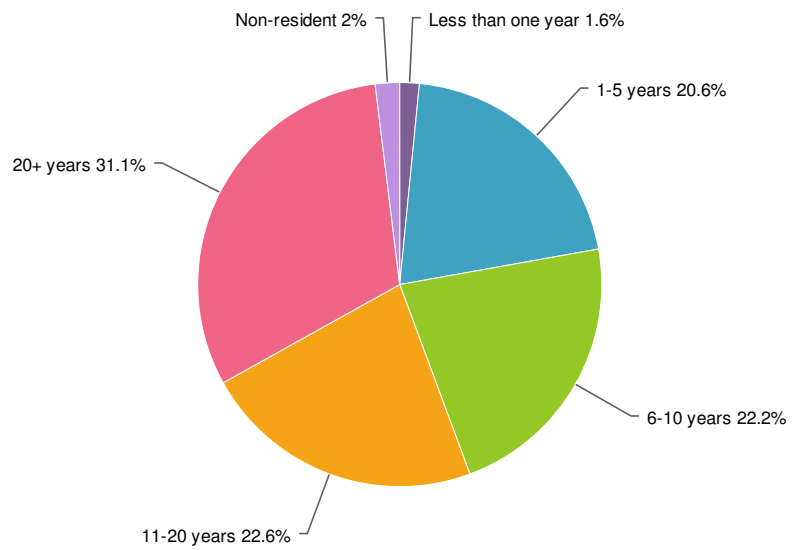


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1. How many members of your household do you have in each age category?

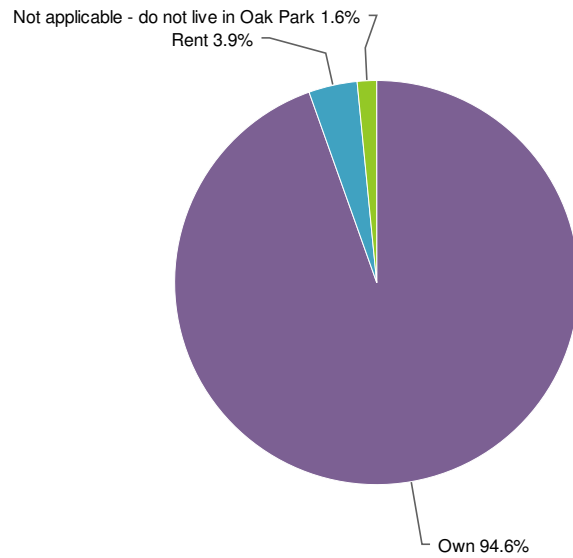
	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Responses
Ages 0 to 5	51 57.3%	30 33.7%	7 7.9%	1 1.1%	0 0.0%	89
Ages 6 to 12	59 55.7%	40 37.7%	6 5.7%	1 0.9%	0 0.0%	106
Ages 13 to 19	34 54.8%	22 35.5%	5 8.1%	1 1.6%	0 0.0%	62
Ages 20 to 29	21 63.6%	10 30.3%	2 6.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	33
Ages 30 to 39	34 41.0%	49 59.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	83
Ages 40 to 49	45 41.3%	59 54.1%	5 4.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	109
Ages to to 59	32 45.1%	39 54.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	71
Ages 60 to 69	19 47.5%	21 52.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	40
Ages 70 and up	14 60.9%	8 34.8%	0 0.0%	1 4.3%	0 0.0%	23

2. How many years have you resided in the Village of Oak Park?



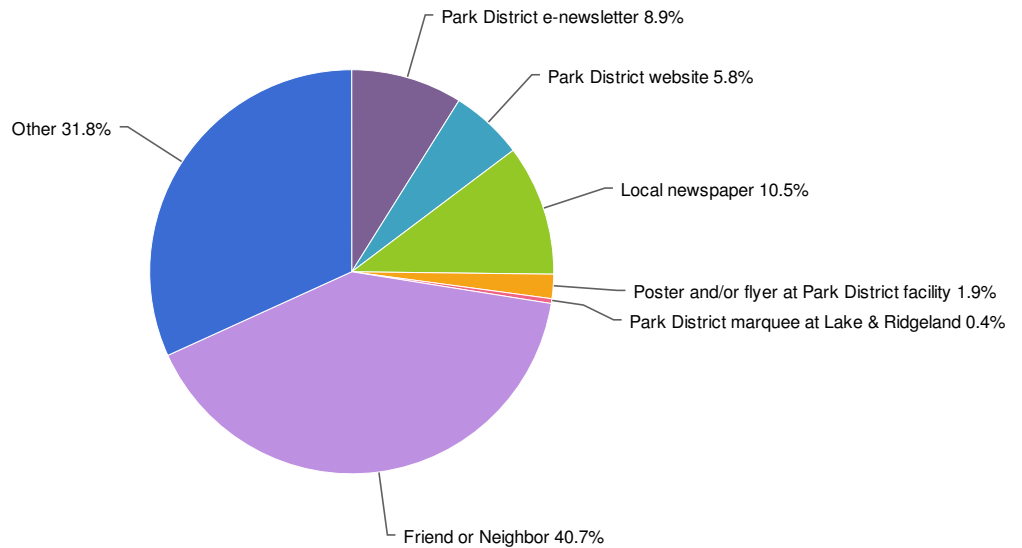
Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
Less than one year	1.6%	4	Sum	2,633.0
1-5 years	20.6%	53	Average	10.6
6-10 years	22.2%	57	StdDev	7.3
11-20 years	22.6%	58	Max	20.0
20+ years	31.1%	80		
Non-resident	2.0%	5		
Total		257		

