MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY (2012)

Total Responses: 515

Female - 344 Male - 155

Under 19 – 1

20 - 49 - 59

50 – 59 - 83

60 - 69 - 133

70 - 79 - 119

80 - 89 - 81

90+ - 21

Marital status

Single, never married - 44

Separated - 1

Widowed - 114

Married - 281

Divorced - 55

Highest Level of Education Completed:

Less than High School - 166

Some College - 97

4-yr. Bachelor's Degree - 102

Doctorate - 0

High School or GED- 147 2-yr. Associate Degree - 46

Master's Degree - 66

Combined/total household income:

Less than \$10,000 - 30

\$10,001 - \$35,000 - 158

\$35,001 - \$60,000 - 90

\$60,001 - \$85,000 - 63

\$85,001 - \$110,000 - 41

more than \$110,001-29

What is your zip code:

| 54410 – 7 Arpin | 54412 – 7 Auburndale | 54420 – 1 Chili | 54421 – 2 Colby |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 54426 – 1 Edgar | 54436 – 2 Granton | 54441 – 10 Hewitt | 54446 – 1 Loyal |
| 54449 – 434 Marshfield | 54460 – 1 Owen | 54466 – 2 Pittsville | 54467 – 1 Plover |
| 54479 – 5 Spencer | 54484 – 9 Stratford | 54494 - 2 Wisconsin Rapids | 54495 - 1 Wisconsin Rapids |

Have you ever **been in** the **current** Senior Community Center (located on South Maple Ave. in Marshfield)?

Yes - 412 No - 103

Rate the **current** Senior Community Center's atmosphere as far as courtesy and friendliness:

Excellent - 74

Good - 167

Fair - 112

Poor - 45

Comments: None

YES - 125 NO - 390

If "No" why not? (Check all that apply.)

Didn't know there was a Senior Community Center in Marshfield

Yes - 125 No - 290

I'm over 50, but don't feel I'm a "senior" yet

Yes - 109 No - 406

Don't know what services/activities are offered

Yes - 103 No - 412

Not interested in current services/activities

Yes – 87 No - 428

Too busy with other activities

Yes - 130 No - 385

Lack of Transportation

Yes - 23 No - 492

Disabled

Yes – 10 No - 505

Don't know anyone there

Yes – 82 No - 433

Atmosphere

Yes - 58 No - 457

Other?

Yes - 67 No - 448

Comments:

Activities not needed at this time but may participate in future.

Adequate library and other centers of activities.

Classes in exercise that I would participate in are too expensive for me.

Cost of gas, 60 miles

Do not live in Marshfield

Do not wish to slow down yet =)

Do this when retired

Don't care to go.

Don't feel welcome

Don't live in area, only work here.

Don't welcome newcomers, shuned

Exterior is not inviting

Health problems

Heard rumors that the place is run by a few people and it runs there way or no way

Home obligation and volunteering

Husband passed away April 2012

I am a younger and employed working with seniors

I am just a new member

I am not a senior

I am too young

I babysat for a friend the last 5 years.

I have friends and other activities that keep me busy.

I still work full time.

I tried to hold a meeting there where one piece of the meeting would be at the library and the other at the SCC but was told there would be a charge to use the facility.

I was only there to meet as a group as a volunteer for the United Way

I was there to lecture

I work full time

I'm age 65 and still working a full time job.

I'm barely thirty

I'm not a senior

I'm not a senior yet

It's stuck in a time warp; unfriendly clique

Just found out one could rent facility

Live 17 miles away

Live in a different town.

Live outside of Marshfield and cost of traveling is an issue

MARSH-21 meetings

more polka dancing

Never had the need to go

not 50

Not 50

not a "senior" (3)

Not a senior citizen; not connected to anyone who is.

not a senior, yet.

Not at this time. Cedar Rail has activities. Store my car in the winter.

not challenged by any of the offers

Not in the little group. They do not want new people of idea's, only people to take orders.

not old

Not old enough - 40

Not over 50 yet.

not that age yet

not yet a senior

offered information to the members

still working

still working full time

the one time I was there, I was ignored

they need exercise program

This is an unpublicized venture and no staff

This place is a joke: no staff, no active advertising, no plan, not a place for active seniors it's just a club.

too clicky, no friendliness

Too far to drive

Too far to travel

Too young (2)

under 50 - I will use it when I'm able

usually much older people there

very humiliated at square dancing by John and lady in charge.

wasn't welcome earlier when disabled

Working (2)

What activities do you participate in at the current Senior Community Center?

