

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: 3/19 City Commission Meeting - Agenda Aim High Big Sky Proposed Fees
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:25:31 PM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:24 PM
To: 'Betty DeMers' <bdemers@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: 3/19 City Commission Meeting - Agenda Aim High Big Sky Proposed Fees

Thank you Betty. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on the 3/19/2024 commission agenda.

Thank you,

Darcy Dea
Deputy City Clerk
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Great Falls, MT 59403
406-455-8479

From: Betty DeMers <bdemers@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:49 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: 3/19 City Commission Meeting - Agenda Aim High Big Sky Proposed Fees

Good afternoon! I would like to express some concerns regarding the Proposed fees for the new Scheels Aim High Big Sky Recreation Center.

Most recently, Access Fitness and then Fit Republic closed their doors. Many of those members are now currently members of the Community Rec Center. They were so excited about the new facility but are now weighing their options due to the proposed Membership Fees.

Some concerns they have expressed are the fees of a "Community Center" vs. a private gym with all the amenities, along with the fact that MOST of these members ONLY participate in a Fitness Class. They do not lift weights, do not swim or play basketball. They would like to see a **Fitness Class Membership only** offered. OR a membership for CURRENT members to receive a discount of some kind.

I am afraid the Community Rec Center will lose their current and potential members to the

Peak, if they are being charged the same fees as the Peak.

If any kind of discounts are available, then that knowledge would be very helpful in retaining membership.

Thank you!

Betty DeMers

Great Falls

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Subject: FW: 3/19 city commission meeting: agenda aim high big sky proposed fees
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:43:15 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:43 AM
To: 'Melody Stevens' <stormscout62@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: 3/19 city commission meeting: agenda aim high big sky proposed fees

Thank you Melody. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Melody Stevens <stormscout62@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:59 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: 3/19 city commission meeting: agenda aim high big sky proposed fees

Good evening,

The new community center is an exciting opportunity for Great Falls. However, I have learned of concerns with regard to the proposed fee schedule for the new Scheels Aim High Big Sky Recreation Center. Current members have voiced concerns about the more than doubled membership fees. These members could not go to the Peak or other private gyms in Great Falls. The **community center** was the affordable option. These **community members** are not interested in the pools, saunas, weights or basketball courts. They are looking to maintain the **community** they found in fitness classes. Perhaps, having fees geared towards **community** members who enjoy fitness classes only 4 or 5 times per week is a good idea for our **community**. Numerous options are available for members interested in pursuing the group fitness **community**. Punch cards are an option, limiting memberships for group fitness to group fitness hours along with a limited number of visits per week. Please do not eliminate current members by making fees exorbitant in an effort to compete with local private facilities. The **community** center needs fees and schedules that all Great Falls **community** members can afford. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Melody Stevens, Great Falls Community Member

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To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Charges at new recreation center
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:44:47 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:44 AM
To: 'Virginia Baran' <vbaran703@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Charges at new recreation center

Thank you Virginia. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Virginia Baran <vbaran703@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:29 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Charges at new recreation center

I'm asking you to please keep prices reasonable at the new rec center. Many of us are seniors and can't afford a large increase.

Thank you,
Virginia Baran

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Fees for new Rec Center
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:21:28 PM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:20 PM
To: 'Kathy Dolberg' <katdolberg@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Fees for new Rec Center

Thank you Kathy. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on the 3/19/24 commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Kathy Dolberg <katdolberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:12 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Fees for new Rec Center

Please keep the fee's affordable for those of us that live on a fixed income. Most can probably afford around \$40 a month, but more than that will be a different story. This is supposed to be a "Community" Rec Center so please, keep it so everyone can afford to go. The higher the rate the less people will be able to afford it. The lower the rate the more people, generating a better income for the City too.

Also, the rate schedule you sent out is very confusing. What does NR mean??

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Dolberg

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Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:41:25 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:41 AM
To: 'w3bars' <w3bars@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate

Thank you Woody and Kimberly. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: w3bars <w3bars@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:54 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Hi

I am an instructor for Essentrics at the Current Recreations Center with certifications in rehabilitation, senior fitness specialist, and nutrition, Group X with AFAA and NASM I am one of a very few who serve our aging demographic with approximately 85 clients. I have clients referred to me from our medical community to help with rehabilitation. for arthritis, joint replacements, MS, Parkinson's and cardiac rehab.

