POTENTIAL RECREATION CENTER SURVEY

COMMENTS TO OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS

List additional spaces to include in a recreation center:

."Spacious rooms with wooden floors (sprung with a floating subfloor construction, or at least a solid hardwood such as maple, beech, or ash) for recreational dancing (traditional, ballroom, swing, latin, contra, etc.) and dance aerobics (e.g.,zumba)."

A big space to hold public dances. I participate in and teach English Country Dancing

A place to host tournaments!

A space large enough to accommodate 60 people in a spring wooden floor for social and aerobic dance events

a space specifically designed to accommodate group dancing (square dancing, line dancing, etc.)

Additional ice surface at Ames-ISU Ice Arena, which would be immediately sold out between Ames Figure Skating Club, Ames Minor Hockey, ISU MD1/MD3, ISU Women's Hockey, and ISU intramural activities if built.

affordable childcare

Areas focused for women, yoga - bar and Pilates studio - sauna, hot tub and steam room, spa rooms

Aren't these amenities already available in our community?

At least one large room with a wooden floors (a floating subfloor wood be excellent, it at least using a solid hardwood like maple) for recreational dancing (ballroom, swing, etc.).

Ballroom type space suitable for dancing. Wooden floor would be ideal.

Baseball

Birthday party space

Bouldering wall

Bouldering, trampoline, foam pit

Child care

Childcare

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Childcare

Childcare center like a gym childcare

Childcare for parents (especially moms) trying to make time for their own health

Childcare please, and tennis courts!

Childcare space

Childcare!

City hall has somethings, which is enough

Climbing Wall

Climbing wall!! Sauna! Aerial space

Combat Sports Space (MMA - Boxing, Jiu Jitsu, Judo, Kickboxing, Muay Thai, and Wrestling)

Comfortable gathering place serving refreshments to help bring folks together. Also, I think music practice rooms, sports rooms, and maybe rooms for dance classes, etc, so parents of young children can visit with one another/carpool, etc.

Don’t build it

Don’t build it!

Don't think we need another facility in Ames.

Don't want a new facility! I don't want to pay for it!

Dry sauna, tanning, red light therapy, vibration pads

Egym-it is in constant use at the senior center and is very motivating to use therefore would benefit all adults

Elevated track for running and walking

Ensure the track has enough lanes for runners. Area for table tennis and start a league!

Esports

Events hosting space that can accommodate up to 400 person

Golf simulator

Golf simulators

I believe existing facilities are adequate to meet needs. And free in many cases. However, pool tables would be good.

I believe that there are numerous facilities already available: school gyms, private gyms, etc. Why not use these facilities and save taxpayer resources?

I don’t think this is necessary

I don't think we need this unless it is built and operated without City funds. In these times we need to be conserving, not building one thing after another for taxpayers to support.

I don't want to pay for more things I won't use

I object to being required to choose an item when I presently oppose moving forward with the center.

I’m against another gym facility yet should have been included with the Fitch crnter

Ice Rink

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Ice rink

Indoor golf simulator and/or swing hitting area

indoor open area for dancing. groups of about 12. English country dancing

Indoor Tennis courts

Jogging track

Let the private sector do it if it’s wanted.

Literally none.

MAINTAIN THE PARKS WE HAVE.

Meeting places for non Athletic activities (play games, meet for swaps, stuff that you could do at a park but not in the winter)

Nice locker rooms

No opinion as I’m opposed to the facility.

NO spaces

No spaces that will raise taxes

NONE

None

None

None

None

None

none

none

None

None of the above. Private businesses can provide these services and features at a much lower price than the City of Ames.

None, save tax payers money and use what we have! Fix what we have!

None, taxpayer dollars should not be used to support facilities that compete with private business.

None. No more spending taxpayer money on this crap.

Not in favor

nothing

Nothing

Nothing. We shouldn't build one.

Now another facility with tax money? Hell no

Oppose this construction

Pilates

Please include large rooms with wooden floors dedicated for recreational dancing and dances, such as ballroom, latin dancing, East and West Coast swing, contra, square dancing, and dance aerobics. Many Ames community members enjoy social dancing!

Pool

Private room for hosting gatherings

racquet ball court and climbing wall

Racquetball courts

Racquetball Courts

Racquetball that can dual as pickleball, squash, etc

Racquetball, swimming pool

Raquet ball courts

Rock climbing walls

Rock climbing, zip line, sun room in free to access space

Rock Wall

roller skating rink

Room for dancing

Running track

running track

running track (see Huxley Community Center!!)

Sauna

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Sauna

Sauna

Sauna, cold plunge and hot yoga studio. (I'm serious)

Sauna's

Sensory spaces

Skatepark

Soccer

Soccer courts

soccer field

Soccer fields

Soccer fields

soccer for the turf

Soccer Training

Soccer!

Something for roller skaters, like allowing skates on walking/running tracks or courts or multipurpose rooms, etc. there's no safe place to learn or practice and the skate park isn't conducive for roller/inline skating for even ground laps

Spa

Space for mixed martial arts

Spaces to celebrate the culture and traditions or allow student organizations to hold event for greater Ames Community. Student Organizations hosts events on campus a lot but is usually not known to outside of Student body.

Spacious rooms with wooden floors (sprung with a floating subfloor construction, or at least a solid hardwood such as maple, beech, or ash) for recreational dancing (traditional, ballroom, swing, latin, contra, etc.) and dance aerobics (e.g.,zumba).

Squash

Squash

Squash/racketball courts

Squat racks and dumbbells that go above 80s

Swimming pool open all year round for lap Swimming

Synthetic Ice Shooting Lanes (Hockey)

Table tennis

Table tennis / ping pong

Tennis

Tennis Courts

Tennis Courts

Tennis courts

Tennis Courts with Pickleball markings as well

Tennis courts, Child care

Tennis courts, party space

TENNIS!!! If you're doing pickleball, it's so easy to make them slightly bigger and include yearround tennis too. Please!!!

Therapeutic massage room

There are already many gyms in Ames

There is no indoor space that is for children who are between 5-18 in Ames. This is a huge miss. An indoor playground/climbing wall/obstacle course of some sort for cold-weather months is critical.

Think this is a waste of resources

Turf for soccer

Two Ice rinks, for hockey, figure skating, and other ice sports.

uneeded facility

Walking/running track

We already have all of these facilities in Ames. We don't need more.

We do not need this in Ames, so no spaces should be included.

We don't need a center and we certainly don't need another overpriced space that taxpayers have to pay for.

We don't need this

We don't need to create higher taxes at these interest rates for any more public recreational projects!

Yoga studio with multi purpose like Barre or Pilates

Youth indoor soccer courts

List additional priorities to be included in your top three:

Spacious rooms with wooden floors (sprung with a floating subfloor construction, or at least a solid hardwood such as maple, beech, or ash) for recreational dancing (traditional, ballroom, swing, latin, contra, etc.) and dance aerobics (e.g.,zumba)."

1. Things that users are prepared to pay to use. And ibth I ught there was a walking track at the Fitch center? 2. Things that you can properly staff to keep open. 3. Things that do not compete with private businesses..

Additional ice surface at Ames/ISU ice arena. All of the other facilities are already available. We have a major ice surface shortage in Ames that is not addressed.

affordable childcare

Affordable even for low income and disabled people

Affordable. Accessible

Again, all of these things already exist all over town. We don't need ones.

Against this totally

As I said above, childcare would be crucial for a public space like this.

balance and flexibility class space

Ballroom space

Baseball

Childcare center

City hall has these, that is enough.

Climbing wall

Combat Sports Space (MMA - Boxing, Jiu Jitsu, Judo, Kickboxing, Muay Thai, and Wrestling)

Combat sports training facility

Dance Hall with wooden floor, space for seating around the edge. A sound system.

Don’t build it!

Don't take away from private facilities

Don't think we need another facility in Ames. I was forced to pick two other priorities in order for you to accept the survey, but they shouldn't be counted in your numbers.

Elevated track for running and walking

Esports

Fix and use what we have!

Get creative

Get your hands out of everyone's wallet

golf

Golf simulator

Hall or Staged Room for events

Hockey, ice arena

I am not thinking any others are needed.

I don’t think this is a necessary facility

I don’t think this is necessary

I don't actually have any priorities but your survey is built incorrectly so I picked two at random plus other so I could explain what is wrong with your survey.

Ice arena

Ice Rink

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Ice rink

I'd love to see an indoor park - with areas for children to run, terrain changes, artificial hills, etc. The rooftop play area at the Madison, WI Childrens' Museum is a great example of what an indoor play park could be. Also, Rainbow Park in Vancouver.

Indoor climbing wall that is kid friendly and a sensory-friendly space for kids with special needs to play. This is an underserved population in Ames.

Indoor golf simulator and/or swing hitting area

Indoor soccer

Jogging track

Large rooms with wooden floors for dancing.

Let the private sector create it if it’s wanted This is trick required question.

Lower taxes

Multipurpose rooms that would work for children's lessons, etc, to serve as a community gathering place for Ames. And also maybe a pleasant green space outdoors for hikes/being in nature.

My priorities are responsible planning and expenditure for the City. With all the other projects you have going on right now, why do you see this as a good time to start a new one?

My top 3 priorities are saving my money for myself, not having my property taxes raised again for a 3rd year in a row and stop giving my money to the city of Ames for stupid shit like this.

No opinion as I’m opposed to the facility.

No spaces that raise taxes

No way we have the Fitch center add on to them

None

none

None

None

none

none

None

None

None of the above. This survey seems to assume that residents of Ames want to incur the cost and obligations of a facility like this.

None of these are priorities

None, all the school gyms and private gyms in Ames already incorporate these opportunities.

None, do NOT raise more taxes!!

None, none, none

None, taxpayer dollars should not be used to support facilities that compete with private business.

None.

none. I do not support it.

None. No more spending taxpayer money on this crap.

NONE....I had to mark 3 options to complete survey. This survey is design to get the input you want.

Not sure but perhaps more of the duckpin bowling lanes like Sixty Forward has would be nice.

Nothing

Nothing! Stop making us pay increased property taxes for your bad ideas.

open space available for dancing groups

Oppose this construction

Other: tennis courts #1 priority!

Racquetball courts

Reiterating childcare for parents

Rock climbing

Rock climbing wall

Rock Wall

Roller skating rink

Room for Dancing

Rooms with hardwood floors for dancing.

Running track

running track (see Huxley Community Center!!)

Sauna

Sauna

Sauna, cold plunge and hot yoga studio.

Sauna's

Skatepark

Soccer

Soccer

Soccer

Soccer

Soccer courts

Soccer fields

soccer turf

Some seats and tables for parents to work on laptop while kids playing

Spa, yoga and Pilates studio, sauna and steam room

Space for mixed martial arts

Spaces and floors for Recreational Dancing with some seating on the sides.

Squash/racquetball

Squat racks and dumbbells that go above 80s

STOP SPENDING MONEY WE DON'T HAVE.

Table tennis

Tennis

Tennis

Tennis Court

Tennis Court

Tennis courts

Tennis courts

Tennis courts

Turf for soccer. Indoors would be great. I wonder if there could be one indoors and one outdoors

Two Ice Rinks

unneeded facility, taxes already too high, vote no

Walking track. Does not need to be elevated.

We don’t need this

We don't need to create higher taxes at these interest rates for any more public recreational projects!

Wellness/therapy equipment like a water massage table

Wooden floor space for social and aerobic dance events

would be good to offer childcare

would not use

Youth indoor soccer courts

If you would not use this facility, why not:

A waste of tax payer money!

Already a member at a fitness center

Already have access to indoor fitness, pickleball, recreation.

Already have facilities, 3 of them!

Ames aquatic center is an expensive failure. This will be too.

Ames Racquet and Fitness Club member for 50 years. Treat me right. Meets my needs. Flexible with fee charged.

Because I dont think public money needs to build this.

Because I don't think we need this at this time. Are you kidding me? The economy is awful and you want people to pay higher property taxes for this? Get real!

By the time it is built, my kids will be out of Ames - and I wouldn't use it until I am a senior citizen and then the value of indoor space increases tremendously.

Couldn't afford it when higher property taxes will increase by building it

Don’t need it

Exercise near home; city gym already available

Existing facilities already meet my needs.

Existing private facilities are available for use at much less cost than what the City of Ames will likely burden itself with. The City already has difficulty staffing the existing recreational facilities we have today.

Have a cheaper gym thru ISU

I already have other places to go.

I am a member of Ames Fitness. It is close to my home. I don't want to have to drive to use a taxpayer funded facility that unnecessarily duplicates plenty of facilities already available.

I am concerned that this will be another expensive facility that will be too high priced for many in the community to use. Many of these spaces are already available in the community.

I can not play group sports and do not enjoy the city's exercise classes.

I do not have children and do not currently exercise or participate in recreational activities.

I do not want higher taxes, and shouldn't be required to pay for other peoples recreation

I don’t think taxpayers need to subsidize gym facilities when they already exist.

I don't enjoy sports, there are already PLENTY of locations and facilities for sports in Ames.

I don't feel the need

I don't want to pay one more dollar in property taxes!

I get everything I need at the 'indoor' recreation building I go to right now (the old ames highschool)

I have a gym membership that I like

I have access toexisting spaces that fit my needs.

I have other public spaces. Use the schools or other spaces that are already built.

I prefer the great outdoors, which is free to use.

I strongly opposed for City of Ames sponsoring a construction of this facility.

I will multiple times a week if there is an ice rink, otherwise probably never

I WILL NOT SUPPORT THE CITY'S SPENDING ADDICTION.

I would continue to use the already existing resources that Ames has.

I would go to the gym

I would love a facility such as this one, but anticipate it being much like the Fitch Family Aquatic Center in its cost prohibiting my family's access.

I would most likely use it, but it would depend on location and hours

If such a facility is wanted, let the private sector do it. Not the city

I'm 77 years old and handicapped.

In a facility where there are school tournaments, the schools receive large dollar amounts that are free from grants, bonds and donors.

