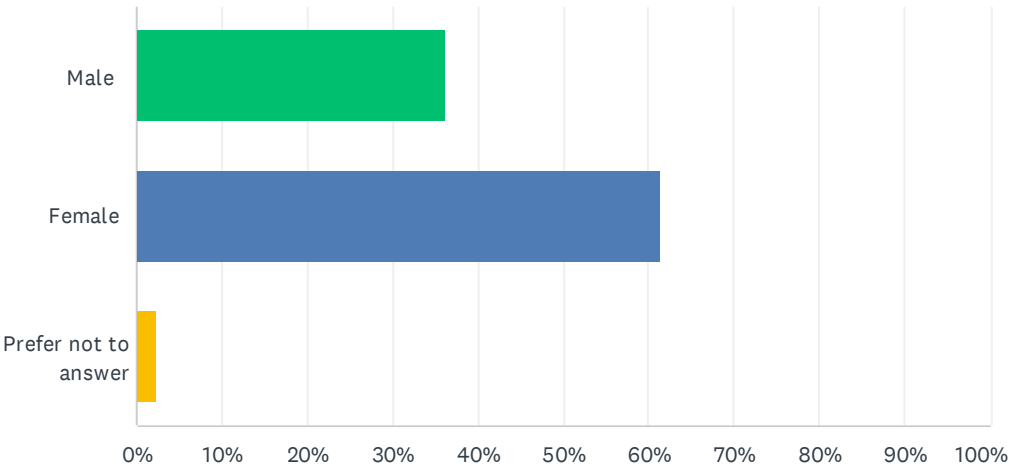


# Q1 What is your gender?

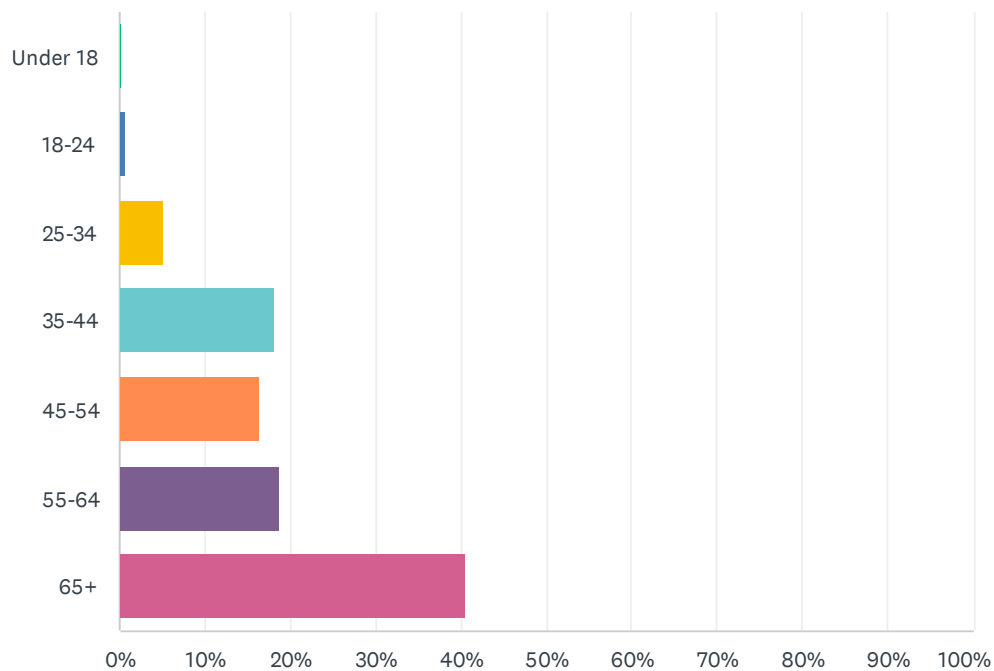
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Male		36.30% 261
Female		61.34% 441
Prefer not to answer		2.36% 17
TOTAL		719

## Q2 What is your age?

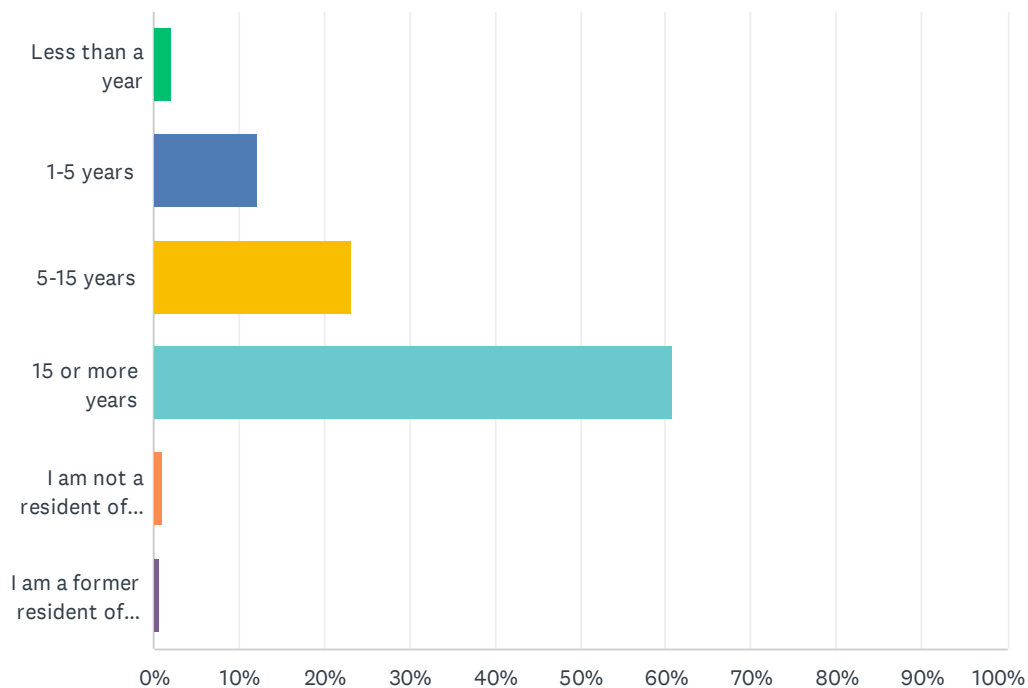
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.28%	2
18-24	0.69%	5
25-34	5.12%	37
35-44	18.14%	131
45-54	16.34%	118
55-64	18.84%	136
65+	40.58%	293
TOTAL		722

### Q3 How long have you lived in Somers?

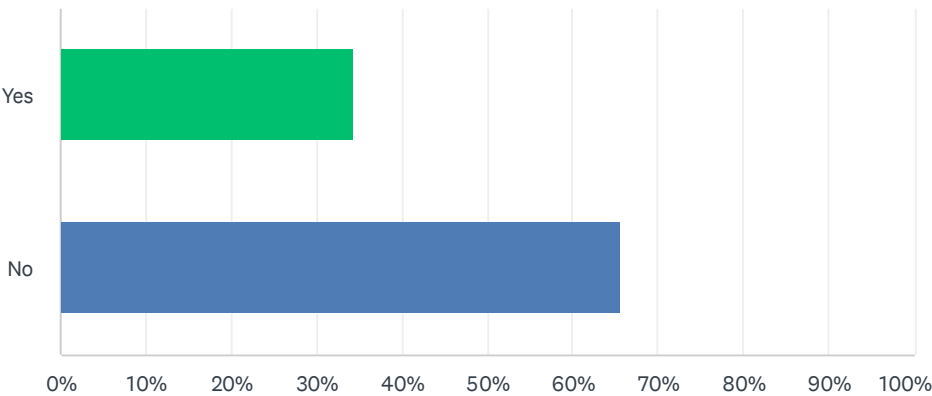
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	2.08%	15
1-5 years	12.19%	88
5-15 years	23.27%	168
15 or more years	60.80%	439
I am not a resident of Somers	1.11%	8
I am a former resident of Somers	0.55%	4
TOTAL		722

Q4 Do you have school age children living in your home?

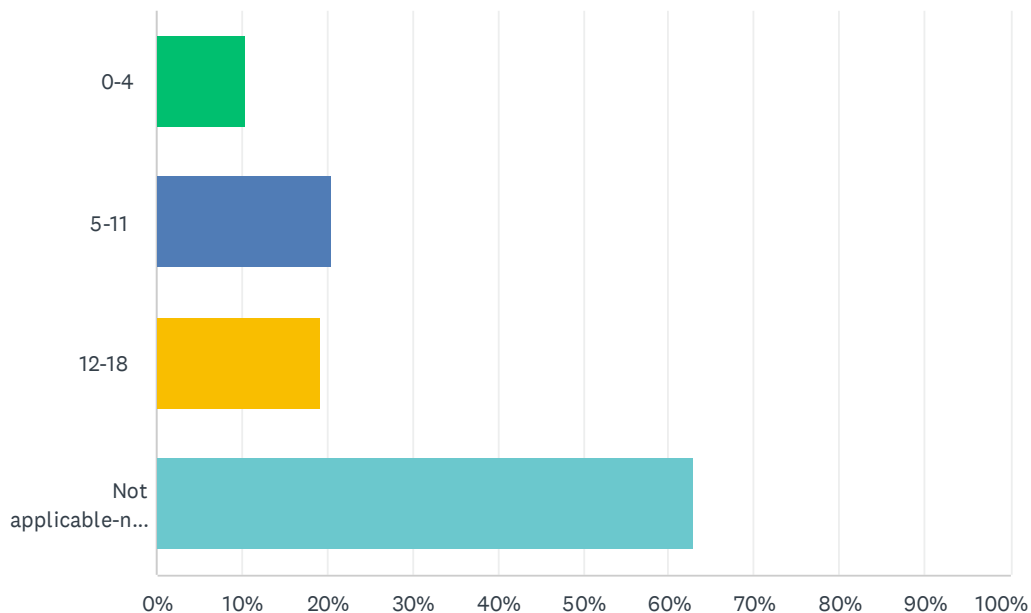
Answered: 723 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.30%	248
No	65.70%	475
TOTAL		723