3. Do you own or rent?



Value	Percent	Count
Own	94.6%	244
Rent	3.9%	10
Not applicable - do not live in Oak Park	1.6%	4
Total		258

4. How did you learn about the Feasibility Study Community Meeting?



Value	Percent	Count
Park District e-newsletter	8.9%	23
Park District website	5.8%	15
Total		258

Value	Percent	Count
Local newspaper	10.5%	27
Poster and/or flyer at Park District facility	1.9%	5
Park District marquee at Lake & Ridgeland	0.4%	1
Friend or Neighbor	40.7%	105
Other	31.8%	82
Total		258

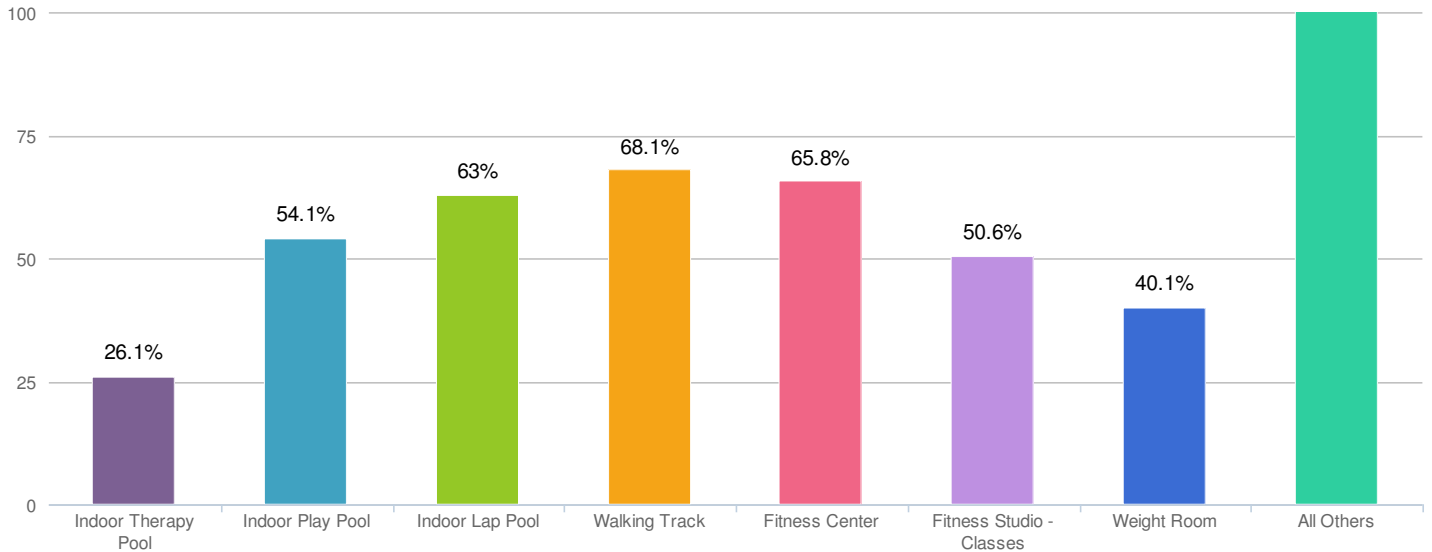
Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	182
As local elected official	1
Community Facebook group	1
D200	1
D200 Board Meeting	1
D97	1
D97 e newsletter	1
D97 e-weekly	1
D97 email	2
D97 newsletter	1
D97 newsletter link	1
District 200	1
District 97	3
District 97 e-news	1
District 97 email	4
District 97 newsletter	1
District 97 school communication	1
Email	1
Emailed by Library Director	1
Facebook	10
Facebook group	1
Facebook post by oppl	1
Friend, paper, newsletter You should allow more than one selection here	1
Friend's facebook	1

Responses "Other"	Count
From being involved in the high school pool debate	1
HIGH SCHOOL	1
High School	1
Husband	1
I attended the meeting. Heard about it on Facebook.	1
I work for the Park District	1
Invitation	1
Invited to participate	1
OP97 newsletter	1
OPRF	1
OPRF Community Foundation	1
OPRF Students	1
Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation	1
PD Executive Director	1
PD Facebook	1
PDCC	3
Park District flyer	1
Pdcc member	1
Rotary Club OPRF	1
School	1
Village email	1
Wednesday Journal	1
Youth Network Council	1
attended meeting	1
email from community organization	1
facebook	5
google news page	1
high school	1
information shared at a PDOP meeting	1
invite from PD	1
lap swimmers group	1






Responses "Other"

	Count
online wednesday journal ad	1
school district newsletter	1
school email	1
spouse	1
staff	1

5. Please check all of the following facility features you would like to see in a Community Center?



Value	Percent	Count
Indoor Therapy Pool	26.1%	67
Indoor Play Pool	54.1%	139
Indoor Lap Pool	63.0%	162
Walking Track	68.1%	175
Fitness Center	65.8%	169
Fitness Studio - Classes	50.6%	130
Weight Room	40.1%	103
Gymnasium	47.9%	123
Indoor Turf Field	25.3%	65
Preschool Rooms	26.5%	68
Senior Lounge/Activity Room	25.3%	65
Teen Area	35.8%	92
Total		257