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|---|----------|----------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Played cards | | Wii Bowling | | | |
| Yes – 58 | No – 457 | Yes - 39 | No - 476 | | |
| Bingo | | Chess | | | |
| Yes - 60 | No – 455 | Yes - 12 | No - 503 | | |
| Cribbage | | Shoot Pool | | | |
| Yes – 6 | No - 509 | Yes – 6 | No - 509 | | |
| Crafts | | Computer Us | е | | |
| Yes – 0 | No – 515 | Yes - 21 | No - 494 | | |
| Exercise | | Tai Chi | | | |
| Yes – 13 | No – 502 | Yes - 23 | No - 492 | | |
| Free health screenings | | Tax Preparati | Tax Preparation | | |
| Yes - 50 | No – 465 | Yes - 17 | No - 498 | | |
| Square Dancing | | Potluck or Bru | Potluck or Brunch or Dinners | | |
| Yes – 34 | No – 481 | Yes - 37 | No - 478 | | |
| Computer Training | | Reserve for a | Reserve for an event | | |
| Yes – 13 | No - 502 | Yes - 73 | No - 442 | | |
| Educational Program | | Meeting | | | |
| Yes – 24 | No – 491 | Yes - 25 | No - 490 | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| Yes – 27 | No – 488 | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Comments:

**What family, friends, other activities, and centers already provide.

a keyboard with light and stand.

Aging and disability classes meet here at times.

bible study by religion

Don't participate

Drivers safety program - AARP

Farmer Coupons

fitness machines

Haven't been there yet.

Healing Touch - Exercise Equipment

health fair once

I vote there.

I went to Tai Chi a couple time - 2 years ago.

knitting

Laugh with my friends

Meet friends

N/A

Never used activities

Not necessary

Play the accordian for them

Polka dancing. Wed. 1-3 P.M.

Puzzles (2)

s.s. information

singing group (2)

socializing and friends

Vote there (3)

Rate your satisfaction with the **current** Senior Community Center's activities:

Excellent - 59 Good - 97

Fair - 55

Poor - 18

Comments: None

How do you usually get to the current Senior Community Center?

Drove my own vehicle - 207

Rode with a friend - 20

Taxi cab - 7

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) bus - 1

Other - 14

Comments:

do not attend

Attended as group activity for assisted living.

Don't go to the Center (4)

Don't take part

from out of town, many miles away

My daughter drove me, when I was going, now she works

N/A (3)

Never been there

Walk (3)

would drive my own vehicle

How did you learn about activities at the **current** Senior Community Center?

Marshfield News-Herald

Yes – 89 No - 426

Buyer's Guide

Yes - 23 No - 489

Radio

Yes - 16 No - 499

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Yes – 46 No - 469

Cable TV

Yes - 10 No - 505

"Around the Kitchen Table" (ADRC's monthly newsletter)

Yes - 62 No - 453

Parks & Recreation Department.

Yes - 39 No - 453

Internet

No - 504 Yes – 11

Friend

Yes – 111 No - 504

Other? If other, where?

Yes - 38 No – 477

Comments:

a square dancer

always there

at coffee at McDonald's

aunt went there and I took her

By word of mouth

calendar that comes out every month

church bulletin

City officials.

do not hear or see much

each months calander at center

FanFare Forum 55+

First time - to make out taxes

flyer

Forum 55 news

Forum 55 newsletter from the clinic.

general awareness for years

haven't heard about activities much

I vote there.

Internet

just stopped and looked around

Library bulletin board

Library Propaganda

monthly calendar of events

N/A

Never been there (2)

news letter

Parents (2)

phone call to parks and rec.

poor communication with community. never hear of any activities there.

private party

social security

the Sr. Center calendar of events

There's a monthly calendar

This is Linda Vruwink P & Rec gave SCET an office in Senior Center.

Walk in---not welcomed by seniors.

word of mouth (2)

Is there a need for a full-time employee to plan activities at the Senior Community Center?

YES - 178 NO - 337

Comments:

?? Usually volunteers

A coordinator is needed to monitor/schedule events and oversee daily activities.

a full time employee would be in charge - instead of volunteers making decisions

A full-time person would increase continuity and bring a "face" to the center

A person to direct activities would help to offer more and diverse opportunities

activities director is a must - especially detail oriented and able to deal with crabby people.

All other senior centers in central Wisconsin have full-time employee - the need must be there.

And I have the perfect person - Candy Batterton, she does an excellent job coordinating events, now, at the senior center. She is an asset to the City of Marshfield. She is a valuable asset to Parks and Rec - she frees up Kelly, makes go

and through comm with media

at least a greeter, someone to answer question

Been there twice and had to leave notes as no one was at desk.

