

***Final letter as approved unanimously at Petersburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting April 21, 2022***

April 21st, 2022

To: Petersburg Assembly  
CC: Petersburg Indian Association

**Re: Trails Work Session & Public Support for Severson's Connector Trail**

To Whom It May Concern,

In October of 2021 the Petersburg Parks and Recreation Board held a public work session to take input on local trail development.

The work session was well attended on a week night with twelve participants from across the community as well as the then director of Petersburg Indian Association. Participants included families, retirees, business owners, cyclists, hikers, dog walkers, and volunteers interested in helping to build more trails.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board also received two emails from the public prior to the event.

Discussion at the work session included new input from attendees. Participants also discussed trail-related responses from the Parks and Recreation Department's February 2021 community interest survey.

While the trails work session attendees and survey respondents contributed many helpful suggestions and ideas, a few rose to the surface repeatedly.

When asked about existing trails and trail development, the number one most common comment from the public was to please add more trails and trail connectivity in our community. People noted that many people exercise outdoors in Petersburg and our trails allow people to stay healthy and hike, run, and walk in the beauty of nature.

The number two most common public comment was to move forward with a crosstown trail connection, specifically the proposed trail link between Severson's subdivision and the Fire Station/Post Office area of Haugen Dr. This request appeared in 16 different responses in our February 2021 community survey, more than any other new trail-related suggestion by a factor of 8. It was also the proposal most discussed by attendees of the October 2021 trails work session.

Emails to the Parks and Rec Board from business owner David Berg and Severson Subdivision homeowner Casey Knight were also in support of the Severson connector trail. Mr. Berg noted

such a trail would add activities for travelers including those from the harbor or drive down dock and suggested there may be visitor businesses who would partner with the community to construct the trail. Mr. Knight summarized via email and in person at the work session the existing proposal, work done on its behalf by Susan Harai at Petersburg Indian Association, and road blocks its boosters have encountered, namely from the Alaska Department of Transportation. Mr. Knight has collected resident signatures in support of the project and suggested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Petersburg Assembly continue to advocate for the Severson's trail.

While road blocks to the Severson's trail proposal have been encountered in the past, it's clear that public support for the proposal is still broad and enthusiastic enough to warrant further work toward solutions amenable to all stakeholders.

The Petersburg Parks and Recreation Board therefore asks the Petersburg Assembly and Borough staff to increase or re-establish efforts to support the development of the Severson's trail through resolution, direction to staff, or in any way the Assembly finds prudent and effective.

Sincerely,  
Petersburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

## Summary of public comments on trails from the Parks & Rec Department public interest survey, February 2021

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### What Improvements would you like to see in EXISTING trails?

- 18 - Positive feedback about existing trails / statement of use / "great job"
  - 17 - Add more trails
  - 6 - Continue to improve Sandy Beach to City Creek trail / finish link to creek
  - 5 - More garbage cans/ dog poop signage at trail heads
  - 5- Feedback to improve/add more non-Borough trails south of town (partnerships)
  - 3- Increase cross town connectivity Seversons/south end of town to Airport Rd/Haugen/north end of town
  - 3- Plough sidewalks in winter to allow for non-motorized connections to trails
  - 2- More benches for resting
  - 2 - Increase trail maintenance
  - 2 - Clear Hungry pt trails of snow
  - 2- Expand Hungry pt to airport road/sandy beach
  - 1 - Add hand rail on bridge at Sandy Beach
  - 1 -More interpretive signs
  - 1- Expand Ravens Roost area trails
  - 1- More loop trails back to center of town/rec center
  - 1- Expand Sandy Beach to Frederick pt in gravel
  - 1 - Plan for motorized paths around airport road
  - 1- Link T-H Playground to Sandy Beach
  - 1 - Lighting that can add hours to trail use without bothering neighbors
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### What areas would you like to see prioritized in terms of NEW trail development?

- 16 - Cross town connectivity /kings row/Scow bay/Seversons/harbor/south end of town to Airport Rd/Haugen/grocery/north end of town (majority mention seversons)
- 4 - Sandy Beach / City creek completion
- 4 - More connectors at/from existing trails
- 2 - PIA/MVM to Hungry pt system (happening!)
- 2 - Sandy Beach connected across muskeg to town
- 1- Prefers new trails in wooded areas or muskegs, not along roads
- 1 - More trails close to town (rather than out road)
- 1 - Bench/outlook area right at Hungry Point, with developed trail between guard rail and road
- 1- Small gravel BMX loop for kids
- 1 - Water treatment plant to Ravens roots
- 1 - Netting on boards at Blind slough
- 1 - Creekside trail up City Creek
- 1 - Marine: connect the harbors
- 1 - Trails that benefit kids commuting to school or Xcountry team
- 1 - Clear signage, more benches for breaks

# Petersburg Parks & Rec 2021 Public Interest Survey

Created on February 26, 2021

Hours of operation currently are M-F 6am-9pm and Saturday 7am-9pm. Do these hours work for your use of the facility?

