



CITY OF
TUMWATER

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING AGENDA**

**Online via Zoom and In Person at
Tumwater Fire Department
Headquarters, EOC, 311 Israel Rd. SW,
Tumwater, WA 98501**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Regional Environmental Education Program (REEP) Annual Reporting & 2025 Work Plan for Education & Outreach and Habitat Restoration (Water Resources & Sustainability Department)
4. Community Center Design Update (Parks and Recreation Department)
5. Mayor/City Administrator's Report
6. Adjourn

Meeting Information

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TO: City Council
 FROM: Grant Gilmore, Water Resources Specialist
 DATE: January 28, 2025
 SUBJECT: Regional Environmental Education Program (REEP) Annual Reporting & 2025 Work Plan for Education & Outreach and Habitat Restoration

1) Recommended Action:

This is a briefing only; no action required.

2) Background:

REEP is a local interagency partnership between the Cities of Tumwater, Olympia, Lacey, and Thurston County, that provides for the collaboration of outreach and educational activities related to environmental health priorities closely aligned with the regulatory requirements set forth by the City's stormwater permit. Priorities include water quality, stormwater pollution and management, habitat restoration, and education and outreach. REEP creates and manages all content and activities associated with Stream Team, including hands-on-science opportunities, stewardship, career pathways, and community partnerships.

Water Resources and Sustainability has increased its alignment with K-12 and higher education to develop an internship program in 2025, designed to create pathways for students interested in natural resource sciences with a focus on water resource management. This work is a continuation from the programming developed in partnership with the Tumwater School District, Careers in Technical Education which emphasizes careers in operations and maintenance, engineering, natural resource sciences, management, planning and public administration.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority B – Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability
 REEP Interlocal Agreement, 2025-2029

4) Alternatives:

N/A

5) Fiscal Notes:

The REEP Interlocal Agreement was approved by the City Councils of Olympia and Lacey, and the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners. Tumwater commits \$14,400 annually to the regional program for 5 years, for a total of \$72,000. Additional funding for water quality monitoring, habitat restoration, educational partnerships with the school district and higher education (list a couple initiatives NOT from REEP (habitat restoration, etc) come from the Stormwater Fund.

6) Attachments:

N/A

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: January 28, 2025
SUBJECT: Community Center Design Update

1) Recommended Action:

Information and discussion item

2) Background:

Approved by voters in 2018 as the major project for the Tumwater Metropolitan Parks District, Community Center design and construction was scheduled to begin in 2025. The City has contracted with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture (BRS) to conduct a community design process for the facility.

Through a series of community stakeholder meetings, community workshops and a city-wide survey, the building design process is approximately 50% complete. Staff and BRS architects will be providing the council with information on the project status, facility design options, and the anticipated schedule for design completion.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity

- Implement Metropolitan Parks District Commitments
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4) Alternatives:

Discussion item

5) Fiscal Notes:

The final community center design plan will include options for both construction and operational costs.

6) Attachments:

A. Tumwater Survey Overview



Overview

Ballard*King & Associates (B*K) was contracted by the City of Tumwater, WA to administer an online survey. B*K is a recreation facility planning and operations firm based in Denver, CO. As a firm B*K has worked with the City of Tumwater as they have studied different recreation opportunities. As a firm, B*K brings an independent, third-party perspective to this data collection and analysis. B*K receives no financial benefit based on the direction that the City chooses to pursue regarding future indoor recreation amenities.

This survey was promoted by the City through new releases, its website, social media and printed copies at Old Town Center. The survey was administered via the Survey Monkey platform. Within the Survey Monkey platform B*K was able to limit the number of responses per IP address to one, to prevent an individual or group of individuals from skewing the data. Of the 741 respondents, not every respondent answered every question. Thus, some results below will have varying totals by question when a respondent skipped answering a question.

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On-Line Survey Summary

The survey was available to be completed between December 10 and December 30, 2024. The survey received a total of 741 responses with a completion rate of 68%. The following represents a summary of basic findings

Demographics

- Respondents were asked if they were residents of Tumwater. 83.2% are residents of Tumwater with the average number of years living in Tumwater of 16. The zipcodes were fairly evenly split with 47.2% in 98501 and 44.9% in 98512
- Respondents were asked their gender and age. 70.4% respondents were female and the average age of respondents was 52.7.
- Respondents were asked to provide the number of persons in the household, including themselves, for given age ranges. The largest group was 25-44 with 52.2% and the next highest was 36.2%. The average number in the household was 3.2

Current Participation

- Respondents were asked if they participated in recreation programs offered by the City of Tumwater in the past 12 months. 38.5% respondents or members of households have participated with 82.7% participating in 1-3 programs.
- When asked the types of programs, Special Events was the highest with 57.4% followed by Sports at 46.9%.
- Respondents were asked why they did not participate or participate more often with 44.0% not aware of what is offered. 28.6% of respondents selected too busy.

Facility Use

- Respondents were asked their satisfaction level with various Tumwater facilities. Each of the facilities had a response rate of greater than 93% of satisfied or very satisfied with the exception of Old Town Center. 79.8% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with Old Town Center.
- When asked to select what organizations/facilities are used by members of the households, respondents were allowed to select all that applied. 40.8% chose Private Clubs followed by Schools at 36.1%.

Facility Needs

- When asked how well needs are being met for facility spaces, an Indoor Elevated Walk/Jog tracked received the most responses as not being met with 47.3% followed by Cardio Equipment/Free Weights at 34.7% and Maker Space/Arts & Crafts Room at 34.0%.
- Respondents were asked to rank their top 4 spaces. The top 4 choices were Indoor Elevated Walk/Jog Track, Hard Court, Cardio Equipment/Free Weights, and Multi-Use Activity Court.

Program Needs

- Respondents were asked how well their needs were met for specific programs. The top 4 that not met are Drop-In Walk/Jog, Adult Group Exercise, Swim Lessons and Drop-In Play (basketball, volleyball).
- When asked to prioritize the top 4, the activities with the highest responses were Adult Group Exercise Classes, Drop-In Play (basketball, volleyball), Senior Programs and Drop-In Walk/Jog.

Location

- Respondents were asked how important the location of a community center is in relation to their home. 71.0% selected Important or Very Important.
- The question was followed up with how far they are willing to travel to a community center. Respondents selected 10-14 minutes (42.7%).

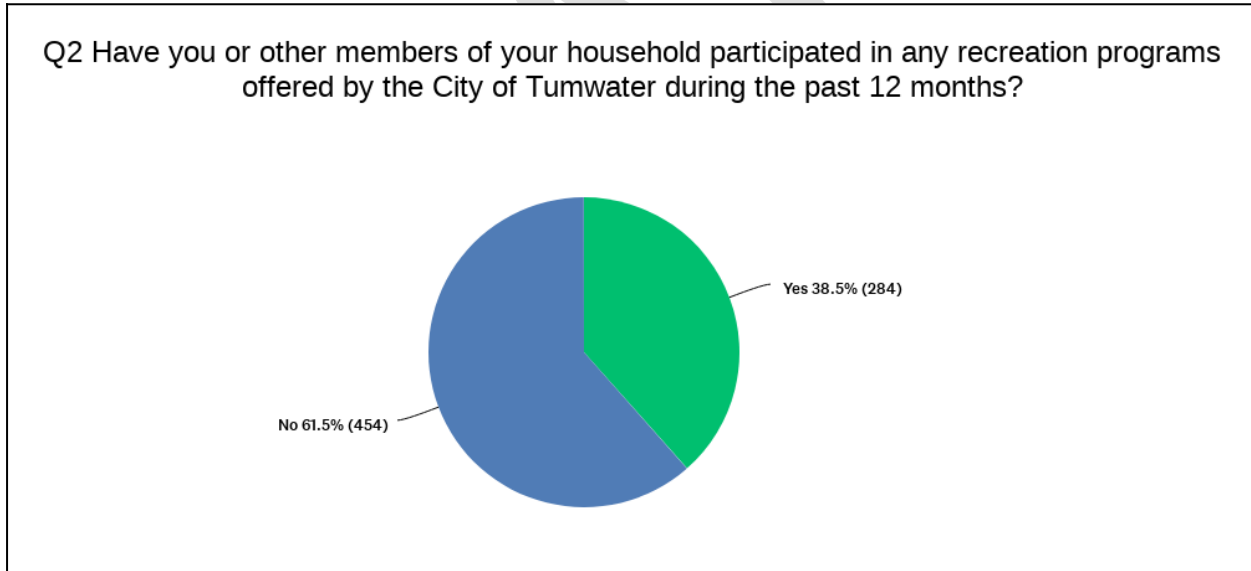
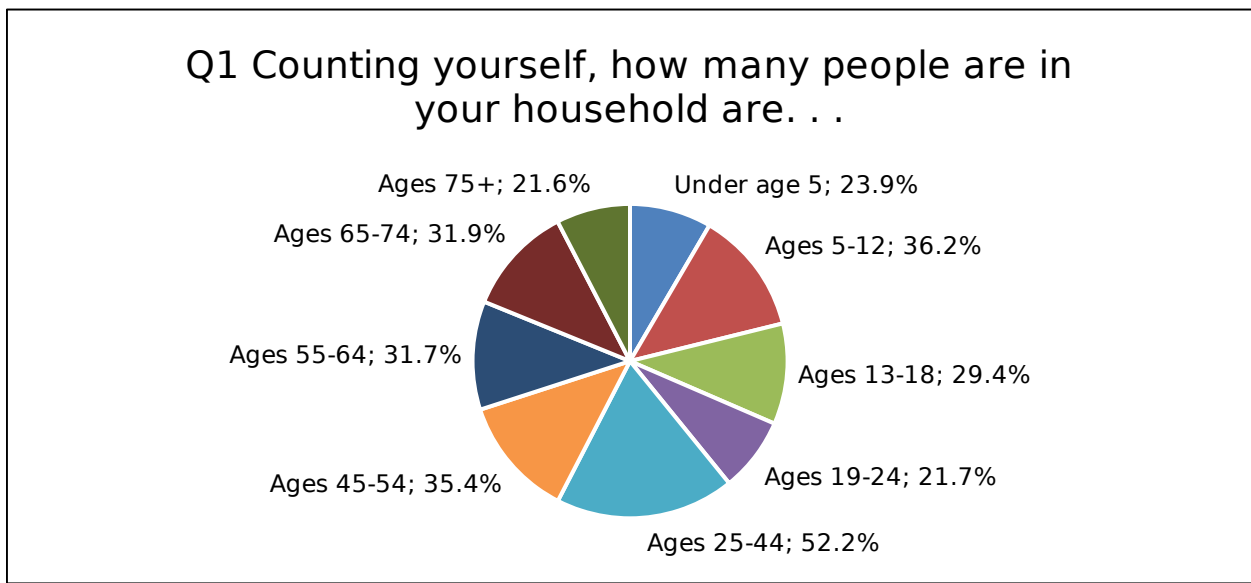
Investment in Recreation

