Multigenerational Community Center

Meeting Norwell's Recreational and Elder Support Services Needs for Today and Tomorrow





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Proposed Town Meeting Article

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money in the amount of \$250,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator, Recreation Superintendent and Council on Aging Director, for the purpose of Site Assessments and Feasibility Studies and related expenses for a future Community Center to serve residents of all ages.

Requested by the Norwell Recreation Commission and Council on Aging Board

Our Vision

To promote healthy lifestyle and social engagement opportunities, for all Norwell residents.

Our Mission

To build a Multigenerational Community Center and Outdoor Recreation Campus, to support the recreational, educational, social and outreach service needs of Norwell residents, while creating an environment that fosters a strong sense of community and inclusion for all ages.

Norwell Population Statistics

As of February 2022

Note: Census data provided by Norwell Town Clerk.

Data is subject to change, based on daily fluctuations

Age Group	Population	%
0 - 19	2,788	25%
20 - 30	1,305	11%
31 - 49	2,534	23%
50 - 59	1,739	16%
60+	2,761	25%
Total	11,127	

Norwell Council on Aging & Recreation Department

Program & Service Statistics Fiscal Year 2021

LIVE well		Unduplicated	Duplicated
AGE well NORWELL council on Aging	Total Served	1,409	12,340
PLAY WELL! Stay WELL! NORWELL RECREATION	Total Served	5,153	31,654

Total combined population served: 6,562*

^{*}Represents 59% of Norwell's population



Serving the Needs of Our Community





















Recreation Department

Current Facilities

- One shared administrative office at Town Hall.
- Non-accessible program space in the lower level of Town Hall
- Gym space at Town Hall
- Gym space at the Sparrell Building, Cole, Vinal, Middle and High Schools.
- Playgrounds at Cole & Vinal Schools, Reynolds Playground and Gaffield Park

Challenges

- Program scheduling is limited based on the needs and availability of school facilities and playgrounds.
- Limited recreational space at Town Hall creates a disruptive environment for other Town Departments
- Lack of adequate space to support diverse programming for underserved populations.
- Inadequate storage for programming supplies and equipment.



Serving the Needs of Our Community

































Norwell Council on Aging



Current Facilities

- Approximately 3,200 sf. Senior Center located at 293 Pine St.
- 2-acre property includes building, 2 storage sheds and 28 parking spaces

Challenges

- One 840 sf. program/dining space used for all programs with 10+ participants.
- Furnishing are moved and repositioned 5 to 6 times a day, based on program needs.
- Limited kitchen facilities and storage to support expanded nutrition programs.
- Grassy backyard area is an unsafe for individuals with mobility issues.
- Patio project still pending due to unsuccessful bids

Future Use: Consider updates to create an Adult Social Day Program for individuals with cognitive impairment and providing respite for care partners.

Purpose of Town Meeting Article

Phase I: 2022 - 2023

- Conduct a town-wide assessment to determine the interest and needs of Norwell residents, for building a multigenerational community center.
- Evaluate current town-owned and/or potential properties for suitability to build a multigenerational community center.
- Assessment outcomes will help determine next steps for capital plan priority, design, funding and development.
- Any future development is contingent on funding and Town approval. Potentially 3 – 5 years out, or as directed by the Town.

Overview of Estimated Costs

Estimated cost up to \$250,000, to include:

- Needs assessment including a statistically valid community survey and results
- Identification of programming space needs.
- Traffic and parking analysis
- Zoning analysis
- Site(s) assessment
- Conceptual design(s) and schematics, if suitable sites are identified
- Total project cost estimate
- Operational cost analysis
- Implementation steps and schedule

Multigenerational Community Center Amenity Considerations

Indoor Amenity Considerations

- Gymnasium with suspended walking track
- Commercial kitchen and expanded dining space
- Multi-purpose and modular space
- Group fitness studios
- Creative arts room
- Classroom for hybrid, programming, lifelong learning and Esports
- Private conference space for support groups and outreach services.
- Dedicated office space

Outdoor Amenity Considerations

- Outdoor patio space
- Special event community gathering space
- Accessible Picnic Shelter with Outdoor
 Bathroom Facilities, Community Garden to
 support Council on Aging and Food Pantry
 Nutrition programs and community learning.
- Permanent outdoor games area including pickleball, bocce, basketball, horseshoes, etc.
- Outdoor adult fitness area
- Small Ages 2-5 playground/play area
- Challenge/Obstacle Course for ages 5-12.
- Walking paths

Similar Community Center Projects



Pembroke Community Center (40,000 SF)

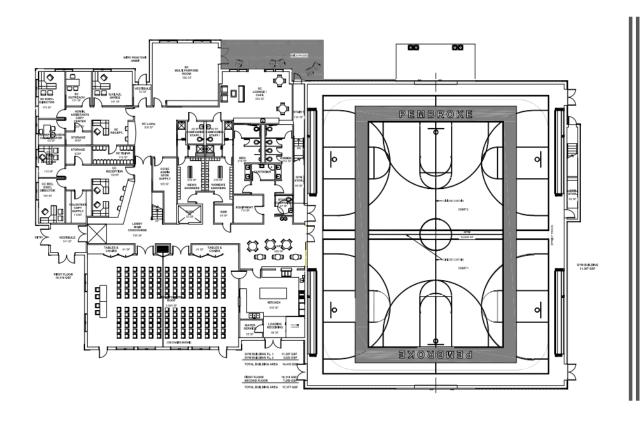


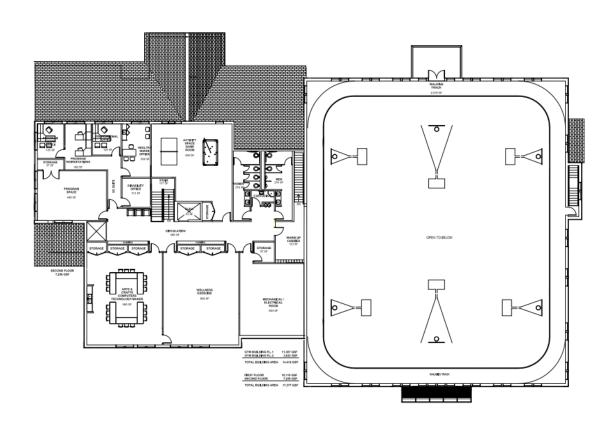
Sandwich Center for Active Living (24,000 SF)



Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (26,300 SF)

Example: Pembroke Community Center Project









Questions?

Thank you for your consideration!