129 answers - Average of 4.4 stars



How important to you is it that the facility be open Sunday and Holidays?

128 answers - Average of 3.3 stars



Volunteers have come forward willing to modernize the Rock wall to current safety and equipment. How important is it to you that we have an active rock wall in our gym?

128 answers - Average of 3.3 stars



Do you have any suggestions regarding facility infrastructure? (Sauna, fitness equipment, gym, etc.)

53 answers

keep weight room/cardio equipment better maintained

I'm impressed. a new elliptical would be nice.

2nd squat rack hooks for in wall/update sauna/update outside or add outside courts racquetball ect.

na

clean the pool locker rooms. there is algae growing on the shower floors and the whole place needs a deep clean. I saw a centipede crawling in there in January, that's a sign of moisture problems.

The pool is most important to me, water aerobics. Keep Alice working!

Come up with a plan to repair or replace equipment on a regular basis, using money from the property development fund or other sources

It would be nice if the second bench could be reinstalled in the sauna, and if the door was fixed so it actually closed tightly.

Please continue to plan for space for table tennis either in the raquetball or aerobics rooms or the community room adjacent to the men's shower is .

I feel we have good facilities but in the past there has been an issue with areas/spaces being dirty-dust bunnies, hair, dirty mirrors.....not very inspiring or healthy when you are down on a mat!

Pool noon lap swim - reinstate

Lifting equipment such as more deadlift trap bar, leg press, and machines that can hold plates.

Expansion of the weight room would be amazing- fixing the second barbell station (missing the bar holder piece). The weight room and barbell rack are always the busiest every time I go to the gym!

More availability to the gym. There has been private rentals for a year for some groups. Even when asked to rent it or create own programs the availability is slim. Not one open gym or kid themed gym time.

Better maintenance on the fitness equipment please.

None

More sauna reservation hours!

Cleanliness; upgraded exercise equipment

The gym equipment is in a different spot each season. Perhaps a section dedicated to equipment.

Like how the facility is currently set up with the weight machines in the room with the mirrors.

Men's locker room-return to original. Window or viewing area in racketball court

I like the sauna. Better air filters? Don't know their status

I really want the fitness court free of the large machines.

Open back up for normal use

Sauna is super important. We are also primarily pool users.

The elliptical machines could use a little TLC

Would be nice to be able to reserve a treadmill

I rarely if ever use any of these facilities.

No

Please open up the noon hour lap swim

Just a dream, but some sort of childcare while parents workout would be excellent.

no

I would LOVE to have a rock wall that had auto-belay features, but failing that any rock wall improvements would be great.

More open swim for the kids

It would be nice if the showers provided hot water. Only some of the showers in the pool locker room have hot water. After open swim there isn't enough showers with hot water for everyone and many have to wait while cold.

None

Sauna important

More swim is needed. Facility should be open sundays. But not holidays

Have staff regularly test and maintain equipment.

I preferred the "free weight" weight machines as opposed to the current resistance weight machines... similar to the machines offered in the high school weight room

I would like to see cleaning schedules and record of cleanings for all equipment, including mats, weights and larger equipment. Also recommended cleaning protocols for after and before use posted.

Perhaps a way to see how full each facility is in real time?

would prefer a salt pool instead of chlorine

I think looking into a maintenance and replacement program for current machines/equipment would be great.

More open swim times

More weightlifting equipment and machines, bigger weightlifting area

No

Would be awesome if the potential multi use field was enclosed, similar to the Field House in Juneau

Ice skate rentals. TV and system to stream fitness workouts in fitness room.

Pool hours to include at least 30 minutes a day during lunch would bring more people to the pool as the current hours are a big turn off!

Sanitizer on walls; upgrade treadmills

More ellipticals and stair steppers would be great.

Have a child playroom so is single full time working mommas can work out!

How important is it to you that Parks & Rec work toward adding an All Weather or astro turf multi-use field? (Soccer field type)

126 answers - Average of 3.2 stars



**In addition to our Programs and Community Events, Parks & Rec manages Parks and Playgrounds within the Borough. What changes or improvements would you like to see?**

64 answers

would like to see a park that is open and w/grass for kids/adults to play frisbee ect

More playground @ office end of elementary school

Park bathrooms open during the day time all year.

I don't use the playgrounds to comment.

Love parks and rec!

Would prefer that no more trees be cut down at Sandy Beach Park

More local trails and low maintenance outdoor activity opportunities like horse-shoe pits, pickle-ball, make the baseball fields combined, multi-use fields so that infrastructure gets more use throughout the year.

Cleaning and maintenance.

Better use/maintenance of "ballfields" area. "Soccer" field/track for school and public use

Tennis Courts

The playgrounds are in disrepair. Two playgrounds have been removed over the past few years and little maintenance/improvements have been made to other existing structures. Funding needs to be put into maintaining and upgrading these facilities.