## Q5 If you do have children in your household, what are the age(s) of your children?

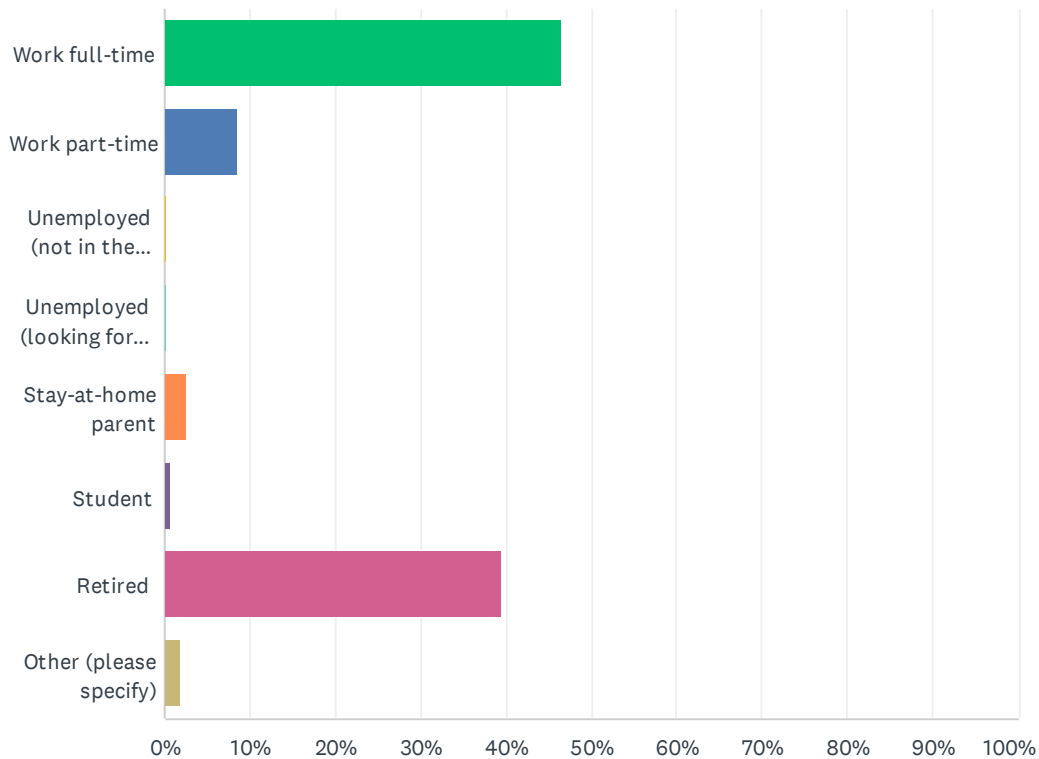
Answered: 693 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-4	10.39%	72
5-11	20.49%	142
12-18	19.19%	133
Not applicable-no children in household	62.91%	436
Total Respondents: 693		

## Q6 Which of the following best describes you?

Answered: 720 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work full-time	46.53%	335
Work part-time	8.47%	61
Unemployed (not in the labor force)	0.14%	1
Unemployed (looking for work)	0.28%	2
Stay-at-home parent	2.64%	19
Student	0.56%	4
Retired	39.44%	284
Other (please specify)	1.94%	14
TOTAL		720

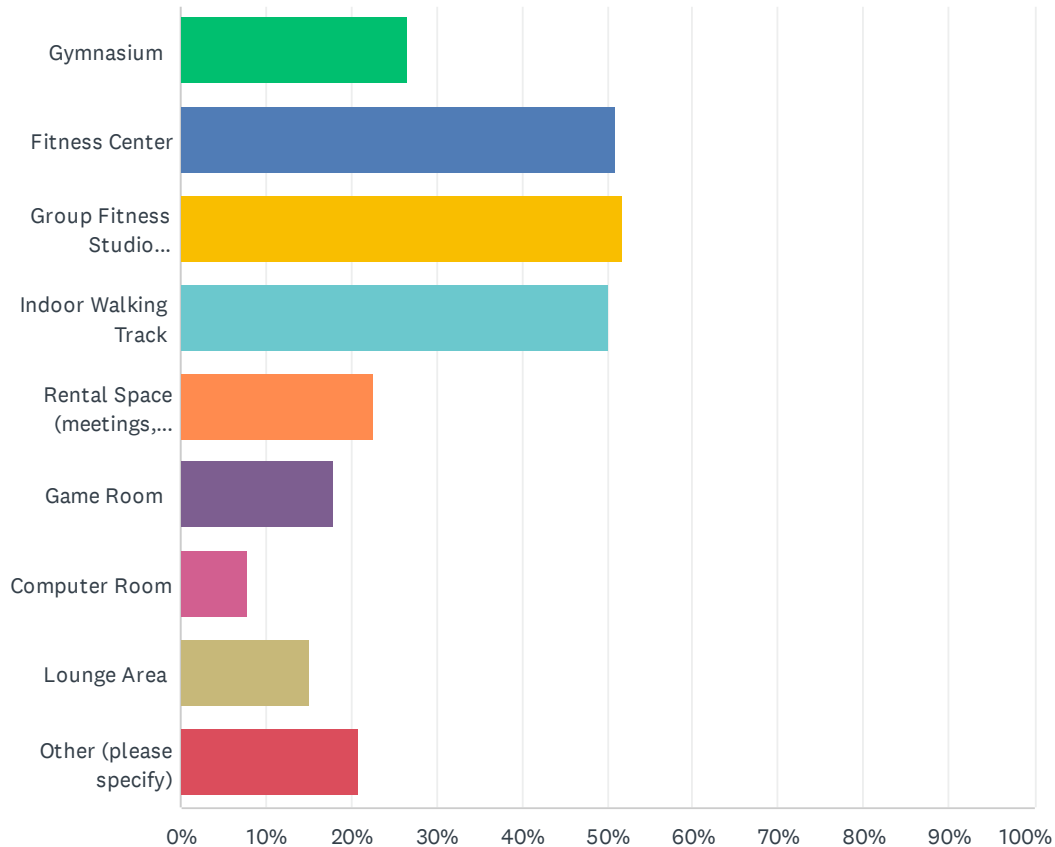
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Retired & Work part-time	10/20/2022 12:15 PM
2	Retired, but still work at home	10/20/2022 12:06 PM
3	Work part-time & Stay-at-home parent	10/20/2022 11:54 AM
4	Retired & Unemployed (not in the labor force)	10/20/2022 11:27 AM

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5	church/community volunteer	10/20/2022 11:24 AM
6	Retired & Work part-time	10/20/2022 10:46 AM
7	Retired & Work part-time	10/20/2022 10:42 AM
8	owner of business	10/20/2022 10:40 AM
9	disabled	10/20/2022 10:37 AM
10	Buss owner	10/18/2022 10:17 AM
11	Retired but very active in the community.	10/12/2022 10:39 AM
12	Business owner and stay at home parent.	10/3/2022 5:56 PM
13	Disabled	9/30/2022 2:45 PM
14	Disabled	9/30/2022 1:30 PM

## Q7 What type of recreation/community space would you like to see in the future Somers Senior/Community Center? Please select up to three (3).

Answered: 723 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Gymnasium	26.56%	192
Fitness Center	50.90%	368
Group Fitness Studio (examples: yoga, aerobics, stretching)	51.87%	375
Indoor Walking Track	50.21%	363
Rental Space (meetings, parties, events)	22.54%	163
Game Room	17.98%	130
Computer Room	7.88%	57
Lounge Area	15.08%	109
Other (please specify)	20.89%	151
Total Respondents: 723		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	no others	10/20/2022 1:20 PM
2	lower property taxes	10/20/2022 1:13 PM
3	eating area for senior lunch and breakfast get togethers	10/20/2022 1:05 PM
4	No others	10/20/2022 12:55 PM
5	unknown	10/20/2022 12:53 PM
6	all the above - except rental space and computer room	10/20/2022 12:15 PM
7	pickleball	10/20/2022 12:14 PM
8	none	10/20/2022 12:08 PM
9	I prefer just a senior center	10/20/2022 12:02 PM
10	all the above	10/20/2022 12:00 PM
11	all the above	10/20/2022 11:56 AM
12	grief support meetings as enfield senior center provided - badly needed.	10/20/2022 11:53 AM
13	none - have residents use commercial facilities and keep our taxes low	10/20/2022 11:42 AM
14	larger hall with better acoustics	10/20/2022 11:41 AM
15	none	10/20/2022 11:39 AM
16	none	10/20/2022 11:38 AM
17	all the above - except gymnasium	10/20/2022 11:37 AM
18	swimming pool	10/20/2022 11:36 AM
19	area-room to have classes in	10/20/2022 11:32 AM
20	all the above - all good selections!	10/20/2022 11:30 AM
21	homebound	10/20/2022 11:27 AM
22	kitchen (refrigerator, closet storage, sink, counter space)	10/20/2022 11:24 AM
23	swimming pool	10/20/2022 11:19 AM
24	outdoor walking track	10/20/2022 11:16 AM
25	swimming pool (free swim and swim lessons), dog park, adult/kid art classes, cooking classes (these are all things that I have to leave Somers to attend)	10/20/2022 11:13 AM
26	none	10/20/2022 11:10 AM
27	none - waste of taxpayer money as usual why no choice of not having this	10/20/2022 11:08 AM
28	none - Somers does not need that type of activity (keep our community rural and basic)	10/20/2022 11:06 AM
29	none	10/20/2022 11:05 AM
30	nothing except longer senior center, and I don't even use that. Somers doesn't need all these amenities.	10/20/2022 11:03 AM
31	actually I feel our center is fine as is. The older population isn't growing, recovering away. I think it would be a waste.	10/20/2022 10:56 AM
32	leave it the way it is	10/20/2022 10:49 AM
33	none	10/20/2022 10:47 AM
34	pickleball courts	10/20/2022 10:47 AM
35	all the above - we think combination of a lot. A building that can be used by a lot of different ages	10/20/2022 10:46 AM
36	all the above - we think combination of a lot. A building that can be used by a lot of different	10/20/2022 10:45 AM

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	ages	
37	none	10/20/2022 10:44 AM
38	indoor swimming pool	10/20/2022 10:40 AM
39	cafe style spot - coffee, tea, snack with a gathering spot to socialize	10/20/2022 10:38 AM
40	craft area	10/20/2022 10:37 AM
41	pool table & treadmills	10/20/2022 10:34 AM
42	we have enough now.	10/20/2022 10:33 AM
43	a place to exchange equipment needed or donated, used by persons with handicap	10/20/2022 10:31 AM
44	none	10/20/2022 10:29 AM
45	none	10/20/2022 10:28 AM
46	none	10/20/2022 10:27 AM
47	Area for small group meeting (non-political)	10/20/2022 10:23 AM
48	Lounge area to include kitchen (don't see the survey choices) - could be dining/lounge space together. Large indoor space for outdoor activities that cannot be handled outdoors due to weather.	10/20/2022 10:17 AM
49	Include something that would appeal to a wide variety of age groups.	10/19/2022 3:08 PM
50	Arts center, performance, lessons, writing, plays, poetry, music	10/19/2022 10:23 AM
51	Space to play games cards, bingo, cribbage	10/18/2022 9:27 PM
52	Could you combine, computer room/lounge area with some tables for crafting	10/18/2022 11:43 AM
53	pool	10/18/2022 9:11 AM
54	Pool??	10/18/2022 7:02 AM
55	Meeting space for community meetings	10/18/2022 3:19 AM
56	Outdoor walking path, indoor pool	10/17/2022 3:07 PM
57	Multisport Facility- Indoor/outdoor Turf fields and track with fitness center.	10/17/2022 2:21 PM
58	Community meeting space. Ie space for Girl Scout meetings or sports celebrations.	10/17/2022 2:11 PM
59	party room to rent out	10/17/2022 1:48 PM
60	Swimming Pool?	10/17/2022 1:45 PM
61	None	10/16/2022 4:53 PM
62	Leave it like it is. Don't waste the money	10/15/2022 12:50 PM
63	Indoor pickle ball court	10/14/2022 8:11 PM
64	none	10/14/2022 7:19 PM
65	Indoor pool	10/14/2022 10:12 AM
66	I dont think we would use these-we use the school facilities	10/14/2022 9:57 AM
67	A place teenagers can gather	10/13/2022 11:26 AM
68	Not sure	10/13/2022 8:29 AM
69	I would not use this	10/13/2022 8:24 AM
70	room for presentations to be held with large screen TV & projector,	10/13/2022 5:33 AM
71	I don't think this is needed - would be underutilized and costly	10/12/2022 9:52 PM
72	None of above	10/12/2022 9:51 PM