Value	Percent		Count
Meeting Rooms	37.7%		97
Art Rooms	34.2%		88
Snack Bar	34.6%		89
Other - Write In	13.2%		34
I am not in support of a community center	5.8%		15
	Total		257

Responses "Other - Write In"	Count
Left Blank	228
An basket ball center for only basket ball.	1
Birthday Party rooms	1
Coffee shop	1
Dance/Movement, Cultural Center	1
Drop-off childcare	1
Golf Simulator	1
Indoor Basketball courts	1
Indoor golf simulation with food and beverage	1
Isn't Ridgeland Commons our community rec. center?	1
Large pool at least 50M	1
Makerspace	1
Meeting rooms which can be rented out for private events; soundproof room for piano recitals	1
Tennis courts just a wish not really necessary	1
Track for Track and Field	1
Wonderworks	1
autism friendly recreational programming and summer programs	1
badminton court	1
basketball court, computer lab/learning lab,	1
competition swimming pool for High School & community use	1
cycle track	1
deep lap/diving pool suitable for OPRFHS competitions as well as VOP resident lap swimming	1
e-sports game room	1
golf simulator	1

Responses "Other - Write In"	Count
golf simulators	1
golf station	1
indoor basketball courts	1
infant-toddler childcare	1
pool for high school aquatic competitions	1
putting green~!	1
regular size indoor pool	1
starbucks, jamba juice	1
I would like to see a shared pool for the community and the high school. With limited land and financial resources, the village and the high school should collaborate on this project. If the pool's water temperature is at issue, figure out a compromise, a workable solution.	1
Space rented to allied businesses, such as cafe/restuarants, massage, pilates/yoga -- could support the center so costs for using community center could be kept low.	1
I would like to first know if most of the above can't be accomplished within existing facilities without building a dedicated space.	1

6. Out of the following choices, please rank your top 5 preferred facility amenities you want in a community recreation center.

	Score*	Overall Rank
Indoor Lap Pool	521	1
Fitness Center	479	2
Walking Track	443	3
Indoor Play Pool	424	4
Gymnasium	263	5
Fitness Studio - Classes	222	6
Teen Area	193	7
Weight Room	140	8
Indoor Turf Field	137	9
Art Rooms	127	10
Meeting Rooms	119	11
Indoor Therapy Pool	118	12
Other - Write In	91	13
Preschool Rooms	86	14
Senior Lounge/Activity Room	75	15
Snack Bar	74	16

Total Respondents 241

*Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is the sum of all weighted rank counts.

7. Please rank the choices from the list below in order of your preference for a future community recreation center location within the Oak Park community with 1 being most preferred and 9 being least preferred.

	Score*	Overall Rank
Central Central	1695	1
Central East	1311	2
Central West	1241	3
South Central	1104	4
North Central	1027	5
South East	891	6
South West	843	7
North East	818	8
North West	772	9
Location doesn't matter	563	10

Total Respondents 252

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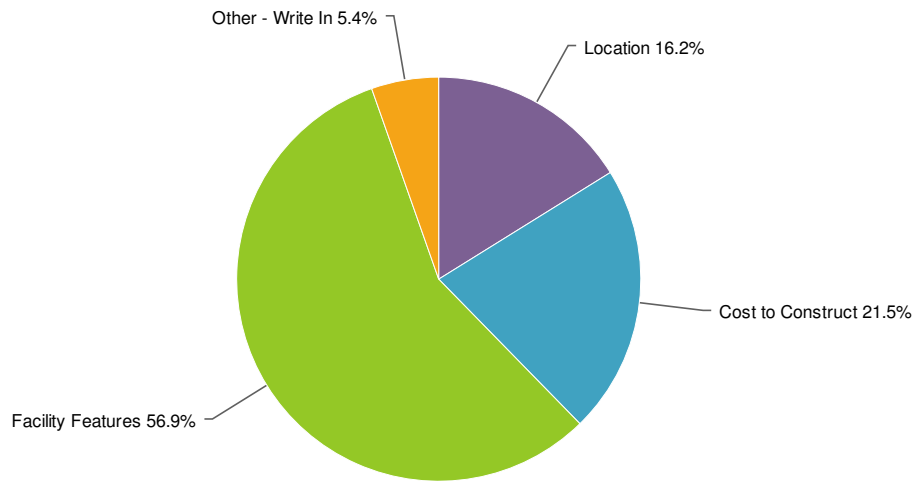
8. Please rank in order of your preference the street location for a future community recreation center with 1 being most preferred and 6 being least preferred.

