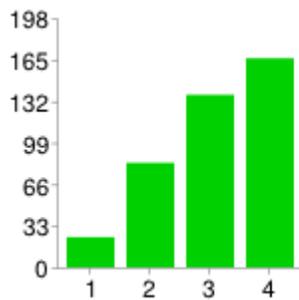
1	<b>10</b>	2%
2	<b>62</b>	14%
3	<b>184</b>	42%
4	<b>176</b>	40%

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



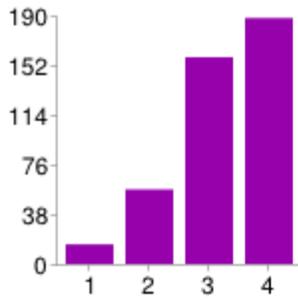
1	<b>35</b>	8%
2	<b>117</b>	27%
3	<b>150</b>	34%
4	<b>118</b>	27%

### 8a. Gymnasium with spectator seating



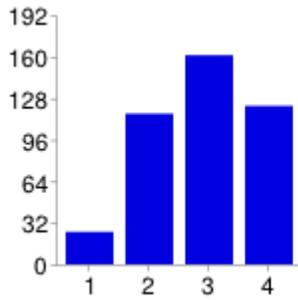
1	<b>24</b>	5%
2	<b>83</b>	19%
3	<b>137</b>	31%
4	<b>166</b>	38%

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



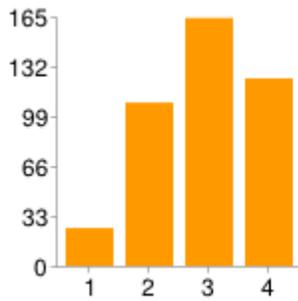
1	<b>15</b>	3%
2	<b>57</b>	13%
3	<b>158</b>	36%
4	<b>188</b>	43%

### 8c. Lockerroom facilities



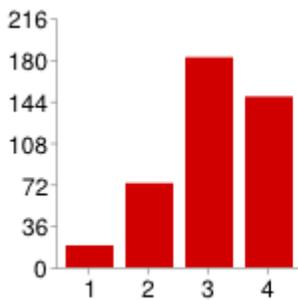
1	<b>25</b>	6%
2	<b>116</b>	26%
3	<b>161</b>	37%
4	<b>122</b>	28%

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



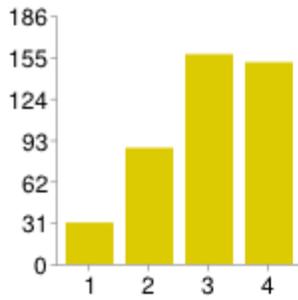
1	<b>25</b>	6%
2	<b>108</b>	25%
3	<b>164</b>	37%
4	<b>124</b>	28%

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



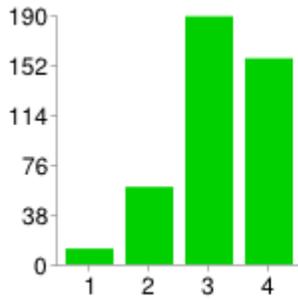
1	<b>19</b>	4%
2	<b>73</b>	17%
3	<b>182</b>	41%
4	<b>148</b>	34%

### 8f. Indoor walking / jogging track



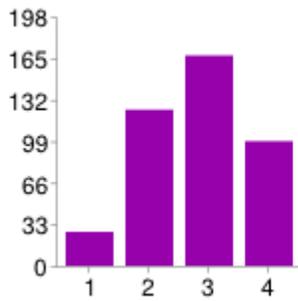
1	<b>31</b>	7%
2	<b>87</b>	20%
3	<b>157</b>	36%
4	<b>151</b>	34%

### 8g. Teen activities area



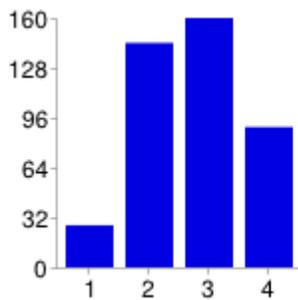
1	<b>12</b>	3%
2	<b>59</b>	13%
3	<b>189</b>	43%
4	<b>157</b>	36%