Indoor spaces with no clean air infrastructure in place are not safe for people.

it does not provide anything i would use

It woukd depend on how big the workout area would be and cost of a gym membership

Likely could not afford the expensive membership if it’s anything like the aquatic center.

Most of my exercise needs are meet via walking outdoors, or using a home gym.

My kids are past needing this type of facility. I would still use the ARFC for the rest of the activities

Na

No more taxes!!

none

None, taxpayer dollars should not be used to support facilities that compete with private business.

None. No more spending taxpayer money on this crap.

Not inteested

Opportunities already exist in Ames with school and private gyms or could exist with a bit of intra-government and school cooperation.

Other opportunities in Ames privately funded. It would take away competition from small businesses.

Other places and facilities already exist.

Outdoor recreation is best!

Plenty of other facilities already exist.

Probably will be made too small so the space would always be utilized. Homeless people allowed to camp outside benches. No accountability for patrons who destroy property or act out of control.

rather be in fresh air, outside

STOP spending and taxing me. Ames has plenty of ""facilities"" that meet these needs. Costs will prohibit many from participating. These facilities are also a conflict with many for profit Ames businesses.

takes away from local business

The city shouldn't go into business against local business owners on projects like this.

The spots I use to exercise are fine. I don't need others.

There are already multiple recreation and fitness facilities available in Ames. Major shortage of ice facilities for figure skating, hockey, and ISU intramurals exists that has existed for at least 20 years and has not been properly addressed.

Unless it offers something new that usual gyms and the community center in city hall does not offer, I'm not sure what would bring me there? it sounds like I would increase property taxes with no real benefit to the community.

use a private fitness center

Waste of money

We can't afford another membership fee, or MORE taxes please don't do that

We don’t need more taxes for another facility!!!

We don’t need one. We have plenty do other options.

We don't need to create higher taxes at these interest rates for any more public recreational projects!

We have an enough recreational facilities in Ames don’t need anymore. Don’t need our taxes to increase.

We would never use something like this. What a waste of taxpayer money. There are plenty of private businesses that already have these spaces available.

Are there other barriers that would limit your use of this facility:

Ability to reserve a court/ space vs first come first served

Accessibility for families or people with health issues. The indoor pool makes taking your children and monitoring them closely due to lack of available and safe space around the entirety of the pool. There is not enough ample seating.

Add ice rink, current one is overused with ISU, public skate, youth hockey, figure skating, etc,we need to increase Ames kids being involved in hockey and figure skating and we don't have enough ice time with accessible hours and fees.

Again, you are forcing a response that assumes I presently support a new rec facility. I could skip the survey, but then I would not have the opportunity to share my genuine feedback, which is that this is not the right time.

ames does not need another facility

Ankeny building everything that Ames won't build. Des Moines has all of it as well.

Bathroom accessibility. Single stalls and family restrooms are most accessible for everyone

Busy schedules

Challenges are I'm tired of paying high property taxes for unnecessary things like this.

Child care

Childcare

Childcare

Childcare available

Childcare considerations

Childcare!

Cold/flu season

Cost

Doesn't include childcare

Family schedule. But if location is close, would consider letting tweens go without parents.

Family-friendly

Health and mobility are why I would use it, if it is accessible.

I am happy with the options I currently choose to use. Non more new taxes!

I am well past retirement age but when my grandkids visit they would enjoy using the facilities.

I could see this being so popular that it's hard to find open time

I don't have school aged children at home any more. That age group would benefit most from a rec. facility.

I dont think the City should consider this at this time. You just opened the Fitch Center. Economic times are very uncertain. It would compete with private businesses.

I don't want to pay higher property taxes for this crap.

I drive in from Des Moines for social dance events held at rotating locations. Ames needs a permanent home for them.

I prefer what I have now, it is usually a lot better than anything newly constructed nowdays

I want private places to change as someone who has a complex gender history

I WILL NOT SUPPORT THE CITY'S SPENDING ADDICTION.

I won't need it from age 45 to 65, then will need it again.

I’m against this we just built a Fitch center

If it raised my property taxes AND I had to pay an entrance fee

If there is no child supervision, we wouldn't use the facility. We have a 3 and 6 year old.

I'm not a full time resident. I'd use regularly when in town.

It would depend on what is available at the facility. I tend to use city facilities for group classes and weight lifting. I don't play any sports. But I think these places are important for residents.

It wouldn't be built and or finished in time for use for my kids.

Kids sports and if it has the necessary areas to utilize it.

Knowing it's a waste of my tax money would also keep me away.

Lack of adequate hours and staffing

Lack of childcare

lack of childcare

Lack of childcare

Lack of childcare or if the quality of childcare is low.

Lack of clean air protections

Lack of public access hours. Open hours 1-8. Need late open hours for evening play

Lack of reliable staffing, safe environments, and hours of operation.

Must be handicapped accessible, with self-opening doors, restrooms and no stairs.

No barriers

No desire to use

no interest

No interest.

No roller skating rink

None

none

None

None

None

None

None, taxpayer dollars should not be used to support facilities that compete with private business.

None. Facilities exist Ames for most activities. zone facilities is the exception. Very limited availability of ice time at Ames-ISU ice arena is resulting a negative impact on the development of figure skating, hockey, and recreational athletes.

None. No more spending taxpayer money on this crap.

Not raising taxes to pay for an optional facility, when tax dollars should be used to fix current infrastructure

Nothing

Nothing would hold us back from using the facility

Okay

Our busy schedule

Over taxing property to raise funds

Parking

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Patrons who already have other options to continually take over the needed spaces.

personal schedule

Private depends on how much I decide to go myself or take my kids.

Restricting roller or inline skating activities, it would be great to see roller derby events here

Size of walking track, crowdedness

So far, the youth recreation programs we've participated in (basketball, baseball) have not been run well. The coaches have not been good.

Space for children

Space unavailable to to classes or private events

Stop raising taxes and focus on what we currently have and real needs

Taxes already too expensive!

There was no place to mark ""no barriers""

Time

Wait times for courts (thinking pickleball here)

We are very busy

We don't need one.

We don't need to create higher taxes at these interest rates for any more public recreational projects!

We have the Fitch center add onto it

Weather pending, if it's nice we'd probably use a park. Great for wet and cold times.

Would need to have space for soccer

young kids, so having time for myself is hard to come by!

Are there other payment options that should be considered:

Charge 1 time passes for different activities. Similar to how Rec Plex does it in West Des Moines.

Depends on pricing

Free

Having user fees would be unacceptable if we all have to pay more through property taxes. It will probably take 8 years to build and my kids won't be able to use it.

Household season pass for winter

I feel like the City is spending time and money railroading this through; anyone with research experience can see that this survey is Extremely Balanced and not at all in the best/truest interest of residents.

I would do any sort of long term membership, but I lived in a town in CO that had rec centers were all residents in the town paid a small fee and got access that way but could buy visitor passes / out of town people could pay to come in

I would pay to use nothing newly constructed.

I would use the punch card option if it was similar to the punch card for the weight room at the Community Center; however, I would not use it if it was set up like the punch card for FAC.

If you nitwits would recognize that additional ice time would be beneficial to Ames athletes and profitable to the City of Ames, you'd just put in an additional ice surface at that facility. It's a no brainer. What are you thinking?

It all depends on the definition of ""reasonable "" fees. The average family would need to be able to afford it to use regularly.

No interest in anoth expense.

None

Offer affordable rates for local clubs (for example the soccer club), allowing costs to be spread among users while supporting facility operations

Please do not use tax payer money to build this

Quarterly membership option

Seasonal

Spouse plus 1 annual membership - two people should be less than a family membership

Stop this!

Team sports fee split amongst players

THE COUNCIL'S IDEA OF REASONABLE AND MINE ARE SEVERAL ZEROS TO THE LEFT OF THE DECIMAL APART.

The important thing to remember is that a lot of people on limited income can't pay $5 a day, for example.

utilize resources already in Ames

We don't need to create higher taxes at these interest rates for any more public recreational projects!

What is your idea of ""reasonable""? Would there be free or sliding scale for lower income residents? Why do we even have to pay user fees as residents when our tax dollars go to build these facilities?

Would get annual membership esp if discount offered, and would want punch card that I can refill as necessary and also use it to get in quickly without waiting; just want to insert my punch pass and get in and out fast.

Are there other spaces you go to for indoor recreation:

All Iowa Attack

Ames City Parks and Story County Parks

Ames Diamond Training

Ames Diamond Training Facility

Ames Fitness

Ames Play Yard

Ames play yard and Boone McDonald’s for indoor playgrounds

Ames Play Yard or a hotel pool so I can see and monitor my children safely.

Ames Playard; Ankeny Facilities

Ames Racquet and Fitness

Annex in campus town for recreational dancing.

As far away from Ames as I possibly can, preferably where there are mountains, deserts... I am guessing the city can't afford to build either of those features.

Batting cages and turf ames softball

Boys & Girls Club

Boys and Girls Club, Nevada's nice rec center

Caffeine and Chaos at The Plex

Church Caffeine and Chaos

Church gym

Church gym

Church-affiliated gymnasiums

Churches

Churches for indoor park/flexible kid play spaces.

Cycle year round

Employer fitness facility

Facilities provided as part of the fees where we live.

Field House in Nevada

Field House in Nevada

Fitch

Fitch & Furman

Fitch Aquatic Center track

fitch family aquatic center (for swimming and walking)

Foss Swim School in Ankeny and Success Gymnastics in Boone

Gilbert Training Center

Give us something we don't have that low/no income can access. Consider following Minneapolis' lead and construct 100 tiny homes inside a warehouse. Stop catering to the stable/high incomes and start spreadin it around.

Golf, walking group,

Harvest pickleball and tennis

Harvest Pickleball and Tennis facility

Harvest Pickleball Courts

Harvest pickleball courts

Harvest Tennis

Harvest Vineyard courts

I don't use facilities like this because I can't afford them because my property taxes are too high.

I go to the Walmart Mark YMCA in Des Moines because Fitch Aquatic Center does not offer adequate evening hours for lap swim.

I have used the exercise equipment at Medical Arts a number of times in the past following therapy

I use Christ Community gym, The Plex

I used to go to some classes at the parks and rec bldg

I walk outdoors when the weather is nice. Would be great to have a place to walk when outdoor walking is not an option.

I want to have a gym membership but the gyms in Ames are either prominently expensive or don't have free weights/squat racks/benches

I would go more but the class schedule isn’t conducive to people with full time jobs

Ignite Yoga. I have a garage gym and I built a sauna and cold plunge in my basement.

Indoor play places in Ames and other cities

Indoor playgrounds outside of ames

Isu indoor football field

ISU/AMES ice rink

Library play space

Live at Windsor Oaks. We have a facility.

Local churches and creative arts studios to use their wooden dance floors.

Mall

mall for walking

Mall for walking in bad weather

mall walking

Mary Greeley therapy pool

McFarland clinic

motel pool

Myriad MMA Academy

Neighborhood walking to live cal parks, Ada Hayden

Nevada

Nevada field house

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Nevada Fieldhouse

Nevada parks and rec facility

Nevada Sports Complex (Drive 20 minutes out of Ames to go there 2 times a week to use the Turf).

Nevada, used to be Sports Iowa but it closed

North Grand Mall

Nothing

Outdoor walking

Outside pickleball courts at Emma McCarthy lee

Planet Fitness

Please keep in mind we have the ability to HOST events if we had a space, look to other surronding towns doing a much better job than Ames. This is currently not a family friendly town.

Running at park facilities

School and church facilities outside of Ames

Spinning Wheels roller rink in Ogden

State gym

State gym

Swimming pool

Table tennis @ Four mile rec center in Des Moines

The Ames Play Yard

The Mall to walk when it is not feasible to walk outside

The Nevada Fieldhouse, weekly for pickleball during the winter.

The Playyard

There are many gyms and other facilities already in Ames that don't use tax dollars

unable to use public facilities due to the current airborne pandemic and lack of community health measures

West Des Moines Rec Plex

Ymca

yoga studio, outdoors

What sports clubs (if any) do you or your household participate in?

3T's

AAU volleyball

AAU volleyball"

AAU volleyball, AAU basketball, Thunder softball, Ames soccer club "

ABC basketball

Abc basketball

ABC basketball club (booster sponsored through Ames)

ABC Basketball"

ABC Travel Basketball

ABC, AYB, and AGSA

Acac

ACAC

ACAC (swimming), AMS and AHS cross country and track

ACAC, Bold Dance

AClub Basketball

ACSD athletics - golf, basketball, cheerleading

Adult Indoor volleyball league

Adult Indoor Volleyball"

Adult sand volleyball league"

Aerobic Training"

All Iowa Attack Basketball

All Iowa Attack, 3Ts, Iowa Rush, Ames Soccer Club, local school based sports teams

Amea youth football

Ames Alliance Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Ames Area Wrestling"

Ames Baseball Club/Storm

Ames baseball, ames soccer, Gilbert baseball, Gilbert soccer

Ames Baseballe Club; ACAC swimming lessons; SUCCESS little ninjas

Ames Basketball Club

Ames Basketball Club

Ames Basketball Club

Ames Basketball Club

Ames Basketball Club

Ames Basketball Club

Ames Basketball Club"

Ames Basketball Club"

Ames Basketball Club, Ames Soccer Club, Ames Storm Baseball

Ames Basketball Club, Ames Storm Baseball, Kingdom Hoops, Attack Basketball, ACAC/Des Moines Bears Water Polo

Ames Basketball Club, Ames Youth Baseball, Ames Youth Football,

Ames Basketball Club, Ames Youth Baseball, Storm Baseball, Ames Youth Football, Ames Youth Wrestling

Ames City Rec Leagues

Ames Community Schools Basketball, Football, Baseball, Wrestling

Ames Figure Skating Club, Ames Hockey Assicaiton, Ames high Volleyball, Ames high Basketball

Ames Fitness

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Ames fitness "

Ames fitness center

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Ames Fitness Center Tennis. Iowa State University Tennis team

Ames Fitness Center"

Ames Fitness Center, Bats 3T, Access ISU Ice Arena.