Would love more playground options including one right at the P&R facility. Sad when kids can't play basketball inside, so they're outside but younger siblings have to go to the other end of the school. A playground right outside the facility would be great. Also more options for outdoor events with more tables so like a birthday party can take place outside since we can't rent the facility

I like the current level of effort on the parks and landscaping.

More activities for kids -

Mico spikes for sale (or prizes to earn.) Mico spikes help people stay upright when it's slippery in snow.

The southern most park is Ira II.

It would be nice to have another park near the ferry terminal- Seversons area.

I'd like to see a playground out back in at the top of Howak

Playground added in Severson area.

Would love to see a playground in the Lumber St & Severson neighborhoods, perhaps at a new trailhead! This end of town has limited opportunities for hiking and recreating.

Outdoor obstacle course

All the playgrounds need upgrading and regular maintenance.



Mandate and enforce masks and volume of people in particular areas

Keep them. City parks are a great opportunity for kids in the neighborhood

Rest rooms available at playgrounds

Keep up and improve the playgrounds and trails

Parks rebuilt at sandy beach

More race type events and friendly competition. Softball leagues, bball leagues, anything that builds community through sports

The playgrounds are nice, but the ones with roofs are so dark- I wish they had some sun tuff or skylight areas for those dreary days.

My sons favorite activities are not with the equipment- he loves moving rocks and channeling water and other Kinder Sog like activities. I also wish there was more partnership and focus on the community garden and spaces to promote play with dirt, rocks, and water, etc. It would be awesome to have some big piles of sand and a play area for the preschool/kinder kids. Like a giant sandbox with a drainage area and permission to go nuts.

More playground equipment

Bathrooms year round at sandy beach and ball field. Also lights at ballfield so it can be used more in winter

Thank you for keeping them so clean and the trash picked up!

Covered seating areas at parks is very nice!

More trails and snow removal on trails. It was awesome to have Hungry Point loop cleared!!

Upgrade Hungry Point trail to be more accessible. Either hard gravel surface or boardwalk. Renew focus on neighborhood playgrounds. Prioritize replacement of aging infrastructure such as steps along North Nordic. Advocate for more bike/pedestrian paths along the Mitkof Highway. Explore the possibility of acquiring Mental Health beachfront along the highway to preserve open space.

T-H playground put back, or bird viewing park there.

I would like the old containers and gross pile of astroturf or whatever it is to be removed from the ball park near the 'skate rink'. Such an old old eyesore.

Involvement with the community garden for classes or volunteering with the school as a partner

It would be great to have a track for 5k running races/ practice.

none

We love when parks and rec is open! Cant wait for it to be open again! Would also love to bring back tot tim

Can't think of anything!

I love the flowers and up keep that Jesse does in the parks. Please keep it going.

Long term planning for all of these

get rid of masking

Put a wooden exterior around the metal storage hut at Sandy Beach or relocate it. It's ugly - and doesn't complement all the improvements to Petersburg's heritage park.

Better clean up/trash security. I know it's not people trashing the place because you can tell when you pick up some of it- it's totally animals. I wonder if the garbage cans had better lids would animals get into them as much?

More trails and playground upgrades, since we haven't had access to the gym and pool

Nothing comes to mind. P&R manages a lot.

It would be nice for the playground on 4th to be covered, so kids can still play during yucky weather

I would like to see more access available for public restrooms.

No comment at this time

the parks & trails seem well-managed. thank you! please don't cut any more trees at Sandy Beach.

Right now in the next one to three years we need to focus on our current facilities and trails for maintenance and upgrade. Making too many changes at this time seems like a step away from deferred maintenance and up keep needed. Our parks/playgrounds and infrastructure should be updated.

Zumba or Jazzercisr

Open swim

I would love to see the continued development of additional playgrounds

Smokefree policies in collaboration with PIA Tobacco Program.

Keep them open

I would like to see the playground that used to be up behind the grocery store re-establish. More general upkeep of playgrounds would be much appreciated

More swings

No masks

Would like to see different playground equipment. Maybe a tire swing. Other types of swings. A spinning type toy. Wrangell school has a lot of good stuff for example. More basketball hoops.

A playground on the south side of town

A track and field area

Kids play area for moms!

Petersburg Parks & Rec partners  
with Petersburg Indian Association  
to manage and create our local trails.

What improvements or changes  
would you like to see in existing  
trails?

64 answers

the trails here are very well maintained

more established hiking trails

one around the loop. more benches

more trails out the road and along creeks, more campgrounds in new places, 3 lakes road.....

i think you are doing a great job on trails, looking forward to completion of mt view manor to existing boardwalk. maybe more trail up in the raven roost access area

Keep up the great work and continue to expand trail system.

I love the city creek trail! continued improvements would be nice, but even how it is, it is great!