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73	I don't agree that our Tax Dollars should be spent on any of these options there are plenty of Gyms that you can belong to as well hiking trails that money could be better spent on maintaing	10/12/2022 4:30 PM
74	Craft space / supplies to be used in the 'rental space'	10/12/2022 1:01 PM
75	Flexible recreation space for Town programming.	10/12/2022 12:56 PM
76	Not inclined to have the two facilities joined together.	10/12/2022 10:39 AM
77	Craft room with deep sink and drain counter for clean up of projects etc.	10/12/2022 9:37 AM
78	Technology Development	10/11/2022 9:24 PM
79	Pool	10/11/2022 6:55 PM
80	None	10/11/2022 6:05 PM
81	Pickle Ball Courts	10/11/2022 4:06 PM
82	Swimming Pool	10/11/2022 3:29 PM
83	Indoor Pool/Sauna	10/11/2022 3:20 PM
84	Lap Pool	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
85	Art room	10/11/2022 2:49 PM
86	place for seniors to eat	10/11/2022 2:38 PM
87	Pool	10/11/2022 2:30 PM
88	A building that would accommodate all the above	10/11/2022 2:12 PM
89	Pool	10/11/2022 2:10 PM
90	An indoor pool would be a great asset for a potential swim team or lessons	10/11/2022 2:10 PM
91	Swimming pool	10/11/2022 1:54 PM
92	Indoor pool and outdoor pool	10/11/2022 1:48 PM
93	Pool	10/11/2022 1:41 PM
94	TOWN POOL!	10/10/2022 5:12 PM
95	adult daycare	10/10/2022 3:41 PM
96	Don't have any input	10/10/2022 11:56 AM
97	None	10/9/2022 2:30 PM
98	crafts room/instructions	10/9/2022 2:22 PM
99	Any community center should be for use by the community located downtown and not involve a gym or other thing that would take away from businesses that accommodate that for example a gym	10/9/2022 10:51 AM
100	Town pool	10/8/2022 5:43 PM
101	Pool	10/8/2022 11:33 AM
102	I don't see the need for a community recreational building.	10/8/2022 8:44 AM
103	Community multi use room	10/8/2022 7:27 AM
104	Pool	10/7/2022 5:20 PM
105	None, these areas already exist in town	10/7/2022 12:34 PM
106	none, don't want money spent on it	10/7/2022 11:24 AM
107	SWIMMING POOL	10/7/2022 8:59 AM
108	Senior space.	10/6/2022 1:35 PM

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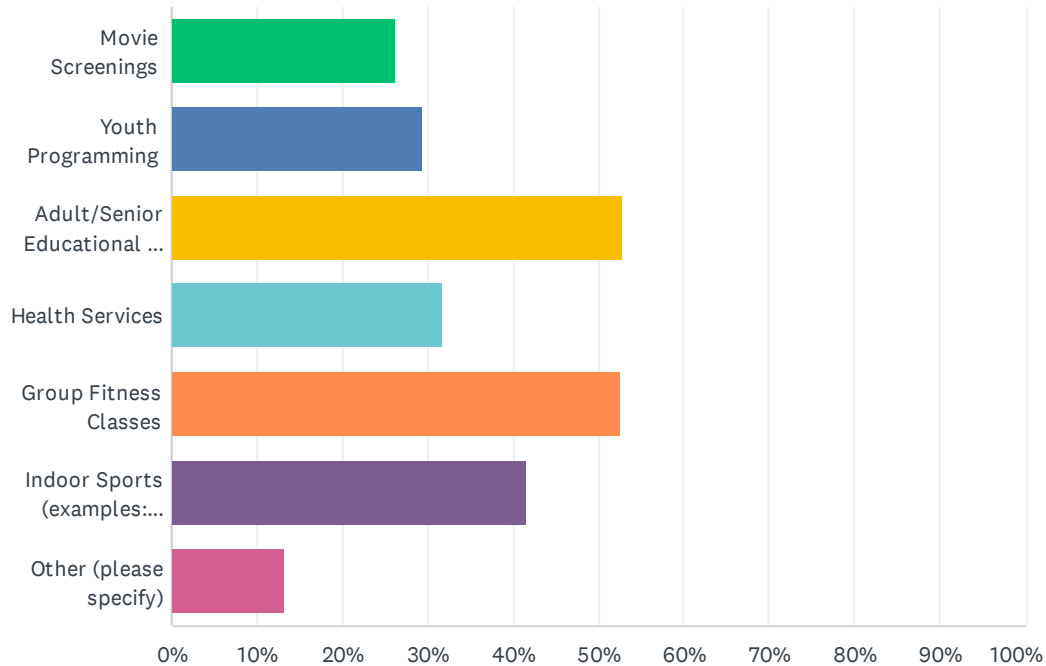
109	Bike paths with business access. 190 and 83 corridors	10/6/2022 12:09 PM
110	Velodrome	10/5/2022 5:13 PM
111	Pool	10/5/2022 12:34 PM
112	Have a safe Bicycle trail, also have a walking path	10/5/2022 8:32 AM
113	Education area for guest lecturers on finances, estate planning, social security, etc	10/4/2022 11:47 AM
114	Indoor Pool	10/4/2022 8:43 AM
115	Craft space	10/3/2022 10:19 PM
116	Tiki bar	10/3/2022 7:59 PM
117	None of the above	10/3/2022 7:35 PM
118	Community Garden	10/3/2022 6:46 PM
119	Pool	10/3/2022 6:05 PM
120	NONE	10/3/2022 11:45 AM
121	NON OF THE ABOVE	10/3/2022 8:59 AM
122	Teen Center	10/3/2022 7:52 AM
123	None. I don't think it is needed. There are plenty of opportunities within and in nearby towns.	10/2/2022 12:57 PM
124	Tennis courts, pool	10/2/2022 12:16 PM
125	Indoor pool	10/2/2022 8:26 AM
126	Dining space for lunch program	10/2/2022 7:39 AM
127	Pool	10/1/2022 7:08 PM
128	Indoor pickleball courts	10/1/2022 5:09 PM
129	i WOULD NOT USE THESE SERVICES	10/1/2022 3:41 PM
130	Don't we have Fitness Centers that provide those types of services? Why use tax \$\$\$ to provide something that small businesses already offer?	10/1/2022 3:41 PM
131	Lap pool	10/1/2022 2:25 PM
132	Dog park	10/1/2022 2:06 PM
133	rowing machine	10/1/2022 1:47 PM
134	Arts & Crafts, Book Club, community projects, cooking classes	10/1/2022 12:20 PM
135	You have not given residents information on these plans	10/1/2022 11:07 AM
136	Dog park	10/1/2022 9:56 AM
137	Kitchen for events	10/1/2022 9:47 AM
138	None	10/1/2022 9:40 AM
139	golf simulator - the real thing that pros use (not Wii)	10/1/2022 1:57 AM
140	None	9/30/2022 7:30 PM
141	POOL	9/30/2022 5:32 PM
142	None of the above	9/30/2022 4:37 PM
143	indoor pickleball courts	9/30/2022 4:16 PM
144	Indoor Swimming pool for community and for high school team.	9/30/2022 4:14 PM
145	The rental space and gymnasium could be combined with a walking track. One room, three purposes.	9/30/2022 3:47 PM

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146	I do not participate in the senior center	9/30/2022 2:59 PM
147	swimming pool	9/30/2022 2:57 PM
148	Pool/swim lessons	9/30/2022 1:14 PM
149	Swimming pool	9/30/2022 12:13 PM
150	pool	9/30/2022 11:32 AM
151	Pool	9/29/2022 6:04 PM

## Q8 Which activities would you be most interested in participating in at the future Somers Senior/Community Center? Please select up to three (3).

Answered: 723 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Movie Screenings	26.28%	190
Youth Programming	29.46%	213
Adult/Senior Educational & Social Programming (educational presentations, luncheons, arts and crafts, bingo etc.)	52.97%	383
Health Services	31.67%	229
Group Fitness Classes	52.70%	381
Indoor Sports (examples: basketball, pickleball, volleyball)	41.49%	300
Other (please specify)	13.14%	95
Total Respondents: 723		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	no others	10/20/2022 1:18 PM
2	None	10/20/2022 1:13 PM
3	Tai Chi	10/20/2022 1:07 PM
4	trips, like bus trip to N.H. for the Turkey Train event	10/20/2022 12:55 PM
5	unknown	10/20/2022 12:53 PM
6	bus trips	10/20/2022 12:15 PM

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7	somebody to do taxes, by appointment	10/20/2022 12:12 PM
8	none	10/20/2022 12:04 PM
9	all the above - except youth programming and indoor sport	10/20/2022 12:02 PM
10	none	10/20/2022 11:59 AM
11	none	10/20/2022 11:59 AM
12	none	10/20/2022 11:56 AM
13	all the above - except youth programming	10/20/2022 11:46 AM
14	organized trips	10/20/2022 11:44 AM
15	none - keep our taxes low (no senior/community center)	10/20/2022 11:42 AM
16	crafts sale, farmer's market, tag sales	10/20/2022 11:40 AM
17	none	10/20/2022 11:39 AM
18	lowering taxes for seniors	10/20/2022 11:38 AM
19	all the above - except health services	10/20/2022 11:33 AM
20	all the above - all good selections!	10/20/2022 11:30 AM
21	homebound	10/20/2022 11:27 AM
22	musical programs	10/20/2022 11:23 AM
23	none	10/20/2022 11:11 AM
24	none - why this cost to taxpayers	10/20/2022 11:08 AM
25	none - unnecessary (save our taxpayer dollars)	10/20/2022 11:06 AM
26	none	10/20/2022 11:05 AM
27	none	10/20/2022 11:03 AM
28	none	10/20/2022 10:56 AM
29	entertainment	10/20/2022 10:50 AM
30	leave it alone	10/20/2022 10:49 AM
31	none	10/20/2022 10:47 AM
32	indoor walking track & fitness center	10/20/2022 10:42 AM
33	none	10/20/2022 10:33 AM
34	none	10/20/2022 10:28 AM
35	none	10/20/2022 10:27 AM
36	Area for large indoor activities when unable to go outdoors like concerts, movies, dances, etc. for all ages to participate in.	10/20/2022 10:17 AM
37	How about a 2 lane bowling alley	10/19/2022 3:08 PM
38	Pick up crafts , ect for house bound seniors	10/19/2022 11:17 AM
39	Small concerts, arts and craft exhibitions, workshops	10/19/2022 10:23 AM
40	Indoor/Outdoor activities on Turf and Track with fitness center	10/17/2022 2:21 PM
41	Leave it like it is	10/15/2022 12:50 PM
42	none	10/14/2022 7:19 PM
43	Swimming pool	10/14/2022 5:35 PM
44	Indoor swimming	10/14/2022 10:12 AM