Ames Fitness Center, D1 Athletic Training (Waukee), Anytime Fitness, Gilbert High School

Ames Football Club

Ames Girls Softball

Ames golf and country club

Ames has a roller derby team but they practice in Ogden and have bouts in Nevada and Des Moines. This is an opportunity to have a local space that can be sport court flooring or just gym floor."

Ames High School (Football, Basketball, Track)

Ames Hurricanes (adult soccer club)"

Ames Hurricanes Football Club (https://www.ameshurricanes.com/)

Ames hurricanes soccer club

Ames Hurricanes Soccer Club, Ames Masters Swimming

Ames Hurricanes soccer pickup

Ames K-12

Ames Middle School (Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Track)

Ames Minor Hockey Association

Ames Minor Hockey Association, Ames Figure Skating Club, 3T's Bats,

Ames Minor Hockey Association, Ames High Baseball

Ames Minor Hockey, Success Gymnastics, Youth Football, husband is a coach for variety of sports, swimming, walking, ice skating, weight lifting. We used to also use Sports Iowa for training and no longer have that option.

ames park and rec

Ames Parks and Rec (soccer)

Ames Parks and Rec Soccer, Boys and Girls Club TKD

Ames Parks and Rec taekwondo

Ames parks and rec youth sports and adult fitness

Ames Parks and Rec. Volleyball both sand and indoor.

Ames Pickleball Club

Ames Pickleball Club

Ames pickleball club

Ames pickleball league

Ames pickleball"

Ames Racquet

Ames Racquet & Fitness, Sure Fire Fitness

Ames Racquet and Fitness"

Ames Racquet Fitness , Iowa State Gym Facilities

Ames Raquet and Fitness

Ames rec for kids sports

Ames Rec Youth Baseball

Ames Recreational Pickleball League

Ames Sand Volleyball"

Ames Slow Pitch Softball

Ames soccer

Ames Soccer

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Ames soccer club Volleyball ames, MAT Marshalltown

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Ames soccer club"

Ames Soccer Club, ABC Basketball, Ames Voleeyball Club

Ames soccer club, aau volleyball, aau basketball

Ames Soccer Club, AHS cross country, and wrestling

Ames Soccer Club, All Attack Iowa Volleyball

Ames Soccer Club, Ames Baseball

Ames Soccer Club, Ames Basketball Club

Ames Soccer Club, Ames Basketball Club, Upward Basketball, Performance Dance

Ames Soccer Club, Ames Basketball Club, Upward, All Iowa Attack

Ames soccer club, Ames youth baseball, tennis and upward basketball

Ames soccer club, bold dance, Ames high soccer

Ames Soccer Club, Gilbert Booster Tournament Basketball

Ames Soccer Club, Gilbert Soccer Club

Ames Soccer Club, Gilbert Youth Sports

Ames Soccer Club, Gilbert youth sports

Ames Soccer Club, Iowa Heart Volleyball, ACAC

Ames soccer club, parks and rec basketball

Ames soccer club, regional soccer program(ODP), Gilbert Soccer Club, Gilbert Youth Basketball, Gilbert Youth Volleyball

Ames soccer club, success gymnastics, ACAC and masters swim team,

Ames Soccer Club, The Hurricane soccer club, Iowa State Kendo Club.

Ames Soccer Club.

Ames Soccer Club. This would really be a positive thing for youth soccer. With Sports Iowa closing the kids no longer have access to turf to continue playing throughout the winter. Would also love to see “open turf” opportunities for the kids.

Ames soccer club. Ames basketball club. Ames wrestling club. Ames Storm baseball.

Ames Soccer, Ames Youth Baseball

Ames Soccer. Club & Upward basketball/flag football

Ames Softball, Ames Hockey, Ames Baseball

Ames Storm

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Ames Storm Baseball

Ames STORM Baseball will be 13U. Twin boys. Winter workouts at Lied Center Sundays or high school 2nd gym when available. Also club basketball Team Pace 7th grade boys use The Hanger in Huxley for practices. Then have tournaments at The 515 Fieldhouse in Grimes on wknds.

Ames Storm, Next Level Basketball

Ames swim club"

Ames Thunder (Ames Girls Softball Association), Ames Soccer Club, ACAC, AAU volleyball, Upward sports (basketball and volleyball)

Ames Velo.

Ames Wrestling Club

Ames Wrestling Club

Ames Wrestling Club"

Ames Wrestling Club"

Ames Wrestling Club, Ames Youth Football, and Ames Youth Baseball

Ames Youth Baseball

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AMES YOUTH BASEBALL

Ames Youth Baseball

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Ames Youth Baseball

Ames youth baseball

Ames Youth Baseball"

Ames youth baseball, ABC Basketball, Ames Youth Footballball, Storm Baseball

Ames Youth Baseball, Ames Basketball Club, Ames Soccer Club, Ames Youth Football, Ames Wrestling Club, ACAC

Ames Youth Baseball, Ames Basketball Club, Ames Youth Football

Ames Youth Baseball, Ames Parks and Rec Soccer

Ames youth baseball, Ames youth football, Ames basketball club

Ames Youth Baseball, Parks & Rec soccer, Upward basketball, Ames Parks & Rec dance and yoga classes

Ames youth baseball, Storm baseball,

Ames Youth Baseball/Storm, Ames Basketball Club, Ames Youth Wrestling, Emerge Gymnastics, Ames Youth Football, Ames Soccer Club, Elite 360 Basketball

Ames Youth Football

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Ames Youth Football"

Ames Youth Football, Ames Basketball Club, Storm Baseball, Flyers Track Club

Ames Youth Football, Ames Girls Softball, Ames Youth Baseball

Ames Youth Football, Ames Youth Baseball, A-Club

Ames Youth Soccer

Ames youth soccer, AGSA, Ames youth Baseball, volleyball

Ames Youth Wrestling"

AMHA, Gilbert rec

Ankeny Thunder youth Lacrosse, Des Moines Capitals hockey, Ballard volleyball

APR Taekwondo

Area softball and track/cross country clubs"

ARF

Artists Unlimited (dance)

Attack basketball

Attack Basketball

Attack basketball

Attack volleyball

AYF"

Badminton

Baseball

Baseball

Baseball

Baseball

Baseball - Ames Storm (use Hunziker Sports Complex along w/ Brookside)

Baseball and soccer

Baseball Basketball Pickleball

Baseball both rec and tournament ball

Baseball club and we can play bball with a team outside of Ames

Baseball"

Baseball, basketball, football

Baseball, basketball, football elementary and middle school Clubs…..Storm leagues

baseball, basketball, wrestling

Baseball, basketball. We have been disappointed with Ames Park and Rec youth activities so far.

Baseball, Hockey, Wrestling

Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, Football (Flag), Wrestling, Softball, Dance, Gymnastics

Baseball, softball, basketball.

Baseball/football/soccer/basketball

Baseball/softball, basketball

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Basketball "

BASKETBALL & BASEBALL

Basketball and soccer. My kids have also used the pickleball courts at Inis Grove park, so it would be great to have an indoor option for pickleball during the poor weather months.

Basketball and softball

Basketball and volleyball

Basketball -Pace Academy (use Huxley Hanger)

Basketball"

Basketball, Ames Soccer Club and some wrestling

Basketball, baseball, football

Basketball, flag football, Jujutsu, soccer

Basketball, football, soccer, dance, slowpitch softball

Basketball, golf, baseball, football

Basketball, soccer

Basketball, soccer

Basketball, softball, golf, pickle ball, disc golf, swimming

Bluestem Boulders

Bluestem Boulders

Bold Dance

Bold Dance by Peach

Bold Dance by Peach

Bold Dance, Ames Soccer Club

Bouldering, volleyball, LARPing.

Boxing

Central Iowa Coed Soccer League

Children’s sport groups"

Church league softball, Storm baseball, AYB rec baseball, upward flag football

CIRL Basketball

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Ciry of Ames Soccer

City of Ames basketball league

City of Ames rec leagues

City of Ames volleyball and basketball

CITY OF OF Volleyball

Club basketball, club baseball, walking/running, weights, indoor cycling

Club soccer, volleyball and basketball

CN - Rec - basketball, football, base and soft

CN- Scores Club

Coed Ames sand volleyball

Combat Sports Space (MMA - Boxing, Jiu Jitsu, Judo, Kickboxing, Muay Thai, and Wrestling)

Combat sports, wrestling, kickboxing, boxing, Muay Thai, jujitsu, MMA.

Contra dance at the annex"

Current: Sporting Soccer Club

Currently have high schoolers only. Previous I've been in the Ames Basketball Club Ames Volleyball Club, Ames Youth Baseball and Ames Youth Football.

Dance

Dance "

Dance, soccer

ECS - wrestling "

English country dancing / swing dancing / country line dancing

Esports

Exercise Clinic at Iowa State University

Family Martial Arts"

Flag Football

Flyers (running), ISU running club

Football basketball baseball soccer workout

Football"

Football, basketball, softball, baseball

Football, soccer, wrestling, basketball, softball, baseball

Forker gym for seniors, Ames Racket Club

Gilbert AAU Baseball Team"

Gilbert SC

Gilbert Soccer Club

Gilbert Soccer Club

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Gilbert Soccer Club

Gilbert Soccer Club

Gilbert soccer club

Gilbert soccer club, Ames soccer club, Attack basketball, and many school sports.

Gilbert soccer, Ames soccer, Gilbert softball, wrestling

Gilbert Sports (baseball, soccer)Upwards Sports (basketball), Ames Soccer

Gilbert Youth Sports

Gilbert youth sports and Upward sports.

Gymnastic for the kids

Gymnastics

gymnastics

Gymnastics

Gymnastics

Gymnastics "

Gymnastics for the children

Gymnastics, Ames parks and rec soccer

gymnastics, volleyball, running

harvest pickle ball

Harvest pickleball

Harvest Pickleball

Harvest Pickleball and Tennis

Harvest pickleball club.

Harvest Vineyard

High school aged volleyball clubs, and indoor soccer.

High School sports

Hockey, Baseball, Tennis,

Homeschool basketball team - which we currently have to go to Boone and rent court space from a private catholic school. We also hold our Ames area homeschool basketball team games and tournaments at the new Nevada rec facility.

Homeschool football/basketball

Homewood golf league

HS and Ms sport

Hurricanes Adult Soccer

Hurricanes Ames Soccer

Huxley 3Cs center member, Ballard Soccer Club, 3T's baseball in Elkhart, All Iowa Attack basketball, Central Iowa Sports, Huxley Parks and Rec (basketball, flag football), Ballard Sharks Swim Club, Ballard Little League, Ballard Baseball Club, school softball team, tumble through dance studio.

I do colorguard

I do not go to a sports club, but I do use the personal training at the City Hall and go to Planet Fitness

I know volleyball practice facilities haves been lacking in this town for a long time. Currently Iowa Heart Volleyball Club rents from Score Recreation Facility in Nevada and also rents the gymnasium at United Community School on Highway 30 because there is no place in Ames (since Sports Iowa closed).

I play indoor volleyball through the city. My kids take youth sport lessons here and there (still pretty young).

I run, ruck, bike and lift at home. I did play in a wood bat adult baseball league in Des Moines for a few years but the games are too late at night. My son plays high school baseball. Having batting cages with pitching machines available for the last 17 years would have been a blessing.

I use Trail Point because I'm a DMACC student.

I used Lifetime prior to moving to Ames. I think we have enough of the standard gym facilities in Ames - that is why I suggested items like adding a spa - steam room - saunas - hot tub - Pilates and yoga. If taxpayers pay for this the benefits need to be something that we can’t get in Ames already.

I would like to join an adult soccer league and have tried for years. All of the leagues I reach out to require pass experience in soccer.

I would love to see a cafe or nice sitting areas around the area where families can hang out and kids can play. I would definitely pay to have that here. "

Ice skating

Indoor Adult Volleyball , Weight Lifting, Swimming, Playgrounds, Adult Rec Volleyball Weekend Tournaments

indoor volleyball

Intramural basketball at Iowa State’s gym, recreational tennis, pickleball

Iowa attack club basketball and volleyball teams. Boone hitting hut

Iowa Flyers Track and Cross Country Club

Iowa Flyers track club "

Iowa Flyers"

Iowa Heart Volleyball

Iowa Heart Volleyball Club

Iowa Heart Volleyball club.

Iowa Heart Volleyball, Ames AAU Volleyball, Ames Girls Softball Association

Iowa Juniors Volleyball Club

Iowa Juniors Volleyball Club"

Iowa Juniors Volleyball"

Iowa juniors volleyball, elite360 basketball, aau volleyball, recreation volleyball, booster club basketball, Iowa heart volleyball

Iowa Power Plex, Sporting Iowa

ISU Weighf Club

ISUWC small groups "

Jiu jitsu"

Kiddie kickers, Tball

Latin dancing, Argentine tango, English Country Dancing, contra dancing.

Members of Harvest Vineyard Pickleball. I don't like going to a church to play.

Mixed martial arts

My 2 kids both participate in multiple. (Soccer, softball, wrestling, others depending on year). We would love to be able to use an indoor rec facility but we are concerned we will be unable to access due to lack of clean air.

My husband and I play volleyball with a league and we love to play badminton just for fun. My biggest priority however is an indoor playground!! I and other families want a place to take our younger children to run around and play when the weather is bad (which is a lot of the year around here)

My son is heavily involved with Ames Youth Baseball and their club team Storm baseball. We have used the highschool turf area for winter workout which can be very small when combining two age ranges plus all the coaches. Our team could focus on yearly practice with an indoor facility that include batting cages. Having to go out of town is frustrating. Ames could benefit from holding tournaments. All last year our club basketball was at out of town gyms.

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NA (not in any organized sports clubs). My son was part of the 6th grade middle school cross-country recreation group (which only lasted for one month).