- Respondents were asked how much the household spends per month on recreation, sports, fitness and wellness activities and services. 25.7% selected \$201 or more, 20.3% \$25 or less, and 17.3% \$51-\$100.
- When asked how the household would prefer to pay to use a community center, Monthly Individual Membership was selected the most in the top 3, however Annual Family Membership was selected as the 1st Choice.
- Respondents were asked the maximum amount a household would pay for a daily admission to the community center. 30.4% selected less than \$7 per day and 26.1% \$10 per day.
- Respondents were asked the maximum amount a household would pay for a monthly membership to the community center. 26.6%% selected less than \$40 per month and 20.3% \$50-\$59 per month.
- In considering subsidizing a potential community center, 36.0% responded that half the costs should be covered by taxes, 26.5% responded with 75% covered by taxes, 15.9% responded with 25%, 12.9% responded with 0% and 8.6% with 100%.

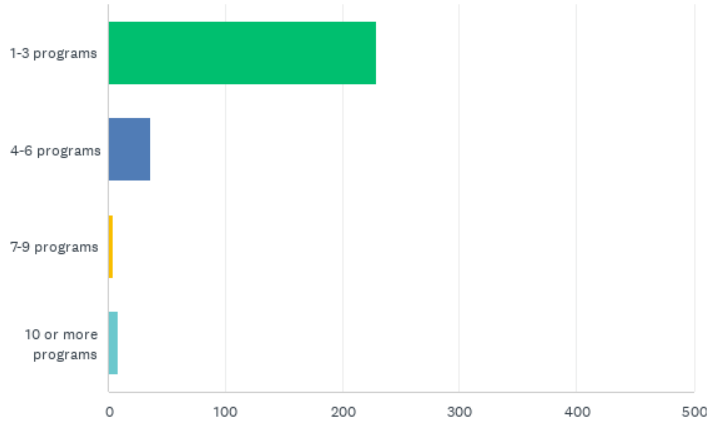
Marketing

- Respondents were asked how they learn about programs and services with the majority choosing Social Media (44.1%). The preferred method of receiving information was through Email Blasts/Newsletters (58.0%) and Social Media (34.7%).

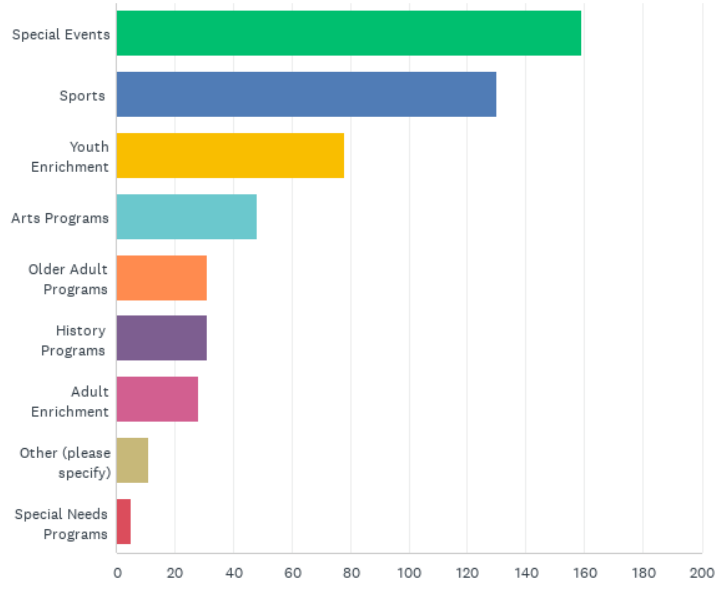
Survey Responses



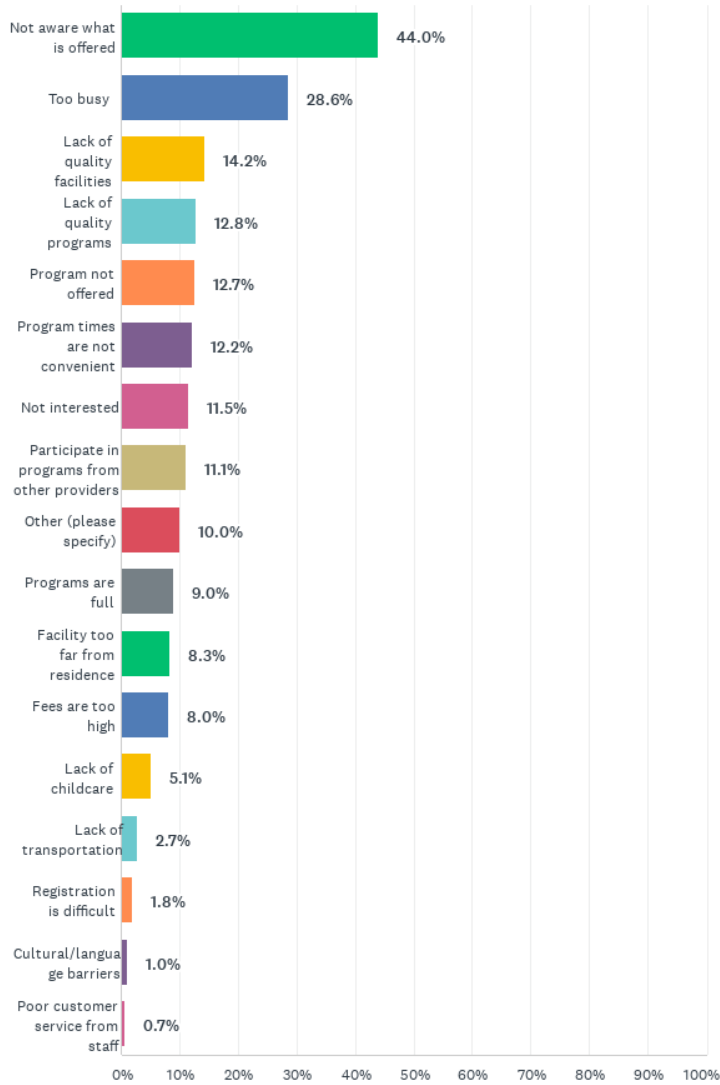
Q3 Approximately how many different recreation programs offered by the City of Tumwater have you or members of your household participated in over the past 12 months?



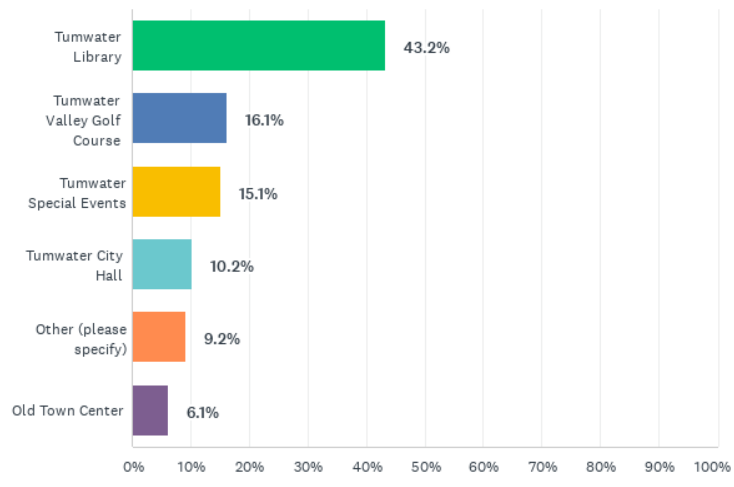
Q4 What types of programs and services have you or members of your household participated in? (Check ALL that apply.)