By full-time - you could divide the responsibilities between two people. There are many older men and women who are excellent organizers.

Can't answer this question as I've never been to the Senior Center

coordination is the key with expansion project

coordinator to oversee and manage. be more involved.

Could be staffed by volunteers.

could plan more activities - trips, movies, etc.

could use some one to organize bus trips or sight seeing trips

Do not need senior center, just community center.

do not really know if he-she should be full time

don't know - I'm a little new at using the building

Don't know - I'm not active at the center.

Don't know about the planning part, but receptionist function would be a big improvement.

Don't know but definitely not full time - if at all needed!

Don't know but this may be a good thing.

Don't know enough about it to know.

Don't know have not been involved with the senior center

Don't know. See comment in #2.

dont use it

Education - wellness

Having never been there, I wouldn't know

I am not sure about this - no experience at senior center

I am not sure it would take a full time person but someone in charge and organizing activities would be most helpful

I don't attend enough activities to know.

I don't know (several people responded this way)

I don't know how the activities are planned at this time.

I don't know, I'm not involved

I don't use the senior center enough to answer this

I really can't answer this....it depends on community needs.

I really wouldn't think so but don't know

I think that would be a good idea.

I would not know

I would not know as I've never been in nor know what is offered

I wouldn't be the one to ask

If it would help to be more friendly

If more activities are held then YES!

if services were offered for teens to also use the building yes

If there is a need for another social club?

If they are educated in geriatric age active people.

If this center is so important to seniors then it MUST have staff and a good program. This has been forgotten in the city.

I'm not qualified to judge.

In order to use it to it's full potential this would be beneficial.

It would be nice because once in a while we run out of coffee or need someone to fix something.

It would help people feel more comfortable when they visit for the first time and keep the activities more organized.

It would help to get more people to use

Just better control and guidance!

marketing and PR needed too.

maybe more people would become active

maybe that would help people to keep their mouths shut!

maybe they could think of other things to do

maybe we could finds that interest younger seniors.

New to this area so i don't know

No idea. someone always trys to help but seems kind of clubby sometimes.

No opinion - do not know what the activities are-

no or unsure

not enough people go there for what it costs.

Not sure as I don't participate yet.

Not sure what the usage is at the center to answer this question

Not sure, depends on the number of activities that are being planned & type of activities.

Not sure.

Not there enough to say

ok the way it is now

one for part time

Only if it is available for all age groups

Only if you take the project seriously.

Or part-time employee. Being "self-run" not a healthy mechanism.

Organize programs

Oversight and coordination should be a minimum.

part time (on-site)

part-time

part-time okay

Plan something for the under 80+ group

Possibly a part time employee plus volunteers to recommend and lead activities. An Americore volunteer might be possible?

possibly if you expand the audience and the offerings

possibly part time

Senior Center should be part of ADRC, which has staff.

Someone always at hand to greet and answer questions; more activities could be included.

Someone at site to answer questions.

Someone needs to keep a schedule

Sometimes people argue about bringing treats and there are mix ups in scheduling and no one to tell to settle arguments

Sounds like a good idea but I don't know what is there now.

The needs of seniors are being served elsewhere in the community

The park department does an excellent job

there are other places for seniors and all ages in the community

There should be activities for seniors everyday!

This could be a very active role for promoting many positive things in the community for older people/day program offerings, educational offerings, trips, etc.

this question assumes the need for a senior center

This would help bring more people in and provide more activities even part-time.

very hard to "break into" activities

To keep up with changing community interests

unable to answer this from my contacts

unknown

Unknown, I don't know how the activities are planned now.

VOLUNTEER

volunteering is a responsibility to the community

We need someone to talk to when we have problems with things at the center.

we never attended any senior activities

would be nice

Would be nice to have someone to organize activities and do more activities.

would help!

How is the current Senior Community Center an asset to the community?

Social activities available there

Yes – 321 No - 194

Opportunity to meet others

Yes - 301 No - 214

Participate in healthy physical exercise

Yes - 240 No - 275

Learn new things

Yes - 197 No - 318

Participate in pleasurable hobbies with others

Yes – 213 No - 302

Receive updates on programs/services that affect seniors

Yes - 219 No - 296

Opportunity to help others in the community

Yes - 161 No - 354

Building is centrally located

Yes - 266 No - 249

Receive health screenings

Yes – 160 No - 355

Other

Yes – 36 No - 479

Not an asset to the community

Yes – 36 No 479

Comments:

All of the above if you are a "joiner" - I'm not.

Can't answer - Don't know

Definitely needs a physical upgrade or replacement.