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



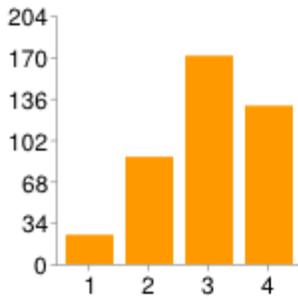
1	<b>27</b>	6%
2	<b>124</b>	28%
3	<b>167</b>	38%
4	<b>99</b>	23%

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



1	<b>27</b>	6%
2	<b>144</b>	33%
3	<b>160</b>	36%
4	<b>90</b>	20%

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

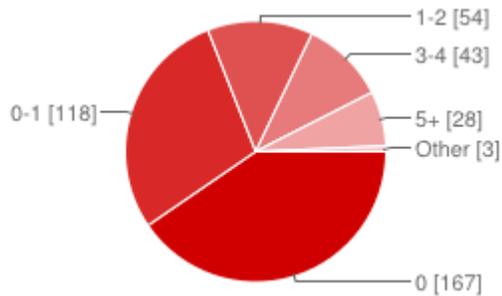


1	<b>24</b>	5%
2	<b>88</b>	20%
3	<b>171</b>	39%
4	<b>130</b>	30%

### 8k. Other

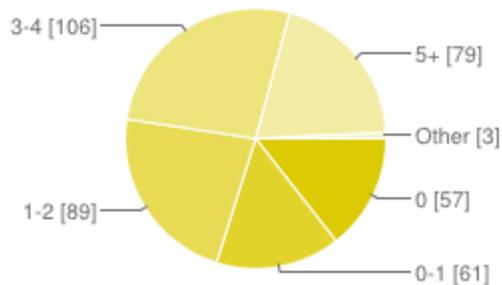
fund raiser for the rec department
pool - 3
trail maintenance, improvements - 3
Indoor swimming pool
background check of staff/volunteer not just a criminal check .. maybe voted in
pool
equipment rental, bicycles, kayaks
multi purpose room

### 9. How often do you /our family use the current recreation center?



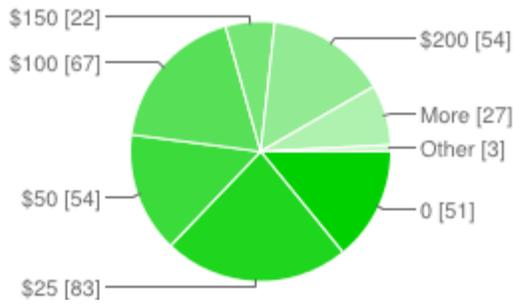
0	<b>167</b>	38%
0-1	<b>118</b>	27%
1-2	<b>54</b>	12%
3-4	<b>43</b>	10%
5+	<b>28</b>	6%
Other	<b>3</b>	1%

### How frequently would you /your family use a new community center?



0	<b>57</b>	13%
0-1	<b>61</b>	14%
1-2	<b>89</b>	20%
3-4	<b>106</b>	24%
5+	<b>79</b>	18%
Other	<b>3</b>	1%

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



0	<b>51</b>	12%
\$25	<b>83</b>	19%
\$50	<b>54</b>	12%
\$100	<b>67</b>	15%
\$150	<b>22</b>	5%
\$200	<b>54</b>	12%
More	<b>27</b>	6%
Other	<b>3</b>	1%

## 12. What do you think is Newport's greatest need in community / recreational programming?

indoor recreation space and an excellent interconnected trail system
I think you currently do an awesome job and we really need a new facility
winter carnival and teen summer programs
Trips go hike mtns for hiking & overnights (organized weekend) maybe skiing, nordic & alpine trip as above
It builds healthy community
bigger rec center for more activities at one time
more diversity for beginning, middle and maniac groupsHard to get access when volleyball takes up as much time as it does
programs that appeal to all ages and abilities
Teen programs and kids to get them engaged.
Teenagers and after school programs
Keeps kids off streets
Kids need a quality facility for keeping busy/fit/fun
More hiking trails like old track to guild
Fitness, HS sports
all areas
space for spectators NHIAA guidelines acceptable
not sure, but support improvements
new building
ages 3-99
this says it all
a place for kids to go!! keep them out of trouble
speaking non-recreation, a meeting facility that can house more than 50 people
a place for kids to be together
All the above
The greatest need is to target all ages with excellent supervision for youth