They are great!

More trails in the community

Very appreciative of existing trails!

Possibly install garbage cans at the beginnings and ends of the the trails.

Keeping up with maintenance. More reminders for people to clean up after dogs.

More trails out the road - south of town

continued growth in the non motorized connectivity across the community. Things like the hungry point trail, the bike path. Pathways linking neighborhoods and downtown area is greatly beneficial. Suggestions might be to plan for motorized paths on the airport road, connecting severions subdivision into the airport road, branches off of the hungry point trail.

While PIA is open to listening to suggestions, ultimately, any funding that is spent from PIA on trails is the decision of the tribal council.

More trails the better! There are no trails passed town though, seeing some in other areas would be great too

I'm happy with the current trails. Maybe a little more upkeep on gravel trails.

Finish that connects from Sandy Beach to Cabin Creek.

Netting on boardwalk at Blind River Rapids

Trail system is awesome anything to expand it with loops back to rec center are great!

Sidewalks getting plowed in the winter to create an inner connected trail system of the trails that we currently have.

I would love to see the trail from sandy beach to city creek further improved

More.

Extensions to existing. Especially bike paths- extend further out the road

Loops from Severson's to PIA

Hand rail on bridge at Sandy beach boardwalk

Love our trails, doing a great job, few more sitting benches

N/a

The trails are awesome!! Maybe more destinations? Picnic spots or view points with info about the landscape and history

Really love our trails. We use the in town system a lot!!!

REALLY appreciate whoever is plowing the Hungry Point trail in the winter. Love the poop bag dispensers - as many trash cans as possible are nice so you don't have to carry the bag around forever.

Nothing- they are great!

I love the local trails, thank you and PIA for doing a spectacular job!

Love our trails, love this program, would love to see the completion of, or at least extension of, the trail from sandy beach to city creek.

See above. LOVE the trails and that they are starting to link together.

See above comment about Hungry Point trail. Continue to upgrade City Creek trail.

Another trail from old T-H playground to make another loop to 14th street or better yet towards Sandy Beach.

I hugely appreciate these trails and their upkeep. My ask would be to recognize the high levels of use on these trails and other outdoor recreational opportunities and support this partnership with gusto! For many of our citizens we use these trails and **DO NOT USE THE INDOOR FACILITIES EVER!** Indoor use seems to get the bulk of attention.

I love all the trails so far!

I love seeing the trails becoming more accessible!

none

Signs regarding picking up after dogs would be great.

I enjoy all of the trails in town and can't think of any changes at this time.

Important they have been doing a great job. Continue

they are good but we need more trails

Wonderful job - keep on doing what you are doing!

More trails. They all get a lot of use.

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A partnership with a community member to officially clear the trails in the winter.

Love the trails, I think they are beautifully done

Not a trail issue necessarily but it would be great if the sidewalks were shoveled. Maybe a way to keep folks employed? It's a huge safety issue when folks are pushing strollers and walking dogs on the road because sidewalks are impassable due to snow.

More ! Especially for running. The current trails are awesome!

Love the trails!

Sandy beach to Frederick pt. With some gravel

If possible, it would be awesome to perhaps incorporate a disc golf course of some kind in conjunction with a trail

Ohmers creek trail has a portion that is always under water and difficult to cross. It's supposed to be a bridge

i personally like the rest of Sandy Beach trail rough as is (no further "improvements"), but i understand that the boardwalks & gravel trails get more people out. i can live with it. please don't cut any more trees along the trail. please shovel snow on sidewalks leading to Libby Strait trail.

Any additional trails are always great! Maybe an additional off shoot from the hungry point trail that goes back through the muskeg and connects to the airport bike path.

n/a

A maintenance schedule for existing trails, and a long term plan to add additional trails connecting neighborhoods. Snow removal would be nice too.

3 Lakes has some very muddy trail sections and could use boardwalk repairs in multiple locations.

More garbage pickup

N/a

Trail connecting south and north sides of town

None just more of them! They're great!

What areas would you like to see prioritize in terms of new trail development?

59 answers

along 3 lakes loop road

both directions sandy beach to downtown

the school track & field behind the school!!! Field of dreams! Ohmer Creek trail, three lake trail and more

see above

Tlingit & Haida subdivision to Sandy Beach

wooded and muskeg areas similar to city creek and ravens roost. nothing along roads.

More close to town like the one in construction progress.

Severson subdivision area to Haugen Drive and Hammer and Wikan shopping center

I would like to see a trail from Severson Subdivision, at the corner of Queen and Odin, across to Noseeum, up Pearl F, and then across to Haugen Drive (next to the fire hall). This would be a great benefit to the community. In addition, future extensions/improvements could be made from the south end of Severson Subdivision to McGill's trailer court, and even from there to the cemetery. Petersburg would truly have a crosstown trail system, like most developed towns in the nation.