Don't use it

Good parking, excellent lighting

However building another one is crazy

I believe those that use it know enough about it and thus need and want to use it.

I don't participate, but the folks I know do, really like the advandages offered.

I feel this building should be utilized by the community regardless of age.

I like it right where it is, I feel no need to rebuild. Like it the way it is.

I think its a good thing to have a place for old people to go and be with other people so we don't get depressed.

I'd like to see more intergenerational activities

If new and bigger with a staff - yes it would be an asset.

I'm sure it is an asset to those that need companionship, something to do etc. I have not had the need.

I'm sure people who do use it find it quite useful.

I'm too old to partake in activities.

Important in our community

It could be so much more (3)

It is because many people I know make use of it.

It remains an asset if you establish need.

It sounds like a blessing for the seniors!

It would be much more nicer and friendly

members feel safe there and really miss activities if they are rescheduled/cancelled.

N/A

needs to have publicity in the area of what is happening there

nice to have a place just for seniors

not really aware

Only for meeting groups.

Place to go to be with other people - something to do.

probably all of the above, but don't really know

Seems only very few people participate in the activities, which are very limited.

Senior Center is a resource center for those in need - a starting point.

Should be a shared "Community Center" not just for us seniors.

Should be known as a community center

social activities only if you are a long-time resident and already know everyone.

Tax prep.

Taxes

There are other options available for seniors in the community

These things all sound good but I am busy with my large family a lot haven't needed more.

Travel

unlimited opportunities

We need community meeting space that can be used without charge to non-profit organizations.

Do you feel there is adequate parking at the current Senior Community Center?

YES - 227 NO - 288

Do you feel the current building is adequate for the limited services that are provided?

If you could change THREE things about the **CURRENT** Senior Community Center and/or the Building, what would they be?

| Change #1 | Change #2 | Change #3 |
|---|--|---|
| ? | ∨ quite when calling numbers | have it connected to the library |
| 5 day exercise programs | ? | ? |
| a lot more computers | Acoustics | ? |
| Access to exercise room | activities for "younger" seniors | a greeter |
| acoustics | Activities for the community | a kitchen a way to get from one room to |
| add 1 more pool table | added technology needs | another without disturbing |
| additional parking | Advertise activities | action |
| additional meeting rooms | Advertise activities | add more weight lifting |
| All on one floor | Amount of activities | additional activities |
| art room | amount of activities | advertise activities more affiliated or cooperating with |
| atmosphere, decorations | another ceiling fan | library programs |
| Attitude | atmosphere | afternoon events, not nighttime! |
| Attitude of members | atmosphere | air conditioning |
| Attitudes | Atmosphere | Another brunch and bingo. |
| available for all to use | atmosphere | Atmosphere |
| awareness of programs | attractive well-lit interior | attitudes |
| Bathroom smell | Available staff be able to play even if your | Availability |
| Better atmosphere | disables | Availability of use of rooms there. |
| Better computers | Become more friendly | bathroom updated |
| better dance floor | better air circulation | Be welcoming |
| better facility | Better Atmosphere | better "layout" of space |
| better handicap entrance | Better Decor | Better access to entering building |
| better handicapped access Better information about what's available and when | better handicap access better kitchen | better accessibility better kitchen. There needs to be better parking for the handicapped. |
| better kitchen facilities | Better lighting | better parking |
| better parking | better lighting | Better Parking |
| better parking | better marketing | Better parking |
| Better parking | better signage | better publicized programs Bigger kitchen and appliances |
| Better parking | Bigger building | and plug ins. |
| better sound barriers Better temperature control | Bigger, more comfortable Brighten the walls and ceilings up - overall facelift. up | Blend it w/another bldg both site should be computer accessible for many citizens. |
| • | · | • |
| Better advertisement of activities | card table change card playing room to pool | brighter Broader scope of activities |
| bigger | room Change configuration | Broader scope of activities. |
| Bigger building | Change configuration cleaner | Building is outdated and obsolete Celebrate special events - birthdays, annual holidays, etc. |