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45	see above	10/14/2022 9:57 AM
46	N/a	10/13/2022 8:24 AM
47	None	10/12/2022 9:52 PM
48	None	10/12/2022 9:51 PM
49	None	10/12/2022 4:30 PM
50	Teen-focused activities (lacking in town), training/certifications offered, craft skills, non-sport activities for older kids	10/12/2022 1:01 PM
51	Adult classes (art, foreign language, etc.)	10/12/2022 6:35 AM
52	Arts & Nature	10/11/2022 9:24 PM
53	Walking	10/11/2022 7:31 PM
54	Pickleball pickleball pickleball!	10/11/2022 6:42 PM
55	None	10/11/2022 6:05 PM
56	Additional indoor recreation programming during winter	10/11/2022 3:19 PM
57	Swimming lessons	10/11/2022 2:30 PM
58	cooking & gardening classes	10/11/2022 2:12 PM
59	Pool activity	10/11/2022 2:10 PM
60	None	10/9/2022 4:22 PM
61	None	10/9/2022 2:30 PM
62	Ping pong and trips	10/7/2022 8:54 PM
63	Business Networking Events/ Young Professional Networking events	10/7/2022 3:06 PM
64	None, these areas already exist in town	10/7/2022 12:34 PM
65	none, don't want money spent on it	10/7/2022 11:24 AM
66	SWIMMING POOL	10/7/2022 8:59 AM
67	Programs for handicap	10/6/2022 6:10 PM
68	I wouldn't participate in ANY activities	10/6/2022 1:35 PM
69	Meals	10/5/2022 3:08 PM
70	facilitated play groups for ages 0-5	10/4/2022 7:26 AM
71	None	10/3/2022 7:59 PM
72	None of the above	10/3/2022 7:35 PM
73	WI	10/3/2022 4:57 PM
74	Walking on indoor track	10/3/2022 3:13 PM
75	Music performances	10/3/2022 2:23 PM
76	the public library is a better source for movies and educational presentations	10/3/2022 11:45 AM
77	Art classes, book clubs, author signings, etc	10/2/2022 6:18 PM
78	Again not needed in this small town	10/2/2022 12:57 PM
79	While I no longer have children at home, I do support youth programming.	10/2/2022 10:34 AM
80	Chess	10/2/2022 9:58 AM
81	I WOULD NOT USE THESE SERVICES	10/1/2022 3:41 PM



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82	pool would be AMAZING	10/1/2022 1:47 PM
83	doing a survey without information i.e. cost/location/timing	10/1/2022 11:07 AM
84	Meet and greet activities	10/1/2022 10:53 AM
85	None	10/1/2022 9:40 AM
86	Indoor golf with real clubs/balls/simulator/playing partners	10/1/2022 1:57 AM
87	Indoor walking trail	9/30/2022 7:36 PM
88	None	9/30/2022 7:30 PM
89	Bus trips	9/30/2022 4:45 PM
90	None of the above	9/30/2022 4:37 PM
91	Individual workouts with Trainers	9/30/2022 4:05 PM
92	Pickleball	9/30/2022 3:07 PM
93	I'm unlikely to be a participant	9/30/2022 2:12 PM
94	Swimming	9/30/2022 12:13 PM
95	Pool	9/29/2022 6:04 PM

## Q9 The future Somers Senior/Community will be a success if...

Answered: 438 Skipped: 285

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	How much are you going to spend on this project? is it wise to build it now considering the possibility of an economic disaster what will the burden be?	10/20/2022 1:20 PM
2	At this time not to build it and use senior center until they really need a new one. This will keep our taxes down!!!	10/20/2022 1:17 PM
3	Please leave gazebo and room for audience on the bank.	10/20/2022 1:16 PM
4	The programs are structured and appeal to all members of the community.	10/20/2022 1:14 PM
5	This is not the time to spend for a community center! Let's get our priorities focused on fiscal responsibilities. Want rapid inflation Senior Citizens with fixed incomes and families need property tax relief not lounge areas and walking tracks etc. Building cost and maintenance are out of sight currently with supply chain issues. Not the time for this issue.	10/20/2022 1:13 PM
6	Taking our trash can to the streetside curb for our weekly pick up by Somers Sanitation Service. Help with learning to use a computer or if we have any questions.	10/20/2022 1:07 PM
7	A new building would be great. I would like to make sure that some activities we do at the Senior Center stay the same. I feel at home there. Thank you.	10/20/2022 1:05 PM
8	it can be completed in a fiscally responsible manner without a huge financial burden to the community. no need for extravagant architectural statement that will only add a burden to tax payers.	10/20/2022 1:03 PM
9	all age groups are targeted.	10/20/2022 1:00 PM
10	The center can satisfy all age groups.	10/20/2022 12:59 PM
11	We plan to support the town stakeholders who are not already supported by the facilities at our schools and the library. do not duplicate programs already in existence.	10/20/2022 12:58 PM
12	I belong to the Longmeadow Adult Center. That building is state of the art center. Battle St. is a great location in the center of Somers.	10/20/2022 12:56 PM
13	everyone is respectful and get engaged in the program.	10/20/2022 12:15 PM
14	we can utilize it as a true community center with both separate and combined activities for all. For example, movie screenings for families, teens, and seniors, Bingo games overseen by scouting groups, indoor sports (health activities) for all age groups, teen activities and discussion groups with young adult counselors (diversity, racism, fears they face in these challenging times, etc.), open discussions with multi-generational groups, bus trips, high school culinary student sponsored luncheons, dinners, etc., presentations by the historical society to younger audiences depicting the history/growth of Somers, etc.	10/20/2022 12:14 PM
15	people use it. Somers Senior Center does a lot more, would not want people to stop going there.	10/20/2022 12:12 PM
16	it's clean. A friendly place to go. Family friendly - not fringe.	10/20/2022 12:09 PM
17	there is a strong commitment to it and the town officials listen and act on the residents needs.	10/20/2022 12:09 PM
18	don't think this is necessary or beneficial. We are too small. a community waste of tax dollars.	10/20/2022 12:08 PM
19	all of the above	10/20/2022 12:08 PM
20	the town for all age group.	10/20/2022 12:07 PM
21	you are healthy enough to attend. I am 57 years old, very limited.	10/20/2022 12:07 PM
22	the present senior center is still for seniors. i.e. privacy, senior activities, etc.	10/20/2022 12:06 PM

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23	it covers activities most requested by 55 - 65+ residents.	10/20/2022 12:05 PM
24	The current center is not now fully used. The town doesn't need to tear this down for a larger facility.	10/20/2022 12:04 PM
25	there is clear communication.	10/20/2022 12:04 PM
26	the members of this community embrace it and volunteer and participate.	10/20/2022 12:02 PM
27	you concentrate our efforts on a senior center only. A community center is unnecessary. Increased spending in a recession/inflation economy is a poor choice.	10/20/2022 12:02 PM
28	all can participate, young and old. everyone should be able to use the facility.	10/20/2022 12:00 PM
29	well-publicized, well-attended, and well-maintained	10/20/2022 11:59 AM
30	well-publicized, well-attended, and well-maintained	10/20/2022 11:59 AM
31	it provides a low cost lunch at least once a week	10/20/2022 11:58 AM
32	the town and the senior center staff keep working together like they are doing now (in the past and recent years). Keep up the good work and programs.	10/20/2022 11:57 AM
33	it is a joint effort of all because it could benefit all.	10/20/2022 11:56 AM
34	it is available!	10/20/2022 11:55 AM
35	it had a pool too!	10/20/2022 11:54 AM
36	it caters to all age groups kids to adults. Then more people will use it often. A great addition to our town! Thank you.	10/20/2022 11:54 AM
37	you offer things for retired older folks, grief support, trips, chair exercises as they have now. A place for partners who are now alone to meet and visit.	10/20/2022 11:53 AM
38	if you can get the maximum number of people to participate, young, mid, and senior.	10/20/2022 11:51 AM
39	you build it before I pass away!	10/20/2022 11:51 AM
40	people use it, programs are well advertised, the staff is warm and welcoming, there are more "active" rather than sedate programs.	10/20/2022 11:51 AM
41	the center is used for adults. How many active members are there at the senior center?	10/20/2022 11:49 AM
42	the person in charge and available should be well guided and capable of running such a large facility.	10/20/2022 11:49 AM
43	HVAC - filtered air with HEPA filters	10/20/2022 11:48 AM
44	everyone's wants and needs are accommodated no matter the age group.	10/20/2022 11:47 AM
45	there are a variety of well-run programs and services. The youth has access to the school gymnasium and facilities, the rest of the community is lacking in options.	10/20/2022 11:46 AM
46	it will provide on going fitness programs. A healthy body and mind provokes a happier, longer, and healthier life.	10/20/2022 11:45 AM
47	some things were scheduled late morning or early afternoons. Not all seniors get up early in the morning.	10/20/2022 11:44 AM
48	similar to adult center in Longmeadow, MA	10/20/2022 11:43 AM
49	everyone works together and it does not get political!	10/20/2022 11:42 AM
50	it is not built.	10/20/2022 11:42 AM
51	Somers hooked up with Hockanum Valley to broaden transportation. Routes to provide service to seniors with limited driving capabilities.	10/20/2022 11:41 AM
52	it caters to a wide variety of community interests allowing flexible uses while promoting Somers as a place to live, raise a family and retire.	10/20/2022 11:40 AM
53	we do not need anything that will add to our real state taxes. Currently, we are experiencing high inflation and may face a recession. Please keep our taxes low.	10/20/2022 11:39 AM