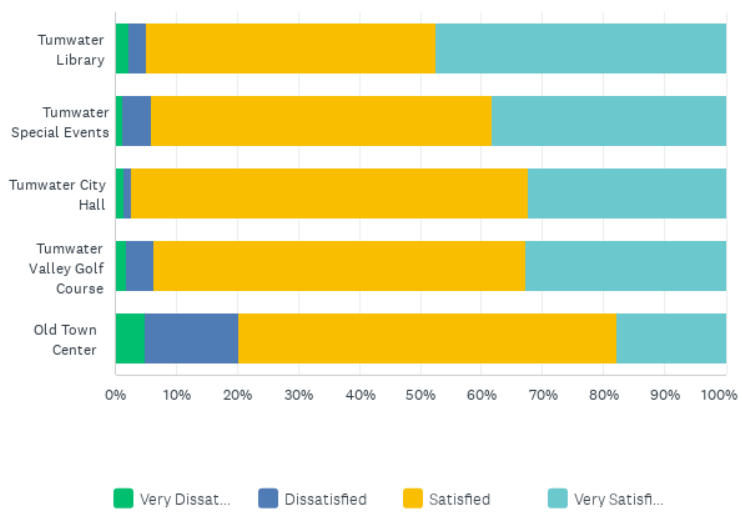
Q5 Please check ALL the reasons why your household does not participate in recreation programs or does not participate more often. (Check ALL that apply.)



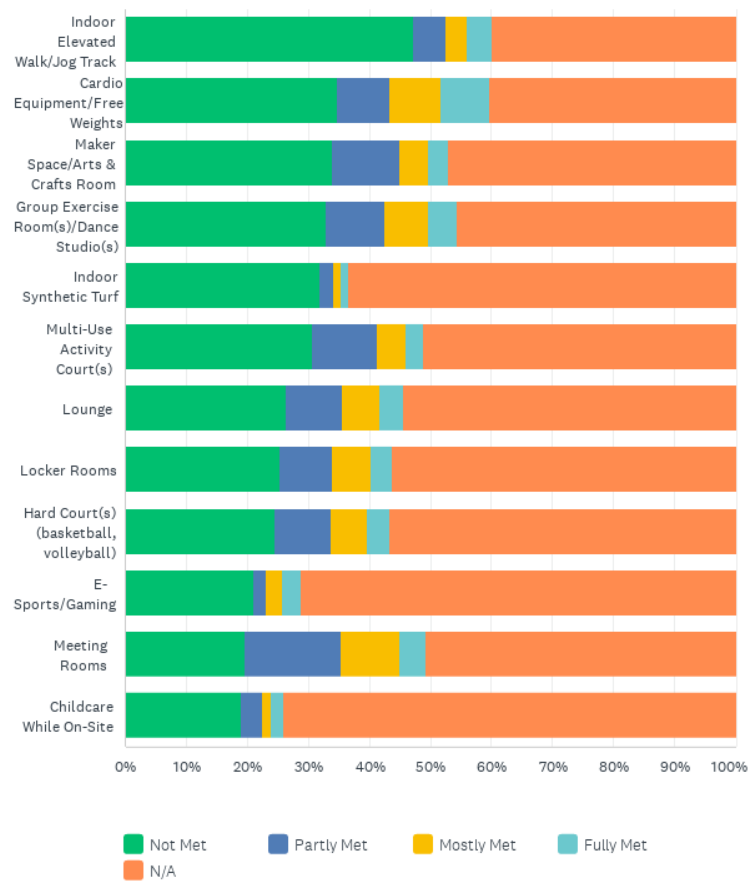
Q6 Please indicate if you or any member of your household have visited any of the parks or facilities listed below during the past 12 months.



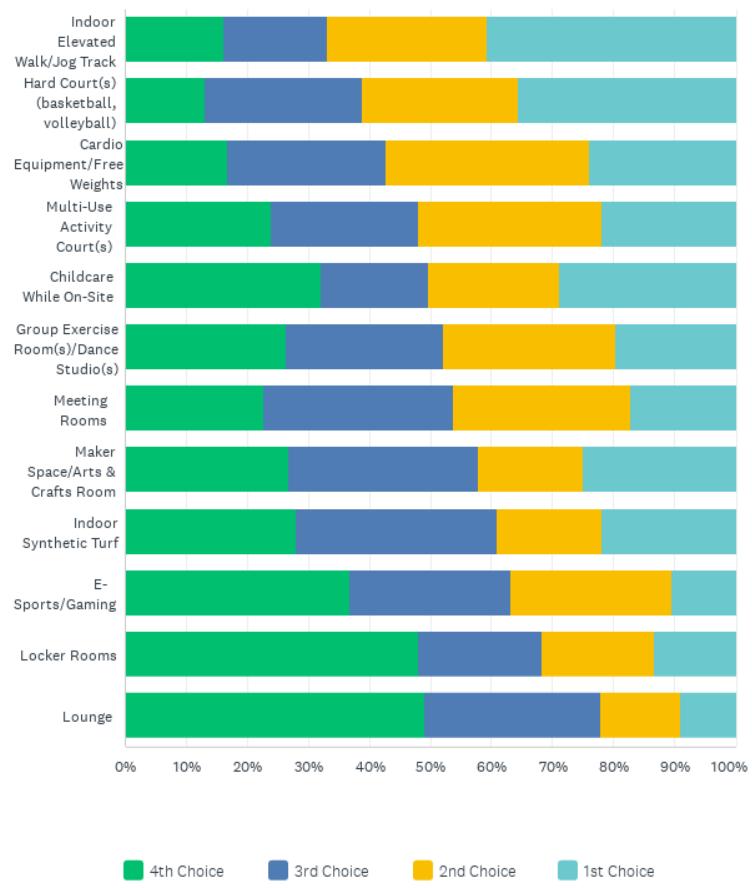
Q7 How satisfied are you with the following.



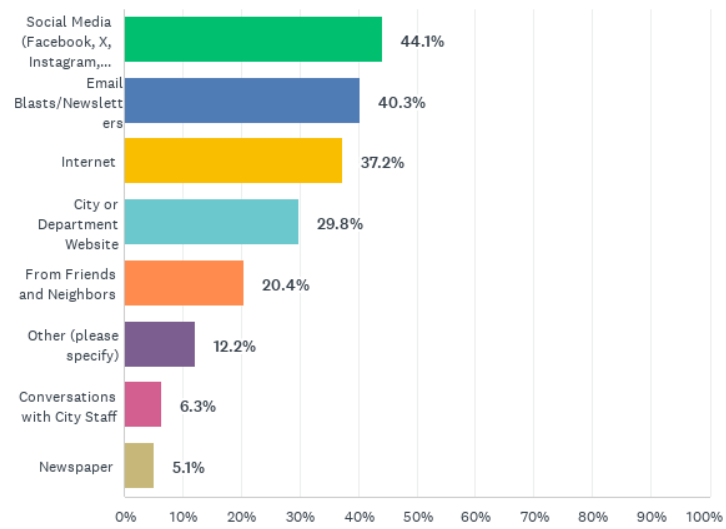
Q8 Please indicate how well your needs for each of the facility spaces listed below are met.
 If you do not have a need for one of the items, choose N/A.



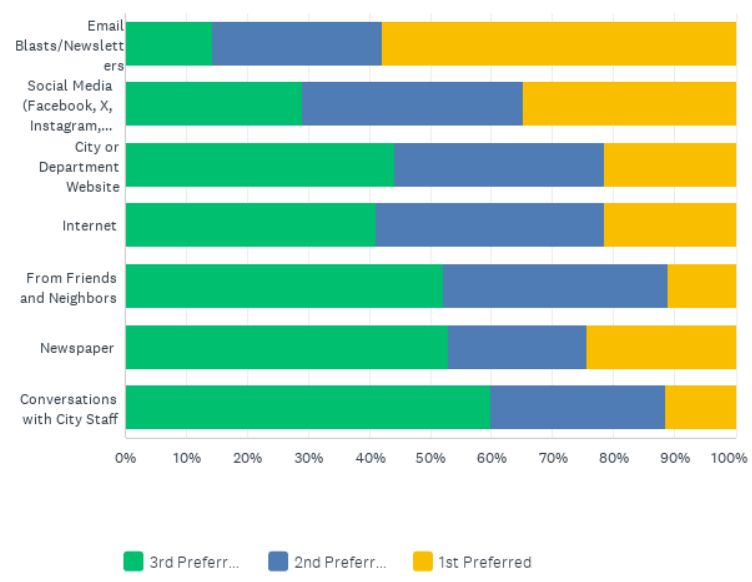
Q9 Which FOUR of the items listed in the question above do you think are MOST IMPORTANT to include in any potential community center developed by the City?