Brighten it up cleaner clean coffee or punch when playing Brighter atmosphere Cleaning Person bingo brighter interior co- with youth programs Combine w/Library coffee and snack breaks when broadcast whats going on playing bingo decor Build a new library and connect Combined library and senior the senior center to it center. Decor is cluttered combined library and senior dedicated rooms for various events and/or activities Build onto existing building center Don't even think about doing anything until there is connect seniors to younger commitment to have a fully Building needs repair/updating generations staffed senior center. Change from carpet to inlaid floor. Hard to self push wheel Connect to other community chair on carpet. Hard to square facilities such as arts center. eating room only and padded dance on carpet. chairs. library cheerful atmosphere could be cleaner educational opportunities Clean it up Decorated nicer entries designated exercise studio. Large collaborate with other services in enough to accommodate 20 the community so don't duplicate participants at a time. even more activities Connect to ADRC **Designated spaces** evening programs expand activities to include nondemolition different times seniors Doing all right with what they have. Dishes - pots and pans **Expand functionality** Don't change a thing - good enough for the use it gets. diversity of activities expand programs significantly Don't feel involved enough to Do away with the steps. Put in ramp type entrance. comment. feel wanted there Flier given to seniors on what is offered there - people are not prone to go to a new place where they know no one and don't know Don't feel qualified to respond Educational classes what to expect. don't know enlarge the facility focus for younger seniors Don't know enlarge the facility friendly people to help you dreary building evening activities Handicap accessable bathrooms dreary exterior exercise class Hard surface floors Dreary, brighten it up expand activities Have a central covered entrance eliminate expand parking to the north Have more light in the facility have more light in the facility and expand to include "younger eliminate curb outdoors ages...retirees" a welcoming atmosphere encourage intergenerational have more light in the facility and a welcoming atmosphere activities Extra rooms **FACELIFT-INTERNAL** Health and Fitness Center enlarge fact that it is closed for majority of day like evenings **Health Programs** enlarge pool area Fresh and Clean Entrance health screenings Expand offerings to all ages full time employee to greet heat **FACE LIFE-EXTERNAL** furnishing Hours open If same building, remodel! It is get rid of the current president facility dark and outdated. facility greeter improve energy efficiency

include ADRC Fix up the present building handicap accessibility Floor Have day trips. increase programs like yoga have heat in winter and summer Friendlier atmosphere not so cool inside appearance is dated friendliness have stove in kitchen Insulate and acoustics (too noisy) full time employee have the facility smell better internet access Is needs to be more user friendly so the community feels like they full-time employee have the facility smell better can use the building. get rid of the "clicks" kinds of activities Have the facility smell better get rid of the cliqueishness. heating kitchen facilities get with the times - not everyone How can I attend if I don't know kitchen needs a stove and a over 60 is an oldies fan or knits whats going on or offered. better sink area. I have never heard peoples voices coming from another Have a dance now and then. room. leadership/director If you keep it you need more sturdy chairs, older people need more support than folding chairs provided have more space Lighting Have senior food serve at thsi senior community center. A meal site. improved lighting Lighting is poor. Link with other community Include ADRC have someone to greet guest resources heat (it was cold in winter) increase parking make everyone feel welcome heat in winter months make seniors important increase parking Heating and air conditioning not well adequate increased exercise equipment make the building user friendly I believe for the amount of people that use it, it is sufficient. A lot of money is spent for the same small amount of attendees. Inside atmosphere/decor make the building user friendly I don't feel we need a senior center. It is so expensive to run and so few people use it. kitchen maybe areas just to socialize/talk. I have heard from a "senior" newcomer to marshfield that the atmosphere isn't very welcoming Mean people sometimes are to new people! Kitchen there. improved atmosphere, looks like, feels like gum/conf. room larger building meeting room More & Varied Activities increase size larger, dividable space Individual meeting rooms - so people are not walking through your meeting. leadership More activities Interior design less clutter on windows and doors More activity choices Locate a bulletin board at main entrance, including a building map and "welcome" info Its fine the way it is more challenging presentations It's fine the way it is Location More computer services kitchen Long tables More educational programs Look at whether or not a senior lack of parking center is feasible more guest speakers make a combined library and senior center somewhere on the More info on activities larger same site. make rooms available free to Larger More newspaper coverage of

public (all ages) activities 4) More weekend activities to catch those transitioning from work to retirement, part - time work during work week yet wanting to plan for retirement activities/involvement. more open area with good lighting and seating areas to visit Make visually appealing it small groups. marketing more parking modern appeal More parking More activities more physical activities More activities more pool tables more activities & outings. more pot lucks More activities for 55+ more PR for seniors more activities for adults who are intellectually on a higher level more programs more attractive facility more rooms more supervisior and availability more bingo of someone in charge. More welcoming More comfortable chairs more computers in a separate area or room More welcoming in general more wheel chair parking in the More craft activities front of the building let people know what is going on more days to play multi-generational activities Music and dancing more equipment More exercise programs Need to look at needs of future more friendly to newcomers diverse aging adults more inclusive needs new place More inclusive activities New avenues of advertising. New pool equipment - some of it is really BAD and we don't know More inviting atmosphere who to tell to fix it. more light, cleaner nicer surroundings under current financial conditions No integration with other More meeting room generations. Noisy - people walk in during classes to go to other parts of the More meetings rooms building. more options for activities none more parking offer intergenerational activities or different callers more parking or if new library is built, utilize old