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54	you leave the senior center just the way it is and lower my tax bill.	10/20/2022 11:38 AM
55	we can get the night people to conduct it.	10/20/2022 11:36 AM
56	the staff not only from the community center and the town hall was more friendly and tide in the town of Somers and was more involved in the community.	10/20/2022 11:35 AM
57	leave it at Battle St. - plenty of room to expand there.	10/20/2022 11:35 AM
58	the town supports the changes to update the outdated facility.	10/20/2022 11:33 AM
59	the time it is open is reasonable and the cost of running is reasonable.	10/20/2022 11:32 AM
60	it can provide all of the items noted above.	10/20/2022 11:30 AM
61	large enough for several hundred people for a variety of events (concerts, health and fitness presentations), a place for people to go to communicate with the others, stay active, healthy, informed and a safe place to go. It's unhealthy for people who live alone to have no place to go.	10/20/2022 11:29 AM
62	1. availability - currently it is only available during "working hours", 8am - 4pm Mon-Thurs & 8am - 12pm Fri, are too limiting. You need it open 7am - 8pm.	10/20/2022 11:28 AM
63	1. availability - currently it is only available during "working hours", 8am - 4pm Mon-Thurs & 8am - 12pm Fri, are too limiting. You need it open 7am - 8pm. 2. Need to be fully staffed, while open. 3. Need to have weekend hours too	10/20/2022 11:27 AM
64	it considers interests of all ages. It should work in conjunction with the town library. Programs should be something that the library doesn't offer, so when the community center offers something, it's new. Residents could find a variety of activities/programs either at the library or community center - no doubles.	10/20/2022 11:26 AM
65	maximize days and hours of operation!!	10/20/2022 11:25 AM
66	Please don't forget teenagers. It often seems this is the age group often overlooked activities for teens would be amazing and help keep kids out of mischief.	10/20/2022 11:25 AM
67	everyone treats each other with respect. Friendly open environment to enjoy. Listen to people's ideas.	10/20/2022 11:24 AM
68	well thought out for senior/youth schedules and varied activities, ample parking area, central to access for senior transportation/walking for some folks (like senior center now). tough if located out of town area for some kids be able to ride bikes to.	10/20/2022 11:24 AM
69	the community embraces it as a center for the arts and fitness, and we are lead by our capable senior center and social services and all recreation department employees.	10/20/2022 11:23 AM
70	atmosphere is welcoming and a variety of services offered.	10/20/2022 11:22 AM
71	atmosphere is welcoming and a variety of services offered.	10/20/2022 11:20 AM
72	you should charge a yearly fee to make it work. It has to be looking great all the time to draw in the people.	10/20/2022 11:19 AM
73	I feel we should encompass utilizing Hilldale college along with our community center and take advantage of their course offerings.	10/20/2022 11:18 AM
74	it is balanced so that age groups are not concentrated to one classified group. Places where mid-life people can join activities and post work time to make friends and activities.	10/20/2022 11:16 AM
75	It stays current to the needs of its seniors, in real time. Ready to pivot, as needed.	10/20/2022 11:14 AM
76	It is for adults only. The town will be putting money into HVAC at schools so gymnasiums will be more accessible year round for kids.	10/20/2022 11:14 AM
77	we listen to everyone's needs, not just the loudest. Also, keep younger adults and new families in mind - we want to attract and retain them for a strong town future.	10/20/2022 11:13 AM
78	we can enjoy the activities, stay healthy and enjoy our life to the fullest.	10/20/2022 11:12 AM
79	it is actively promoted in the community (social media, website, banners, etc.) Also, there needs to be public transportation to the center.	10/20/2022 11:09 AM

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80	no new taxes!	10/20/2022 11:09 AM
81	it doesn't happen. Spend funds wisely not to offer empire building.	10/20/2022 11:08 AM
82	the entire project is shelved.	10/20/2022 11:06 AM
83	with the costs insinuated for this project, something of this expense and size should go to a vote of the people of Somers. The few taxpayers of Somers should not have to foot the bill for this unneeded and unnecessary extravagance.	10/20/2022 11:05 AM
84	everyone enjoys themselves while they attend.	10/20/2022 11:04 AM
85	it's affordable and not over-the-top. We already spend a lot on kids, between the schools and rec department. People don't need an indoor track or a town fitness center. More senior space and a couple of multipurpose meeting rooms are enough for a small town.	10/20/2022 11:03 AM
86	we had activities that integrate senior citizens with an youth population. For example, an after school program that pairs a senior with a younger for tutoring art classes, learn to play chess.	10/20/2022 11:02 AM
87	It remains as a senior center targeting. a younger demographic (55-65) add pickleball courts at center adult exercise programs	10/20/2022 10:59 AM
88	we simply improve the current facility, do any repairs and save our tax dollars for other improvement in town. We do not need a large facility with a shrinking senior population. Most seniors could be staying in town or taking advantage of this idea. It's the cost to build it.	10/20/2022 10:56 AM
89	the facility has multiple purposes for a variety of age groups.	10/20/2022 10:51 AM
90	the facility has multiple purposes for a variety of age groups.	10/20/2022 10:51 AM
91	the hours are expanded and the programs are promoted widely throughout town.	10/20/2022 10:50 AM
92	leave it alone. We need housing for the elderly rather than what you are proposing.	10/20/2022 10:49 AM
93	Somers does not need to spend the money.	10/20/2022 10:47 AM
94	hours are convenient. (availability)	10/20/2022 10:47 AM
95	the building is built correctly - open to all - easily accessible.	10/20/2022 10:46 AM
96	the building is built correctly - open to all - easily accessible.	10/20/2022 10:45 AM
97	we build them	10/20/2022 10:44 AM
98	the appropriate people are hired to run it non-political.	10/20/2022 10:43 AM
99	everyone works together.	10/20/2022 10:43 AM
100	everyone who is retired especially ones who don't work full or part time and have been a long time resident of Somers to have the opportunity to take in programs to occupy their time that are beneficial to good health and meeting other people in the community myself especially even though I work two jobs would have the time to take in these activities.	10/20/2022 10:42 AM
101	We are willing to spend the money.	10/20/2022 10:41 AM
102	1. Everyone is encouraged to attend. 2. Reminding of the "schedule of events" 3. Employing people with enthusiasm for the programs	10/20/2022 10:40 AM
103	The center is up to date, inviting, offers wide range of activities and services to attract diverse interests of all town residents.	10/20/2022 10:38 AM
104	fully handicap accessible. Bus with wheelchair and offers tours to handicap destinations. Thank you!	10/20/2022 10:37 AM
105	whatever activities are offered for residents of any age, they will be affordable for one person or a whole family. It will need to be opened enough days & hours a week to accommodate activities for all ages. Also enough residents will have to attend activities to make it a cost effective investment for the town.	10/20/2022 10:33 AM
106	Reconsider at a later date. Survey not adequate.	10/20/2022 10:33 AM
107	There is activity for youth as well as adults.	10/20/2022 10:32 AM

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108	plenty of parking within relatively short walking distance to the entrance doors. Wheelchair access, a clear (acoustic) sound system, someone who is responsible for keeping the interior and the exterior neat and clean.	10/20/2022 10:31 AM
109	you put in their ideas.	10/20/2022 10:30 AM
110	There is something for every age.	10/20/2022 10:29 AM
111	With price of heating fuel, we do not need a larger building in this small town.	10/20/2022 10:28 AM
112	The present facility is updated, tax payers cannot afford any new expenditures for facilities used by very few people. Refurbish the center we have!!	10/20/2022 10:27 AM
113	It allows for family oriented, faith based activities.	10/20/2022 10:23 AM
114	It has something for all ages and families.	10/20/2022 10:22 AM
115	you have enough interested parties.	10/20/2022 10:21 AM
116	The center gets completed with a card/game room. Different games each afternoon/night. (scheduled)	10/20/2022 10:19 AM
117	It meets the needs of a diverse Somers population. i.e. regards my age group, the ability to participate in outdoor events when weather is an issue (big open space). This would also serve families who would want to see movies outdoors or indoors throughout the year, also to hold Halloween activities (indoors) in town's youth Christmas holiday as well. Please, please, please do not take away from Gazebo, plus the green which serves so many concert goers from Somers and out of towners. This space could also be used for the youth program in the summer.	10/20/2022 10:17 AM
118	There was a place where I could hang out with my friends that would have food available. This sentence above is what my grandson would enjoy at the center. Also a ping pong table would be a great fun addition.	10/20/2022 10:16 AM
119	It is funded through membership. Mansfield Community center is a great example of a successful community center that appeals to all ages.	10/19/2022 5:30 PM
120	It would appeal to many age groups.	10/19/2022 3:08 PM
121	Everyone works as a team for our seniors / town	10/19/2022 11:17 AM
122	We need a community center that centers on both mind and body, creativity... the closest around is in Tolland. There is a lot of talent & creativity in Somers, but it is fragmented. No reason both the more traditional programs cannot co-exist with the less traditional, creative arts and I mean an ongoing center, not just a once in a while course or performance. More useful than Piedmont Hall.	10/19/2022 10:23 AM
123	the proposed options are executed so that different members of the community in different age groups can benefit from the center and its' resources.	10/19/2022 9:16 AM
124	we need more for the youth and seniors!	10/19/2022 6:36 AM
125	There are activities that will appeal to children and teens, a place to hang out and play sports along with activities for adults	10/19/2022 5:41 AM
126	It's more inclusive to the community of all ages	10/18/2022 10:05 PM
127	The surveyed needs of the residents are considered; the demographics of the town are considered, the design allows flexibility to make changes in the future, and the center is staffed appropriately.	10/18/2022 10:00 PM
128	It is developed as a multi purpose space, health and wellness, presentation and movie area and a place to play games such as cards, bingo, cribbage,	10/18/2022 9:27 PM
129	If you provide spaces and activities for all ages	10/18/2022 3:27 PM
130	There was a place for sports and parties	10/18/2022 3:01 PM
131	if we create opportunity for the youth to interact with our seniors.	10/18/2022 1:53 PM
132	It had a number of rooms for popular group activities and a larger room for a dining, dancing, or other activities for a larger group.	10/18/2022 1:45 PM

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133	Lots of pickleball courts and good group fitness classes!	10/18/2022 1:23 PM
134	It caters to multiple types of people in the community.	10/18/2022 11:47 AM
135	It has good communication and effective management.	10/18/2022 11:47 AM
136	It combines as many of the above amenities as it can. The more the better and more opportunities for more people! I am currently 63 years old and Looking forward to a new Community Center! :)	10/18/2022 11:43 AM
137	It is usable by the entire community. It drives excitement to town events.	10/18/2022 10:38 AM
138	Can be used by all	10/18/2022 9:30 AM
139	since this will be paid for by the people of Somers, via taxes activities should be free or low cost for Somers residents. Also find a different name than Senior Center, makes it sound like only old people can get there.	10/18/2022 7:23 AM
140	The hours worked for working people.	10/18/2022 6:08 AM
141	It is friendly, helps people get to know one another and is staffed with professionals.	10/18/2022 3:19 AM
142	they provide services in creating community cohesion.	10/17/2022 10:57 PM
143	gets more people involved with the senior center	10/17/2022 10:12 PM
144	Everyone in town could collectively enjoy the facility.	10/17/2022 8:15 PM
145	More events were on social Media	10/17/2022 8:12 PM
146	making it large similar to Ellington Senior center and Enfield	10/17/2022 7:39 PM
147	It wasn't just a Senior Center. A community center that all ages can use and enjoy	10/17/2022 5:43 PM
148	the center and its recreational activities are supported by the Town's leaders.	10/17/2022 5:00 PM
149	It isn't built on existing athletic fields	10/17/2022 4:32 PM
150	It has good marketing and outreach and great facilitators	10/17/2022 4:27 PM
151	an indoor pool with swim lessons would also be a huge assest	10/17/2022 3:14 PM
152	It has activities that will benefit the entire community.	10/17/2022 3:12 PM
153	The public is well informed of what it offers, families can enjoy different activities at the same time, clean and inviting. Ymca in ellington is a good reference	10/17/2022 3:07 PM
154	Keeping the community involved	10/17/2022 2:42 PM
155	If it's not a senior center. Needs to be built more on the basis that the town is having more families moving into the community and child sports activities are rising in town. Kids are starting to look elsewhere, and many are looking outside of the town to participate in better facilities.	10/17/2022 2:21 PM
156	I think a teen center would be great	10/17/2022 2:13 PM
157	Good and accessible space for community events.	10/17/2022 2:11 PM
158	People in the community volunteer their time to make programs successful	10/17/2022 2:04 PM
159	It involves programming for all generations. A nice idea would be to have a class for parents at the same time as a class for children so parents don't have to find a babysitter to attend.	10/17/2022 1:51 PM
160	all ages can use the facility and activities are free or a decent cost, please allow neighboring town Enfield to use the space	10/17/2022 1:48 PM
161	the there is a fitness-minded, YMCA like atmosphere.	10/17/2022 1:44 PM
162	Continued expansion of Senior Services and Programs	10/17/2022 8:02 AM
163	It is appealing to youths as well as adults	10/16/2022 4:57 PM
164	use is restricted only to Somers taxpayers/residents (with a limit on guest access), membership fee to allow/add access to certain areas (weight room, game room) to avoid tax	10/15/2022 2:57 PM



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increases, especially for those that don't utilize the center, and encouraged annual volunteer/support days for users/members (maintenance, projects, etc) to help control costs.