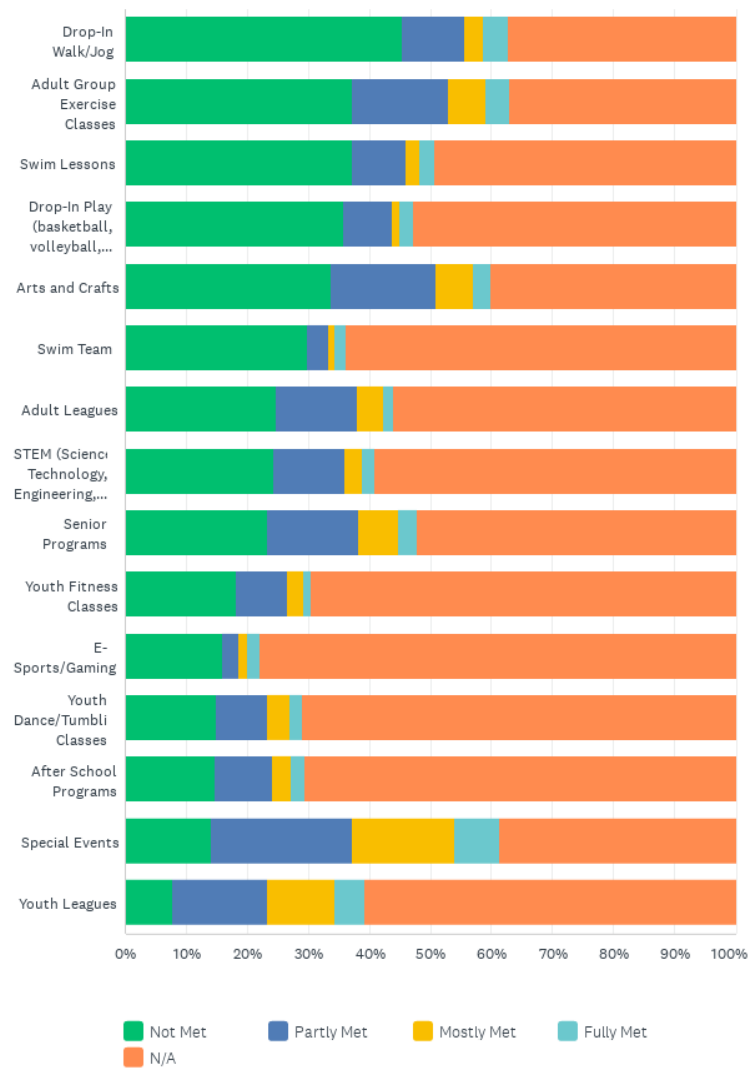
Q10 How do you currently learn about the programs and services that are offered by the City of Tumwater? (Check ALL that apply.)



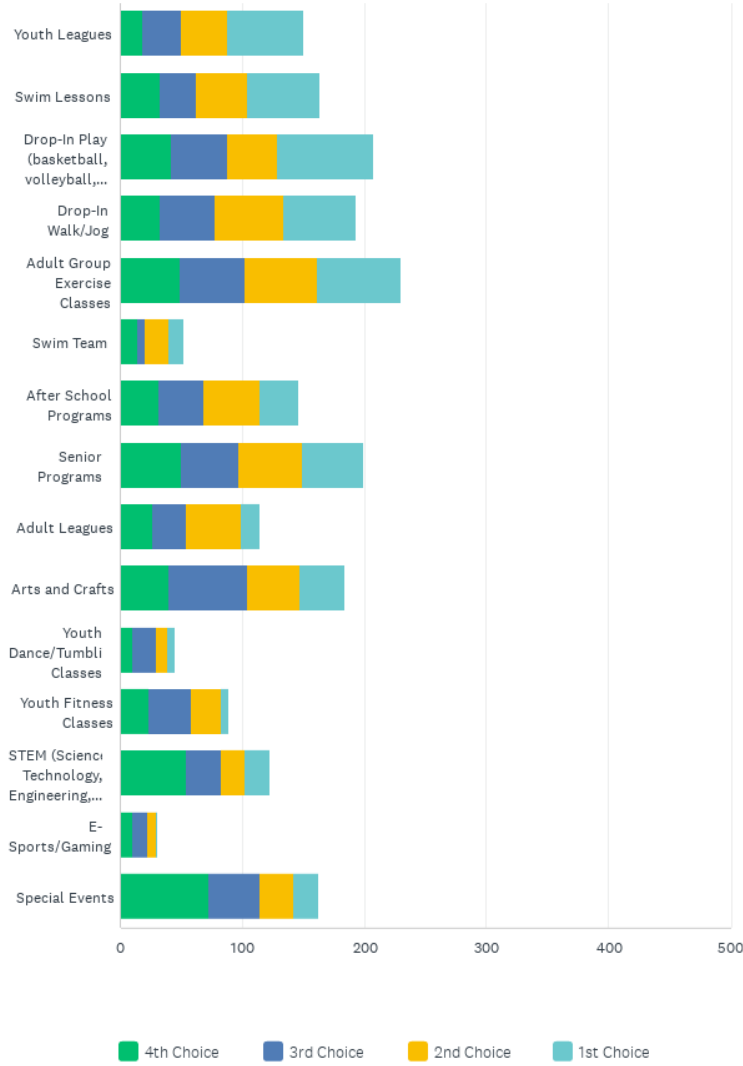
Q11 Which THREE of the sources of information do you MOST PREFER to use to get information about city programs and services?



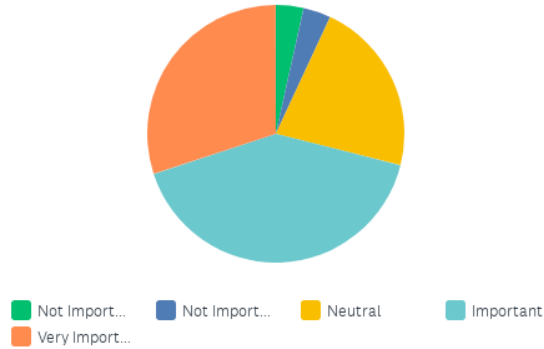
Q12 Please indicate how well your needs for each of the programs/services listed below are met. If you do not have a need for one of the items, choose N/A.



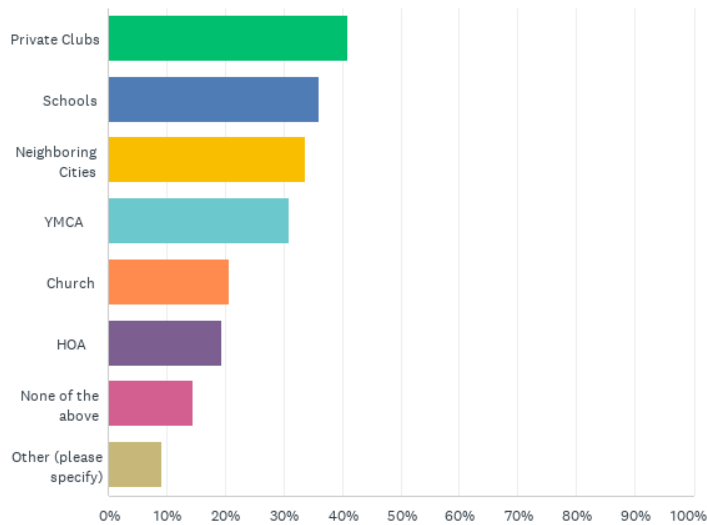
Q13 Which FOUR of the items listed in the question above do you think are MOST IMPORTANT to include in any potential community center developed by the City?



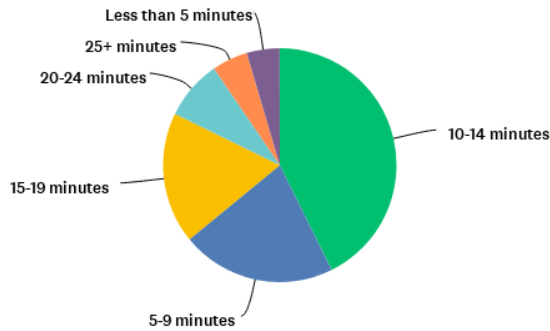
Q14 How important is the location of a community center in relation to your home when considering its use?