Make it more diverse Make it more inviting make it more Senior friendly Make the activities available to all

who are interested

library for senior center. Much Make the activities available to all brighter atmoshere, better who are interested more parking lighting. Make the activities more available more parking outside planters/flowers

make the place more cheerful and bright More pool tables parking

management More positive publicity people are clickish

Modernize More rooms PHYSICALLY CONNECT TO

Larger

Larger

larger

Larger

Larger

Larger

larger community center

Larger meeting rooms

Larger parking lot

leave old folks alone

location away from library

Lower costs to taxpayers

make a person feel more

make brighter inside (update)

Make do with what we have

of state and fed and city

main guy - change

larger rooms

leave as is

lay out

light

location

welcome

government

LIBRARY

modernize More Rooms planning trips

Private room for physical

modernize kitchen More rooms activities modernize the facility more space program modernize the facility more space programs

More air conditioning

More space for activities

Programs for all ages

More architecturally pleasing

More space for multiple activities

promote - invite

more attractive decor inside

more trendy activities

more welcoming atmosphere

regular staffing

more handicap parking Need coffee available remodel

remodel to more efficiently use more handicapped entry needs updating the present spaces

More information for seniors regarding community options New ideas remove senior from title

Separate rooms for small group more lighting Nicer atmosphere meetings

MORE MODERN no change needed! Sitting areas more modern No steps into the building smell

Space for small groups to chat;

meet, especially for those

more multi-functional none widowed.

open meeting space that could be accessed both day and evening without charge to non-profit

More organized organizations Spaces

more parking open space Types of activities update & enlarge

technical/computer area, provide

more parking organization of activities training on computers update building with modern

more parking outside appearance technology

more parking paint/decorate update it update the interior and exterior

more parking parking appearance

More parking parking updated facility

Use current library as a senior

more parking parking center

more parking Parking Warmer Bathrooms

more people there parking lot

more people there parking lot

More personable/modern partitioning

person available to coordinate

More room activities

More room for people in

wheelchairs personnel
Place for serving meals, people

more space come for food get together.
place to sell things made by
More updated seniors. Craft space.

Planned activities that are promoted through email, paper,

more user friendly mail, etc.

most of info can be obtained thru

other resources polka dancing Wed 1-4PM move center to the armory Poor design of entryways

Need larger space program

Need stove for cooking. If you want it for large events you need to furnish a complete kitchen with stove, refridgerator and

dishwasher.

Program diversity

Programs address broader

Needs director community interest

Needs new building programs/events offered Needs paint job Promote the Center

Negative comments on some people who go there regularly

publicize

rules of cards should be standard **New Building**

sometimes cooling or heating seems inadequate, especially cooling when lots of people are

new building there New building Sound

New facility sound proofing between rooms

New microphone. (I'm hard of hearing, nerve deafness. Possibly others are also. For your information hearing aids are useless in Bingo so be quite when calling no. Please no visiting no complaining to the caller of any distractions.

space

New space space for outdoor seating nicer environment Specialty room meeting.

staff no carpet

no changes Staff Facility

No changes staffed (office) info. center

no communication with seniors sturdier tables

Take some back rooms and make the general area bigger

no complaining

No steps - more stools in pool

room

The steps going into the building.

noise control Too clickey none too dark none too small not familiar with the activities up to date update building nothing nothing update interior decor

Update it to be more energy

nothing efficient.

Nothing Update the decor **Nothing** update the inside nothing updated chairs

nothing upkeep

nothina Variety of programs

One will assume this question will find the answer to whether there

is an overall community need. variety of things to do Open Architecture very small building

open house needed - too many warmer temp in winter (unable to people in Marshfield 60+ have participate in activities during the never stepped inside, including myself - 1st time I visited was a month ago yet I go to the library 2x/week - always thought it was for "old people" (I will be 64)

open to more people

organization

other activities

P.A. System

Parking

parking

parking

parking

Parking

parking

Parking

Parking

parking

parking area

parking improved

Perfectly fine the way it is

Physical atmosphere

program

Programs offered

Quieter Rooms

Raised energy level

Reception desk staffed

remodel or rebuild

remodel/update

room dividers

Safety to get in and out with walkers, wheel chairs, and feet you can't pick up like you use to Seperate room for exercise, often classes nee dto be cancelled/moved for meetings,

"pot luck", etc.