Nevada Field House

Nevada field house

Nevada field house and Gilbert sports conplex

Nevada field house, city of Ames rec leagues, ames fitness center

Nevada Fieldhouse"

Next level basketball academy and Ames storm baseball. Also a football player but now through the school district

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None at the moment

none at this time

None at this time. Our children are college age. When they were younger they were involved in gymnastics, baseball and basketball.

None cannot afford

None currently

None currently

None currently.

None- nothing is affordable in this town

None now

None now. When my kids were school age we were involved in Ames Baseball and Ames Soccer Club.

None yet; recreational pickleball and parks & Rec kids sports

None,

None, but I'm interested in weightlifting and martial arts

None.

None.

None.

none.

None.

none. And I really hope we are not spending a lot of tax dollars on ""consulting"" on how to spend more tax dollars

None. I don't like sports of any kind. Especially ones that I have to pay for thru my property taxes which are already too high!

None... because it is not financially feasible to pay for admission. Which goes hand-in-hand with your next question. Although we could use a facility for families you continue to stretch citizens thin with your continued tax increases building facilities that are not properly managed for use (i.e. the new pool). Then you want us to pay to attend them IN ADDITION to the tax dollars we already paid.

Our own Ames Soccer Club, which serves hundreds of area youth, does not have the financial capacity to build and maintain its own indoor facility. Limited winter training opportunities affect player development and competitiveness, causing some families to seek programs in other communities. An indoor facility would support local athletes, reduce travel burdens on families, and create opportunities to host tournaments that would benefit the community and local economy.

Parks & Rec vb, soccer, and gymnastics. Upward fb and cheer. AMS fb and track. AHS XC, swim, & track.

Parks and rec

Parks and Rec gymnastics and Smart Start Soccer

Parks and Rec Youth Tennis

Parks and Rec, Ames K12 sports, Ames Wrestling Club

Performance Dance Centre"

pickeball

pickelball and frisbee golf

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball and running

Pickleball and soccer

Pickleball city summer leagues

Pickleball club

Pickleball club"

Pickleball, basketball

pickleball, soccer

Planet Fitness

Planet Fitness

Planet Fitness"

Pretty much every conceivable indoor and outdoor sport available in Ames. Ames Firness Center, running, golfing, basketball, softball/baseball, track and field, swimming, wrestling, football, etc, etc.

Previous: Ames Soccer Club, Ames Basketball Club, Success Gymnastics"

Previously Ames soccer club.

Private Dance

Private Gymnastics

Rec - basketball/baseball

Rec & travel baseball

Rec hockey

Rec soccer, upward sports

Recplex West Des Moines, Hotworx Ankeny, Albaugh community center

Roller Derby

Roller derby (referee)

Roller derby.

Rollerskating

Running

Running "

Running events - pickleball - Youth events

Running, CrossFit

Sand volleyball,

Sand volleyball, indoor volleyball

SCORE in Nevada, Harvest Tennis and Pickleball

Skateboarding

Skating club

Soccer

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Soccer- Ames Soccer Club, Ames Hurricanes

Soccer and baseball

Soccer and basketball

Soccer club in Grimes

Soccer club outside of Ames

soccer club, basketball, volleyball

Soccer clubs

Soccer clubs, basketball

Soccer we do Ames and Des Moines because Des Moines has many more options indoor wise etc.

Soccer, and cross country. Gymnastics as well.

Soccer, baseball, basketball

Soccer, baseball, basketball clubs

Soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball

Soccer, baseball, wrestling, basketball, tennis

Soccer, baseball, wrestling, dance

Soccer, basketball

Soccer, basketball

Soccer, basketball

Soccer, basketball and volleyball

soccer, basketball, cheer

Soccer, basketball, dance, gymnastics

Soccer, basketball, dance, wrestling, soccer

Soccer, Biking, Running

Soccer, Gymnastics

Soccer, gymnastics, swimming

Soccer, gymnastics, volleyball

Soccer, swimming

Soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming

Soccer, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, basketball

Soccer, wrestling, gymnastics

Soccer, wrestling, swimming, badminton, basketball

Soccer; golf

Softball

Softball

Softball

Softball

Softball and Baseball

Softball and baseball

Softball and football

Sometimes Pickleball at Harvest Pickleball or Inis Grove

Sons do Ames Youth Baseball. Older son does TKD through Boys and Girls Club.

Special Olympics

Sporting Iowa Soccer Club

Storm Baseball

Storm baseball and Ames Basketball club

Storm Baseball, Ames Youth Baseball, Ames Soccer Club, Ames Basketball Club

Storm Travel Baseball

Storm, Thunder, Attack"

Strength Training

Success (gymnastics)

Success Gymnastics

Success gymnastics

Success Gymnastics

Success Gymnastics "

Success gymnastics "

Summer softball leagues (church and City)

Swim club

Swim club - private"

Swim for ACAC

Swim lessons, gymnastics

Swim"

Swim, soccer

Swimming

Swimming

Swimming +dance lessons. We don't need yet another place for athletics in town. We need a safe, indoor space that isn't cost-prohibitive for kids to play - ALL kids (including special needs kids) - when it's too cold to be outside! Right now, citizens' only option is a private play yard that costs nearly $20 per child per visit. Ames prides itself on being a great place to grow as a family. Yet, this is a gaping hole in its community offerings.

Swimming, taekwondo, running, climbing/bouldering

Swimming, volleyball

Table tennis, youth soccer, youth basketball

Tall Dogs Bike Club (not affected by this project)

Tee Ball

Tee ball

Tennis

Tennis

Tennis (Ames Fitness Center)"

Tennis Club

Tennis club

Tennis"

That is private

Thunder softball, storm baseball, Ames youth football & Ames youth wrestling.

Thunder, storm"

Toddler sports, Zumba

Together Volleyball Club"

Travel baseball - Ankeny because they left Ames.

Travel hockey - in Des Moines because we can’t have girls’ travel without locker space."

Travel Soccer - in Des Moines - indoor turf

Travel softball - in Ankeny because they don’t have in Ames

Travel softball team

Travel Volleyball in Nevada - because they left Ames

ultimate frisbee, disc golf, pickleball

Upward

Upward Basketball

Upward basketball

Upward basketball

Upward Basketball"

Upward basketball, parks and rec soccer

Upward Sports

Upward Sports

Upward Sports - football, basketball"

Upward sports flag football for 10 year old boy.

Upward sports, dance classes

Upward"

Upwards basketball"

Upwards Football and Basketball "

Upwards sports at The Plex

Used to do baseball but now all soccer

Volleyball

Volleyball

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Volleyball

Volleyball (Ames Parks & Rec league - sand and indoor - and open gyms)

Volleyball and softball but mostly volleyball

Volleyball and Softball currently. Basketball in the past

Volleyball club

Volleyball club/AAU

Volleyball, baseball

Volleyball, baseball, basketball

Volleyball, Basketball

Volleyball, Basketball, Golf

Volleyball, basketball, wrestling.

Volleyball, gymnastics

Volleyball, Pickelball, softball, basketball, swimming

Volleyball, soccer, swimming, wrestling, kickboxing

Volleyball, softball, gymnastics, dance

Volleyball, track, e-sports

Volleyball, Trap/Skeet, Soccer

VSA Timberline soccer in Des Moines, rec soccer and rec basketball

Walking

We are in desperate need of additional ice time for youth sports in Ames. It is extremely difficult to find figure skating freestyle sessions. Most of the available ice time goes to hockey, while Ames Figure Skating purchases ice time and resells it to its members at a higher price. We need more affordable and accessible ice time for all young athletes, regardless of their sport!

We are primarily bowlers but do play softball in a coed league when weather permits.

We currently have kids participating in club basketball and club soccer - with no options locally to practice in the winter months or during inclement weather.

We do not have children in the house

We don't currently participate in club sports but do work and lead programing that local players use.

We have used the Harvest indoor pickleball courts once, we didn’t feel the fee was worth it.

We use our own 2 feet on the city sidewalks, or ride bikes on trail or city street.

We’ve been picking up pickleball and the boys play badminton "

Webster City Slow Pitch Softball

Weight lifting

Weight lifting

Weight lifting, soccer, running, walking, swimming

Weightlifting"

West Coast Swing Dance with the City of Ames

We've coached and played soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

Wild rose English country dance

Will be signing up for Lacrosse "

Would participate in scuba club if you offered it again, like years ago.

Wrestling

Wrestling

Wrestling, baseball, martial arts, soccer

Wrestling, basketball, tball

Young children, anticipation sports participation in the future

Youth baseball, football, basketball for two sons. (Storm, Ames Youth Football, Ames Basketball Club)

Youth cross country and track (Iowa Flyers)"

Youth Soccer, basketball, wrestling

Youth softball, adult softball, youth basketball, youth soccer

Youth swimming (ACAC)

Zumba- floor at fitch sucks.

Do you have any additional comments regarding a potential recreation center:

- Eight full size basketball courts (then could be converted to 16 volleyball courts)

- Elevated walking track of around 1/8 mile

- Large indoor turf area for soccer and other sports

- Large weight and cardio area; free weights, machines, treadmills, stationary bikes, etc

"A shared indoor facility would provide consistent training and recreational opportunities during the winter months, support youth development, improve the competitiveness of local sports programs, and reduce the need for families to travel to neighboring communities for training. It would also create opportunities to host tournaments and other events, bringing visitors and economic activity to the area.

"As of Nov 9 2026, City of Ames holds more than $250 million in total outstanding debt. Ames property owners pay about $1.2 million annually just to cover a Debt Service Levy. This translates to more than $1,000 per household annually. Keep in mind current house market which is going down.

"Being a sports official I have been to many community and city rec centers.

"Big necessity for Ames! We care greatly for ISU students but don’t seem to consider the moms and their kids that one day may become… ISU students.

"Bummed that it is separate from Fitch Indoor center rather than the same facility. Being able to swim and work out all in one place would have been nice.

"Families would benefit from indoor spaces for kids to burn energy when there are stretches of really hot days, rainy days, and cold days. So I think an indoor playground would be great! The Playard is a little out of the way and expensive for our family to go there.

"For me personally, I want an inside track suitable for running - 5-8 laps for a mile - anything less increases risk of injury - for walkers and runners. That adds incentive for runners in the community to support this effort, given the Ames Racquet and Fitness

doesn't offer this and the University indoor tracks are expensive and difficult to access. I'm much more likely to support a plan if this is included.

"Hi! I'm a foster/adoptive mom of 4 kids who is VERY active in the community. I'm not sure we need more inside gyms when we have all the schools, city hall, and churches… we do need an indoor children's play area (Ames play yard is too expensive/not accessible)… and indoor community space people can rent to hold birthday parties, conferences, etc. We go to Nevada field house often in winter. However- Nevada residents are upset because it was supposed to be free to citizens… and that's not the case.

"Hi,

"I and my wife consistently (all year long) take fitness classes TRX, Cycle Strength, Power Blast and Simply Strength classes (most are at City Hall and Fitch and regularly use the machines at 60 Forward.

"I believe Ames has adequate indoor recreation options through small businesses and public spaces. Adding more would be a waste of money and hurt small businesses.

"I don't have confidence that this would be done correctly. Increasingly the city has "built" things that have big problems. Or building estimates are quite low compared to bids…

"I live outside of Ames but work in Ames and have my son open-enrolled to the Ames Community School District, and I come to Ames basically seven days a week. Since I'm no longer an Ames resident, I can't comment fairly on my support for a bond referendum -- though I do strongly support the idea of this facility.

"I personally think housing is a much more urgent need in Ames. Following that, I would like to see a more robust option for emergency medical care closer to the west side of town.

"I strongly think we need indoor workout space for adults, particularly a walking track. Going to Iowa State is intimidating with all the young adults and parking is challenging. Ames Racquet and Fitness is not affordable for many. Ames has the least affordable rec options of any community I have lived in.

"I would hope that the city officials would take a very serious approach on constructing this facility. It needs to be large enough to accommodate Ames residents for daily activities in multiple sports. I would strongly recommend the idea of having the city host weekend tournaments (such as basketball and volleyball). This would bring in revenue that could go towards maintaining the facility. Not to mention the income to city businesses. The DesMoines metro area is way ahead of Ames in this area.

"If Ames were to build a public rec center, would there be an option for scholarship for low income households?

"Indoor pickle ball may have already peaked, please check local trends as well as national trends before making a commitment to build for it.

"Indoor pickleball space is sorely lacking in Ames (actually, so is outdoor space. In the community where e winter, there are approx 25,000 residents, we have 26 dedicated PB courts and 4 more temp courts; no indoor facility, but there is one about 10 minutes away. Have only needed to use it once). PB courts on tennis facilities are a poor substitute. Also would be great to have space for cardio/ circuit weight training, what's available is very cramped.

"It is absolutely negligent to build another facility when this all could have been incorporated into the Fitch Aquatic Center. There are so many better ways that space could have been used. You should have waited to build until the funds were there to build multiple floors.

"It's the wrong timing; ALL the OTHER projects the City is presently involved in (fire station, animal shelter, etc - and Fitch still has issues) need your attention. Please take the time to responsibly complete those projects before introducing another one.

"Let’s Go!!

"Look at Kearney Nebraska.

"My nephews participate in Ames Youth Football and other park and rec programs throughout the year. Practice times and availability are always tough when working on other facility schedules. Also not being able to play as many games in Ames is challenging. I don't see them play very often because I'm only able to make it to their home games.

"My strong support is conditioned on one thing: that the facility would be “A community recreation center primarily designed for residents’ daily use.” I would vote no on a bond referendum to finance “A regional sports complex primarily designed to attract tournaments and visitors.”

"Overall, I am most interested in providing opportunities for city residents to exercise and work out, and I think this facility should focus on meeting these needs. As climate change continues, I foresee the need for more indoor exercise space as heat advisories, winter weather, and air quality advisories reduce the times people can exercise outside.

"Property taxes are already outrageously high in Ames / central Iowa in general. We do not need to raise taxes to fund this government owned/operated facility that will likely be

over budget, behind schedule, and have tons of weird hours/date restrictions. All of these needs are already met through private sector enterprises.

