

# Multigenerational Community Center

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*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

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*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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,127</b>	

# Norwell Council on Aging & Recreation Department

## Program & Service Statistics

### Fiscal Year 2021



Total Served

**Unduplicated**

1,409

**Duplicated**

12,340



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.
- Furnishings 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

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## 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)**

The architectural drawings include two detailed floor plans and a summary table. The left plan is the first floor, featuring a large gymnasium (16,116 GSF) and a kitchen (430 GSF). The right plan is the second floor, featuring a gymnasium (16,116 GSF) and various storage and administrative spaces. The summary table at the bottom right provides the following data:

FLOOR	AREA (GSF)
FIRST FLOOR	16,116
SECOND FLOOR	7,278
<b>TOTAL BUILDING AREA</b>	<b>23,394</b>





**Questions?**

**Thank you for your consideration!**