	Score*	Overall Rank
Madison Street	1140	1
Lake Street	998	2
Chicago Avenue	888	3
Garfield Street	732	4
Roosevelt Avenue	520	5
North Avenue	494	6

Total Respondents 247

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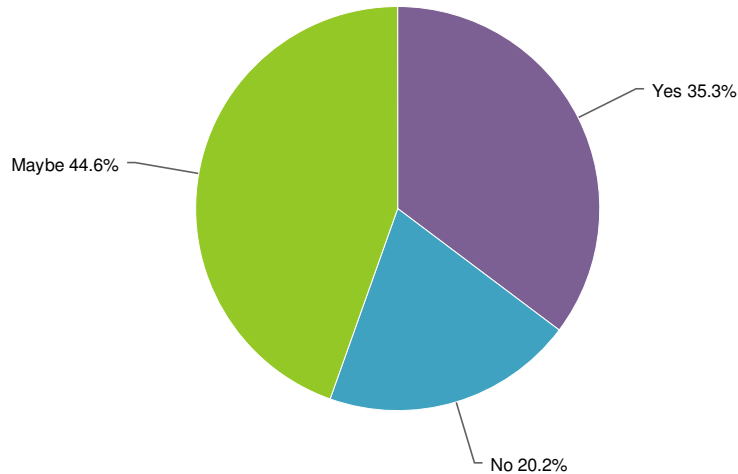
9. Which of the following components is the most important to you for a community recreation center.



Value	Percent	Count
Location	16.2%	42
Cost to Construct	21.5%	56
Facility Features	56.9%	148
Other - Write In	5.4%	14
Total		260

Responses "Other - Write In"	Count
Left Blank	249
All of the above	1
All of the above - impossible to look at one component by itself	1
Parking availability	1
Proper parking	1
What the community wants	1
artificial turf is dangerously toxic and should not be used!!!	1
competition swimming pool for HS and community use	1
indoor swimming pool	1
stupid idea....	1
that it\'s not just for kids	1
to not charge taxpayers for amenities	1
The facility features planned and constructed by a reputable and honest builder who will not cut costs to line their own pockets. A Quality and elegantly designed and executed.	1
Indoor lap pool, preferably double length because of the heavy use it will experience and the need to share across ages	1

10. If a tax increase was required to make this project a reality, would you support it?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	35.3%	91
No	20.2%	52
Maybe	44.6%	115
Total		258

11. Do you have any additional comments and/or suggestions?

Count	Response
1	A special membership incentive for veterans and disable access accommodations.
1	Can't wait....LONG overdue!
1	Do a joint pool with OPRF High School
1	Excited about this as a possibility in our community
1	Have you considered reworking the present facilities?
1	I like idea of giving the teenagers more places to socialize.
1	I live on the 900 block of N OP Ave. I feel Lindbergh
1	I strongly support a community center. It should be a quality building
1	I would not support any proposal that included a 50 meter swimming pool.
1	Indoor tennis courts!
1	Make it a priority for kids sporting events to be hosted at the facility.
1	No
1	OPRF should use it and help pay for it. 25 meters is plenty long enough

Count Response

1	Please construct a pool to share with OPRF.
1	Please with OPRF so we don't duplicate expenses and space.
1	Property taxes are already way too high. Why does Oak Park seem obsessed with swimming pools?!
1	Thank you for soliciting community input!
1	There is no perfect solution. You will have to make trade-offs.
1	Very poorly designed survey. Way too general.
1	We need a community accessible indoor swimming pool.
1	Whatever happened to the building that was Oak Park Center? Can you repurpose that?
1	Work out a way to share a pool with the high school!
1	Would also like a general lounge area (not just a senior one).
1	Your doing a good job seeking lots of input!
1	the facility is not needed - and if approved no tax increase now or in later years
1	The one thing that is coming out of this swimming pool debacle is the realization of the various fiefdoms of Oak Park government/departments is that they should communicate with each other and co-ordinate to save resources. Since it is OPRFHS, why is not River Forest involved in this planning as well as payment as their teens would be using the swimming pool. Concordia U in RF had a great pool but closed it due to insufficient use. Absurd!!! This partially affluent community is a bunch of spoiled brats who think they can have whatever they desire without any thought of the impact on others. There are plenty of private facilities for the affluent. Anything should be paid as used with consideration for those not affluent. The boards seem to think it is a fun job to spend other people's money. There seems to be no regard for using toxic materials that will and do harm our young people. While I am for the community joining together for things like fire department, police, public schools, parks reserved for access to nature... as socialist thing are necessary --- but not everything has to be part of a socialist government. Let's remember what are essentials and what are luxuries!!! Look at the suffering of other communities with whom we share a boarder and get real and help them instead of splurging on some wishlist and wasting more money on consulting fees. This Oak Park is getting so absurd that we are thinking of leaving -- but better to oust our overspending board members! How much did it cost for that new PDOP logo with all the tossed old stuff and reprinting and building for new stuff??? Rdiculous fanciful waste! Who on the board is getting a kickback for hiring people to do these petty things????
1	I thank the Park District for exploring the community's interest in a possible recreation center.
1	Was this idea considered when Ridgeland Commons was being rebuilt? If not, why? RC could have been the news community rec. center!
1	So many communities have their own recreation centers - it would be amazing if Oak Park could have the same!
1	In trying to accommodate the high school's need for a pool for competitions, do not attempt to provide a 50-meter pool of 8+ lanes. Try to provide what they actually need--25 yards and 6 lanes. This will make it much easier to include a pool they can use in the community center.
1	Attended the feasibility meeting and it was extremely child and teen focused. That is very concerning and I feel even though the term multi-generational was mentioned everyone other than children and teens seemed to be an afterthought. Someone mentioned covering one of the existing pools and I thought that was a practical solution. I do like the concept of a complex that is multi-dimensional, as in; space for both sporting and artistic activities. This combined space has the potential to encourage various groups (sporting, artistic, etc) to participate in other activities than their main areas of interest helping them to become more well rounded.