I specialized in keeping our community healthy and fit through movement that helps to control debilitating pain. Great Falls has a large senior population. If we the city can help them stay active and healthy it is much better for our community. I am extremely passionate in serving my community.

My main concern is the new rate is unclear is the 40\$ rate membership free access to all that the facility has to offer. I am seeing a 20\$ class fee.

Also, will Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit still be accepted? If so, are you going to tack on a Fee to make up the difference.

A community center needs to be affordable to all. It should not be comparable to private fitness centers.

The more members you can bring in at a lower rate the more revenue you can make. Not only for the facility but also for the community as a whole.

My clients need Essentials, the facility should not be a luxury, Fitness is for everyone. My clients are afraid that they will not be able to continue. Some already have to choose on buying less groceries to be able to afford their medicine.

With one classroom you should be able to pack it full 7 days a week with classes. I work with the Adaptive Performance center in Helena for disabled Veterans, I work with caregivers, it is important that they take care of themselves statistics show that caregivers if they do not care for themselves take their frustrations out on the person they are caring for. You can offer classes for children such as a grandparent/ parent and me class. The options are endless. You can bring in guest speakers. I want to help clients include more plants into their diet.

Thank you for listening and taking time to consider the importance of this community center to bring the community together. To offer a service that is much needed to keep our community, healthy and active. Our older population spends a lot of time going to Dr. appointments, suffering in pain and unable to enjoy life. I want to help them enjoy life and spend less time in long term homes. costing everyone a lot of money.

Woody and Kimberly

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Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: New aquatic fee schedule
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:38:25 AM

FYI - Darcy

-----Original Message-----

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:38 AM
To: 'Ann' <aslplynch@bresnan.net>
Subject: RE: New aquatic fee schedule

Thank you Ann. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann <aslplynch@bresnan.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:43 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: New aquatic fee schedule

Commissioners:

I'd like to voice my concerns about the fee schedule. I would like to support the new location but feel that the monthly fee plus the additional fees for the class is excessive. I'm currently paying \$25 a month looks like I would be paying \$40 plus \$20 for classes so \$60. Not including program expenses and it's not defined on the fee schedule.

I figured there would be an increase at the new facility but I am just there to take the classes. It seems to me that it should be an inclusive charge.

Thanks for your consideration.

Ann Lynch

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: New Rec Center costs
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:23:08 AM

FYI - Darcy

-----Original Message-----

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:22 AM
To: 'Ken Haggart' <tuntully@me.com>
Subject: RE: New Rec Center costs

Thank you Karen. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Haggart <tuntully@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:32 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: New Rec Center costs

I'd like to go on record requesting that the fees at the New Center be held at a minimum. This is a Community Center for the good of the community and I have concerns about the fees, especially for the lower income and the kids in our community. We are paying taxes on this facility and it would break my heart to see those mentioned above not be able to participate due to costs. I know there are many summer programs for our youth and hope they will be fair and just prices for all.

I'm an existing Rec Center member and am excited about the new facility and have taken a tour. It looks very nice and I know there has to be an increase in fees, but do hope they will be minimal for the whole community.

This should in no way be compared to the Peak as the funding is completely different and to my knowledge, there are no local taxes from the community that support the Peak.

Thank you for hearing me. I LOVE our Great Falls Community and want this facility to be a huge success and asset for the people of Great Falls and surrounding areas!

Possibly an annual fund raiser could be another way for folks to be supportive and give back to Great Falls! I'd sure be a supporter!

Sincerely,
Karen Haggart
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: New Rec center rates
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:32:39 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:31 AM
To: 'Mick Davis' <davismick2@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: New Rec center rates

Thank you Dina. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Mick Davis <davismick2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 6:13 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: New Rec center rates

Please keep new rec center rates down.
Thanks, Dina Davis

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed increase in rates for New Facility
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:52:22 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:51 AM
To: 'Cheri Golie' <redhrsgranny@live.com>
Subject: RE: Proposed increase in rates for New Facility

Thank you Cheri. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on the 3/19/2024 commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Cheri Golie <redhrsgranny@live.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:46 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Proposed increase in rates for New Facility

I am currently a member of the Recreation Center in downtown Great Falls. I take 3 or 4 classes a week from instructors who came from other facilities that closed. We are being told the membership dues may increase drastically when we move to the new facility this summer. We are excited about the new facility and all it has to offer. However, the proposed increase will be very difficult for some members, and they may opt to go elsewhere. My Essentrics class often has between 20 and 30 students! Some are wondering if the new facility will accept their Silver Sneakers insurance. I am currently paying \$65 for 3 months, which is very inexpensive. An increase to \$60 a month seems excessive! We certainly appreciate being accepted at the Rec Center, but the City has also benefitted from the increased membership our classes have brought in. Fitness is important and is not a luxury. Please take this into consideration.