N/A
Something for the teens, to keep them out of trouble
Cleaner, safer Rec Dept space
i think they are well covered
Keep teens out of trouble
18-30 demographics
additional gymnasium space
Indoor facility, maybe swimming
free or low cost recreation for youth and seniors
more time for basketball practice
programs for young children and teens
I would be hopeful that a new & improved center would offer more amenities
community gardening park
something to keep kids off the streets
teen training programs promote health/wellness weight issues
preschool age summer program
teen activity and senior programs
a new building
there isn't a lot for juveniles/teenagers to do in town
need a pool
Have a safe place for after school programs
indoor track
you cover all of the bases very well now, you/we just need a new facility
Great!
we need
getting kids off the streets and into healthy activities,educational classes would be beneficial.
Community based center for community members
keep doing what your doing
swimming pool
updated sports facilities for all town teams
blah blah blah
something for all ages
space/safety in building
to keep thekids off the streets
a place for kids and teens to keep them out of trouble
it would be nice o have a place fot the kids to go as they are too obnoxious in the library and they goof of
bigger space more bathrooms

keeping kids involved in programs and off streets

wrestling - walking track

communtiy wellness

Anything that keeps kids off the street!

None

a larger space that can accommodate athletic programs as well as oter community programs and activities

Entertainment, happiness, and overall well-being of Newport's citizens.

More awareness of programming

to show that we prioritize community health, wellness and fitness

Indoor walking during the colder months

elderly childcare teens (exercise and fitness as alternative to payiing newport fitness, most important)

keep all youth active/anti drug education programs

more money

Improved bike trails

A good facility like Claremont

It gives the kids in town a place to go and learn sports

Much needed

all of the above

Activities that engage children/teens - engage as children & continue with teens

a new facility for all of the programs

family geared activities

different programs for children, teems, adults and seniors

camps for kids

teenagers

Space large enough for multiple uses at once

more things for teens

Teenage engagement and activity

I do not presently use the Rec Center, but I have family members who use it and love it, especially children and the fitness aerobic M, W, F that many seniors attend

make interesting programs for youth activities.

very well needed. keeps the kids active and healthy. also leads them in the right path in life

good people

more space for great programs offered

keep kids off the street

not sure

both

A clean, safe facility where supervised programming is available for youth and adults

location

youth/ teens

childhood/youth wellness development

quality after school programming that meets the needs of all youth to become good citizens and career ready

Indoor track

For children and families

physical fitness for all ages and a wellness program

serve the needy (children and seniors) who can't afford the expensive clubs and programs

larger facility

a multi-room facility with seating for viewing events.

improved rec center

winter facility

Health & wellness programs

place for teens to meet in safe, pleasant space

seating area better gym

boost community

A new rec center and updated courts

Teen Programs

teen programs that focus on physical fitness

space!

outmoded present center

walking area/space for kids

New Gym

family programs

continuation of the good programs they have

childrens programs

teen fitness/adult fitness

rec center with more seating

place for children

place for kids to go

new building with a great deal of thought for planning

New rec center to provide what we need, badly.

self sustaining

games & fitness

great program with present facilities

To help keep family together

more space

Get moving on this. This is an investment for the entire community.

outdoor leadership

A central place for all sporting events including HS sports

teen activities

doing well with what the town does now

the people

nice to bring people together

services to the middle class

More group activities not located at Rec

space and seating area for events with regulation set up

youth/teen programming

place for teenage activities

more for children/adults

Having a nice community area for b-day parties, meetings of all types, etc. is/would be an awesome resource.