"Sad that we have to go to Nevada for kids sports events, or move to Ankeny/Des Moines — and can’t host tournaments or big events in Ames (would draw lots of other revenue for the city if we could). Fitch was a waste — too small to do anything, barely lap swim and boring for anyone over 8 years old, we already have several small pools we didn’t need another one. Don’t make the same mistake with a sports building. Make it bigger than sports iowa was and the Nevada Field House is or don’t bother.

"Since Sports Iowa closed, Ames has lacked a facility that can host indoor soccer. I have been going to Nevada every week to play indoor soccer on their turf field as a 40 year old. I would love to be able to stay in town. And my kids who play soccer would really benefit from having somewhere to practice soccer in the winter or hot summer months. I would take my kids regularly and sign them up for any leagues such as the Ames soccer club fast feet league they host in the winter.

"Stop this -

"Super selfishly, having a larger multipurpose space for APR gymnastics and Taekwondo would be wonderful. Those classes are outgrowing the current space in both participants on TKD and waiting area for children's activities.

"The City of Ames already has issues staffing our existing community recreation facilities during hours that are conducive to widespread use. Further, the cost to operate these facilities requires user fees that Leaving these facilities to private businesses is a much better option. For example, Planet Fitness offers a membership for $15/month that allows unlimited use of their facilities (with recently upgraded equipment) 24 hours a day during the week, with shorter hours on the weekend. I use their facility at least 5x weekly. Comparable use of the Community Gym would cost me around $75/month with a 30-visit punch pass - and the facility still wouldn't be open at 5:00am when I need to start my workout.

"The city of Ames has almost no indoor play spaces for children that either A. Don’t cost an arm and a leg or 2. Aren’t affiliated with a church. I would love access to more early childhood resources in general in Ames.

"The city should pursue talks with North Grand Mall about purchasing / leasing / remodeling unused space at the mall for this facility. The mall barely uses their parking - a lot of unused space. Collect data on the mall parking usage for at least seven days.

"The Ice rink already provides tourism, but is treated horribly and is a waste of an opportunity. The ice hasn't been painted in over a year and it looks horrible. Until the city

actually invests in the facilities they already have, I will refuse to support any additional facilities.

"The proposed center could be a tremendous benefit to our city if it is appropriately sized and adequately staffed. However, I would like to have more information before making a decision. I believe there should be a broader public poll with realistic options, including facility size, location, estimated membership fees, staffing, and operating hours.

"We just finished builing the 60 Forward and Fitch Rec Center. I question another facility.

"When local government leaders are so concerned about shrinking revenue streams AND streets/sewers/water lines/power infrastructure are all concers AND when we already have a city-wide staff infection AND WHEN GUNFIRE ON TRIPP STREET IS NO LONGER SURPRISING AND we do not have the money...

"With the information I have, I'm against pursuing such a facility. Ames has a lot of opportunities for sports participation and plenty of facilities.

"Would all depend on the fees

"You are likely already referencing this, but the $18M Wellness Center built in Clear Lake, IA is a great example and success story:

$20-$30 million dollars? Are you kidding me??? We can't get a decent animal shelter and you want to waste money on this? When private businesses already have such facilities available? This is one of the worst ideas the city has ever had besides wanting a data center. I am strongly opposed to this and will be advocating to everyone I know to vote NO on any bond referendum you try to put forward.

$20-$30 million for a facility that could be programmatically very similar to one recently built in Nevada for roughly $8 million? Why the high costs when less was spent on a very successful project for a neighboring town that has all of the program items you allowed for selection of what is desired? Why does Ames always have to be the top spender when we don't have the funds (same for the animal shelter...)? Also, please utilize LOCAL (!!!!!!) consultants when doing planning/design/construction and don't do it as a CM project. We see how well that goes with the same contractor selected every time that always ends up with high cost change orders. And by local I mean Ames.....not Des Moines where those people don't live and spend their dollars in Ames and only reap the benefits of charging an outrageous cost and sailing back down I-35. There are plenty of good options in every sector with backgrounds in this field that can complete this project, not some big shot in DSM.

$20-$30 million?

(My kids participate heavily in different activities through the city of Ames). My Spouse and I would also like a place to be able to go work out and let our kids play at an indoor playground that is affordable, the current tot time for playing with the City of Ames falls during the week days when we both are working.

“A regional sports complex primarily designed to attract tournaments and visitors” would expend public dollars on a limited segment of the population, those financially able to support such activities. Public dollar expenditure supported by an increase in property taxes should aim for the greatest good. Additionally, several of these sports complexes are in central Iowa. We do not need to enter into competion to the bottom with them. If a private consortium wants to finance such an endeavor, they can go ahead and do so with their private financing. "

60 Forward is highly used— sorry it isn’t bigger but you can see we need more just like it. Lower fees for lower income people.

A city of Ames rec center would be a nice value add for the city. City hall is nice, bit it's small and is frequently used for other things. Campus has nice facilities but it's somewhat expensive and busy.

A collaborative approach between the city and local sports organizations would maximize the use and impact of the facility, ensuring year-round opportunities that benefit youth, families, and the broader community.

A flexible gym area that could be basketball, volleyball, pickleball would be great. I’ve used current city gym for pickleball, and it doesn’t really work (not enough space). "

A joint membership or discounted rate for use between swimming facilities and exercise facilities. Facility usage costs would be strongest consideration for usage as we are a single-income family with limited ""extra"" funds.

A large enough area of indoor turf to accommodate football, baseball and softball practice, along with batting cages. The idea of a walking area is great, but also a running track would be a good idea. It also has to be large enough for pickleball courts and a weight room with exercise equipment. In addition to rest rooms some locker rooms (with showers) would be nice.

A priority should. include an indoor space for young children to also participate. Many young families are looking for things for young ones to do in the winter and Ames does not offer many options.

A recreation center with reasonable entrance rates and an indoor children’s play space would be great especially with daytime hours that would be conducive to homeschool family participation. Another aspect that should be considered is childcare for parents who desire to use the facility but do not have other options for kiddos.

A recreation facility is 20 years overdue in this city.

A tournament space would be a waste of money for the community. Build things for actual residents.

Add childcare facility

Adding more options for indoor recreation by better partnerships with small businesses would be a better option. "

Additionally, the $30M cost to build the facility is a poor investment overall. Encumbering future generations with debt just because someone wants to play pickleball at a different venue seems rather short-sighted."

All costs to live in Ames are up. We can't afford police to monitor traffic, etc. Our city streets are not safe with speeders. We need to take care of and fund the things we have before we spend more money. Residents can't afford this rec center. I can't afford this rec center.

All of your questions presume I want this. I do not. Highly biased survey

Also, as someone with 4 kids- it feels REALLY dumb that fitch/furman family passes are now limited to 3 kids. Furthermore- every foster kid in story county should be able to do any Ames Rec thing for free!! They should be encouraged to be involved and it should be hassle free for the foster families. (As precedent- Nevada field house is now free for any foster child- their board approved that!)

Also, I think with a good promotional plan to get information out to the community on what all is included, cost per household, and how the facility will serve all of Ames is critical to passage of a bond referendum. I don't think that happened - or was effective enough - with the last plan.

Also, your question about listing your top 3 priorities forces you to pick 3. Those who see no need for a facility will not have priorities therefore your numbers will be inflated."

Although I am now past the age where vigorous daily exercise is an option, I strongly support the availability of community facilities for those who are capable of taking advantage of them.

Although my kids are no longer school age, we are lagging community facilities that other communities have (Nevada and Jefferson as examples) for hosting tournaments. Gym access was a major challenge for basketball and winter sports prior to high school.

Always concerned when government competes with local businesses … ie: no property tax expenses.

Ames already has a high cost of living- the economy is terrible, citizens don't get paid enough to afford the high membership fees along with everything else like housing, food, utilities, gas for vehicles etc. Raising taxes to build an unaffordable recreational center is not helping the community at all

Ames desperately needs this space. We have so many empty buildings sitting there taking up space. There are only a few places for children to go to for birthday parties, so the majority of us parents drive out of town.

Ames does a nice job of providing opportunities to exercise but we could use more.

Ames does not have any indoor playground area. I do not support a bond issue for this project if it just contains a bunch of courts and is used for tournaments.

Ames has a very good soccer club which is popular within the Ames community. It would be great to have turf available for the soccer club to use in the winter months to provide the hundreds of children they serve with an indoor space, that is in Ames. Rather than traveling to Nevada

Ames has been underserved in this area for a long time, especially compared to other communities. I cannot support this type of facility enough.

Ames has needed a COMMUNITY facility for a long time. Costs should not be prohibitive for young families.

Ames has needed an indoor sports complex for YEARS. We don't need more community playgrounds and weight rooms- we need indoor basketball, volleyball courts, soccer/turf fields - as a community we are way behind other cities of similar populations in what is offered for youth competitive sports. We had to leave Ames club sports in order to find better facilities and more competitive events/teams that are not offered in town due to lack of year round facilities.

Ames has private facilities that focus on basketball. This facility should focus on other needs, such as turf (indoor softball/baseball practice space at a minimum) and volleyball. The facility should be kept open for indoor walking track, lifting/cardio, etc., even if there are weekend tournaments for other sports occurring.

Ames has so many great outdoor parks for kids, but an affordable indoor play and rec space is badly needed. In desperation during the winter months I'd take my kids to the mall to move around, and Chick Fil A had a little play place we we would go to as well. Now even those are gone.

Ames is behind in many aspects of youth sports and facilities. Even the best facilities we have in the city are comparable to the worst we've played at around central Iowa including in communities much smaller than ours. I also believe that it fills the needs

and wants of families (kids, parents, and grandparents, extended) as well as many visitors outside our community in comparison to households with just 1 or two people. As a business owner I also see the potential for increased visitors in our city support economic growth. Visitors would also likely be more regular than 6 football games a year or Iowa Games once a year. I'm so glad Ames is finally talking about some kind of field house.

Ames is long overdue.

Ames is really good for family. Having indoor play areas would make Ames better in Winter

Ames needs an indoor turf facility as the top priority. The other sports already have options within Ames community. We currently drive to Nevada to use their indoor turf twice per week.

Ames needs this! So glad to hear it is being seriously considered!

Ames needs this! We cannot attract young adults or families without a rec facility. Our economic base needs this. Thank you for persuing it.

Ames needs this. I fully support it.

Ames needs to add 2 ice rinks to this facility. Currently, the ice arena is horrible and in shambles, with multiple issues that need fixing, including another sheet of ice. We also shouldn't have any memberships unless it's a gym; instead, we should charge for specific activities, similar to how the Rec Plex does it. Ames also needs to attract more families to the city; adding 2 ice rinks would help tremendously. You would attract the numerous families who travel from the Des Moines Metro area to Ames multiple times a week. Along with this, being able to host big events, similar to the Rec Plex, would be an enormous benefit to the City of Ames. Things like the US Curling Championships and the Midwest High School hockey playoffs, which Rec Plex has hosted for multiple years now. Other things include big AAU basketball tournaments and club volleyball tournaments. Adding a big soccer-sized, multipurpose field would help grow club soccer, club lacrosse, and youth football in Ames. The opportunity to host events for these sports would also bring lots of revenue to Ames. The concern that the ice rinks may cost too much money shouldn't be a problem if we kept them running and actually took care of them; unlike what we have with the current rink, it would be fine, and if the rinks may not make a profit, then the other courts or parts of the facility can cover those costs.

Ames needs viable indoor options. A city of this size not having something seems unheard of.

Ames recently opened the aquatic center and there has been a significant amount of frustration with how this is being run- there are several barriers with hours/avaiability,

not making it a realistic option for families. As a mother to a younger child, this was supposed to be a good option. Also, as a community member with an autoimmune disorder, the barrier of availability of the therapeutic services makes this facility seem pointless. If this previous facility can't be run appropriately, I don't want to go forward supporting another facility with the same potential of time and staffing barriers.

Ames Roller Derby team is always looking for facilities to play in. If this facility is built the Ames Roller Derby team would be interested in using this facility to host our games and tournaments bringing multiple people from the area and other states to the venue.

Ames should have an indoor and free toddler-friendly play area (more mobile play, like running and climbing) so that families can have a third space to go to in the winter and on rainy days

An additional ice surface at Ames-ISU ice arena for a much lesser cost than this would be both a more in-demand project and a lesser expense to the City of Ames. If we're going to use public fund for this, I'm in for it of using those funds for an in demand project that is financially sensible rather than a hair brained project that is unnecessary and has a high probability of requiring ongoing public funding to support n

An affordable indoor play space for kids under 10 would be great to have in Ames. My family would probably utilize an indoor playground a couple times each week in the winter."

An exercise facility with a childcare option would be soooo amazing for Ames families. Affordable drop in childcare is a huge need that many people struggle to fill.

An indoor area for small children is something really needed in the area. Right now I have to go all the way to the Des Moines area for somewhere with fun indoor activities for my 2 year old.

An indoor facility is clearly needed in the community, it is a matter of priority. It would be interesting to see if you had a poll of how the priority for this would stack up against other potential community projects.

An indoor gym space (i.e. basketball courts) for residents, especially resident youth use, is wildly overdue. The Community Center gets great use and has the amenities that residents need; those amenities just need to be expanded upon and elevated in a space where the footprint of the building does not restrict the recreational possibilities.

And it's very poor taste you require my address for this survey— leaves it impossible for anyone to be anonymous. You will skew your results now because people will be hesitant to answer honestly."

Aquatic center añd ice rink are failed efforts that cost too much money for nothing of value. Yet you want us to pay for another ? I will be talking to neighbors specifically to unseat council members that approve any more of these projects.

As a parent to a small child, there are VERY few places that a child can run out their energy indoors in Ames. We basically have the library, which is always packed with energetic kids on bad weather days, and places you have to pay a lot to go (and even those aren't abundant). The indoor pool is a huge help to families, and another indoor recreation space would be amazing - places for indoor sports like soccer when the weather isn't great, as well as indoor place spaces where kids can just run around. Personally, I would love an alternative to the gym that I pay for, but that depends on location, amenities, and costs. My main priority is a space that I could take my family.