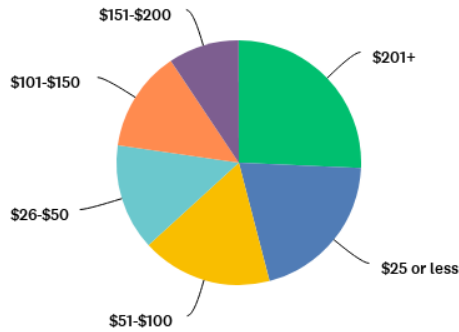
Q15 Which of the following organizations are used by you and other members of your household? (Choose all that apply)



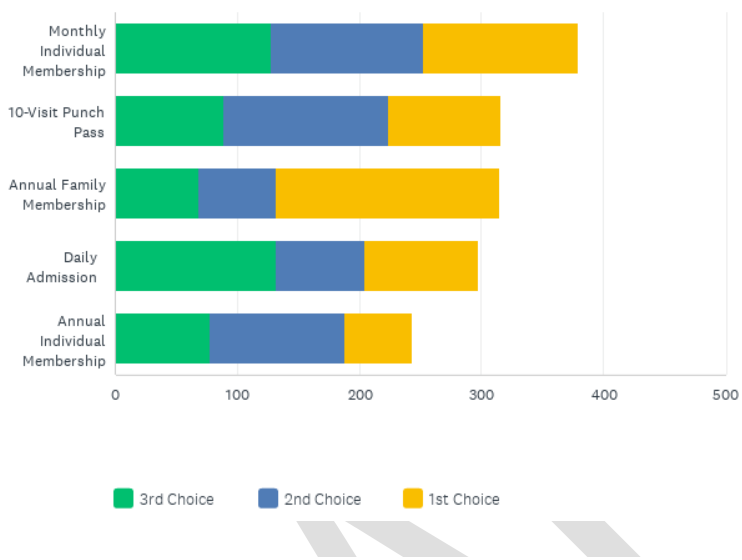
Q16 On average, how far are you willing to travel to participate in recreation, sports, fitness and wellness activities and services such as the ones that could be included in a new community center?



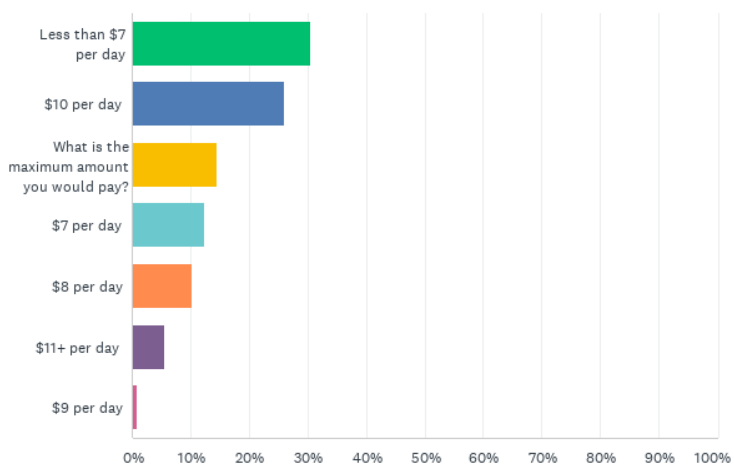
Q17 In a typical year, on average, how much money does your household spend, per month, on recreation, sports, fitness and wellness activities and services?



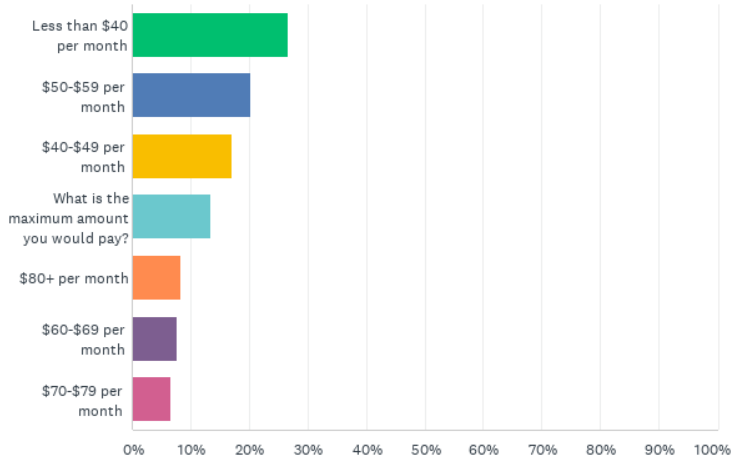
Q18 Please select the THREE ways your household would prefer to pay to use a community center if it had the amenities, programs, and features you and members of your household indicated are most important to you.



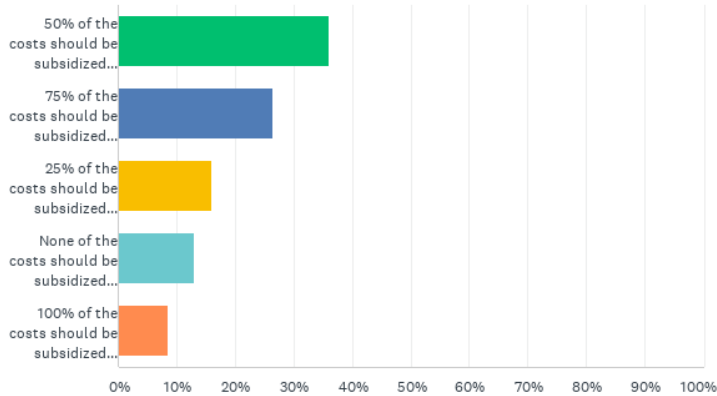
Q19 What is the MAXIMUM AMOUNT your household would be willing to pay for a daily admission fee to a community center if it had the amenities, programs, and features you and members of your household indicated are most important to you?



Q20 What is the MAXIMUM AMOUNT you would be willing to pay for a monthly membership fee to a community center if it had the amenities, programs, and features you and members of your household indicated are most important to you?



Q21 Community centers often require some type of financial subsidy from the City to offset costs related to operations (facility maintenance, staffing, utilities, etc.). Which ONE statement below best describes your opinions on how the City might subsidize a potential community center.



Additional Comments (215 responses)

- My big issue is the cross walk. I have nearly been hit by cars that do not stop. It needs to be painted so people will stop for us. I have to cross by the upper part of the street.
- Poor parking for aging population, lovely people, wonderful leadership, enriching experiences
- Need more parking
- Officers at Old Town Center do a great job.
- I would like the senior center to have a "free" table like Lacey's Sr. Center has.
- Love current senior center and staff are great!
- Please try to renovate the Tumwater brewery as the new location for the community center. It is now a continuing eye sore and safety problem.
- please make it very cheap to access
- The questionns about fees for a community center make me wonder if this will be a center that competes with the private sector using public money. That doesn't seem right to me.
- Marketing plays a vital role for this kind of programs. I guess the marketing isn't marketing enough.
- I would love to see the Tumwater Community Center be located on the empty land on the west side of Tumwater Boulevard exit
- Love current senior center & staff are great!
- Would be very interested in indoor pickleball facility,
- Please consider senior and disabled person needs. And enough handicap parking! Accessibility! Ramps, easy automatic doors, etc.
- Would like a space where classes could be offered like rumba .
- I just want a public space with indoor tables to play boardgames
- Love this city!
- "This is what the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District is designed for in my opinion. This should be built and if built well it will be used as much if not more than other sports facilities in the area. The ymca is always full, the RAC is overused.
- My ideal sports facility would mirror Whatcom County SportsCenter. With a rink and sports gold next to each other and other facilities build around the building. Please strongly consider building an ice rink and indoor soccer field. They will be used all the time. "
- Any community center should have bus service available.
- Need a place for everyone and handicapped accessible
- We need swimming pools
- Swimming pool is a high need for competitive swimmers. The closest club for very competitive swimmers is King swim team that is Tacoma and further. Once Evergreen swim team shutdown there is no other true team in town nor a place to practice in that a team can have access to. ToSC and YMCA are good teams for beginners but that's it.
- How much should we have with the YMCA is the cost and there were so many kids there and so much noise and annoyance. It was difficult to feel feel

comfortable. So I'm wondering if there might be a way to have time periods for seniors only or adults only? When I had little kids around, I loved having the youth programs but I think we need more for seniors as well. We also need to consider ventilation and cleaning because of the pandemic. We can't have a community center. That's gonna kill people off. . And I would love to play pickle ball, but I have no place to play it and nowhere to learn it so if we had some courts I could use for Pickleball. I think that it would be very popular with us old folks.