Count Response

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- 1 Build a pool and a fitness center between the Ridgeland field and the OPRF field on Scoville Ave.. Scoville could easily be closed off and a useful building with a pool and indoor fitness facilities could be built, with cooperation between PDOP, OPRF, and the village paving the way. School pool problem fixed. Fitness Center problem fixed. Little effect on parking. Easy to build with minimal impact on traffic. Would create an awesome Oak Park Sports District. Make it so.
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- 1 I think most of the list of desirables can be accomplished within already established (or soon to be built, namely the pool) infrastructure. I am AGAINST a tax increase for this facility.
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- 1 We do not need additional "fields" that require acreage. We need a Center that provides unique offerings such as golf simulators, shuffle board, chess area, badminton courts -- sports that dont require mass amounts of space, but support these 'OP neglected' activities for our residents. We have enough pools. Build a retractable roof over Rehm for the year-round pool.
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- 1 a community center that is accessible to all residents regardless of income. Not another situation like the YMCA where certain people are excluded due to not having the funds because they don't make enough but just too much to qualify for assistance.
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- 1 We already have amazing facilities, parks and pools. Why don't we focus on the ones already built and making them amazing. It is senseless to build another facility only to have our taxes raised yet again
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- 1 It should be affordable to use the indoor pool - the public pools are unreasonably expensive in Oak Park, and are not worth the cost (the features do not warrant the expense). Moreover, the cost makes them prohibitive to someone on a budget, or of reduced means.
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- 1 The previous page would not load. It's tough to answer some questions when it's not clear what is the difference between a lap pool, a play pool and s therapy pool. Isn't there such a thing as a multi-purpose pool?
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- 1 What you think our taxes arnt high enough? If this what you think is important to sustain a community then YOU pay for it. If it isn't enough to have the latest playgrounds, a new library, and every school equipped with after and before school activities now you want everybody in the community to entertain YOUR children? BS tell the little brats to go outside and play... get a life!
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- 1 Can you convert Rheme pool to an indoor community center? Add a roof and a top floor? Please create one place with lots of amenitites rather than building another new center in a couple of years- IE GRC, Ridgeland Commons.
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- 1 The area near Ridgeland Common and the high school is already congested. Please stay away from further development. The infrastructure cant support more traffic and parking
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- 1 If this could be combined with OPRF's pool ideas, I would vote for it. Two separate pool facilities in Oak Park is ridiculous.
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- 1 Elk Grove Village and Oak Brook both have incredible rec centers. We frequently drive to them from Oak Park.
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- 1 I was at the meeting on Wednesday night and heard a lot about indoor pool, how we don't need a new building, can't we reuse a older building. Someone had said put a roof over the pool on Lake and Ridgeland. I would rather see a roof go on that pool with additional classrooms added at Ridgeland Common. Also, I believe we could get more uses out of the ice rink. Has the thought of having an all-purpose court be added on top of the ice and when it's time for ice hockey or ice skating the court can be removed? Much like any professional NBA team that shares a building with a NHL team.
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- 1 I personally think that when you upgraded the pool at Ridgeland, that you should have made it indoor by building a building over it.
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- 1 All of the latest parks projects have been located east (or on) Ridgeland. Nothing is available on the west side which is walking distance or biking distance for younger kids.
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- 1 Build an indoor pool everyone in the village to use where the OPRF football field is now. Science has shown that football when played as intended causes irreparable brain damage. Children are too young to consent to play. Parents are increasingly keeping their kids from football. Limit the liability of the village in continuing to offer the sport and save our kids brains by canceling the program and use the land to benefit community swimming.
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- 1 Why only one "other" option? I am a strong advocate for indoor swimming but not necessarily in a community center. Where do a I write that?
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Count	Response
1	Lindbergh park is only used for sports. Seems like 1/2 could be a center. Please include parking above or below structure.
1	Look at Wheaton Sports Center; nice indoor pool, community spaces, fitness equipment Please, please get the OPPD and OPRFHS to work together on this...it is the best solution to the "pool discussion"
1	Please consider the village parking lots on Madison for the community center site. Or the old Foley car dealership on Madison We need to revitalize Madison this would be the perfect solution.
1	After a recent visit to Rehm park, I was thinking the location of that park/pool would be perfect for a new community center. pool facilities are outdated and need to be totally overhauled anyway. Could the park district kill two birds with one stone and update the pool facilities AND include indoor fitness, gym, changing/locker rooms, accessible bathrooms? There is decent green space that could be built into and FOR THE LOVE please don't put any more money into north central OP. Can we get some attention on the south side!?
1	The village of oak park government should free up Tif property for a rec center and help in any other property acquisition if needed.
1	If this is done, it needs to be done with the highest quality architecture, construction, amenities, planning, and coordination. It should become a community focus and point of pride that becomes a community landmark as well. Anything less than that would be a waste of our time, resources, and money. It needs to be the very best possible development, in terms of architecture, environment, resources, and location.
1	I hope that you will now incorporate facilities, programs and activities that are especially of interest to diverse populations of young people (school aged kids - especially middle school and high school kids - and especially African American and low income kids). This will show them that they are important in this community and will encourage them to be involved in positive activities that will give them opportunities to: develop high level sports skills; learn behavior norms that transfer to other aspects of life; enable them to be more successful in school and life; participate in high level sports competitions; expand opportunities for them to qualify for college sports and scholarships; and lead them to more productive futures. These kinds of activities teach discipline and provide positive role models for them. Further, it will show that people in Oak Park continue to work on being culturally sensitive and competent. All of these factors will help make our community a safer and more equitable place for all of our citizens.
1	My preference would be to have this center as a place for adults to recreate. The only places like this are fee-based places. And HIGH fee-based places. We need a free adult center for the majority of OP's adult population to recreate.
1	Hello, my name is xxxxxxxxxx and I go to Percy Julian middle school, and I am working on a project in our integrated studies class on a future way to better the community or what we thought was a problem And as a student the loves the sport of basketball I feel as if there's a lack of importance shown towards the sport. We have both an indoor ice skating rink for hockey and ice skating and new turf fields are constantly being made and there's even a skateboard park and a gymnasium built for gymnastics. But there is no indoor gymnasium built by the district and or community of oak park where there is open access for the sport of basketball and maybe other uses and I see and understand what your trying to do with the open gyms at fenwick high school but I feel as well as others in the community would want oak park to build and own there own gym. This might solve more problems 1. Kids in the community won't have to wait all winter to find some where to play the sport of basketball 2. Having an new facility would bring more jobs to the community bringing more people to notice how wonderful the district and village of oak park is. And many more I am very serious about the topic and can be contacted at xxxxxxxx@students.op97.org thank you.
1	I like the idea of partnering with the high school for a pool in order to be a good steward of taxes. Realistically, everything like this is offered by the YMCA, which is in OP, and there are other options like FFC.
1	I think providing a badminton court for adult players would greatly benefit the district. There is only one place where badminton is played in OP and that is at the YMCA and they are threatening to shut down the program. It is a multicultural game, and takes up very little space, as compared to tennis/soccer/basketball, etc...And it is unique -- we don't need duplication upon duplication in our district, we need uniqueness and a broader scope if you want support for a new facility. thank you.
1	Would like to see the pool encompass the high school need for a new one. Please work together so it benefits the community and possibly the high school needs.