Seperate room for exercises like Tai Chi. Many years ago I took this class but did not like men sitting in room watching.

Size

size

size

size

size

size

size

size of building

smell

Soc. Director

winter because it is too cold in the building. Cant take the cold when you are older.)

some craft classes

Someone at desk when open

Space

space

staff

steps into center

tear down the building

Tear it down!!!!!!!!!!

Tell seniors to go to Old Army

the lights reflection the cards

the windows (crank out)

Tile floor

turn up the heat!

Types of Use

Unattractive environment

Undo the click attitude

Up to date facilities

update

update equipment

Update facility

update it

update kitchen

update kitchen area - stove

needed.

update lighting

Update the Center

update the entrance

update to make more pleasant

and usable

Update/Modernize

updated computers

We don't need a new building

welcome committee

Won't change a thing!

wood floor

What activities would you possibly participate in at a COMMUNITY CENTER in the **future**?

Book club Educational classes

Yes – 154 No – 361 Yes - 225 No - 290

Group exercise classes Exercise equipment

Yes – 190 No – 325 Yes - 131 No - 384

Play cards Board games

Yes – 138 No – 377 Yes - 67 No - 448

 Shoot pool
 Chess

 Yes – 64
 No – 451
 Yes - 27
 No - 488

| Cribbage Yes – 67 | No – 448 | Bingo Yes – 119 | No 396 |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Craft classes Yes – 127 | No 388 | Square dance Yes – 47 | No – 468 |
| Walking Path Yes – 158 | No – 357 | Other dancing Yes - 67 | No - 448 |
| One-day travel o Yes – 253 | pportunities No – 252 | Holiday dinners Yes - 120 | No - 395 |
| Meet new people Yes – 187 | e No – 328 | Movies Yes - 142 | No - 373 |
| Singing group Yes – 65 | No – 450 | Karaoke Yes - 22 | No - 493 |
| Community mea Yes- 144 | l site No – 401 | Computer class Yes - 176 | es No - 339 |
| Free health scree Yes – 158 | enings No – 357 | Foot care Yes - 80 | No - 435 |
| Space to book m Yes – 199 | neetings No – 396 | YOUTH activitie Yes - 64 | es No - 451 |
| Gardening class Yes – 119 | es No – 396 | Link to other ser Yes - 84 | rvices No - 431 |
| One-stop" location Yes – 183 | on for senior services information (ADR No - 332 | C, Medicare, seni | or benefits, etc.) |
| Other? Yes – 30 | No – 485 | | |
| | | | |

Comments:

A building not limited to use by the elderly few and open to all ages.

Adult Day Care??

already provided elsewhere

Annual thrift sale and holiday craft sale by seniors for the public.

changes in social life

Community gardens to work in and for education.

croquet

digital camera classes

fixing jigsaw puzzles

Get polka dancing here

Great list... so many options. No shooting pool.

I am not interested in going to the senior center

I have visited other sr. centers and know we are very limited as to what we are able to offer here.

^{*} only if I was widowed and moved to town

There are many boomers who will be using a center in 10+ years and we need to be able to offer more!

I pretty much only volunteer my music playing.

I went to a senior center in another town that was very nice.

I would love to see Tai Chi classes offered (more than just one-time deals)

If I lived in Marshfield I would attend many

it should be cozier so people could just visit

Limited "senior" stigma included

Many of these activities seem like duplication of services and programs already offered by other established organizations...

My family and church keep me happy; busy

No opinion

None

none as there are other places in the community for these activities

none of the above. you need to expand your programing!

none of these options are appropriate for a senior center and needs are being met elsewhere in the community

Not my bag

Probably none

probably would not take advantage of a community center.

Probably wouldn't participate

riders to dr for handicap - bus with lift

there are other places for all of these options in the community already

These services are offered other places in the community. (The Y, the UW, the clinic, plus churches etc.)

We have to be very quite so sound proofed walls should be added.

We need a meal site on the North side of town!

WiFi

willing to give informational material and speaches to the participants of the center

With this sort of building, intergenerational uses could "work well" too.

would love to have conversational German in town!

Wouldn't use

Do you belong to a group or organization that could use meeting space at a Community Center?

Yes - 142 No - 373

If yes, how often?

Monthly - 60 More than once a month - 17

Other - 20 Weekly - 8

Only as needed - 46

What type of audio visual equipment is important to you when booking a meeting room?