- Get active
- Having a space on the bus line with a mix of activities for kids, teens, and adults, seniors in particular, would be beneficial to building community and keeping people healthy. A pool would be fantastic to have a more affordable swim area but not sure it's realistic
- Technically in Tenino but Tumwater native. Tumwater is our go to for personal needs. Would certainly use the services of a new community center. Reduce costs of programs by hiring locals to teach. For instance, I was a Karate teacher through Tumwater parks and recs in the 1990s. I would do so again to keep costs low for community members.
- Teaching youth to swim is very important
- "Question number 12 would not let me answer VERY IMPORTANT. All 5 stars kept highlighting.
- Where is there any information on the Metropolitan Parks District funding into this?
- Many youth programs are struggling to find gym time. Basketball, Volleyball and Pickleball have a large need for additional space.
- I live 1 mile outside city of Tumwater.
- Lived in Tumwater for 5 months
- It would be amazing for a swimming pool
- I think the facility should be on a bus line and include covered bike parking!
- "My mobility is limited, so many of the health activities are not accessible for me. I try and get in the YMCA pool at least 4 times per week. So a swimming pool is of great interest to me.
- I am of an age that did not grow up with computers/cell phones/Internet. I spend HOURS trying to work with technology on my cell phone. I would so much like someplace to get help with this. And I find your website very frustrating."
- Keep out the homeless
- Please for the love of God, no more Starbucks!
- I was completely unaware of the items in this survey
- Our Tumwater community needs a public pool.
- Indoor play space for children would be incredible! There a very limited options for kids to play on a playground type space from November- March.
- Parking is inadequate in the morning, at Old Town Center. Arts and crafts members must cross a busy street pulling or carrying their supplies. The small lot fills up on Thursday morning now that the Tai Chi class has started. This

forces the art group people to drag all of their supplies down the hill and across a busy street. This is difficult for those over 75 years old. Thank you

- The Valley has great options, but as a private club, way too expensive. The YMCA has good options but a bit run down. Something of the two and in an appropriate price point for the standard struggling community member would be great. Everything is so expensive. We don't want hiked property taxes that we struggle to afford and then a community center we can't afford to attend.
- The current center is in a terrible spot, especially for seniors. The road it's on is extremely busy, the parking is very limited and there's not much room for services like exercising or playing indoors when it's raining. Hopefully these concerns are addressed with the new facility.
- A community center should also partner with the Thurston County Food Bank to become a satellite site where people have access to food.
- New to area, would like to have Rec water aerobics/water exercise that I can attend during the week days. I've searched and private swim centers won't tell you the costs for visit/month nor give rules for participants which is very disconcerting. I have not moved forward to attend as the businesses seem like there is hidden agenda for not answering questions.
- Indoor and outdoor pickleball
- Looking forward to the open house meeting in October
- I would love to see a fenced dog park.
- Look at the Highland Ranch, CO. Recreation centers. I am will to pay taxes for a multi use facility that has options for most/all. Not interest in day/monthly use fees as. Would like to see the city explore tax bases funding that will cover the majority of operational costs.
- So important for the people in Tumwater and I assume from other places in Thursday county.
- Should have a pool. 2 pools. One outside. Small shallow pool for seniors water aerobics/ exercise.
- "We need a pool. The Valley is too expensive and Briggs is so busy it's very difficult to get space in the pool.
- Also, I know a few of the introductory art classes through the City of Olympia are difficult to get into because they are so popular. "
- I really wish that Thurston County would share the cost of a public pool. I'd prefer the county to use the funds that promote economic growth that we're used for building the HOCM and athletic center. Since we don't have a public pool, it will likely be used heavily by non-Tumwater residents, so I think a resident and non-resident cost should be considered to mitigate overcrowding and to increase revenue to offset taxpayer's cost. We used to live in Richland, WA which had a lovely community center staged right by the river on open public park. The lounge area with hot coffee, comfy chairs, tables, crafts, board games, books, and children's toys/activities was free and open to the public and the fitness facilities were a monthly fee. The senior programs were also free.
- There should also be a low income subsidy as well or a sliding fee scale.

- I do not feel a community center is needed at this time. Many folks are struggling to pay bills and feed their families. We do not need anything that raises taxes.
- I think something like this is really needed in Tumwater. I live just outside the city limits. If you subsidize this with city taxes you should give city residents a break on any user fees.
- All of the activities/ facilities listed exist within 20 minutes. A year round ice skating rink is needed. The rink could introduce figure skating and hockey to our community.
- Pickleball courts are a must. If possible, outdoor and indoor dedicated courts.
- Thank you for not being like Olympia. I feel much safer in Tumwater. Our PD is great please let them continue to do their job
- This would be great for families. However my concern as a single mom of 3 kids is that it would be out of my price range to use regularly as most things such as this are.
- We would love to see camps for kids like Olympia has. They sell out so quickly so it's obvious there is a high demand things like chess camp. Lego camp. Art camp etc.
- "Please include performance space, preferably with a stage, in the new center. I belong to a South Sound Seniors Reader's Theater performing group and we perform for Olympia and Lacey Senior Centers and need performance and rehearsal space. Non-professional Musicians need space to perform for the public and to jam with other players.
- Maybe ""special events"" were what was meant as performance space in the above questions."
- Capacity for growth of the facility and program offerings should be considered for long term sustainability.
- I appreciate your outreach on this topic and hope the community can reach a decision that benefits everyone.
- "One of the biggest things I'm noticing is that newer buildings don't provide enough parking and our current transit system doesn't provide easy access for public transportation. I live off 65th and wildflower and there is not bus that I can catch if I don't want to drive. The craft district is a perfect example of having a cool place where folks want to be but there is not enough infrastructure to support patronage. Same thing with the Briggs Y and development near there. We don't have enough public transportation to support being less car centric
- Additionally, what grants are being applied for especially through the casinos as that is part of their gaming compacts. "
- Opportunity for senior discount membership either monthly or as annual
- I was working and exercising at the Curves location for the past 10 years until the franchise closed end of November of 2024
- Very excited to see this get off the ground!
- A better location for senior center, so wheelchair, canes, & walker users have better parking & not on an incline. My friends & I do not use Sr. Center because of that.
- Need a swimming pool

- "Your senior center is not safe to use. It is on a hill, the parking and egress are dangerous for seniors and handicapped folks. I have NEVER used the place because of that. It is a terrible facility and placement.
- I urge you to seriously consider seniors and handicapped seniors. Dah, who will park and walk on a hill and risk falling."
- I am very excited about a community center in Tumwater, especially if it has group fitness activities like Zumba, a pickleball court and a swimming pool.
- Please build a pool that is wide and deep enough to host water polo games and swim meets. This region desperately needs a modern swimming pool.
- We moved to Tumwater for the connection to nature, i.e. the trees. But developers like Rob Rice keep pushing to cut down trees and pave cultural zones like the area of 93rd avenue for profit. Initially, he pushes a grocery store idea but when confronted by backlash, suddenly backed off that and floated the community center after doggedly saying we needed a grocery store there. He wants to rezone willy nilly as it suits him, not us or the environment. What are the points of zoning laws if they can easily be rewritten when a wealthy millionaire who does not even reside in the area to know its needs whispers in the ears of our elected officials to rezone for profit whenever it suits them? Are laws just guidelines and suggestions now? There are multiple reasons to not build at 93rd.
 1. The road just cannot handle the extra traffic. It is a two-lane road that already is suffocating under the weight of the added traffic from the Preserve and Bradbury developments. It cannot handle the influx of leisure seekers this large community center would bring. I can hardly get onto 99 as it is!
 2. This community center is also for seniors, but 93rd has no established bus routes. And our roads cannot handle bus traffic. How are seniors and the disabled supposed to get to this location that supposedly will help service them?
 3. Paving over part of the trail of historical importance and cutting down the remaining old growth forest to pave it over for parking cannot be undone. Cultural and historical sites being taken and ruined for profit and then suggesting a little plaque to educate on what once was there undermines every goodwill effort at remedying colonization's stain. It carries on the pillaging of Indigenous heritage for the profit of white wealthy men.
 4. Environmental aspects. Carbon rates are growing and we need green zones to eat the increased carbons coming from developments nearby which installed gas-powered utilities to save building costs. We also have the watershed to consider, but as the developers do not live here, of course they would not stop to consider the quality of the air we breathe or the impacts of drinking polluted water.
 6. We live less than 15 minutes away from the YWCA in Tumwater, which does have bus routes, is better situated on a wider road. The other locations also show better infrastructure for the building and more usability than 93rd ave does.
 7. The pathological lying of some of the developers in what we need as a community and then wishy washing back and forth as they are confronted with evidence that we do not need the sort of development on 93rd that they suggest indicates corruption and unreliability and I would warn against making any deal with someone who changes positions on so-called important and vital matters with the wind of popular opinion.