Count Response

1	We need to utilize currently available venues for this center. Both middle school are underused and need to be considered for indoor activities
1	The initial impetus was to simultaneously solve the needs for a community center as well as the needs of the high school aquatics program. From yesterday's presentation it seems obvious that no community center could feasibly and reasonably solve the high school aquatics program. Therefore, while a community center would be nice, it would be much too expensive, in the absence of providing a reasonable solution to the high school aquatics program. Our taxes in Oak Park are already astronomical; and our representatives have no sense of fiscal restraint.
1	South Oak Park is an area full of families, and it would be great to have it on this side of town!
1	Ideally this should be done in conjunction with the high school and feature a full size competition pool.
1	Based on my attending a meeting last night, I think the entire feasibility process needs to go much slower than the schedule you have given. A lot needs to be considered. Location, if a center is decided upon, is not important to me unless some residents feel it is too far away. I think high school students should be able to walk to it as we have identified that teenagers and seniors have the least amount of space. I think a better look at all of the options for "recreation space" in Oak Park now needs to be made. Can local centers offer more for our seniors (in conjunction with the township). Are we going to compete with the wonderful "Y"; or tennis/fitness centers currently operating and paying taxes. Lastly, the Park District has spent a huge amount of money lately--upgrade at Ridgeland and the new ice rink, new gymnastics center, upgrades to local centers, turfs at the middle schools, ecology center at Austin gardens, Scoville Park redo--considering that District 97 needs to go for a referendum and the high school pool issue is not resolved, PLEASE, BE RESPONSIBLE with our taxes. In the midst of the 2008 financial crisis, the Park District was moving ahead with projects as if taxpayers were not struggling. It left a bad taste with me. I can see we lack a community center that could be useful, but I wonder how well we've used and advertised the community centers. I do think we should enclose one of our pools before we build another. And why was that not even on the table at the presentation?
1	Community members continue to ask "why wasn't Ridgeland Commons converted to an indoor pool during renovations?" I understand such a project is easier said than done. A clear and very public explanation on why this wasn't and likely won't be pursued by PDOP would be welcomed. Thank you.
1	It would be great to have an indoor pool as well as recreational programming and/or times that take into account sensory needs, like people who can't tolerate loud noise or crowds. This has been the prohibitive factor for my family to participate in many park district activities/programs.
1	With a high school pool in limbo, in addition to a D97 referendum, tax increases in addition, would be unfavorable.
1	More outreach to low income families. Our park district is turning into a private club, especially the pool, the fees are way too high.
1	While I support a recreation center, please keep in mind residents pay a lot in property taxes already. Are there services being duplicated?
1	I might support a tax increase if this facility would PRIMARILY be an adult space. Just look at your website - EVERY photo depicts a child or teenager - proof positive the the PD caters to ONLY families with kids. Seniors and adults deserve a dedicated facility. The PARK DIST needs to focus more on the ignored population in OP: the 40-50-60 year olds. We are the taxpayers too and truly deserve a dedicated space. Spending tax money on a new pool is absurd. Do something innovative and give something to the older folks in the community. Just once.
1	Would really love to see this on the south side, Roosevelt or Garfield Rd. Too often we are overlooked, yet there are so many families on the south side. Indoor pool or better solution for the high school pool which community can use more is ideal so is indoor turf field. I think both of those will get the most use.
1	I am interested in the OP community working together to represent the needs of all citizens. I believe the overall approach of the taxing bodies should be to work together to keep our tax burden as low as possible. Thus, I think that one community pool, rather than a new OPRF highschool pool makes the most sensible use of our tax dollars. Providing a top of the line pool for the high school sports teams alone does not represent the best use of the community's tax dollars.

