

Community Recreation Center



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The FAQs below help to answer the most common questions that have come up during this process.

What is the West Linn Community Recreation Center?

The West Linn Community Recreation Center is still a concept, for a building that would combine social spaces and active recreation spaces. Based on the community's input so far, we are exploring a building that includes:

- Gymnasium (2 court)
- indoor walking track
- Weight and cardio space
- Group exercise rooms (2)
- Flexible community room
- Kitchen

Each of these spaces would be designed to maximize the flexibility of programs and activities that can be offered to the community.

How will we pay for it?

The City does not have funds set aside to build or operate this facility; like other public buildings, we would look to the voters of West Linn to approve bonds to cover construction costs. We are aiming for a highly efficient and sustainable facility but will likely need to identify additional money for annual staffing and programming. One option would be a local option levy, which could be voted on at the same time as the bond vote.

Do I have to pay an entry fee?

Anyone is welcome to come in and use the public spaces for free, and the City will provide some free programs and events. For fitness, gym, walk/jog track, and basic class participation a small drop-in fee or membership will be required. City residents will receive a discounted rate and scholarships are available for individuals or households with limited incomes.

Why do we need a new Center?

None of the City's current facilities provide adequate space for recreation, a long-time need in the community. The City's adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan (updated in 2019) reinforced this need for a new building that would combine social and active recreation spaces. In 2023, the City Council set a goal to explore the feasibility of this idea. Community input continues to support the idea.

Where would the Center be located?

The most obvious site for the Center is at the Parker Road property next to Tanner Creek Park. This City-owned property meets all requirements for a community recreation center. The property is near a future bus line, Rosemont Ridge Middle School, and would enhance the existing park features and activities, including Music in the Park.

Who will use the Center?

As a public facility, the Center will be for everyone. Our goal is to create a space that welcomes all West Linn residents —kids, teens, adults, parents, seniors, and people from all income levels, races, and ethnic backgrounds.

Will the Center have a pool?

Not at this time, but the concept we are developing will reserve space for a future pool and is a first step to make a pool possible. It is important to note that the City of Lake Oswego and Lake Oswego School District are nearing completion of a pool and recreation center. The impact of this new facility is not yet clear.

When will the Center be built?

There are several steps to complete before the Community Recreation Center can be constructed. Right now, we are having a conversation in the community to refine the idea to a concept plan. This process will also include polling voters in the community about their support. The City Council will review the concept plan, the level of support, and the costs involved, to decide about putting this to a vote of the public in November. Once funding is approved, we will move into the design, construction, and eventual opening of the Center. We anticipate the entire process could take 3-5 years.

How can I get involved?

You can sign up for email updates to learn about opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

See the links below:

Sign up for email updates to learn how to get involved: [CLICK HERE](#) or scan

More information available at the City's Website:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/community-recreation-center-feasibility-study-phase-2>

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