As a Technical Leader and program director with US Soccer and Iowa Soccer, we would have interest in hosting statewide, Regional and National Talent ID events along with US Soccer Coach Education Courses in Ames.

As long as not outrageous of an increase in Property Taxes, this Community needs a Rec Center.

As long as there are open hours for the public and evening hours for families

As nice as this sounds, we’re increasing property taxes in a city with housing that is already very expensive and many not able to afford it. Maybe we should be grateful for what we have and put funds into caring for those in need in our city?

At this time, I think there are more pressing issues for the City to address and resolve (e.g. housing, renewable energy). However, I do think it is a concept worth exploring for the future as Ames continues to grow. I will always support community-based facilities that prioritize resident needs and satisfaction over private facilities that are only incentivized by making a profit. I think it would be imperative reserve the use of such a facility to residents of Ames, and not as an attraction for tournaments or visitors as indicated in some of the survey choices. There are plenty of alternative facilities - both in Ames and surrounding cities - that can and do fill the role of regional sports complexes. A rec facility funded by our community should be designed and reserved for community use, only.

Based upon past performance of recreational area projects managed by city of Ames personnel, I would strongly recommend someone outside of city government manage the project. Performance on projects has been pitiful at best. Contract creation and administration needs to be improved TREMENDOUSLY!

Batting cages would be a HUGE win for Ames. Also a nice walking track and weights would be great!

Be creative - find a sponsor(s) + a few forward thinking citizens that are willing to donate some money towards this - and also ask Iowa State to contribute at least half - keep this near downtown -

Before investing in another facility, we should fix and not repeat the problems with existing ones. Our city already has facilities that are underutilized due to poor management and accessibility issues, some of the examples: inconvenient hours at the Indoor Aquatic Center and city hall, impossibility to get membership for ISU facilities, staffing shortages in Parks and Recreation programs.

Between private facilities, schools, and ISU there are actually a considerable number of facilities available in Ames (many taxpayer funded) that it total are underutilized. Would like to find a better way through partnering that just building another facility. I'd like to see what the numbers are in the indoor aquatics center and how close staff estimates for utilization were.

Bring more business to Ames, Ankeny seems to be thriving

Build something that will compete with what's around us.

But I'll say that if an Ames indoor recreation facility offered the sorts of amenities and features I was interested in, I'd be glad to pay a non-resident fee to use the facility. And when I lived in Ames, I strongly felt Ames needed better options for an indoor municipal gym (one that offer bigger and more updated cardio and weight rooms than the current community recreation center).

By increasing spending the City of Ames is pushing Ames residents to financial disaster. Tine for easy money is gone!"

Can we tax corporations more for this?

Centrally located in Ames near Ames downtown is important for us, for being able to visit often."

Child care would be very valuable for families in the community.

City Hall is dated. Office space is lacking at City Hall. Most of the time its hard to find a large space for meetings within City Hall. We have people working in the basement, the PD is cramped, there is no room for storage. Consider filling in the courtyard at City Hall and making it usable space. I would rather see new facilities for City staff.

city of ames cannot be everything. do not want to pay for another bond

Clubs and organizations should be able to use a turf field or courts using their own staff, with minimal staff needed from the facility. Other communities the size of Ames and smaller are able to make indoor facilities work.

Combat Sports - Such as (MMA - Boxing, Jiu Jitsu, Judo, Kickboxing, Muay Thai, and Wrestling) often times have a bad stigma. Although I recognize there are challenges with these spaces the benefits for youth and adults are far more impactful! In these spaces you learn humility, grace, discipline, respect, grit, and much more! Combats Sports build self confidence. It also serves communities in becoming safer! It teaches practical self defense. There is also lots of peer reviewed research that shows benefits for all age ranges!.

Communities all around Ames have facilities like this. We need one in Ames.

Concerned about cost to tax payers and poor maintenance. Also concerned about the competition to AFC. Wondering why this wasn't proposed as part of the aquatic center. Seems like there could have been some added efficiency by combining instead of building 2 separate facilities.

Consider doubling entrance fee for non-Ames citizens or Ames citizens who do not own property and don't pay property taxes, otherwise you are punishing homeowners by forcing us to pay extra in taxes and then charging us the same rate for entrance fees.

Consider having residents fund through taxes instead of membership fees.

Considering a location with ample parking would be important. How can some partnerships be built with the clubs such as Ames Soccer Club/Ames Basketball Club so that space can be used/rented accordingly? We used to go to Sports Iowa and since then we now often have to drive to the facility in Nevada or even to Des Moines area. It is sad that for a city the size of Ames, we do not have better facilities and more closely coordination between clubs and the city and school and even potentially Iowa State. Thinking about how there could be a multi-use facility that could meet all needs and build on a centralized location near other amenities would be helpful. Look at Cedar Falls. Look at Waukee. Look at Norwalk. In Ames, everything is disjointed and spread out and it not thoughtfully connected between sports facilities and other small business/retail/restaurants around it. City Gym at City Hall is just not cutting it. Think about how to better coordinate. Could something be built next to Furman since the parking lot is not being utilized 8 months of the year? Could something be built downtown so that it could be close to the shops/dining and retail? Lots to consider!

Considering the comments I hear about Fitch Aquatic Center, there needs to be much more public input. Fitch has a lot of wasted space that could have been used for larger pool amenities. Admission fees are another factor. We don't need more multipurpose rooms. There are plenty of those around that are underutilized.

Could money be used in a better fashion such as housing for middle and low income families? How much demand is there for more rec facilities with current public and

private resouces? What is needed is space for groups and organizations to meet as the Library is full many nights of the week when organizations and groups meet"

Depends on affordability, type of facility and programs offered

Don’t try to include so many things that the facility doesn’t work well. Seems like typically you try to do a little something for everyone but it’s done at half measures so doesn’t work well.

Don't build this anywhere near downtown. Make it easy for people to get to both from in town but also for people coming in from out of town. To help offset costs, set it up so tournaments can use the space on weekends which bring more money into the Ames area.

Don't overdo it. Try to please everyone by including everything and you'll doom the project. Would this replace City Hall gym? If not, omit basketball courts from the new.

Don't we have enough rec spaces in Ames? Money should be going towards the city's budgets.

Downtown Ames currently lacks an indoor space for kids to get energy out. This is especially notable in the winter months. I've heard other parents talk about how jealous they are of Nevada's new indoor recreation facility.

Elevated walking space is top priority for us.

Especially with our rough winter climate (& terrain issues with ice & snow), Ames absolutely needs a large indoor rec facility -- especially for children to play. Playground equipment and large space to throw a softball/football or play kickball would be ideal.

Everything is so high right now. My property tax is higher than ever. Adding more seems like a huge burden for an already stretched budget.

Examine the tournament charge structure. The facility should be able to support its fixed expenses through tournament income.

Existing facilities are available.

Families in Iowa need a place to stay active year round.

Focus on our community and what the real needs of the people are in the current economy - stop raising taxes to fund things like this and look at what is happening to your everyday citizens and families "

For a community of our size, we are lacking for indoor recreation space. Nevada built a nice indoor facility that has year round options- walking track, basketball, pickleball, volleyball courts, which would be a great addition. The current city options for indoor

space are minimal and the basketball/volleyball/pickleball/badminton courts are always in use or reserved. We need dedicated space for youth, adults and our older generation. Let's come together to get this done and be a regional leader in indoor recreation space!!

For the closure for tournaments, I think it would depend on revenue generation for the City. Will there be concessions? How will fees be charged to organizations using the facility? Will admissions be charged by the facility or by the organizations renting the facility? Where will revenues be allocated (debt service on the facility, future facility improvements, or general funds)?

For transportation equity reasons, the location of this facility should be constrained to an existing CyRide route that runs every day year round (1, 2, 3, 6). Three of these routes service the mall. Build a bus transfer station in space currently called Ferndale Avenue. Be holistic."

Given the health challenges of poor fitness and obesity, I can only support spending public dollars on a community rec facility that gives the community an opportunity to improve health and fitness.

Given the removal of gender identity from iowa civil rights code, I'd encourage the city council to consider how equity and safety for trans people would be insured in the design of private spaces

goodness...taxes are high enough already. all my utilities have gove up as well

Hard to tell without a more detailed idea on the impact on property taxes.

Have many options for childcare, children's activities, exercise for pregnant women, education spaces on nutrition and things like Qi Gong

Having a large, first class/high quality recreational facility with a range of offerings available for locals and regional tournament use would be a real asset to the community and a showcase for potential new residents and businesses (although it seems there are a sizeable number of residents who don't really want Ames to grow which is kind of frustrating in my opinion). I've attended tournaments at venues like this in other cities and they're very impressive and stimulate a lot of energy around the area.

Hosting tournaments could help raise $ to cover maintenance fees.

However, I do not think it would be financially prudent to try to create a venue for regional tournaments seeing as there are already a number of locations within a 40 mile radius. In addition, I am worried about the market for these facilities being saturated and the possibility of the city having a surplus of infrastructure (and possible debt) if the youth sports bubble bursts.

https://www.aturaarchitecture.com/project/cl_wellness/"

https://www.clearlakewellness.com/

I already have spaces for recreation in Ames, I don't think this is necessary especially if it increases taxes.

I also know several other people that participate in all the other sport clubs that go outside Ames City limits to play and compete. Ames is a large enough city that we should be able to host more events, and not have kids practicing so late in the evening because it's the only time available. "

I also lamented the lack of indoor playground spaces that accommodated my full-time work schedule when my son was younger. I think both an indoor gym scaled up for the size Ames is now plus a nice indoor playground space for kids would be huge assets for the Ames community (and beyond)."

I am a staff member at Iowa State who has a membership with Rec Services. The thing I would need to convince me to switch memberships and use the facility all the time is a robust schedule of fitness classes. If that doesn't exist in this facility, I would still use it occasionally for pickleball courts or other social outings, but that would be infrequent and only if there is a cost-effective punch card option. But it wouldn't become my go-to fitness center without classes.

I am excited to see this post. My family and I travel throughout Iowa for sports activities and continue to be baffled why the city of Ames does not support this already when smaller towns have amazing locations and facilities. Our kids are behind other towns as a result. Thank you greatly.

I am more for using tax money to build better streets and infrastructure

I am personally debt averse. We have already had major public debt increases for the highschool, indoor aquatics center, shanker place and now the new electric plant. I don't know how many of these projects we can stack simultaneously and not ezasserbate locale taxes. This worries me.

I am strongly in favor of this facility. Not only would it be great for the youth but also the overall community and will be attractive for families considering moving to Ames.

I am suggesting a no pay policy for persons who depend on and receive disability and/or SNAP. Fee based opportunities are very limiting to persons who income is VERY limited. This is who I am willing to support thru taxes if a bond is proposed.

I am the owner of a small business (Bluestem Boulders) in Ames that provides indoor recreation. We provide an amazing and welcoming space for families and adults alike. However, despite being very efficient with expenses, we are struggling. I pay myself

less than $10,000 a year, while working full time here and we have a business loan to pay off. We do not have wealthy financial backing - our business was funded by an SBA loan that we are paying off.

I believe that making a recreation center would definitely benefit Ames in many ways.

I believe this is a bad look for small businesses in Ames and does not incentivize small businesses to take a risk operating in Ames. We have no room to lose any revenue.

I believe this is something we are severely missing. Other towns smaller than our community has indoor facilities. Currently we do not have an indoor place for any of our youth to go shoot hoops, play pickleball, soccer, batting cages. There is no facility that allows our youth to get together

I currently use external fitness locations but often find a lack of class options/hours not to my liking. I would love to see Ames get an indoor rec facility for resident use and would happily pay a membership. I have tried the current classes/facilities offer by Ames but find it lacking because classes and hours are geared more toward those who are retired/don't work during the day. I would love to see more inclusivity and extended offerings outside of the 8-5 time.

I do not want my family's taxes to be raised for a facility to which we will likely not have access.

I do not want property taxes to go up. They are already high as it is.

I do think we need to work on affordability. The new aquatic facility fees are way too high for the entire community to access. I consider myself upper middle class and I can't justify the expense for the PT I would like to do a couple times a week. Maybe a joint pass could be considered for both facilities?

I don't think we should consider making said new sports complex a tournament/tourist attraction when we can't even handle the traffic we have in this town…

I don't know if this should be Ames highest priority. So many people's home were damaged by flooding this summer, should not the city investigate improving city residential drainage issues

I fear we will start to lose enrollment at the High School, and even see families move away from Ames if we don't start to offer more space to practice sports. Youth sports is a trillion dollar industry and many are unaware how stiff the competition is out there!

I fully support the concept, but an estimate of $20-30M seems quite high considering our local property taxes are already inflated. In some cases, my friends and I pay twice what our mortgage is for property taxes. Ames needs to be more cognizant of their

investments. Shankar Plaza was not a demanded need for this community. This indoor facility is a need for economic growth of our city and our youth.

I have been to the Lawrence KS rec center, and their monthly membership fee for one adult is $12. For a year $200. Household monthly fee is $20. For a year $200."

I have little faith that the city would be able to handle this type of facility. The splash pad in west Ames is still not functioning after years of being purposed. Wasn't down town supposed to have an ice rink? Hosting tournaments would bring in a lot of money for our community but the city would have to get behind the idea of youth sports.

I have young daughter and am excited at the idea of somewhere for her to play in the winter.

I hope Ames can start a facility here. I also hope that they would open it up for tournament use. The revenue these tournaments bring in would be beneficial for our community

I joined the Nevada Community Center to play Pickleball at a reasonable price. I would rather go somewhere closer. I also drive to Ankeny for Orangetheory and would love if there was one closer

I like that you included the cost of the building and I would have selected strongly support had I better understood what the costs might be per household if a approved. How much would the taxes go up etc.