In the beginning of 2020, before the pandemic, I circulated a petition for signatures in support of such a trail, and collected a few dozen. Almost everyone is strongly in favor of the idea.

We need a trail between the Severson Neighborhood, to the end of Lumber St. and over to the fire station. This would make Petersburg MUCH more pedestrian friendly. Really want to see this trail built!!!

Increase options and trail links for folks to walk from their neighborhoods to services and outdoor rec opportunities (the post office and grocery store, ball fields, airport hiking area, sandy beach). I would like to see a trail that links Severson to Lumber street to the Fire station area.

Although expensive upfront, a small gravel BMX loop would be great for our kids if possible at some point.

Continue developing new and inter-connecting existing trails.

anywhere and everywhere.

Doggie poop bags on Ravens Roost Trail

connecting seversons subdivision

Work towards completion of city creek trail. PIA Tribal Council determines what the priorities are for utilizing tribal transportation funds (that includes what trails they will design and construct). If the borough agrees with the development of the trail, it moves forward. Parks and rec does not drive the direction of PIA's transportation funding.

Severson to Haugen connection would be nice when funding is available.

Sandy Beach

Netting on boardwalk at Blind River Rapids

Connectors to existing trails like ravens roost

There was a proposal for a walkway on the inside of the island so people could walk to the harbor or ferry terminal to the grocery store? That sounded like a nice way to go!

The connection from Howkan to the existing trail from North 14th

Creekside trail up City Creek

Heavily support trail connecting Lumber St and Severson to the trail network, love the one that was proposed and delayed so far and would like to see us keep working to make that happen.

Boardwalk to main bike path behind the airport across from the dog park

Connect the harbors. Publish a map or work with the Pilot to add to visitors guide

No specific areas but close to town, longer trails, connected to various entry points like hungry point trail

To be usable in winter is it possible to have trail clearing from snow?

N/a

It would be nice if the trails punched through to Kings Row or Seversons. We live by the bike path which is nice, but I'd love to be able to connect the back way, avoiding the traffic. It would also be nice to have another trail out the road somewhere with an over look.

Make a loop connecting the trail by MVM to the boardwalk that heads toward the water treatment plant. Would be nice not to have to go along Sandy Beach Rd when going from the boardwalk to the gravel trail on the Hungry Pt. loop. Extend the elevated Sandy Beach Trail a bit, but not all the way - or maybe just upgrade the more rustic trail to avoid large mucky spots.

Trail across muskeg from Scow Bay Area to Post Office area!

Completion of the trail to city creek.

Near town

Improve the connection between the Elementary School boardwalk and the Hungry Point trail.

The above one or trail from Severson's to town.

I would very much like to see more trails offered around town (new ones not existing ones). A bike or hiking trail could be put in off the airport access road (closer to the end of the runway) as well as by the old ski hill in cabin creek rd.



Create a Short cut route up Ravens Roost from the one way by pass road near the water treatment plant. Could make a little parking zone at first turnout and allow a few people to park there to hike up to metal bench but along the muskeg-forest edge. It's an alternate route Not well known but people use it, it cuts off the whole route that people use with their dogs from Sandy beach to quickly access the FS trail if that's the destination. People can park at water treatment office building and access a cut off trail from there to the metal bench as another option. Another mini trail is to fix the route from the dog shelter to tie into the ravens trail. Right now it's a jumbled mix of slippery old boards. People use it but it's dangerous.

Lighting on some trails that won't disrupt the view for neighbors but would allow more use in winter.

Trail from Severson's to Post Office

Connector from fire hall to Severson's subdivision; connector from severson's to Scow Bay Waterline Access Road (around western end of airport runway)

None. the trails themselves are fabulous!

more of them

A bench/outlook at Hungry Pt. A walkway on the beach side from town out to Hungry Point - an informal one currently exists on the beachside of the guardrail.

Anywhere

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Trails that connect with local trails and benefit kids walking to school and X-country team.

Create a gravel trail for the rest of the sandy beach to city creek. Less maintenance issues with gravel and easier access to the beach. Also think it would be great to consider a campground in city limits.

Hilly areas. An additional trail system on ravens that approached from hungerford side.

A trail above the Frederick pt road back to dump hill road so z Az person could walk a loop

Clear signage and the ability to take breaks during walks with strategic benches

trail network connecting neighborhoods (Kiseno, Lumber, Kings Row) to airport bypass road & fire station

Trail to connect

Not sure.

A trial connecting the haul road (behind airport) to Severson' Sub and Haugen Drivem.

Broken trail and boardwalk areas repaired on 3 Lakes.

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N/a

South side of town

Areas by water

### Youth Basketball grades K-6

87 answers - Average of 4.1 stars



### Youth Volleyball grades 6-8

84 answers - Average of 4.1 stars



### Indoor Soccer grades 3-5

83 answers - Average of 4.0 stars



Outdoor Soccer grades 3-5  
80 answers - Average of 3.9 stars



**Is there another Program you would like to see offered at Parks & Rec?**

55 answers

karate, kickboxing, for adults and children

yoga

na

I don't have knowledge of the kids programs to comment. But I believe having programs like those for kids are very important.