165	Leave it alone	10/15/2022 12:50 PM
166	The attendance justifies the cost of the Senior Senter.	10/15/2022 12:07 PM
167	Seniors attend	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
168	Wish I had known of a town vote to see if a community center was wanted. A community center must put emphasis on Senior needs.	10/15/2022 7:51 AM
169	People volunteer in the community.	10/14/2022 9:59 PM
170	It encourages people to be active and social with each other.	10/14/2022 8:15 PM
171	If it incorporates activities for all seasons and ability levels. An inside walking track and pickleball court have been very successful in area towns. Somers seniors want to stay active and the senior center can help promote healthy lifestyle	10/14/2022 8:11 PM
172	Do we need this? It seems like it is going to just sit there and not be used by anyone.	10/14/2022 7:19 PM
173	We engage the community and have activities that folks enjoy	10/14/2022 6:39 PM
174	you can get teenagers in town interested in planning and help maintain it.	10/14/2022 5:18 PM
175	ALL COOPERATE	10/14/2022 4:37 PM
176	It would be great to have an indoor swimming/sports area to use	10/14/2022 10:12 AM
177	I am not sure this is needed-my kids do activities at the school	10/14/2022 9:57 AM
178	It was a place individuals could gather, focus on wellness, and spend time together	10/13/2022 11:19 PM
179	It sounds like Enfield has a great Senior Center and I believe 55 and older use it alot. We need that here, with yoga and exercise classes.	10/13/2022 2:50 PM
180	it promoted community involvement.	10/13/2022 11:26 AM
181	Maybe just renovate the existing center. This seems like a big project and overkill for such a small town. Don't we have Gyms at the school?	10/13/2022 8:29 AM
182	This seems like it is going to be very expensive. I don't really see this as a good fit for our town. I am concerned about the economy and don't want to pay more taxes.	10/13/2022 8:24 AM
183	incorporate all areas of health, physical and mental for all ages	10/13/2022 5:33 AM
184	It did not raise taxes	10/12/2022 9:52 PM
185	I don't think I would use a center like this. I am also concerned about the proposed cost.	10/12/2022 9:51 PM
186	It is welcoming	10/12/2022 6:25 PM
187	There are interesting programs offered and a chance for social interaction.	10/12/2022 6:24 PM
188	There is no need to build a new Senior Center and encumber more debt when the existing center meets the needs of our Seniors. We do not need a Community Center when we have three schools with Basketball courts and plenty of land to develop an outdoor walking track	10/12/2022 4:30 PM
189	We remain focused on creating a plan based on responses to surveys like this one and remain within budget when approved	10/12/2022 4:17 PM
190	We can create a space that young people can utilize to promote positive experiences in our town	10/12/2022 3:49 PM
191	younger people are involved	10/12/2022 2:36 PM
192	Provides for indoor physical activities for seniors	10/12/2022 2:05 PM
193	it satisfies needs of all residents, creates opportunities and deep connections among residents. Is a hub for many town activities.	10/12/2022 1:01 PM
194	It provides the most flexible space for Recreation Dept. programming.	10/12/2022 12:56 PM



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195	Costs to participants are low	10/12/2022 12:11 PM
196	Make sure it is advertised often	10/12/2022 12:07 PM
197	It has offerings for all ages, not just Seniors.	10/12/2022 11:24 AM
198	the two facilities are not combined. What would be more feasible is taking the funds being utilized for this said expansion & applying them to more senior services, i.e. expand insurance coverage for our dial a ride buses so that our seniors do not have to walk long distances from their homes to embark/disembark from the bus. It's dangerous to ask them to do so. Some thought also might be given to raising the salaries of our bus drivers to the current market level in our immediate area. They are sufficiently underpaid for the job. Also, seeing as we have two buses, it could be a great help to the community to run both buses each day with possible full-time staff rather than two part-timers. the residents in our community are getting progressively older & we need to address their needs a lot better then it is currently being done.	10/12/2022 10:39 AM
199	It has programs or spaces that serve the full range of ages	10/12/2022 9:58 AM
200	If this building is built for the future and not just covering the wants of those answering now. A NET ZERO FACILITY! Solar covered building, solar panels on covered parking similar to those at Buckland Mall. Grey water for land use.	10/12/2022 9:37 AM
201	A program for seniors on Prescription and over the counter Drugs and medications. Uses, effectiveness, interactions, generic vs brand name.	10/12/2022 8:56 AM
202	The community is invested in its success.	10/12/2022 8:14 AM
203	Multiple community groups can use it, easily and affordably	10/11/2022 10:12 PM
204	The senior activity center is separate yet in the same building from youth activities.	10/11/2022 9:25 PM
205	It were more inclusive and branded as a Community Center for all ages, not just for seniors. If you brand it as a senior center, youth will not come, and vice versa. It would be great to see a center that brings generations together and that brings our community closer together.	10/11/2022 9:24 PM
206	If all the town's residents can enjoy the space. The hours are conducive to the working class. What would come of the current senior center? And do you have a location in mind. Can you hd a public forum?	10/11/2022 8:21 PM
207	It is properly staffed and given appropriate funding.	10/11/2022 7:10 PM
208	They use existing building, only 30 years old.	10/11/2022 6:05 PM
209	They include activities for children and offer yoga.	10/11/2022 5:15 PM
210	Everyone feels welcome	10/11/2022 5:10 PM
211	The center is built if attractive enough and useful enough for people's needs.	10/11/2022 5:07 PM
212	you plan for and involve all of the community- not just narrow/specific groupings	10/11/2022 5:00 PM
213	it has activities for adults of all ages.	10/11/2022 4:47 PM
214	It is geared towards all age demographics	10/11/2022 4:36 PM
215	It becomes an all inclusive Community center that brings together citizens of all age groups,	10/11/2022 4:06 PM
216	Taxes don't go up	10/11/2022 4:04 PM
217	There is meaningful programming offered	10/11/2022 4:04 PM
218	The Gymnasium is essential.	10/11/2022 4:02 PM
219	Taxes remain affordable	10/11/2022 3:26 PM
220	people come out to use and enjoy the center.	10/11/2022 3:20 PM
221	The center is built with all community members in mind. Having programmed time and also open free time for use of the facilities. I also strongly recommend a maintenance plan be developed during or after construction to be sur the facility is maintained.	10/11/2022 3:19 PM
222	The Town provides a clean, friendly environment with adequate security and log in system at door that ensures only residents use facility and has cameras to monitor use of facility.	10/11/2022 3:13 PM

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223	... the center best represents the needs of the growing community. A room(s) could be used for multi-purposes. Example- A room could be used for fitness classes and also used as a movie room.	10/11/2022 3:06 PM
224	It creates space and an enhanced atmosphere for people of all ages and abilities to connect with one another.	10/11/2022 3:01 PM
225	There are activities related to all ages :)	10/11/2022 2:55 PM
226	it offers volleyball as a community activity seniors have a reason to visit (my father is 93)	10/11/2022 2:38 PM
227	We have some common space for people to come together ( could be movie screenings, health and fitness access , kids related activities ) Some areas in Somers don't have the luxury to have neighbors living close by, so community interaction is nil in our case. This common space would fill that void in our and our child's life.	10/11/2022 2:37 PM
228	It is centrally located and offers a variety of activities to a variety of prie.	10/11/2022 2:24 PM
229	There is a futuristic vision for the services that the center will need to support. The building can't be obsolete 10 years after it is built.	10/11/2022 2:22 PM
230	Everyone participated and would save on gas and time of traveling to a better updated senior center	10/11/2022 2:22 PM
231	it available to all ages of the community	10/11/2022 2:12 PM
232	Don't feel services or space allocation should be redundant to other spaces already in town (high school gym, library meeting rooms, etc.)	10/11/2022 2:10 PM
233	Where is the new facility going to be located and if there is enough buy in from the people	10/11/2022 2:10 PM
234	It is built to accommodate the growing number of seniors in Somers, and with future needs taken into consideration.	10/11/2022 1:54 PM
235	We incorporate a teen center. Maybe youth/teens could even have experiences with our seniors!	10/11/2022 1:48 PM
236	If can be developed and constructed on a site that isn't already being utilized by the community.	10/11/2022 1:43 PM
237	The project actually gets off the ground. Seriously, if the seniors are allowed a space to use, while the space is also used for youth and adult activities.	10/11/2022 1:35 PM
238	You can get the whole town involved with the process (wether it be more surveys like this, getting the community together to brainstorm in a group either digitally or in person). Having accessibility available to a wide range of folks and getting everyone interested in the development is the first step.	10/11/2022 12:45 PM
239	It is in a convenient location with parking and if you promote it as a family option instead of just a senior center.	10/10/2022 5:12 PM
240	it is not labeled as a "Senior Center". Residents younger than Seniors could be enticed to a Community Center.	10/10/2022 3:41 PM
241	All feel welcome	10/10/2022 11:22 AM
242	If they have more activities for residents of Somers.	10/10/2022 8:31 AM
243	The residents are well informed and involved in the decision making process	10/10/2022 7:31 AM
244	The fitness center is accessible 24/7.	10/9/2022 4:22 PM
245	Please stop spending our money and cut our taxes.	10/9/2022 2:30 PM
246	More advertising of events throughout the community through Facebook or other means	10/9/2022 2:22 PM
247	If it doesn't break the taxpayers backs. Somers has a tendency not to maintain it's resources so we shouldn't build something that we're not going to keep up	10/9/2022 10:51 AM
248	It's more of a community center than anything else	10/8/2022 10:27 PM
249	Many age groups can use it	10/8/2022 9:57 PM