- Wouldn't be interested in this at all.
- I need more information to be sent to home about monthly activities of the City like Olympia did
- The community center should be usable by all. Fees for seniors and kids under 10 should be free or a very minimal fee. Please look at the senior center and recreation center in Gillette Wyoming if you want an example of how these facilities should be run.
- Put it at the brewery
- I would love to see a Tumwater City Community Center with recreational facilities (lap pool, cardio, courts) identical or very similar to the Tumwater Valley Athletic Club (TVAC) but at half the price of the TVAC. Many of the members of TVAC are seniors on fixed incomes so a cheaper recreational center, with similar facilities, would be welcomed by the senior residents of Tumwater.
- I want the location to be the old Olympia Brewery. It would restore elegance and remove the sadness from that area that was once the pride of Tumwater
- Thank you
- The community center should be located in an existing urban space, such as on the parcel currently occupied by the closed brewery. Placing it adjacent to capital boulevard forces all users to rely on personal or public transportation to even access it, and results in yet more pointless deforestation.
- People who won't use your community center should not have to support it via taxes or anything else. Let those who want this pay by membership. Especially since there is an exercise facility right on the corner of Tumwater Blvd. Then there is a gym farther down Capital Blvd so I don't think your community center is necessary except to a few greedy millionaires/billionaires. If people want this stuff go to the other clubs and facilities already in existence. I won't be paying for something that benefits only a handful of people.
- The center SHOULD be set within the or near bus lines, and close to other amenities. The site off Center Street is too far from the population.
- A town community center should be by cityhall and the Library which I think is considered downtown - Tumwater is kinda urban sprawl and it may be better to establish a town core.
- the brewery location is the most suitable spot. & your survey is redundant, sorry.
- To clarify, taxes should not be increased to cover the cost of this. Instead, re-allocated to cover cost.
- I think it'll be important for the community if people will be able to get to the community center by bus. This would rule out the proposed site on 93rd Ave, but the other sites would be decently close to existing bus lines. IT could consider modifying a route near the 75th/76th Ave proposed site since their bus is ~1-2 blocks away
- I'm sick and tired of homeowners being asked to pay more than non-owners through home's taxes.
- Seems like Tumwater could leverage budgets by thinking outside the box. Why not subsidize passes/memberships to Briggs for families wanting pools, gyms, dance and exercise classes? Likewise why not focus on similar opportunities to

increase access to existing resources? A meeting and event space sounds nice (though the superintendent building by Costco serves for that...)

- Please consider Lifelong Learning opportunities for future programming - especially languages, music/arts + meaningful conversation/connection events
- I think the Helsinki Library (Oodi) is a wonderful blueprint for a community center for all ages: <https://oodihelsinki.fi/en/>
- Cut back on expenses
- I hope you will choose the Old Brewery site. It's wasted space now but could become a real focal point for the city. It's also close to a transit hub so could easily be accessed by those who live near bus lines. The Old Brewery would also provide a really cool design theme for the facility and could function as a quasi-museum for the brewery that was once a major employer for the area.
- I like the location option if the old brewery to tie in with trails and brewery district.
- Appreciate the survey, the questions were very clearly presented. I was unable to select multiple options on the questions requesting FOUR choices. The form only allowed selection of one item. That was disappointing!
- Please try to utilize or reuse a building already standing over tearing down trees and building a new one. 93rd Ave is getting too busy and full of industry, we don't need more traffic there. Wherever the plan takes us, just make sure there is more parking than you need and spaces and lanes big enough to actually park/drive around - the parking area is always forgotten when planning these things. Large enough driveways, parking areas and easy access needs to be talked about too
- We would love to see something happen with the old Brewery. It is an eye sore
- Dog parks, please
- An indoor facility for physical activities and sports located within the city of Tumwater would be a valuable addition. Gyms aren't affordable for everyone and adults can't use schools and other facilities for recreational activities and sports.
- Miss the Makers Space, Tai Chi, Yoga, Water aerobics, and aerobic dance
- More programs and sports for toddlers.
- A pool would be wonderful. I probably would use it 4 or 5 times a week
- Transit service is an imperative, and the facility ideally would be close to City Hall. The proposal location on Tumwater Blvd is a terrible choice, remote, freeway noise and air pollution. The Brewery/Park location would be nice as it combines nicely with the park.
- Would love to see indoor pickle ball at an affordable price.
- With inflation, this facility would have to be affordable for people otherwise it won't be worth the extra expense.
- Indoor event venue for \$25-\$50 per hour would be great... something large than a restaurant room... holds up to 100 guests. Lot's of locals have apartments and it's hard to find Indoor venues in the winter. In the Summer, there are plenty of outdoors parks but winter is hard.
- Tumwater needs an indoor and outdoor public pool. Moses lake's facilities bring in paying clients who offset the costs. We need indoor tennis courts, and gyms, courts available to public.
- Golf course is the best

- I feel like I live in Tumwater since I live right by Black Hills HS, but being in the urban growth boundary makes us feel like we don't. It would be great if Tumwater had a community center. It would be great if my property tax went to that instead of schools since I have never had kids.
- Would love a public swimming pool that can cater to adult lap swim with lanes, without costing a large amount like other private facilities
- Having transportation for seniors
- We request the addition of a new membership type specifically for access to the Indoor Walk/Jog Track. This facility is highly valuable to the community, particularly during the rainy season from October to April. Offering this option could not only enhance community engagement but also provide a steady source of revenue during these months.
- Wish I could better understand why the old Olympia brewery and warehouses across the street are such a blight on the community and not being utilized for all their potential.
- Our family and our community really needs a pool. It has been hard to teach and practice swimming skills with my little ones. Water safety is a huge concern of mine.
- We would love swimming facilities! Tennis courts, youth programs and adult fitness classes! Thank you! We are excited about this project! The nearest facility is the Valley and we can't afford it. My husband would love affordable indoor tennis courts.
- We have a Community Center now, but I think it would be used by more seniors if it was in a better location. The parking now is the reason I don't go!
- This city really needs a community center that includes a swimming pool.
- Would love to see or know about outdoor track and field facilities that are open to the public, or resources available to establish a USATF Masters club.
- I would love to have access to glass blowing and ceramics classes
- Focus your energy on maintaining what is already your responsibility. The drug compounds need to be addressed, crime is out of control. Stop spending money on things that don't matter.
- I would enjoy access to a pool...not necessarily for swim lessons but for exercise classes
- A community center should not be in competition with existing exercise facilities (The Valley, YMCA, 24 Hour Fitness, etc). A community center should provide classes and/or activities that are not offered elsewhere. A swimming pool would be a great addition. Additionally, if the community center is even partially supported by taxes, Tumwater residents should pay less to use the facility than non residents.
- "A SPACE FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES!!!
- AUTISM, C.P., EPILEPSY, ETC!!!"
- Need a pool!!! And Basketball courts
- swimming facilities are critical to Tumwater and the surrounding community

- Multiple court gym space is critically needed. Tumwater events and sports support the community and promotes tourism which benefits local businesses and hotels
- please add me to the email list for updates djp131@gmail.com, thank you
- Location would be great if it included demolition of unused, & vacant, ugly and hazardous structures on capitol blvd (former highway building, boarded up apartments, any of the aging brewer property). Please offer senior discount. Thank you.
- We need positive, safe places for our youth & seniors to be active & out of the weather
- I don't think the city should build a new center
- The old Dot building by the Tumwater McDonald's
- Love to have this at the old Dot location off Capitol (near Lee Street,). Great location for many from Tumwater.
- My family and I decided to leave Tampa in 2023. We could have moved anywhere in the country, but chose Tumwater because of the proximity to the coast, access to great parks and recreation, good schools, and affordable cost of living. I think a new community center would go a very long way towards further improving our community. It may be challenging, but finding ways to really incorporate intergenerational activities would go a long way to bringing our community together and knocking down generational solos!
- Nego with valley to expand and run joint rec center. Manage golf and rec. Future ballfields at old brewery warehouses. Or build off Tumwater Blvd closest to city hall and between HSS
- Reduced, or highly subsidized, membership should be available to lower income families
- Sliding scale for fees
- This has been needed for several years. Glad that you are looking into this.
- Need adult (masters) swim team opportunities
- With the right equipment/activities I would be willing to pay significantly more than \$80 a month for a family membership
- "Miracle" for Screen on the Green please;)
- Question for asks for multiple answers, but only allows for one response.
- How about a dog park? Why is Tumwater not have one?
- A Community Center is greatly needed and would be a huge asset for our community. Our city is unique in that we are split by a freeway and don't have downtown or central meeting place. This center could be the beginning of such a meeting place and bring opportunities for connection and wellness missing in our community.
- A few years ago there was an aquatic facility feasibility study that looked at a regional pool. A pool is so expensive, and our region is underserved. It would be great to work with other cities to build a modern recreational focused swimming pool like the feasibility study designed.
- There should be multiple pickleball courts, with daily dedicated times to use. The pickleball community is big and still growing, and a huge number of people travel

30+ minutes south to the NW Sportshub in Centralia for daily dedicated pickleball times on good courts. It's an accessible sport for all ages and should be included. Please make sure to make the center fun and interesting for young families and youth, I have heard it would be mainly catered to senior folks and I think that would be a terrible missed opportunity for the City. The state of Utah has tons of examples of local community centers that cater to everyone and provide fantastic services.