More fitness for seniors.

n/a

Martial arts or personal self defense geared toward school-aged active resistance to bullying.

climbing

Tennis

Gymnastics

Kids jump rope, gymnastics, after school open gym

I didn't know there has been soccer- would be great if there is. Also unfortunate that there is no middle school activities such as basketball. They are the grades most susceptible to peer pressure and starting to get into trouble. Most aren't interested in swimming anymore, would be great to have basketball.

Karate

Cycling; summer swim program; activities during summer

Gymnastics

Gymnastics and more tots or children's yoga

Cheer Camp

Bring back yoga and kick boxing on weekends

Gymnastics, martial arts, hockey

Flag football

Tae Kwon Do

I wish I could opt out of this section about kids programming- because I don't have connections with them at this time.

Gymnastics

Martial arts like karate, judo, jujitsu, or even just self defense. All ages or just for kids.

Fun game play for kids on Sat and Sunday with camp counselor types leading them

More youth programs that are not court based. Such as summer camps. More nature-based programming. Partner with Library to leverage resources. Reinstate regular Red Cross babysitter classes. Activities for visitors such as guided walks.

Physical activity mini action course for youngsters. Small hurdles, fence climbing, tire hopping, rope climbing, etc. any eye, hand feet, actions...could compete in teams.

Martial arts. I have an adolescent son that is very interested.

Would be great to make it less formidable for individuals to conduct classes at the center. The community gym is a great place for group aerobics, yoga, Zumba, etc., yet instructors have expressed discouragement at being able to hold classes there.

Nature and art

Noon lap swim

no

Tball, youth baseball, and soccer for the younger kids ages 3+! I know the parents would step up to help make it happen

Youth Wrestling

Flag football, CrossFit games

Tumbling, gymnastics

Gymnastics would be wonderful,

baseball for all ages and adults

Pickle ball

Bring youth soccer back. And indoor gyms for tots

N/A

FOOTBALL!!

Online exercise classes! Pay the instructors for classes.

After-school programs for k-5 in partnership with school maybe?

Outdoor disc golf

Gymnastics, kid zumba,

Not sure.

Water polo. Keep building open mostly

More programs for K-3, indoor/outdoor soccer for that age would be awesome

Lacrosse

Golf or frisbee golf, kids love frisbee golf!

Tennis, gymnastics, Zumba, hockey.

Kids Zumba, Gymnastics

More for Kinder's and first graders!

Soccer for older kids past Grade 5.

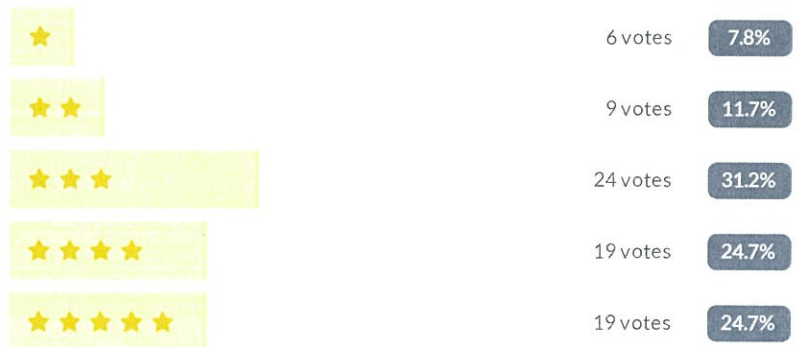
### Adult Master Swim

85 answers - Average of 4.0 stars



### Adult Volleyball

77 answers - Average of 3.5 stars



### Fitness Classes for Seniors

83 answers - Average of 4.1 stars



### Zumba

80 answers - Average of 3.8 stars



### Yoga

90 answers - Average of 4.1 stars



### Water Volleyball?

74 answers - Average of 3.4 stars



### Pickle Ball?

74 answers - Average of 3.4 stars



### Fitness Class

92 answers - Average of 4.1 stars





**Do you have any Programs you would like to see started?**

43 answers

it has been awhile since able to go to any classes. racquetball a program that connects team players with each other. a way to meet players/partners.

Make it easier for instructors to teach-insurance? we have great instructors, seems the insurance issue or what ever caused many to quit offering classes.

Love to try pickle ball.

n/a

Tennis

Strength training and HIIT classes. Scheduled adult basketball or open gym time (mate does not need to be a program but a time slot)

Water volleyball and pickle ball would be fun

TRX

The swim program masters starting is excellent.

Frisbee golf corse!

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Adult leagues- basketball, softball, volleyball- something to build community and give us options

Fencing

N/a

More water aerobics!!