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250	It provides space and opportunities for all groups.	10/8/2022 9:40 PM
251	It has activities for all ages and has flexible spaces for future growth.	10/8/2022 5:43 PM
252	My name is Angela Czarnecki and I am an ACE certified Personal Trainer. I would like to suggest special attention be given to active seniors. Equipment such as BOSUs, TRXs, and balance boards, just to name a few, would provide an opportunity to have strength classes for the higher skill level/ability senior. Feel free to call me if you have questions about equipment, space requirements, etc. I am excited to see what the future Senior/Community Center has to offer to the residents and seniors alike. Thank you! Angela, 860-490-8492	10/8/2022 3:02 PM
253	If there are physical, educational and social activities.	10/8/2022 12:39 PM
254	It offers a variety of events directed at a diverse group	10/8/2022 11:49 AM
255	A wide array of activities for seniors and others in the community.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
256	I prefer the monies for building a community center be reallocated to other community needs as determined by the Board of Selectmen.	10/8/2022 8:44 AM
257	It was a place that provided socialization and fitness opportunities for health and longevity.	10/8/2022 8:07 AM
258	It is well planned out and stays on budget	10/8/2022 7:27 AM
259	A	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
260	it also addresses the needs of younger and more active seniors.	10/7/2022 10:44 PM
261	It remains in the center of town.	10/7/2022 7:15 PM
262	There are regular scheduled events that interest a wide age range of people. Table Tennis would be great.	10/7/2022 4:49 PM
263	It is open and has services for residents of all ages and abilities.	10/7/2022 4:14 PM
264	Outdoor pool, pharmacy, Starbucks, retail stores, sidewalks to the school	10/7/2022 3:47 PM
265	It can be a resource for busy families	10/7/2022 3:22 PM
266	fully staffed with up-to-date program schedule that is sent out either electronically by email or mailed to town residents	10/7/2022 3:17 PM
267	the town offers more services / activities to people aged 25-59. Seems like everything in town is either geared towards children activities and senior citizen activities. Even the town concert series has no interest to me. Maybe offering business networking nights. Maybe they can be sponsored by local businesses such a breweries/ restaurants/ etc. I don't think that's even possible right now at any town owned property because of the prohibition of alcohol being served.	10/7/2022 3:06 PM
268	Government listens to people	10/7/2022 1:47 PM
269	We utilize existing space better in town	10/7/2022 12:34 PM
270	there is consistent communication to the community	10/7/2022 12:17 PM
271	It has services for a cross section of our community.	10/7/2022 12:10 PM
272	it is a multigenerational space offering a variety of programs.	10/7/2022 11:58 AM
273	it is not done	10/7/2022 11:24 AM
274	Although I think it's nice to have this facility available to all residents. It's important to focus more on the senior citizen population needs. The younger population has easier access to the High School, Junior HS and Elementary Facilities.	10/7/2022 10:33 AM
275	More accessible senior handicap transportation	10/7/2022 9:28 AM
276	It includes a swimming pool! It would be wonderful for kids to be able to take swimming lessons or participate in a swim team and for kids and adults to swim for exercise and recreation without having to drive to another town.	10/7/2022 8:59 AM
277	The citizens choices are planned for	10/7/2022 7:34 AM

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278	The fitness center is kept clean/disinfected and professional instructors are available. Why is a new facility being planned during these troubled times?	10/7/2022 1:59 AM
279	Weekday lunches were provided like most other Senior Centers for a \$2.00 donation. We now go to Hampden Senior Center for a friendly atmosphere and packed lunches. NO CLUB ONLY !	10/6/2022 6:10 PM
280	taxes do not increase because of it.	10/6/2022 4:40 PM
281	you keep continually getting input from the community who will use it, as well as those who may age into a few years into the future. Thank you for offering this survey! :)	10/6/2022 2:16 PM
282	Brings the community together and has something to offer residence	10/6/2022 1:46 PM
283	We don't pay over \$1million for it	10/6/2022 1:35 PM
284	If it is billed as a true community center not proclaiming itself a seniors only facility	10/6/2022 12:09 PM
285	Only Somers residents are allowed to use this facility. If it's open to non-residents it will loose the Somers community feel.	10/6/2022 10:31 AM
286	If it meets the needs of the community, not just seniors. For example, a fitness area with weights would serve the community as a whole. It would be useful for seniors as well as teens who have no dedicated weight or fitness area at the high school currently.	10/6/2022 9:01 AM
287	It is run by an experienced manager. The facility needs to be large enough to accomodate a growing senior population.	10/6/2022 7:53 AM
288	The town adds more sidewalks throughout the downtown area and surrounding streets. There is Covid relief money that can be used for this. It would be immensely beneficial to downtown if people could safely walk there and go to the community center, or shop/dine someday (if the yellow buildings are ever torn down and redone!). We need more pedestrian friendly things in downtown , I.e. food, shopping, entertainment.	10/5/2022 9:18 PM
289	The future community center will be a success if it is fitness/health oriented. An expensive, but great example were fitness and community tie together well is the Mansfield, CT community center.	10/5/2022 7:16 PM
290	Turn the useless Hillsdale College property into walking trails for seniors and all town residents. Stop lining your pockets Keeney with all your bobble heading to Blake	10/5/2022 5:13 PM
291	Can the current building not handle current senior needs? Is anyone currently being turned away?	10/5/2022 3:22 PM
292	It mirrors Glastonbury ct senior center. Take the time and go tour the operation.	10/5/2022 3:08 PM
293	It is renamed a Community center so all feel welcome.	10/5/2022 1:55 PM
294	If the center is an adult center not necessarily for just seniors.	10/5/2022 1:52 PM
295	We have the full support of the community.	10/5/2022 12:53 PM
296	we all work together and be thankful for what we have!	10/5/2022 12:34 PM
297	Fund raise, volunteer time to build and run, recoup monies fraudulently given to wrong people, from taxes and government handouts. You know there is a lot , thank you . Keep it clean. Appreciate your efforts.	10/5/2022 9:14 AM
298	COMMUNITY REALIZES ALL OF THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. RIGHT NOW, IT IS MORE OF AN UNKNOWN ENTITY	10/4/2022 9:29 PM
299	It is inclusive of all ages and provides interesting and stimulating activities.	10/4/2022 8:13 PM
300	people use it - because it is a beautiful facility that brings people to it.	10/4/2022 7:59 PM
301	Offers activities not currently available in town, to all age groups	10/4/2022 7:58 PM
302	I would like it to contain a commercial kitchen if we decide to have daily meals for seniors or for town wide events like banquets or if we want to rent the facility for events like showers, birthday parties. A large multipurpose room which could have a folding divider to make it into 2 smaller rooms. A gymnasium for pickleball, volleyball, tai chi,yoga, line dancing, zumba etc. A fitness center as part of the gym. A game room for ping pong, pool, card tables. A	10/4/2022 3:44 PM

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lounge/library for small meetings or quiet chats. This could double as a computer room A health room for health screenings, foot care, private counseling. Offices for staff.

303	Keep the great staff that you have there now!	10/4/2022 3:06 PM
304	It is presented to the townspeople with enthusiasm and positivity	10/4/2022 1:51 PM
305	The events are well publicized. Perhaps a monthly Senior Newsletter.	10/4/2022 1:47 PM
306	It needs to be staffed appropriately and its available resources communicated broadly and regularly.	10/4/2022 1:17 PM
307	...the demographics and needs of the community are truly understood and represented. Look at surrounding communities and see how they have succeeded and failed with this type of endeavor. Use real data to make informed decisions.	10/4/2022 11:47 AM
308	It is managed properly and kept clean. Also, good communication of hours, events, etc.	10/4/2022 11:23 AM
309	The activity rooms are tailored toward what the community wants and what they will use.	10/4/2022 10:34 AM
310	variety of activities	10/4/2022 10:33 AM
311	it is able to be used by diverse members of the community where everyone feels welcome.	10/4/2022 9:03 AM
312	Enough people support the effort and the town create effective communication tools.	10/4/2022 9:02 AM
313	IF the town offers AFFORDABLE space & activities for the community. There is no free preschool option in Somers like in other towns so some kind of program for infants, PRE-preschool & preschool age would be wonderful. There are also no coordnated leagues by the town for adults. My husband & I participate in the vollyball league run by sonnys in the summer & I participate in somers womens vollyball in the winter but my husband would love to continue playing vollyball in the winter if there was a town league. I'd love to play in an adult basketball league. The kickball league was a success until they tried to instill unrealistic rules like minimum # of players on a team (16) which was WAY too many when you only need 9 on the field at a time. The weekends are also not good for families with kids in sports on the weekend, week nights are perfect 6pm or later.	10/4/2022 7:26 AM
314	The community is able to provide continued input and the space is used to the fullest capacity. As well as a wide availability of hours to use the facility.	10/3/2022 10:19 PM
315	It has a Chick-fil-A in it.	10/3/2022 7:59 PM
316	Hard to combine both seniors with kids. Gymnasium is essential for kids. Game room for seniors	10/3/2022 7:51 PM
317	You have community involvement	10/3/2022 7:44 PM
318	I do not think we need a new Senior/Community Center. I have seen my taxes go from 2,800. Per year to 6,000.00 per year. What we need is some fiscal restraint. How about paying down some debt in stead. I am tired of footing the bill so politicians can make them selves look good at the tax payer expense.	10/3/2022 7:35 PM
319	It offers a wide range of services that are accessible from young adulthood to senior living.	10/3/2022 7:25 PM
320	...the Center is a quality build capable of accommodating a wide variety of citizens, funded with both private and public monies.	10/3/2022 7:14 PM
321	Community Garden	10/3/2022 6:46 PM
322	It has a variety of services that reaches many people and is fully utilized.	10/3/2022 6:27 PM
323	Programs are advertised for all age groups for varying times. As a parent of young children that works full time, my free time is very limited. Any programs for young kids will work for me on weekends. Late night fitness programs would be ideal. Also, maybe organizing a young parents or mothers group. I'd love to join a local running group that meets early mornings before work, or on weekends.	10/3/2022 5:55 PM
324	There are events to bring the community together	10/3/2022 5:52 PM
325	Information more widely available	10/3/2022 4:57 PM
326	It is funded through grant opportunities in order to reduce the direct tax impact to the Somers	10/3/2022 2:55 PM