- Indoor pickleball courts are really important to a lot of us in the community
- Thanks for doing this! We are so excited!!
- It would be nice if you set up and use the silver sneakers, etc.
- "I appreciate the new sidewalks in our neighborhood.
- I love the brick look of City Hall, and think new buildings should be in that style.
- So many new apartments are pouring cars on our roads. I'm always sad to see trees cut down, and experience traffic at our little neighborhood intersections."
- Having a space with mats that could be used for tumbling and martial arts (judo) would be great.
- Please consider more softball fields and activities for youth in our community. A swimming pool should be a priority as well.
- I hope we can build a large community center, and make sure there is ample court space. Going small on courts could really hurt the benefit of a center.
- Super excited for a basketball facility! As many courts as possible!
- Parking is critical. Meeting rooms for open clubs like chess or other gaming and crafts.
- Instead of generating new taxes for this, other costs should be cut somewhere else if needed. With all of the new developments in town, I believe we would be generating enough new tax money already. Also, I wish you would have included a choice for supporting the Community Center through tax deductible donations. Citizens are generous in supporting healthy options for youth and adults.
- I would like to know more as this project progresses. I am curious why this was approved in 2018 and it is still not built / under construction. What is the holdup?
- Arts and Craft/maker space would be great. It would also be great to have a black box theater or a stage. I would like to attend theater performances or act in community theater at a community center. You could have a coffee shop/smoothie bar in the community center like they do at The Valley. A pottery room with a kiln would be amazing as well.
- I'm glad the Parks & Recreation Department will be operating this Community center and not a private club.
- A pool would be a great facility for our community
- There should be amenities for outdoor activities (farmer's market or other outdoor events).
- Redevelopment of Olympia brewery properties should be a priority for public investments in a community center
- The valley athletic club offers many of these services, and paying \$150/month already makes me less interested in that type of community services club. But I

really enjoy the history and enrichment classes and special events. I usually have to rent meeting rooms or attend crafts classes in other cities though.

- There is a wide range of incomes in the City of Tumwater and while I don't mind paying a fee, I feel like it limits use to the entire community. The draw of a community center is that everyone has access that is a resident, regardless of income.
- Having later hour meeting spaces would be wonderful. Our HOA board has struggled to find space in town, and the library closes to early
- Really excited for this community center. I hope that it can be cheaper than the ymca monthly fee so my family can join. Thank you
- Indoor Courts and pool are most valued.
- The main purpose of a community center is to provide meeting rooms and a community kitchen for larger events. It should not be for sports. Schools have facilities for sports. The current YMCA, just outside of Tumwater, is convenient to my home, and we sometimes use it. The community center should be close to City Hall, Library, and accessible by at least one, preferably two, transit routes. Look at where the 12 and 13 go, and find a spot where they come together. The golf course may be a good location, as it is close to Tumwater Valley for people who want sports activity, and the City already owns the land. Maybe convert the failing restaurant into a meeting room complex.
- The community center should not be located south of town where it is out of reach for many residents. It should be within more of the core of the city. The center should be on one or more transit routes. Putting the community center inside a new development disregards existing residents who should be able to walk to the center. Locating the center at the edge or outside of the UGA flies in the face of the concepts of denser development, corridors and transit oriented development. I don't want Tumwater to get involved in a scheme in a new development that may not work out well for the city. The city should have control over the development of the community center. Possibly consider the golf course area, or nearer to City Hall and the library.
- I'd love to see a lot more arts and craft classes, senior services, planned bus trips, etc. A pool or pools would be nice as well. We would also need ample parking. That's why I stopped taking classes in down town Olympia, there was no where to park.
- Would like meeting space for community health programs in any new facility.
- POOL! POOL! POOL!
- I live between tumwater and tenino and I don't believe the tumwater community would utilize a facility after the first few months on a regular basis
- The Valley has an indoor track but it is small and surrounded by machines. I would love to see a real dedicated indoor walking/running track in the community.
- Looking forward to a community center!
- DO NOT LET A PRIVTE ORG LIKE THE YMCA RUN IT!
- Pool. Generational events/programs. Youth and elders coming together. Hub for non-profits to connect and engage and provide services and resources.

- I would like to see Tumwater take the lead in making a community center a conference center big enough to hold large events. S community center/conference center would add so much. Let's do them both at once.
- Even if you don't complete the Community center, please bring back after school club to OTC.
- I think there should be dedicated funding for the community center.
- Something to rival the obscene fees of The Valley - with a more centralized location that can be used by adults AND kids.
- Would like more integrated programs--daughter & I enjoyed an art class together when she was 10 or 11. "Senior" programs tend to be pretty bland. All programs should be accessible to those with low incomes.
- We need a community pool so badly. There really wasn't a way to indicate that in the survey, but the benefits that would bring would be amazing.
- Special need/ inclusive recreational programs for our community member with special needs.
- We need a public swimming pool!
- Love family friendly events, kids programs as affordable costs since we have 4 kids and would love all to be able to participate without breaking the bank.
- The questions make the community center sound more like a health club, similar to the YMCA. I was expecting it to be more like a library where people could meet casually without paying an entrance fee. Of course classes, weight rooms, and rentals of spaces would cost, but it would be nice for people to be able to have access to some things for free as members of the city.
- This would NEED to be centrally located to be of the most use to the most people. NOT where you couldn't even get a bus to it. The newer brewery complex.
- I usually make use of the Tumwater Valley Golf Course and its practice facility. It is a great place to practice and the staff runs a pretty good ship. The course is challenging enough and can usually find access pretty easily.
- I think the City is doing a great job of providing services and Tumwater is a great place to live.
- Thanks for asking. Good luck!
- Youth and age together
- a community center would be great, but if it is unaffordable and therefore inaccessible to most, then it would be a pointless waste of city money.
- There wasn't an option for a monthly family membership, this what our household would choose
- tough to balance what I, a retired, low income senior would look for in a center, versus what will benefit community as a whole. As a fairly new resident, I'm not familiar with needs of largest portion of community.
- There's a problem with #4 in the survey. It forces you to select an answer, even if none are relevant.
- My grandchildren visit often but are not part of my household. I am very much in support of youth programs and activities even though my sisters are based upon my husband & I only

- The work that the city is doing at Brewery Falls (love the new bike trail) and the Craft District are really great - but it is so hard for my family to actually get TO these areas by walking or biking (we live just beyond the Safeway on Cleveland). Sidewalks with curbs right against speeding traffic is terrifying, and bikes are also expected to use that sidewalk or ride in-lane (Senator P. Carlyon Bridge). When speed limits are 35mph - that means drivers are actually going 40 to 50 mph – esp. when there are no cops enforcing the speed limit. When there is pressure for drivers to turn due to limited gaps in traffic, the last thing drivers are looking for is people in the crosswalk (Custer and Boston). I've almost been hit here more than 5 times in this crosswalk. It feels like the city assumes that everyone drives a car to your parks and facilities - but that's just not true. There is a huge Tumwater/Olympia residential neighborhood hungry to use these great facilities - but frankly, it's too dangerous to get there.
- Please provide low cost option for seniors
- We do not need new buildings and do not need to create more traffic. Use the places we have, create multipurpose and have a business running to connect neighborhoods with activity centers. An indoor/ outdoor pool with grass area for the summer would be fantastic. Especially for families with kids so they can stay active all year long. Youth has a place to meet each other.
- N/A
- The question about community facilities that we use allowed only one choice whereas we use multiple facilities. We use the library for ourselves and our grandchildren and I've also visited City Hall a number of times for both permitting issues and for picking up community supported agriculture produce boxes.
- community center needs to be in a safe area.
- Please make sure to provide qualified swim instructors, sensory/ dark rooms for working out like at the Valley. Low membership costs with fundraising event for various activities. Have events to make it more communal. Make registration not membership level prioritized like the Y. Have more youth programs like singing and guitar lessons.
- Location in an area where you don't have to tear down a forest is key. Use areas that have had previous life and are ready for new infill development (e.g., brewery, public works yard off capitol, etc.).
- "Question #12 is not working.
- I strongly support swimming."
- There was no mention of of pool in the survey. That's what I voted for.
- It would definitely add to the community and I would like and use a community center
- where is this community center with the jog track? and senior classes and other cool stuff?
- Drop in and league pickleball would be great. Sauna/Spa options are a huge draw. Racquetball courts would also be good. Teen center with pool table/ping pong and open gym times.

- Live in Olympia but work in Tumwater. A pool for lap swimming or water aerobics (that's offered in the evening and not at 5 am or some insane time) would be fabulous.
- I believe that it would be so beneficial to have more parks, and sports/activities centers for the youth and children in the area of Tumwater. Kids want to go play basketball, soccer or simply play and hang out with friends and there is really no place to do it currently. So instead they go to their rooms and play video games. As a community I think we should encourage the young people to do sports and activities outdoors or in a space center. Adults and seniors would also benefit from it.
- Though we do not have kids in our household, I selected youth programs as priorities, because those are the greatest needs for our community. Also, I understand it is likely not economically feasible, but we need a SWIMMING POOL. Kids of all backgrounds need swimming lessons to be safe, seniors need low-impact exercise, and I want to be able to swim laps.
- I am so excited about this. There are many successful community centers in the PNW that I have visited and there was something for everyone there.
- If the city of Tumwater continues to grow, the services for individuals and families has to grow and improve! No need to build a new building or squeezing groups into an already utilized bldg doesn't make sense. Using the old DOT bldg on Capital Blvd could fulfill all the needs of various age groups and classes, fitness, and events. Plenty of room for various classrooms, or gymnasium, centrally located, and plenty of parking! A win win for all!
- Very excited to see the community center becoming reality. We have needed this for a long time!