Count Response

1	The indoor pool temperature should be kept at 82 degrees because this is a temperature that allows both (a) recreational swimming for youth and adults and (b) fitness classes for seniors such as myself. Only a small minority of seniors require a therapy pool, whereas many of us would enjoy stretching, walking, slow swimming, etc. in an ordinary indoor pool whose temperature was not frigid. 82 degrees would be a great compromise that all but the most competitive swimmers would find satisfactory.
1	A combination of a park district facility and offices for the park district/ other governmental agencies would be a nice idea.
1	We really, really need an indoor lap pool. In the summer, the lap lanes are so crowded, with, most usually, four to five people to a lane. I think this shows that there's a real demand for swimming year-round, and not just as a recreational activity, but as a form of exercise. As a community, we ought to encourage swimming since it's a low-resistance, low-impact sport that is useful to people of all shapes, sizes, and levels of physical fitness. Unfortunately, it's one that needs a specific resource-- one cannot simply swim in as many places as one can go for a run or walk. There is no way to simulate a pool; I really hope community leaders see how this one very important activity really needs the resources of an entire community.
1	Elgin, IL, has a WONDERFUL community center, and I have driven my kids all the way there to enjoy their indoor pool during the winter. I would recommend viewing its features during your review. Also, I attended the morning meeting about this Community Center, and senior residents had great insight as to possible locations that I think should be seriously considered. Also, any plausible way the old shopping building on Lake & Harlem could be used? Personally, I wish the Ridgeland Pool/Rink space had just been used for a Community Center. Related, OP has constructed a few separate facilities recently (Ridgeland Pool, Gymnastics Center), and I would I hope the Community Center would not duplicate any of the features we already have available at these centers.
1	Tennis courts would be nice! An affordable, community gym with high quality classes in one location is what I am looking for. Childcare is also necessary in order to take advantage of exercise opportunities at the recreation center.
1	I do not want this facility to be the PD's answer to the "teen problem" in OP -- I do not have children and would like to have a facility that caters to adults. I support teen spaces, but do not support a multimillion dollar facility to primarily cater to after-school teens. It is a popular maxim nowadays > "teen space" ...but teens are not the majority of the population in OP, nor will a new facility guarantee usage by teens. "build it and they will come" may work for a while, but adults need a space for mature/productive recreation. There are plenty of spaces for kids/teens in OP. AND: No new pool is needed. Far too expensive and unnecessary in OP.
1	Oak park need additional indoor pools. The YMCA is the only option for indoor swimming lessons and I think there would be high demand for swimming lessons at a new facility.
1	Since the cost of a health club membership is around \$700 a year, you should ask the question would you support a \$700 increase in your real estate taxes to pay for it
1	Indoor playground for young kids to be active during long winter. Indoor free play climbing, swinging, balancing, sliding, etc. But affordable without a membership.
1	Work with other taxing bodies in Oak Park! Why does each body need its own pool, gym, etc! Each kid in my house does not need his own TV and iPad when we can share.
1	Since the kids have a pool at the HS, maybe we could have a swimming pool for adults that is kept at a more reasonable/warmer temperature for adults. Not everything is about competition. It would be nice to swim just for exercise. We went to the Triton pool once and although it's gloomy, at least the water was warm enough for middle-aged and older adults to swim in.
1	I will ONLY support this project if OPRFHS cooperates in sharing a pool suitable for competitive meets at the center.
1	We do not need an indoor recreation center. You have the gymnastics center, an icerink, spaces for fitness classes. And you had an opportunity to make either of the two pools indoors at the time. You chose not to do so then, you do not get to do an additional structure now.