I live just on the edge of town, but still in Story County. I would not want to pay additional taxes for such a facility, but if only people who live within the city limits are paying for it, I would certainly use it. I use the Ames Parks and Recs. facilities and pay extra for attending fitness classes because I don't live within the city limits. That fee structure seems to work well. I know several people that use Ames Parks & Recs. facilities, and they pay extra since they don't live in Ames.

I love the city of Ames recreational sports. When I moved here 5 years ago, I knew no one and now I have built a community of friends and support through activities hosted by Ames Parks and Rec.

I need a free indoor walking space for winter/ summer that doesn't take a million laps to complete my goal.

I regularly play volleyball at the community center gym. I would like to see a bigger facility for more courts to play on, newer equiptment to use, and a place for kids to play if they come along with adults.

I see facilities like this pop up in neighboring towns around the Des Moines area (Nevada, Norwalk, West Des Moines) and it's always striking that Ames doesn't have a

great option for teams and youth athletes to utilize. Not only in winter but as we saw this fall, extreme rain, or during summer heat waves. I think an indoor turf would be a great top priority to explore with a space like this. And while we're at it, total dream scenario...an indoor soccer field inside a ice rink shape with walls. I don't believe there is a similar facility like that in the Des Moines area and I think it would be a great attraction.

I strongly support a large bond referendum. My brother lives in Parker, CO an their city facilities are amazing. They are so great that we're considering moving there after I retire from the Ames PD.

I strongly support the sort of facility that I described above, not another indoor tennis court or whatever.

I strongly support this facility, but it cannot be $7 per day like Furman and Fitch. Community centers are useless if they’re not third spaces where people can gather for free or cheap. Most cities have had free recreational facilities for decades already.

I struggle to find group exercise classes at times that I can go (weekends or later evening, not 5:30). If this facility offered that, I would join and go.

I support it if it can hold regional events and bring in tourism dollars.

I support this if it adds ice.

I supported the building of the Healthy Life Center which would have covered this concept along with the Fitch Aquatic Center and 60 Forward. I think it might be a hurdle to get this passed and it's very unfortunate that our community didn't think broadly enough about what one location could have done when now we're talking about 3 separate entities.

I think it would also be nice to have other applications of the space, so multipurpose rooms, tournaments, etc. to serve the community more broadly."

I think it would be a nice addition to the city.

I think it’s important for the community to have third spaces that are low to no entry cost. This opens the doors for the community to be able to actually enjoy the benefits that their tax dollars are using.

I think the big question is if we build this facility will they come, I think of a quote from a baseball movie “build it and they will come”. Just don’t make the same mistakes that were made in building the indoor swimming pool. I have been inside the building and it’s great, but some very nice ideas were left behind. Good luck with the project. "

I think the discussion needs to start with facilities currently available at the City Hall Community Center, Fitch, 60 Forward, Medical Arts, etc. and how a new facility will fit with those and augment them. My use of any facility is a matter of how easy it is to access and the cost. I'm guessing that a new facility will be both considerably more expensive than I am comfortable paying and probably much less conveniently located than the current facilities. I personally do not support paying for a facility with tax dollars if it is going to be pre-empted to tournament use to any significant degree.

I think the existing options (City Hall, Fitch, 60 Forward) are badly programmed. People who are retired don’t want to take all their classes at 8am. We don’t have to go to work. Please include options later in the day.

I think this could be a great place for residents IF it's economical.

I think, if this goes forward, it needs to be large. The new Fitch facility is far too small to be utilized appropriately.

I use Planet Fitness regularly and would continue there and probably not use a new facility, as it couldn’t match my current guaranteed super low monthly fee at PF. I use CyRide for transportation or bicycle in warm months and have a car.

I volunteered with the bond referendum for Furman Aquatic Center. I believe there is an appetite for the indoor counterpart to this facility (not aquatics - but overall size).

I want to know who is proposing this and why. What services is this going to provide to our community not provided by other sources? I don't want a tax increase to cover this. The city needs to explore how to develope this facility with zero net costs to residents. If this can be paid by hosting events or tournaments fine. If you expect me to pay increased property tax to fund this so the city has a facility to host tournaments then I am not interested in pursuing the facility. If you expect residents to pay increased property taxes to pay for this then you shouldn't reserve the right to close any weekends for tournaments. Host tournaments to defer the cost to residents and pay for the facility.

I was very supportive of the bond issue for a large complex on Ontario St but it failed. Now that we have 60 Forward, an indoor pool, and the facilities at City Hall, why do we "need" anything else? The City is going to have to make a very persuasive argument to get me to vote for another facility. There are 5 locations already (counting Furman & the ice rink). Sadly it is too late for an integrated facility that would appeal to multiple generations.

I wish we had a ymca. I think Ames has gym options. It is courts that are super difficult and we have to drive to Nevada or ankeny for kids to get court time or join clubs.

I would also encourage this to be more broadly spread to story county as you have done with the indoor pool and not make it Ames resident specific

I would also like to point out that several local businesses are already struggling to attract customers. Bluestem Boulders and Ames Play Yard are a couple of examples worth considering.

I would be ok with paying more property taxes if I could actually afford the facility. Our household makes roughly the median income for Ames and Fitch is prohibitively expensive for us so we will not get use from it. Please prioritize affordability if you move forward with this, rather than forcing my household to help pay for a facility that only upper middle class or wealthy people can use.

I would be supportive, but not for something that is just to look good to tourists or in the news. An affordable practical place for families and individuals that want to be able to stay healthy or get healthier doesn't need to be fancy.

I would highly encourage modeling a facility after the ones provided by the cities of Boone & Nevada. They should be open to everyone and low cost.

I would like to also see a space for socializing. Teens, young adults and parents especially need a healthy place to connect. Those who go to 60 Forward greatly appreciate the atrium and bistro space for this purpose.

I would like to see it accomplished so that it can share existing parking lots. For example, share the parking lot with the Furman Aquatic Center. I recognize that's a floodplain, but you'd have to build up a little bit. I don't like the idea of increasing impervious surfaces with this build. Perhaps there's more land near the Fitch Aquatic Center that can be acquired? It's a nice central location. Thank you for reaching out with a survey! It's greatly appreciated from this long-time Ames resident who voted for the Healthy Life Center Bond referendum that didn't pass.

I would like to see this facility pursued in lieu of The Linc. However, if a referendum is needed to fund one or both of these projects, I would be more likely to vote in favor of a referendum for a community center. "

I would love a facility that has an indoor turf field that could be used for Soccer, football, ultimate Frisbee etc.

I would love this but if user fees were increased that would lessen the value.

I would love to play badminton, volleyball, pickle ball. My kids would use batting cages and basketball and volley ball for sure. An indoor playground would be wonderful during the winter months. Great to hear this might be possible!!!!"

I would love to see if we could get local corporate sponsors to help cover the cost. The facility in Nevada seems to have several corporate sponsors. The facility there is amazing for indoor youth sports.

I would not want my property taxes increased to pay for a facility I won't use. Should be paid for solely by users of facility. If paid with public funds, should never be closed to public.

I would strongly support a bond referendum and property tax increase for a primarily community recreation center (and I wouldn't object to it hosting occasional tournaments), but I would not support it at all if the primary focus was as a regional sports complex

I would support this if done well. You need to build it large enough and not skimp. The swim center is too small which is why no one goes. It did not seem to turn out like the renderings. Don't try to put it in downtown. It needs to be somewhere with lots of parking available and safe. We don't need more basketball courts-there are plenty that didn't get used (sports Iowa). Same with volleyball because they use basketball courts. There are pickleball courts at Ames Racquet and Fitness. We need two large indoor turf fields. Large enough to play futsal. Ames Soccer Club would absolutely utilize this in the winter and maybe in the summer when it's super hot or weather is bad. Indoor playground would be nice as well as a walking track. Nevada has a very nice facility just 10-30 minutes away depending on where you live so it needs to be just as large if not bigger given the size of Ames. It is also extremely affordable.

I would support this if it isn't just another waste of space. In my opinion, the downtown rec center has the basketball courts and rooms for rec classes. The track and rec rooms were not necessary at Fitch, and hindered what could have been a bigger indoor pool space that would have gotten more use. As of now, I am not satisfied with Fitch which already put Ames in a deficit. However, a wrestling room, artificial turf space and/or batting cages would have my full support. This way the city could earn more money by hosting tournaments for athletics that would use these spaces.

I would want to better understand how this will impact our property taxes before "strongly" supporting the construction of a facility like this. Otherwise, I'm really excited about the idea!

I'd really like to see this facility meet needs that are currently not supplied elsewhere in the Ames area, or where the need is inaccessible/limited access (I.E. turf field, batting cages/space). I would not support this facility if it is duplicating efforts.

I'm not a parent of young children, but I think the indoor playground should be the number one priority. Fees should be waived for low income individuals.

I'm skeptical this endeavor is not in service to the greater Ames community. It appears as if the city may want to capitalize on private (AAU) youth sports and its need for winter training space funded by the citizens of Ames. I envision a slope where fewer free and open recreational activities result as these pay to play groups' use increases (especially

if rental fees are instituted). Because AAU involvement can lean towards those able to afford participation, I am not for the assumed approach I am skeptical of.

I'm willing to donate to help with funding, over $10,000 and possibly more depending on the facility

I've been a soccer player in Ames since the early 90's and have always had to leave Ames for indoor soccer. It would serve Ames well to strive for an indoor complex that could serve the region.

Ideally we'd have a YMCA or something like that in Ames - this sounds like a similar idea. I'd be concerned about making it affordable for everyone in town - esp the elderly and youth. I think the high fee structure for the healthy living center a few years ago was a real deal breaker for a lot of people. Private gyms can charge what they want, but a public facility needs to be affordable.

If Ames taxpayers have to foot the bill, the. It needs to be available for those individuals to use-not be inundated with sports tournaments and club teams-we experienced that in Ankeny.

If building it for recreation plex for tournaments, then that's what it should be for not both

If I'm paying for this with my taxes I don't want to pay to use it. It's unnecessary.

If Nevada can do this, so can Ames. Also, this would provide an option not currently available to many Ames residents.

If the facility has admission/membership costs that are extremely reasonable AND provides the amenities that me and my household would use (FULL turf field for indoor softball games, batting cages, volleyball courts, full locker room) then yes. If the costs are too high for the facility, we will go to a different sports recreation facility in the area. Please please hire local for services, Ames has so many businesses and people invested in the community that want the chance to build in Ames, for Ames. Keep costs to a minimum, especially if the city is still considering the Linc project (which is an even worse idea) the added costs to Ames residents is going to build to an unhappy number...

If there is a membership fee then it shouldn't raise taxes.

If there is an increase in taxes Ames residents should have a very low price point. This should not be open for college students or they pay a higher cost and additional fees as they already have facilities to use at ISU. Also there should be minimal events and events should have additional fees for use and clean up.

If there's majority interest amongst the community we always support the community of Ames.

If this facility is built. I'd rather it find income from hosting tournaments/other means instead of citizens taxes. If we have to pay taxes to build something, we should not have to pay a fee to use it.

If this moves forward, I would love to see a few indoor golf/Trackman bays—currently going to Boone for that and there are very few facilities in central Iowa.

If we are going to build a rec center, we should do it right. Do not build a small facility that will soon be outgrown. Everyone around us is building complexes that serve the community and also bring in visitors. We should do the same.

If weight room is included in Rec Center. Include free weights including squat racks, barbells, dumb bells, kettle bells, etc...

If you're going to build it, make sure it's multipurpose and worth building. There is a very high demand for athletic tournament events in the Ames area and the revenue that it would bring to the city is worth it alone. We cannot continue to lose big sporting events to the Des Moines are bc we cannot keep up.

I'm not a fan of having my taxes go up but I do like this idea.

I'm not sure if I would support this because of the issues at the current indoor pool and the splash pad and other new spaces that were recently built. I took my kids to the indoor pool for swim lessons and it was not family friendly. We could not watch our kids swim because there is not enough deck space to safely sit around the entirety of the pool. Chairs are only allowed in one area, but there are not enough for the families present and they are not allowed to be moved due to the deck space issue. We have mobility issues in my family and not being able to safely monitor my kids around the pool is a huge issue. This was a massive engineering and architectural flaw. The expense is not feasible for the average household. It's too high. I'm a middle class family of four and we can't afford it, but we make too much for assistance. This is cutting out a huge part of the Ames population. The splash pad is not easy to sit around to monitor your children either. The Miracle Park is great, but it has the design flaw of being super open. It would be better to have one exit and one entrance around the entirety of the park for safety. We are a city and so many people visit this park, it's easy to lose sight of a child, especially if you have more than one. It feels like these new spaces weren't designed with the average family in mind. I'm not sure if I would support another bond to build something my family can't use easily. Why would I pay the high fees on membership for something I can't use except for in very special circumstances?

In Ames, we struggle. We do like to get in our own way - and I've been here since 2002. A student first, and a tax-paying homeowner since 2006. Thank goodness for the people who had the foresight with Hunziker and Ames Schools commitment to ABC. Without that, our kids and dollars would have left Ames due to lack of opportunities in sports.

Want to keep up with communities that are attracting young families? Want competitive athletic programs at Ames High? Build facilities. I'm raising student-athletes and music kids. Supporting athletics doesn't come at the expense of the arts. Strong communities invest in both. The reality is that Ames is behind in athletic infrastructure. Not in talent. Not in effort. In facilities. And that matters. It affects kids' health, wellness, opportunities, and quality of life. It's also an economic development issue. Families notice these things. Businesses do, too. The incredible thing about facilities like this is that they can meet multiple needs. Go visit Clear Lake's Wellness Center. Seriously. Take the drive. My kids love it there and ask the same question every time: Why can't Ames have this? On one visit, I used a rowing machine next to a senior citizen who told me she once couldn't put a gallon of milk away in her refrigerator. Staff helped her build strength and mobility, and now she can. That's what a community wellness facility can do. In the same building, they're hosting youth basketball tournaments, after-school programs, indoor track, fitness classes, and countless other activities. They're serving seniors, kids, athletes, families, and visitors under one roof - and their athletic programs are extremely strong. The older my kids get, the more obvious it becomes how far behind Ames is. Not every facility is for every person. It never will be. But that isn't a reason to do nothing. Build it. For kids. For seniors. For families. For the economy. Or partner with a developer. Buy an existing facility. Find a path forward.