keep knowledgeable employees / volunteers

Senior and teen recreation

indoor walking track

a youth fitness program training in fitness and physical health food education

new facility

young children and elderly programs focused on outdoor activity

More organized sports

more outdoor (fishing, hunting, camping, etc) than just sports related

pool

very high quality do a lot for the community

to serve all ages and to serve all needs of the community especially troubled or disabled youth

Community center - open 7 days a week

Teen oriented, swimming, activities room

Programs for High School kids to keep them off the streets

programs for teens

all

more kids general programs

To include people of all ages

more fields

better overall health of the community

a good, safe quality walking/jogging track

after school, teen

we definitely need a new rec with a gym
Anything outdoors
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Keeping kids off the streets, providing them activities to keep active and fit
Keeping our youth involved in community building not delinquent activities.
well advertised health/wellness/fitness programs
new and improved building. More space
Bowling alley
more programs for adults
programs for kids
Things for kids to do after school

**13. Are there any others programs, amenities, or recreational opportunities you would like to see?**

New London Outing club has quite a diverse range of activiites such as guided hikes, pohtograhly, etc. Expanded definition of "recreation"
coach training increased
cross fit
no
Would love an indoor pool for recreation swimming and exercise
GREAT programs so far!!
a pool
workshops, financial management, nutrition
GOOD bike trails SWIMMING POOL
more space indoor
yoga zumba more activities for active seniors
more restaurants (that are affordable)
you are doing great
pool
a swimming pool
N/A
bus trips to cultural events, manchester, boston, or living museum for all ages
softball, organized sports for adults
Indoor dark park for winter months
New Center
as above
swimming basketball hoops
a pool indoor or out would be good

indoor track

Affordability especially if we are paying for it with taxes

swimming pool

Swimming/teen involvement in a way they are engaged meaningfully: I guess I mean in a way they can contribute as well as use facilities/programs

bicycle group - local - maybe track at high school or pave beside the road for better safety

hiking, walking fishing

bring it all!!

pool? exercise room? indoor children play area?

I would like to see activities at times for working families. Families where both parents work full time (and out of town) can not attend mid-day activities or even 4pm activities increase the evening activities.

No

lacrosse

Tennis

would like to see towle become the new rec

new activities other than sports programs

POOL

leadership type programs

center-sponsored running/walking trails

not sure

programs for seniors to participate with other seniors

I would like to see the morning aerobic fitness (M,W,F) continue especially great for seniors health & mental well-being

Ski hill on belnap

We need a pool

none

Expanded the great programs going now!

water arobics

swimming lessons, fitness, a place to keep kids off the streets

More bike trails

small theater (with stage) for live presentations

A swimming pool would be wonderful. Many seniors would/could get beneficial exercise that they would otherwise have to do without. Old joints don't bear weight well.

more classes for younger kids

public pool!

a new center

A more modern facility is needed

what the students & community express on need assessment

summer camp other than the rec camp like archery

spring soccer for younger kids (in addition to the fall)

swimming. I use the claremont facility because it is reasonable even for a non resident it would be great if LSB or SRB or Sturm Ruger could subsidize the building as CSB did

an indoor walking/jogging track sometime in the future

swimming indoor

Maybe permanent picnic tables or benches on the common. Year round so can be used during the winter.

Kitchen area, aerobics room, bikram hot yoga or any yoga

volleyball, softball, floor hockey, lacrosse,

more training courses for umpires and coaches

pool in river area or indoor

adult softball

Teen-focused programs

Easy times to enter the building

pool (sorry PJ)

all of the above sounds good a pool would be a dream but not crucial

pool

I'd love an indoor pool but realize that isn't going to happen

all

pool?

Many!!

indoor pool

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Indoor pool/racquetball/track etc.

Multi-generational activities. Indoor pool would be amazing.

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programs are good, space is bad

rugby

Multiple court facility

Kayak on river

a pool (seriously!)

pool!