Sincerely, Cheri Golie

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To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: PROPOSED REC CENTER FEE SCHEDULE
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:36:40 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:36 AM
To: 'Jim Panagopoulos' <jpretle@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: PROPOSED REC CENTER FEE SCHEDULE

Thank you Linda. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Jim Panagopoulos <jpretle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:05 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: PROPOSED REC CENTER FEE SCHEDULE

Commission members,

I am asking to keep the fees for the new community recreation center down.

I come here because of the affordability and options available to maintain my health and may not be able to continue if fees increase. Exercise for the health of our community members should not increase so much that it becomes unaffordable. Currently, the Silver Sneakers option on my health insurance plan covers all fees, an additional payment will make budgeting more difficult.

The new fee changes are confusing. The rate numbers I am hearing are not acceptable.

Thank you,
Linda Panagopoulos

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Rates for new recreation center
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:34:46 AM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:34 AM
To: 'Debbie Clark' <ferndebra67@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rates for new recreation center

Thank you Debbie. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on tonight's commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Debbie Clark <ferndebra67@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:11 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Fwd: Rates for new recreation center

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Debra** <ferndebra67@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 5:56 PM
Subject: Rates for new recreation center
To: <Commision@greatfallsmt.net>

Please keep fees at a reasonable rate for the new center. Fitness should not just be for the wealthy. It is a community center so keep it affordable for the whole community. Thank you for your consideration.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Rates for the new community center
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:38:57 AM

FYI - Darcy

-----Original Message-----

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:38 AM
To: 'Karen Carlson' <dkcar1955@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rates for the new community center

Thank you Karen. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for considerations of agenda item 12 on the 3/19/2024 commission agenda.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Carlson <dkcar1955@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:34 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Rates for the new community center

Dear Commissioners,

The rates need to be affordable. Also we need to understand what the total cost will be when taking classes. Not all seniors have Silver Sneakers. I look forward to continuing my membership Thanks Karen Carlson
346 Stockett Road
Sand Coulee, MT 59472

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW: Scheels Aim High
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:04:41 AM

FYI - Darcy

-----Original Message-----

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:00 AM
To: 'Sarah Rollins' <rollinsarah@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Scheels Aim High

Thank you Sarah. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on the 3/19/24 commission agenda.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Rollins <rollinsarah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:51 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Scheels Aim High

Hello Commissioners,

The proposed monthly membership for the new center is more than 50% of an increase over the current rec center that my family uses. I'm a 43 year old native Montanan mother and cannot afford a month's family membership of almost \$100. The new facility was already built using taxpayer funds, but my family will not be able to enjoy the benefits if the fees are increased so dramatically. I will have to cancel our membership and find alternatives which I suspect is what many will do resulting in a loss of membership for your new facility. Please, reconsider the increase of single and family membership to be more affordable for families which are already struggling.

Kind regards,
Sarah Rollins
Commission

From: [Darcy Dea](#)
To: [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#); [Steve Herrig](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:41:34 PM

FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:41 PM
To: 'bonnie@thedonovanweb.com' <bonnie@thedonovanweb.com>
Subject: RE:

Thank you Bonnie. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 12 on the 3/19/2024 commission agenda.

Thank you,

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From: bonnie@thedonovanweb.com <bonnie@thedonovanweb.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:11 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject:

Hello to each of you.

I have been watching Scheels Aim High coming along beautifully and it's **very exciting**.

I have been looking forward to it. I love going to the gym & have been going for years.

Please, Please keep the price affordable. The \$40 range for 61 years old and older

sounds good and fair, and there are lot of us.

If the price goes too high then people will just go to the Peak, or worse yet, not at all.

Yep, I am begging you to keep the price reasonable, so that we can afford it.