Yes – 96 No – 429 Yes - 42 No - 473

DVD player PA system

Yes – 124 No – 391 Yes - 87 No - 428

WiFi - 1 Coffee maker

Yes – 113 No – 402 Yes - 143 No - 372

Multi-media projector Other

Yes - 118 No - 397 Yes - 31 No - 484

Comments:

All of the above.

audio aid

BluRay player

closed caption when possible

counter to serve dessert

don't book offsite meetings

easy to move tables/on wheels

environment with proper furniture

flexible furniture

Food Service

I don't and why would I

I'm from Norris Manor we have community room and exercise equipment! Don't at least

for now but others do.

just tables and chairs

Kitchen

Kitchen - sink, microwave, refrigerator

kitchen facilities for serving food

nice kitchen

not applicable

not sure

not sure - kitchen?

only table and chairs and electric for lap tops

over

place to serve food and a kitchen

ppt projector

refrigerator and sink

shouldn't have meetings for others, keep the building for senior activities!

small kitchen

space

tables and chairs, computer capability

unknown

Would you schedule events (family reunions, birthdays, showers, holiday family gatherings, etc.) at a **future** Community Center if it was not being used for scheduled activities?

YES - 244 NO - 271

Do you feel you have been kept informed as to the progress of the Library & Community Center Project? YES - 307 NO - 208

Comments: None

How many project planning meetings have you attended?

None – 321

1-9 meetings - 117

More than 10 meeting - 14

Comments:

1. Exciting!

At age 92 I don't go out much at night!

But have stayed updated through print media and Library Board Presentations.

But I want to!

but it interests me

Did not know about them (2)

Didn't know when they were

Do not live in Marshfield

Do they have a news letter?

Don't know when they are

from the very beginning "Blue Sky"...

Have reviewed plans at library and attended committee aging meetings

have seen every info meeting that was televised and feel well

I always read the write up in the News Herald

I am definitely in favor of a new community center that would be used by seniors as well as other groups.

I believe this is a big project and should not be decided by a few people - it should be solved with a referendum.

I do not think we need this "project"

I don't think we need a new library - need less books and more computers - people do everything in computers these days and have ereaders.

I feel the current library/center is adequate.

I feel we do not need a new center or library these are beautiful buildings and maybe the library could use a little upgrading. These are both adequate for a city the size of Marshfield and the participation they get.

I have read in paper

I have read the reports and seen the preliminary drawings

I have watched info sessions on public TV channels.

I keep up on what is going on by reading in paper and email updates.

I listen to WDLB and keep updated

I think we could use a new or improved Community/Senior Center, but feels that a new library is not needed. I feel that the current library is perfect!

I watch the meetings on TV

I would like but there have always been scheduling conflicts

I'm in a wheelchair hard to get there especially for parking a car.

I'm too old.

keep informed via Newspaper

meeting facilities show need for meeting space

miss notices

no dates known

only one meeting and I couldn't hear sometimes

Part time resident. Spend winters in Florida.

reading updates online and in news herald

schedule conflicts

schedule has not allowed me to attend meetings or else I would have

See my answer to #18

Shame on me; I intend to pay more attention and get more involved.

Stop planning now! Too much money has been wasted with plans and buying land. Library and senior center are fine. Don't change or add anything. Forget the whole thing. Didn't need tax debt from new fire station! The old fire station

This is a done deal and the tax money will be spent

Transportation is always a problem for me.

Unsure of when they are

was not aware

Watched it on TV

we don't need a new library. Fix up what we have now

How do you prefer to get information/updates about planning or current events?

Internet site - 68 Public Meetings - 24 E-mail - 86 Public Meetings - 24

Newspaper - 153 Mail - 44 Cable TV - 22 Other – 28

Comments:

I don't wish to

all of the above become necessary

All of the above would be good.

and public meetings

As a newcomer to Marshfield and living in senior housing it would have helped to be given a brochure about the Senior Center. It would be nice if once or twice a year there would be a "meet and greet" so we can venture forward knowing the

at library

at the senior center

by attending meetings

cable tv, talk to elected leaders

flyers

Hand Outs

I do not get the News Herald

I feel we do not need a community center. The times I went to the senior center only a handful of people were there. I feel we have plenty of outreach activities for seniors already.

I suggest a quarterly calendar be in the Marshfield News Herald paper.

mail or email

multiple of these

N/A

phone calls

post on bulletin board

Radio (6)

Radio WDLB (3)

see it posted in the places possibly affected i.e. library

Send out flyer's

The senior center monthly calendar.

This project is unnecessary

while at the senior center

word of mouth

Would also check newspaper, meetings, mail, email. I never watch cable access nor do I get Buyers Guide

Would prefer the Newspaper but that's limited or not existent.