#### 14. Additional comments

PJ does a wonderful job

we can't afford a pool

get the ice skating hut & ice ready next year ASAP!!! Good job on the hut though  
you guys do a wonderful job!  
The need for a large facility is great!  
would love to see ongoing and expanding collaboration and partnership with local businesses and organizations  
Would add value to my property  
We belong to Claremont. Would rather have one in our town.  
I would like to see programs for youth continue, even though my kids are grown I think this is VERY important for the youth of our community, physical health and positive recreation opp  
Newport has plenty of other places to use and complete the above activities and might not need a new community center.  
this is much needed  
N/A  
Thank you for trying!  
Large font would be better  
Did i mention swimming pool  
I don't have any personal experience but have heard wonderful things about summer week camp. Please keep it up  
keep up the great work  
I appreciate programs for all ages!  
when i win the lottery i will donate \$10 million for it  
pay as you play  
You are doing a great job w/ facilities it can only get better!  
take it [money] from police budget  
when grandchildren were preschool i attended the rec often  
we need to appeal to 26-60 yr old tax base  
taxes too high already  
thanks for all you do  
New and improved Rec Center is def needed in Newport  
doing a great job  
The Rec is an awesome cornerstone of the community and a new facility would only help Newport!  
I would love to see a new community center for my family to use  
our community center is doing a very good job. keep it up!  
would love to see support for more rec programming  
I would prefer to donate privately rather than force taxpayers to pay for something they don't want or need. Donations are key!  
PJ you are doing a great job with what you have. Thank you  
Thank you for all you do! The Rec staff is a big part of why Newport is such a wonderful place to

live.

If a new building can be supported without the use of taxes and run like a business raising enough revenue through membership fees, etc....then it is needed in our community and will be supported.

Lighted baseball/football

none

Newport fitness is an available option for many of these

repurpose present space

good luck

swimming track, indoor

I am opposed to any increase in the tax base. Many of the activities mentioned above are provided by local business that pay taxes and provide jobs. While fitness is enjoyed by some, it becomes the overall burden of all tax payers to support a rec center.

my child benefitted greatly from programs

GREAT WORK BEING DONE...COMMENDATIONS

I'm thankful for te recreation center but I would like more programs for the community

You guys do a great job already! A better bldg would just be a huge assett to the town!

the new community center will need to be open longer hours and on sunday

Good luck with your efforts. I wish there was more money I could contribute to your efforts

Cant really answer. Need a coordinated approach. Coordinated, substance in Recreation programs that impact social determinants through accountable measured approaches

Would love to see your needs fulfilled but with rough times we need to take priorities. Good luck in the future.

i think improvements to the present comunity center is a good idea especially if the cost to the town is low and is mainly funded by donation and fundraising by the non profit community good luck

please support funding for a new rec!

I applaud the amount of work and programs offered by our statt at our current site. Newport needs a new building for our whole community.

thanks for all you do

track is awesome

It's time!

I think the Rec. Dept. does a super job.

pool

Make enough space available for income from events other tax & fees

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thank you for asking

my family used the present center a lot in the past. As my kids gpt older, the less they used it due to poor facility. a wonderful community deserves a wonderful center.

I have been going to the current newport rec facility for over 30 years. It has been a great place to go for many, many, years. Bravo...Keep up the good work. kWe need a new facility...End of story

I think a new community center would be an enormous asset to Newport and be a huge draw for new families to the area

feel this is very important in a healthy town in a good town

the kids are really obnoxious and the librarians don't make them mind making it difficult for those trying to work

youth are our most important natural resource. I had several good mentors when I was young, Its less expensive to provide good schools and creation than to pay for courts and trials

You have done a good job with what you have had to work with.

Please let's make this happen!

nothing really comes to mind right now but if you send me a reminder via email to provide thoughts as they come to me, i wouldn't mind [newportcitizen@repealpfgravity.com](mailto:newportcitizen@repealpfgravity.com)

I do not use the Rec currently due to one volunteer

Can't answer "on the spot" need time to consider what are you proposing? Community is very important but that takes many forms

Thanking you for asking

Best Senior Center in Northern New England!

Safe staff so I can play sports and day trips without my parents worrying about me being in the care of a creeper (mean current)

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