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- 1 This is something that OP sorely needs. I look to many other peer communities--Oak Brook, for example. My family would spend a lot of time at a rec center if it included an indoor pool, a fitness center, fitness classes etc. The absolute best would be a center that had enough space to hold simultaneous classes for adults and kids--say a "boot camp" style class for me at the same time as a basketball league for my two elementary age boys. Last thought--It seems the perfect space for this Recreation Center is Madison. There are still so many unused lots where the car dealerships used to be.
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- 1 I attended the 9:30am meeting at Cheney Mansion last week, and it was certainly a very exciting thought. It was only a few days later as I was meditating on it while walking my dog that I wondered why we are talking about building a park district community center literally two years after spending \$30million on the renovation of Ridgeland Common. After all the talk about cooperation and coordination of taxing bodies and limiting re-duplication of things etc., here we are possibly planning a park district community center, which, what? Would include all the things we forgot to put into Ridgeland? People said they didn't want the big \$50 million version of Ridgeland renovation, so we spent \$30 million and now what would we spend on another center? And literally some of the very same people who have loudly criticized the high school replacing its 90 year old pools with a new one were at that 9:30am meeting, even advocating building TWO new 25 yard pools in this community center (a warm water and a competition pool) on top of each other. So that would put the park district with two "Olympic sized" pools AND 1-2 new pools??? While I'm still excited in some sense about the concept, these thoughts give me serious pause. And I believe they should give the park district and its task force members pause too. What really is the justification for this, given what was done (or not done apparently) with Ridgeland?
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- 1 There should be enough money garnered from the current taxes we pay here to to build a beautiful community center if . The different village departments need to work together. The renovation design and expense of Ridgeland Commosn was a perfect example of funds not being used wisely. A pool without a refreshment stand or adult sun deck for that kind of money was poorly planned and executed. This poor design had nothing to do with not enough funding but poor design and vision.
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- 1 I am most concerned about providing a place for 10-18 year old after school/weekend and senior activities. I believe that it is important to provide amenities that cannot be found elsewhere in the community for low or no cost. I would not be in support of duplicating commercial offerings that can be found at the WCY or private gyms.
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- 1 Would support tax increase IF pool provides joint use with High School, reducing OPRFHS need for future tax increase or bond financing.
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- 1 Personally I need this most during cold months. For that reason I would love to see it South of the highway where there aren't any indoor play options. For that same reason I'd like to see it away from Lake Street where a bad parking situation is only getting worse
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- 1 Affordable and flexible year-round childcare is extremely important to me. I will be having my first child in a few months, and it is hard to find affordable and quality childcare. I am a huge proponent of the PD and would love to see more options for childcare with flexible hours, learning options, and safe and friendly environment. A tax increase also concerns me, but I may be willing to pay more in taxes if the amenities are of value to the community and not duplicates of services we already have. As far as the pool issue goes - where was this conversation 3-4 years ago when discussions about RCRC were happening? Why wasn't there more thought put into covering that pool and adding on a fitness/community facility as part of RCRC? I hope there is a resolution that will not significantly increase taxes, or else unfortunately, many people will move out or choose to rent instead.
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- 1 We seriously need a place for adults to congregate and recreate. There are already plenty of child-centric areas and places.
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- 1 Build a 'green' structure; incorporate outdoor amenities contiguous to a center; replace Rheem with a year round pool and recreation center; don't try to address everyone's needs, only the most pressing and achievable; don't compete with existing public and private venues that offer recreational opportunities; mixing teens and seniors is a recipe for discomfort if not conflict; as always, respect the diversity of the community as you clearly always do. Finally, kudos to the PDOP for heading up this study and including other taxing bodies in the discussion. Will those other taxing entities have a voice in the decision moving forward? Can cost sharing occur with those other entities?
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- 1 If I were to be subject to a tax increase for this community center I would expect it to not be located where all the other money is piled (lake street corridor). It would only be worth it if it brought value to our neglected part of town near Madison street or central/south OP. There is enough positive development near lake street as it is. Our area gets "workforce housing", lake St. gets "luxury apartments". Very uneven expenditure of my tax dollars.
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1	I believe we have greater needs in our community such as a functioning and unified curriculum for our elementary schools and service expansion for our mentally ill and impoverished.
1	I REALLY support a community center and suggest a focus on giving the taxpayers the features that are most important to the greatest number of Oak Parkers. If this project places a premium on the lowest or highest economic quartile, I will have a hard time supporting it. So many programs are already in place to help the lowest quartile in terms of schools, village services, etc. It is my opinion that the taxing bodies have a tendency to not consider the needs of the majority: citizens who make all the wonderful programs in Oak Park possible from schools to parks to the library to the township to the Village with their tax dollars. I am a very charitable and giving person, but I also want to see this Community Center become a reality and to bring this project to fruition, please respect the broadest segments of the community.
1	The pools should serve the high school and the community. We should involve River Forest and Forest Park.
1	I would hope that PDOP is working with the other governmental agencies of OP to coordinate these activities. Disjointed "planning" is ineffectual and overly burdom-some to taxpayers.
1	If wealthy residents want this facility, let them build a private club with their own money. We can't afford it. It is past time for our local governmental entities to stop squeezing their less affluent residents for the sake of wealthier residents and realtors who make money off residents who can't afford to live here anymore. It's easy to understand why there is a political revolution happening at the national level. I hope it will happen here, too.
1	Get the word out through neighbor hood list serves, mom mail, OPRF virtual garage sale, working mom FB and other social media so we can avoid the fiasco of the OPRF pool controversy. People don't read the papers where most of the coverage occurred.
1	It sounds like a lovely facility to have, but our taxes are already sky high. I just don't think it's realistic, much as I wish it were. Unless someone can make a compelling argument that it would actually encourage people to move here despite the taxes, or to stay in Oak Park after their children leave home.
1	Cost is not an issue as long as it is done right and with great amenities. No cutting corners and enough space to account for all the amenities the community desires. If building the facility will not meet the full Pdop and community needs then we should seriously consider waiting until the right opportunity to build.
1	Please visit the Oak Brook Park District facility, it is a wonderful Rec Center that would be perfect in Oak Park.
1	One floor of the proposed center should be dedicated to rental to businesses that are health and fitness related (for example, nutrition, massage, athletic wear). This would support the cost of the center plus keep PDOP from feeling they need to provide such services themselves.
1	I am heartened to learn that OP is considering the development of a community center. I hope that the planning will be driven by a very intentional strategy to ensure cultural relevancy in the broadest sense. In particular, I believe there is a real need to create meaningful connections between white folks and folks of color, people with significant means and those with less, and older people and teenagers.

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