Water volleyball? Waterpolo, yes, but there aren't enough adult swimmers. Speaking of that- I think a push for adult swimming lessons is very appropriate. Learn to lap swim, etc. Also, there used to be underwater speakers- miss those.

And organized city league for adult basketball and volleyball

Tai chi

Martial Arts

TRX

Reinstate fitness classes.

Love the deep water aerobics class! Maybe add a shallow water aerobics like they had in the past. Warm water pool yoga, walking and stretching especially for those with limitations. Would have to be small classes.

I've never heard of Zumba being offered there. Are we rating based on interest, or??? I would LIKE to see it there...

Fitness designed for seniors or those with back issues

Would love to have any of these programs back and available now.

CrossFit games

None

Summer youth programs

group meditating

Wilderness education programs for the youth and adults.

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N/A

Spinning

I would like to see aqua Zumba again. Low impact for good movement not initiating pain of joints. Water helps where gravity is a hindrance.

Not a program BUT it would be nice to have a play area w/caregiver for children while parents utilize the weight room or attend a class. I would gladly pay a fee and sign up ahead of time. My 3 year old is the only thing that stops me from attending regular classes...

Adult basketball is one program I'm very interested in; however, I currently prefer to withhold my participation until after the pandemic

Coed Adult kickball or softball

Beginners fitness class, low impact fitness classes, small group fitness.

A cross fit or HIIT

Not during working hours or right at 5 PM.

I'd love late at night or early in the AM classes

Spin

CrossFit

More adult basketball for men and women.

I hope that when fitness classes start up again they are structured so that instructors are able to easily meet the necessary requirements to teach.

**Would you be interested in leading a fitness class or Program? Please list what you would be interested in doing.**

15 answers

would be interested in tennis court construction/maintenance and trail building

n/a

Yes- strength and HIIT

Boxing w focus mitts (no sparring)

A get in shape outdoor fitness class/club would be great - group walks/hikes/bike rides and outdoor "boot camp" style exercises.

No

Yes, rehab yoga

I have taught and coached swimming here (and elsewhere) in the past. I could teach short bursts of lessons occasionally. I am not interested or able to do a long series at this time. I think more needs to be done to collect waitlist type info- so scheduling can include some interested folks vs. setting something up and then trying to publicize etc. I enjoy doing waterbabies, adults, and lessons really, but I am not looking for a job doing that right now. I'd also be happy to help talk about lesson programming and setting up/training swim teachers, but I've let all my training licenses lapse.

Possibly a warm water limited class for seniors that focuses on stretching, yoga, breathing and some walking. Maybe even a dry one!

No

N/A

NA

Perhaps...I have prior experience with adult basketball but I would need to re-evaluative after the pandemic

No.

Maybe kids basketball.

**Many of Parks & Rec Programs involve coaching, scoring, set up etc. Would you or your family members be interested in volunteering to help with any Programs?**

129 answers

Scoring

ranking: 1.7 / 3

Set Up

ranking: 1.8 / 3

Coaching

ranking: 2.4 / 3

The Aquatic Center offers multiple time slots for use. Of these activities which ones would you like more opportunities to participate?

89 answers - 143 votes



**Is there any suggestions you would like to give the Parks & Rec Director and Advisory Board to consider offering to our community?**

50 answers

Thank you for allowing the public to use this facility for free during the pandemic

more flower sit down areas

kids swimming 3x a week is too little!! 3-5 yr old kids should have time every day.

Outdoor volleyball-maybe create a sandy beach like spot open to anyone. our kids and teenagers need more activity option in the evenings outdoors.

Please make an outdoor tennis court. Really like how clean facility is now.

water aerobic often conflicts lap swimming in the mornings. lap swimmers show up at 6 and there are often more than lane space. and then the water aerobic participants show up and want the lap swimmers to move. if the changed the footprint for the aerobics to take up a narrower band of the whole length of the pool instead of one quadrant, or provided additional lap swim hours on the days that aerobics is held, this conflict could be improved.

Keep going! These programs are going great and vital for our community. I love that youth is free, and seniors pay more. Seniors have more assets than kids do!

Hire a consultant to come up with a long term plan for regular maintenance repair and replacement of existing facilities and equipment. The borough will eventually own a great deal of land and will be able to fund things with the property development fund. Prepare for that and prioritize the top needs for replacement and repair in anticipation of having that money to spend.

Thank you for all you do!

More trails!

Keep asking the community for input, even if you don't get much response, you never know when a gem of an idea may come up! Thank you all for giving us a chance to share our opinions and I'm looking forward to seeing our Parks and Rec dept. flourish under Ms. Payne's leadership!

Keeping a balance of opportunities and use for all members and interests in the community

Please reopen on Sundays! It would be great to have another weekend day to use the gym and attend open swim. An afternoon and evening session each day would be great! Also, with Monday holidays 2 day gym closures are a bummer! Also if family's could book an open swim time for bday parties, on a limited basis, that would be awesome.