I really want to be able to be a member of Scheels Aim High Big Sky.

Thank you so much.
Bonnie d

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From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:29 AM
To: 'jacintemccullough0406@gmail.com' <jacintemccullough0406@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Here is my concern. Is it \$40 a month for us that are over 61 do we have to pay extra to do the eccentric classes or any other classes or does that cover it all? Also will you be accepting our silver sneakers? Thank you for your time and I'm looking f

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From: jacintemccullough0406@gmail.com <jacintemccullough0406@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:49 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Here is my concern. Is it \$40 a month for us that are over 61 do we have to pay extra to do the eccentric classes or any other classes or does that cover it all? Also will you be accepting our silver sneakers? Thank you for your time and I'm looking fo...

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa C. Kunz](#)
To: [Krista Artis](#)
Subject: FW: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:33:45 AM

Follow up comment from Woody and Kimberly.

Lisa

From: Darcy Dea <ddea@greatfallsmt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Lisa C. Kunz <lkunz@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: FW: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate

FYI - Darcy

From: w3bars <w3bars@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:25 AM
To: Darcy Dea <ddea@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: RE: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate

I would like to see the age for senior to follow AARP which is 50 not 60. I feel this will help out a lot of older people in our community.

Thank you for taking everything into consideration. I want this center to succeed

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Darcy Dea <ddea@greatfallsmt.net>
Date: 3/19/24 8:40 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: 'w3bars' <w3bars@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Great Falls community rec center proposed rate

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Also, will Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit still be accepted? If so, are you going to tack on a Fee to make up the difference.

A community center needs to be affordable to all. It should not be comparable to private fitness centers.

The more members you can bring in at a lower rate the more revenue you can make. Not only for the facility but also for the community as a whole.

My clients need Essentrics, the facility should not be a luxury, Fitness is for everyone. My clients are afraid that they will not be able to continue. Some already have to choose on buying less groceries to be able to afford their medicine.

With one classroom you should be able to pack it full 7 days a week with classes. I work with the Adaptive Performance center in Helena for disabled Veterans, I work with caregivers, it is important that they take care of themselves statistics show that caregivers if they do not care for themselves take their frustrations out on the person they are caring for. You can offer classes for children such as a grandparent/ parent and me class. The options are endless. You can bring in guest speakers. I want to help clients include more plants into their diet.

Thank you for listening and taking time to consider the importance of this community center to bring the community together. To offer a service that is much needed to keep our community, healthy and active. Our older population spends a lot of time going to Dr. appointments, suffering in pain and unable to enjoy life. I want to help them enjoy life and spend less time in long term homes. costing everyone a lot of money.

Woody and Kimberly

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From: [Lisa C. Kunz](#)
To: [Steve Herrig](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Cory Reeves](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Shannon Wilson](#); [Susan Wolff](#)
Subject: FW: Rec center fees
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:45:29 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:45 AM
To: 'Alice MARZOLF' <Amarzolf6@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rec center fees

Thank you for submitting comments, Alice. Your comments will be shared with the members of the Commission and appropriate staff.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz
City Clerk/Records Manager
Civic Center Room 204
406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----

From: Alice MARZOLF <Amarzolf6@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:03 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Rec center fees

My prayers are with you all today when you set the fees for the new rec center. Hopefully the fees will be reasonable.

Thank you,
Alice Marzolf
Sent from my iPad

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Lisa C. Kunz

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 11:37 AM
To: gdoyon@greatfallsmt.net; Charles Anderson; Krista Artis; Steve Herrig
Subject: FW: [All City Commissioners] Aquatics Center

Fyi – sent directly to commission members.

Lisa

From: City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:30 AM
To: City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: [All City Commissioners] Aquatics Center

Ryan Victor (ryan.kyle.victor@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <https://greatfallsmt.net/>.

Having seen the proposed fee structure for the new aquatics center, I wondered why the city is not considering more a la carte options. The current rec center, which is supposed to close in May, has a fitness center with a \$25 monthly membership. The new rec center should have a similar option. I doubt many of the people paying \$25/mo will pay \$56/mo at the new rec center, since many don't need access to the aquatics center. Why not have a \$25 or \$30 fitness membership that doesn't permit access to the pool? This should be considered to keep an affordable fitness option in Great Falls.