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	residents. Don't raise our taxes to pay for it!	
327	THE TOWN ALLOWS FOR A ROBUST RECREATION CENTER, WHICH INCLUDES FITNESS FOR ALL AGES.	10/3/2022 2:40 PM
328	Provide a variety of programs, events and activities	10/3/2022 2:23 PM
329	It works for all ages.	10/3/2022 1:42 PM
330	We focus on innovative and future ways to be together as a community!	10/3/2022 12:53 PM
331	it is a senior center modeled after the one in nearby Hampden MA...I think combining the concept of a "community center" with a Senior center is a nice concept that won't work. I am 90 years old, and increasingly aware that younger folks are often annoyed at the slowness of old people... we get in the way... we're not fast enough... Lastly, make sure whatever you do meets ADA requirements.	10/3/2022 11:47 AM
332	you do not increase taxes to cover the building of a senior center. We are NOT Enfield. We don't need a large senior center.	10/3/2022 11:45 AM
333	Advertise activities and volunteer opportunities.	10/3/2022 11:23 AM
334	A sufficient number of residents support it.	10/3/2022 10:57 AM
335	We utilize for all age groups.	10/3/2022 10:30 AM
336	People use it. I didn't know you were planning a new one. Need more info on scope and need. We have a senior center.	10/3/2022 10:18 AM
337	There are lots of activities for folks to choose from	10/3/2022 9:57 AM
338	It caters to healthy active seniors as well as the more elderly infirm.	10/3/2022 9:52 AM
339	It enables a wide variety of residents to have a place to use their free time in a way that fits their needs. This means those who have an active lifestyle and others who merely are looking for a location to meet and talk with others their age.	10/3/2022 9:45 AM
340	in a good location, socially active	10/3/2022 9:13 AM
341	more luncheons and presentations	10/3/2022 8:59 AM
342	It is available and useable by a wide range of ages for structured/ town-sponsored activities and also allows groups and individuals to sign out or rent spaces for meetings/parties or individual interests.	10/3/2022 8:41 AM
343	You listen to the community about what our wants are and make it something purposeful instead of a building that just sits.	10/3/2022 8:08 AM
344	Maintained and staffed	10/3/2022 7:52 AM
345	Provided some of the necessary Rec space the town desperately needs.	10/2/2022 8:23 PM
346	It easy to see and participate in the events schedule and there is sufficient parking.	10/2/2022 8:14 PM
347	We diverted some of the monies for the town schools into the community center to invest in everyone, not just the school age residents.	10/2/2022 8:00 PM
348	The community will continue to strive towards love, unity, and friendship:)	10/2/2022 6:18 PM
349	It is designed to meet the needs of citizens of all ages, programs are advertised well and everyone is made to feel welcome	10/2/2022 5:50 PM
350	completed in a timely manner, respectful of input from this survey	10/2/2022 1:59 PM
351	Maintained & staffed	10/2/2022 1:52 PM
352	We don't turn it into the next Enfield or Ellington or Stafford...	10/2/2022 12:57 PM
353	It's utilized adequately by the local community	10/2/2022 12:51 PM
354	Make available for all ages	10/2/2022 12:23 PM
355	we in town have some where to go in hot and cold weather.	10/2/2022 11:48 AM



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356	There are some programs that involve the community as a whole including all ages. A place where the community could gather to volunteer/serve others such as collecting donations for those displaced by natural disaster, or teaching classes in knitting so baby blankets could be made for donation.	10/2/2022 10:34 AM
357	you find the balance between senior stuff and day time family activities. After 25 years in town, I am approaching retirement and hope for a senior community center with tables for games, fitness, and an occasional food gatherings. Cheers -	10/2/2022 10:34 AM
358	It is clean and organized	10/2/2022 10:13 AM
359	Location in an area where seniors could walk too.	10/2/2022 9:51 AM
360	It is located close too senior living.	10/2/2022 9:46 AM
361	The building can accommodate the needs of each of these diverse groups simultaneously. No small feat!	10/2/2022 8:26 AM
362	....It is planned correctly. It is so important to have a committee in place to go over all of this research. I have contacted Tim Kenney already about the committee but haven't heard back. I am a Senior Center Director in Ludlow, MA and recently built a 18,500 square foot facility. I have been a Director for 20 years and know I could help Somers build a successful program. I would love to be a part of this project. My contact information is as follows: Jodi Zepke, 39 Carriage Dr, Somers. jodi2471@yahoo.com. Thank you!	10/2/2022 7:39 AM
363	Simultaneous events can be active without interfering with each other, due to noise, traffic, air quality	10/2/2022 6:01 AM
364	An attractive multi-use senior center that caters to good health and social activities on a daily basis.	10/1/2022 8:16 PM
365	Everyone's voice is heard. Diversity of services and activities.	10/1/2022 7:39 PM
366	It's designed to accommodate all ages within the community.	10/1/2022 7:08 PM
367	Keep the riff raff out of town.	10/1/2022 6:53 PM
368	Keep the riffraff out and don't bus in.	10/1/2022 6:49 PM
369	It is defined clearly. My questions to #7 reflect what I think would be best for a senior center. A community center is for all ages, so my answers would have been different. If it is for seniors and also the greater community, reorder or just rename it, Community Center. A community center would include services and space for seniors, but not necessarily the other way around. I also think it can be successful if the director of this facility is someone who will work closely with the library director and the park & rec director, as there are overlaps. Consider the school principals as well. If they all work in tandem and have open communication, imagine how unified our town could be. I'm not implying there is hostility now, FYI; rather I am emphasizing what we need to do, to ensure collaboration and community.	10/1/2022 5:48 PM
370	i THINK THE TOWN OF SOMERS HAS ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR THE CURRENT POPULATION	10/1/2022 3:41 PM
371	It is pleasant to attend and offers good speakers.	10/1/2022 3:41 PM
372	We can afford it's construction, build a flexible space that can evolve with changing desires, and if it is well maintained after construction.	10/1/2022 3:21 PM
373	The town's younger demographics are listened to and respected.	10/1/2022 2:25 PM
374	All are welcome	10/1/2022 2:06 PM
375	it is open during evenings and weekends.	10/1/2022 1:58 PM
376	people enjoy & support it - adds to community health & unity	10/1/2022 1:47 PM
377	Townpeople are as supportive of it as they are to our Schools.	10/1/2022 1:21 PM
378	There are options for younger active residents.	10/1/2022 12:49 PM
379	there is a gym	10/1/2022 12:27 PM
380	As demonstrated by Longmeadow, MA, removing the word "Senior" from the title makes all the	10/1/2022 12:26 PM

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difference. I know people that want to use ours but don't want to be associated with a "Senior" Center.

381	...it is engaging, welcoming and diverse.	10/1/2022 12:20 PM
382	Plan for future	10/1/2022 11:47 AM
383	It doesn't compete with other groups in town... i.e. churches, library, schools	10/1/2022 11:25 AM
384	Separate private space is available for exercise classes and group meetings/lunches and to occur at the same time without disruption to either activity. Separate space for staff would also be helpful for them to work without distraction.	10/1/2022 11:13 AM
385	If you inform the citizens what is going on...whose idea was this? based on what? tax increase? who will be in charge?	10/1/2022 11:07 AM
386	Perhaps just call it "Somers Community Center."	10/1/2022 11:03 AM
387	the needs are met of our retirement community	10/1/2022 11:01 AM
388	people have interest in and actively support a new facility	10/1/2022 11:01 AM
389	I really do not know. I have only gone to the current one for the safe drivers course several years ago.	10/1/2022 10:53 AM
390	operated properly.	10/1/2022 10:46 AM
391	Not sure	10/1/2022 10:43 AM
392	It includes a gymnasium.	10/1/2022 10:43 AM
393	There is a gymnasium.	10/1/2022 10:36 AM
394	There are diverse activities and there is strong and kind leadership.	10/1/2022 9:47 AM
395	It is not built	10/1/2022 9:40 AM
396	It has active management and multiple ways of telling the community about events (mail, text, fb)	10/1/2022 9:12 AM
397	the programs/services offered are used by all age groups living in Somers	10/1/2022 8:51 AM
398	You encourage seniors of all ages to come to the center by having a board with representatives from different age brackets (every 5 years) from 55 - 95	10/1/2022 8:37 AM
399	Taxes come down and a better management of the funds are provided.	10/1/2022 8:21 AM
400	Trainer: Facetime instructions on zoom meetings Safety tips for iPhones and emails on scammers	10/1/2022 6:49 AM
401	People use the facility.	10/1/2022 5:42 AM
402	it attracts more men and younger 55+ seniors	10/1/2022 1:57 AM
403	there's a variety of offerings for all ages to attract families to stay in town and maintain a community connection within Somers and perhaps surrounding towns.	9/30/2022 8:31 PM
404	If you listen to the community, especially the seniors. Give them what they ask for.	9/30/2022 7:56 PM
405	There is something for everyone	9/30/2022 7:52 PM
406	1. Security is provided, locked doors with badge entry, safety is important. 2. Walking indoor and or a safe outdoor trail 3. Safe driving senior classes 4. Financial planning lessons 5. Help with SS especially Medicare and Medicaid and supplement insurance. 6. Volunteer programs that we can sign up for 7. Education i.e., learning another language 8. Center should be non-profit	9/30/2022 7:36 PM
407	It is built with somers residents in mind	9/30/2022 7:20 PM
408	This provides fun group activities for all age groups and is a way for the community to bond and be social.	9/30/2022 6:35 PM
409	It engages the community both socially and physically. Additional, especially indoor,	9/30/2022 6:35 PM



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recreational activities for all ages would be most welcome.

410	It's low priced	9/30/2022 6:25 PM
411	It's open for all to use	9/30/2022 6:01 PM
412	Offers classes/activities for all ages, and markets them well.	9/30/2022 5:49 PM
413	Amen	9/30/2022 5:38 PM
414	The Town actually builds the center	9/30/2022 5:14 PM
415	Monies raised for this project are done voluntarily. Taxation is theft.	9/30/2022 4:37 PM
416	Notification of events mailed to seniors. Not everyone has a computer.	9/30/2022 4:25 PM
417	more activities for the active senior. group yoga, aerobics, line dancing etc.	9/30/2022 4:20 PM
418	the center continues to include a variety of activities that address physical and mental health betterment.	9/30/2022 4:16 PM
419	There are facilities that will be used by a wide range of residents.	9/30/2022 4:14 PM
420	If they hire professional staff for classes. Include a range of of dance classes i.e. Zumba,Jazzercise,Bollywood.etc.	9/30/2022 4:05 PM
421	Our taxes do not increase because of this project!	9/30/2022 3:53 PM
422	I would really need to know the budget first to really say. But seems like alot money if your talking indoors sports. Or outdoor stuff. Basketball/paddle ball etc...	9/30/2022 3:49 PM
423	It has two sides or floors where one is dedicated to the senior center and one dedicated to a community center.	9/30/2022 3:47 PM
424	We are notified of what is available and when in a timely manner so we can all take advantage of it.	9/30/2022 3:13 PM
425	...it is called "The Somers Adult Community Center" Thank you, Tim!!	9/30/2022 3:07 PM
426	It has something to offer for almost all Somers residents.	9/30/2022 2:58 PM
427	it doesnt affect the tax rate	9/30/2022 2:12 PM
428	Senior reading/teaching for young people. Cross generational of all kinds. Maybe outdoor projects like gardening.	9/30/2022 1:46 PM
429	The center is big enough to accommodate activities for the whole community, without losing touch with senior citizens.	9/30/2022 1:20 PM
430	Focus on families and their activities. Enfield caters to Seniors and we left because there was nothing there for a family with young kids.	9/30/2022 1:09 PM
431	It has something for all age groups	9/30/2022 12:55 PM
432	The facility is clean and well kept, well lighted and safe Engaging staff, interested in doing things for the Somers community. Organize volunteer opportunities in Somers, Library, school system , food pantry, anything that helps our community Some of us don't want to sit and play Bingo we want to move and do	9/30/2022 12:54 PM
433	NO POLITICS!!	9/30/2022 12:41 PM
434	HAD MORE ACTIVE PROGRAMS LIKE OTHER TOWNS IN THE AREA.....	9/30/2022 12:18 PM
435	It provides services for everyone in the community	9/30/2022 12:13 PM
436	More participation in events at the space. I added pool because we don't have a public space in town and just thought it would be wonderful to have.	9/30/2022 11:32 AM
437	Meets recreational and senior center needs of the Town.	9/29/2022 6:07 PM
438	I question if it is needed. Our any residents being turned away because there is not enough space in current facility	9/29/2022 6:04 PM