More time in the gym for kids. Or just open gym availability

Consistent service in a clean facility. Stay with the basics and be a reliable fitness resource for the community. Thank you for reaching out to the community.

Wellness activities in collaboration with hospital.

Micro spikes available for sale

Regarding the question about Sunday and holidays. I would say Sunday's are a great option in town since there are little to no open facilities on Sundays. Closed holidays.

Thank you!

Charge for ski rentals

Yes- I no longer use the facility because people aren't wearing masks and crowd into workout areas. These things need to be monitored and enforced. I don't feel safe coming there and the pool volume of people needs to be controlled too. We're still in the middle of a pandemic

Thanks for reaching out to us

We really enjoyed and miss doing community kids time at the gym. We aren't feeling ready to go back in public spaces like that yet. One of the coolest random swim things I've seen was watsu. A massage therapist trained to do this relaxing stretching in the warm water therapy. I got to experience it during a parks and rec conference here years ago. Generally, I think building relationships with the public is super important. There were some big issues about a decade back during the shift to a new pool that had serious consequences on community trust and confidence. Other directors inherited some of those relationships and that has made things tough.

Thank you for your service to our community!

More gear rental!

Thanks for this outreach. I think Stephanie is the best thing to happen to P&R since Ryan left.

Consider reinstating Parks and Rec advisory board reports to the Assembly. It will help improve visibility of the Department and better represent community voices. Make sure advisory board meetings are well advertised and open to the public.

Just a big thank you!

In addition to the new trails I mentioned above, I'd like to see an additional beach area near 5 -6 mile as there are some open lots and it gets sun much later in the day. All that may be needed is some clearing, pullout parking and steps? A couple picnic benches too. Thank you! - Carissa Cotta

I have spoke with several friends and would love to discuss the possibility of a morning homeschool Open gym. I will call to discuss this more once the borough is no longer "in the red zone" but thought we could maybe try for a Wednesday or Thursday morning PE class for the home schooled children. Do a Max-capacity if needed with sign in sheet similar to what is used for sign-in with pool time. We could also wipe down/disinfect used equipment after the hour is up, prior to leaving.

Open at 5am or somehow allow access by means of a key card to just the fitness room/weight room

Nothing. Thank you for all you do for our community!

Very glad there is a board now. A longer comprehensive. Plan.

community picnics, any other activities that would be unifying.

The indoor adult hockey in the gym is ruining the maple floor the the hockey pucks are marring the walls and pads. I know at least one person has taken a puck right in the face when entering the gym. Move them outside in the covered basketballs area. Hockey is an OUTDOOR sport!

Additional focus and oversight on community parks including opportunities for new ones.

Don't cut trees. They are important to parks and recreation

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Keep up the good work!

You're doing a fantastic job keeping activities going in spite of Covid.

I'd like to see some Sunday hours, even if it's a partial day. But holidays it's appropriate to be closed. Thank you for doing this! Our family cannot wait to get back to p&r.

Appreciate your effort, and your work

No other suggestions at this time; great job in continuing to improve all programs and being transparent with updates!

i'm glad to see the advisory board back. thanks for all you do (board and P&R staff)

I know people might be interested in new and more for our community center. Those ideas are grand on a five to ten year plan. Right now it seems the current facilities could use more in depth updating.

Sandy Beach bathrooms are great but if we could add diaper changing stations, better locks on the doors, and a outside wash facility.

Improving the sand volleyball court (we love using for birthdays and random outing). Would be a five year objective.

If PNR is involved with the stairs leading to the beach along N. Nordic, they need replacing or restructuring.

Community members are very interested in the pond at the ball field for ice skating. The pond was heavily used for the week we had frozen weather. Maybe work with Sig Burrell and others to allow for future use with potable lights so both the pond and ball fields could use the lights.

We have an amazing community center and over the years there have been hiccups. Yet every time there was a crisis, they have come back better than before. Investing in the community and making sure to charge fees where fees are needed is a step in the right direction to offset costs of maintaining and investing in the future.

I would really really like to see the pool and facility open again on sundays and open swims again on Saturday afternoons. It's nice to have a place for family activities on the weekends.

Larger cardio areas where there's more privacy for people to work out (I know this is a big ask and probably not possible).

Having the aquatic center open earlier during the week, limited hours on Sunday's, and being open some Monday holiday's would be awesome!

It about time that we think about golf. Our population is not getting younger, its getting older. We should start to think about adding a golf/frisbee golf course.

For swim you should not have people line up outside. Should have people call in to reserve their spot to swim and show up at a certain time that you give them. Like have some people come in 15 minutes before swim, then the next group comes in to get ready 10 minutes before and so on... and go inside not wait in line outside. Just require a mask. Makes more sense then everyone being right beside each other outside hoping to get in while in the cold with small children.

Great job guys!