In the winter there is so much need for a space for moms and kids to play inside and be active.

Including childcare would be a big factor in wether the parents of Ames are able to use the facility often or not.

Including on-site childcare as part of this facility would greatly increase the chances of parents using it. Lack of child are is a huge barrier for me and my husband to use a facility like this

Indoor playground area would be great

Indoor turf space is very much lacking in this area. Even our adult son was looking for an indoor soccer place but doesn’t want to travel to West Des Moines for it .

Infrared saunas!

Instead of this facility, you could consider reaching out to privately owned indoor rec facilities in Ames that may be able to provide the indoor rec opportunities and working with them to provide Ames residents these opportunities. We could easily double our visitation and not reach capacity. I'm not looking to secure some big city contract - we are literally just trying to survive and not go bankrupt in this economy. We have already worked with Parks n Rec and would love to expand on it. My email is climb@bluestemboulders.com if you would like to chat. Thank you.

Instead, I think a facility similar to the community center in city hall would be very interesting to residents, particularly if fees are competitive and it's strategically located to cater to residents who are on the western side of the city to minimize travel time. In addition building this facility, along with maintaining the Community Center in City hall would offer increased flexibility for residents to exercise despite maintenance, community events, and other reasons for closing.

ISU has a table tennis club, but it is not accessible unless you are a student or faculty. Joining the ISU recreational facilities is no longer an option for community members through the alumni association. "

It HAS TO BE AFFORDABLE. End of story.

It is a shame that a center like this didn't get approved several years ago. Now the new indoor pool is on a property that can't support a larger multi-use facility and therefore will require more staff than had they been combined. That said, we desperately need a public facility with several modern basketball / volleyball courts. I have been driving my kids 15-45 minutes each way multiple times a week for years so they can practice on club teams because there were no facilities in Ames. SportsIowa was on the fringe of Ames, but is now gone. I think the city should pursue some kind of corporate sponsorship for any facility they pursue and should strongly consider partnering with the YMCA for operations of the facility.

It is amazing to me that Ames does not already have an indoor sports facility given its size. Having one would greatly benefit the youth sports clubs in the area.

It is important to think about childcare for younger families.

It is shocking that a community this size does not have a recreation facility that supports indoor activities this far north. Winter sporting options are tragically limited here. We currently have public indoor basketball and volleyball courts. How often are those used? We currently have an indoor walking track. How often is it used? Nevada has indoor basketball/volleyball courts and a walking track that I rarely see used when I'm there. I play soccer in Nevada because we don't have that option here. They also worked out a reasonable price structure for us that Ames would need to compete with. If it matters, I think the new pool pricing is prohibitively expensive and I bet I'm not alone in that thinking.

It seems as though a stronger partnership with Iowa state university could be developed and this facility could be something co-used with the university. Creating a place to host tournaments seems totally redundant and not necessary. It also prices out regular folks who may not have the funds to pay for youth sports or expensive user fees.

It seems like maybe user fees could be lower if there are tournaments and events to help generate revenue.

It seems like the Community Center that was proposed a few years ago would have encompassed this, Sixty Forward and the Fitch Center. The investors at the Fitness Center put on quite a campaign and spoiled a great initiative.

It will be important to construct a rec center in Ames of enough size and scope to attract tournaments and programs - in order to supply revenue to pay portions of operational costs to keep membership fees down.

It would be great to have something for residents but also to attract more tournaments similar to the RecPlex in DSM. The revenue another ice rink plus indoor tournament areas would bring to the community would benefit everyone.

It would be helpful to understand how a new facility could fill gaps in existing recreational options for city residents. In addition to new/different indoor activity types, lowering barriers for resident use (ie: on a public transportation route, hours of operations, fee accessibility, etc) is important. I also think that spaces that are multi-functional/adaptable should be incorporated (ie: courts that can support different sports).

It would be really nice to have a indor place to practice some volleyball especially in winter when i cant practice outside, and its also good to have a space for if my team wants to practice but cant at our normal gym! And also it would be very nice for tournaments (as long as you have concessions!)

It would be strong support if the facility would have spaces that young kids and elderly people would be able to use to be active safely. If it is only/primarily sport courts my support would lessen.

It would depend on what is provided at the facility, the cost to use it and the increase in property tax and for how long.

It’s about time!! :-) we moved here three years ago and were shocked that Ames did not have a full recreation center. It’s so important for the community.

It’s hard to answer some of these questions without knowing what the membership fee

It’s hard to understand how our sports teams cannot have what our neighbors do- and they are quickly outperforming us in kids sports (Ankeny, Nevada). We have good clubs, but soccer in particular it’s hard to compete when we can’t practice year round or support tournaments. Families are joining clubs in other towns because of it. The Nevada field house is incredible— we need something like that in Ames.

Its hard to justify when we have many facilities now. Parking would be a big sore spot as well. If we could build where something else could come down. I wouldn't want to see more farmland being used for urban development.

It's hard to know if I support it because I don't know how much it would cost in taxes.

Just to get what Ames doesn’t have now and not duplicate what is already here and available

Keep it reasonable but Ames lacks this amenity greatly! Please include indoor soccer/turf that can be multipurposed!

Kids should have something to do inside when it’s cold out to hot outside to be out

Lacking open gym space in town. When our kids were younger this was a frequent challenge. Ames Basketball Club in particular.

Last time something similar was proposed I voted no. It increases our taxes (which are already some of the highest in the entire state) and the membership was EXPENSIVE and out of reach for most people, especially in this economy. No need to pay more taxes and still not afford to use the space. An indoor space would be lovely but the cost to the tax payer and additional membership use is wild. If you open it to private tournaments, then it isn’t available to the public but you get revenue? No thanks. Outrageous member fees for limited use is the exact reason we don’t have an aquatic membership. We just pay for the one or two times a summer we attend. Half the pool isn’t even open because of lack of staff. There are tons of indoor exercise options available currently in Ames to those that want it without increasing our taxes for something new. Thank you

Let's do it!

Location should be accessible by public transportation.

Lots of factors to consider, especially cost for families and the long term effects of a facility like this. Whether staffing will be an issue and accessibility for low income families.

Maybe have a special rate for school aged children and Seniors "

Maybe if the city would have approved the data center, their property taxes could have paid toward this facility and reduced or eliminated the c I st to Ames residents. The city suffers from analysis paralysis and kicks the can down the street and we miss opportunities. Then the city wants go go into business against local business owners on projects like this.

Most of these spaces already exist. I already feel the new indoor aquatic center has bad hours.

My family goes to the Nevada Field House weekly and when sports Iowa was open we spent a lot of time playing soccer. They had a space for concessions which was also nice.

My family often travels to Bettendorf (TBK Sports Complex), SportsPlex in West Des Moines, and Grimes Plex. While traveling, we sometimes stay in hotels and generally buy meals and gas in the town we are playing in. It may seem like a lot to host tournaments 10 or more times a year, but that is good for the economy of the city. Residents benefit from the use during the week. My only fear is the City of Ames would fail in the design process and build to small or just be overly cheap with the project. The walking track at Fitch Family Aquatic Center is a great example of poor design and lack of parking. It is time the City of Ames spent some money to bring people to our community rather than just killing projects that would bring revenue and fund improvements to the infrastructure (New Mall at 13th Street, Costco, Data Center, and others).

My level of support depends on how much of an increase for property taxes and for how long

My other concern would be membership fees. If the public library is free to use, why can’t rec center user fees be kept low?

My property tax is too much already! Yikes! We are barely able to make our monthly house payment.

My use of the facility would be very dependent on location and price.

My wife and I would like to add all sorts of ""amenities"" to our house and to our lives. Most of the time we don't because we SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY!!

Need some space for kids when it is cold and hot.

Need to be able to have ways to attract people to stay in Ames. Also could use outdoor turf soccer and baseball fields. I look at places like Grimes and they have these awesome spaces for tournaments and instead of being able to host any tournaments here we have to travel for soccer and spend money on lodging, dining and shopping. That money along with associated tax dollars is leaving our community instead of staying.

Needs to be built in north Ames. All of the other indoor city of Ames facilities are downtown. We need something in north Ames.

Nevada and Boone both have really lovely public indoor recreation facilities. As an Ames resident who is not affiliated with the university, I would be grateful for a a family-centered facility. There are plenty of student-centric facilities in town and the new Sixty Forward Center is a great option for seniors. It would be lovely to have something for families.

No more spending taxpayer money on this crap. Our taxes are high enough. Quit bleeding your community dry for a select few to have luxury amenities. And shame on you for requiring addresses on this form!

No need for this to be indoors. People should get outside more. Privatize it.

No!!! We have 3 facilities improve the ones already in existence

None, taxpayer dollars should not be used to support facilities that compete with private business.

Not a good time to ask for millions for this facility!! We are strapped enough to just buy groceries and gas!! And,in reality, we DO NOT NEED IT!

Not sure the city of Ames will make this big enough to attract the youth and families to play travel sports in Ames.

Only if it had a suitable space for dancing.

Options for indoor soccer training are limited since losing Sports Iowa. The closest facility is in Nevada. Unfortunately, not everyone can afford to go play in Nevada or Des Moines every day. The younger kids can't just hop on Cy-Ride to get to those facilities.

Other communities have added this and ended up closing them. Ames does not need this type of facility.

Our communities thrive when we have places to engage in physically and socially healthy activities. Making the facility accessible for as many of the often overlooked community members (families with children, socioeconomic poor, transgender community members, the elderly, people with disabilities etc) should be a priority.

Our community needs this for youth and adult sports. With the loss of Sports Iowa, it was apparent that the need was there. All of these clubs (basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, even indoor flag football) are having to find facilities outside of our city to use. The schools' indoor space is being very limited as well. With a town the size of Ames, we should be able to support such a facility. If Nevada can support one, we should be able to as well. By the time this is built, my kids will probably be in college, but it is needed for the community.

Our family joined Nevada's community rec center last winter because there was not a gym available to practice basketball during the times that worked for our family. Our daughters soccer team had several cancelled practices and games this year due to the fields being too wet. There is not a place to practice off season. We used to pay monthly for a membership at OverTime, a basketball facility in West Ames near sports Iowa, several kids would gather there to play, the space was never quite big enough, we didn't like having the kids drive over there either, but once it closed there wasn't an alternative other than Nevada. Our family has occasionally used the city gym, but either the courts are busy, or oftentimes not open or available due to other activities going on in the space. My husband has an alumni membership at the University to use weights/cardio and to play basketball, but has been told that will not be offered to him as an alum next year. I have a membership to planet fitness. My 11 year old can't go with me, as you have to be 13 to workout there. Basically each member of our family has a different membership for something. We moved back to Ames 8 years ago, and think it's an amazing place to raise a family, but the recreational amenities for kids/ families is lacking. In the past we have belonged to Lifetime Fitness. We could bring the whole family, work out, play basketball, attend a class go swimming. Ames could really benefit from such a place that would have something for the entire family. A place for kids to workout see their friends in a positive environment , off their phones. We've talked to so many families that feel the same way. It's just such a miss for active families in a community this size, to not have a rec center.

Our family would use it almost every single day if there was childcare available

Our household strongly supports the development of an indoor recreation facility in Ames. We believe it should primarily serve local residents and families, providing affordable opportunities for year-round recreation, exercise, and community activities. Many surrounding communities already have modern indoor recreation facilities, and Ames would benefit greatly from having a comparable facility of its own. We hope the City will prioritize a welcoming, accessible community recreation center that meets the needs of Ames residents rather than focusing primarily on regional tournaments.

Our tennis and pickleball courts are basically 100% filled March through October. Having an indoor space for November through February especially would be incredibly popular for those sports! Thanks so much for considering indoor tennis and pickleball!

Part of the success may depend on location. Are the facilities we have now at capacity?

Pay off other bonds before taking on new one.

Perhaps now is not the time for this in light of numerous tax increases already imposed. Along with ill managed new facilities (the pool) that you continue to dump money into. In addition, you are requiring COSTLY sidewalk repairs of residents. Lastly, our economy

is in turmoil and it is hard to justify paying more, more, more! Perhaps enlist other ways (grants to pay for this) and use tournaments/hosted events to make the facility FREE to residents.

Please build something with many options for use that will draw people of all ages, and from out of town. We need indoor space for activities and tournaments badly!!!

Please consider adding indoor tennis courts to this facility. Thank you!

Please consult parents of young children, extensively, before and during the design process of a potential facility. The indoor aquatic center could have been better in many small ways if parents were an integral part of the design decision-making process.

Please do it for our kids. They are bored during every winter.

Please do not do this. It is not something I think or community needs or would use.

Please ensure to charge a subscription fee (can be adjusted based on household need like other programs you have). Would love a racquetball court.

Please include a nice indoor play area for children and families as the primary focus! I know so many families that want an area to take kids when the weather is bad and it is acceptable to run around and climb. An added perk would be sitting areas and maybe even a coffee shop inside but I know that may be stretching it.

Please include a space for childcare.

Please include rooms with wooden floors for social dancing practices and events.

please push this along - it's very needed in Ames. Youth athletes are leaving and parents are commuting to DSM to play sports. And soon, if Ankeny builds too, Ames will no longer be a primary sport destination. If we can attract sports tournaments, it's only going to have a positive impact in Ames. We have already lost Attack Basketball to Waukee. We are losing sports in Ames at alarming rate. It's a big problem that we are not talking about enough. Competitive Gymnastics is another sport we continually lose athletes to other cities.

Please, please pursue this. It’s one of the biggest things missing from Ames. But please be ambitious with it. Honestly, one of the reasons we don’t go to Fitch is because it’s too small and basic. I would be very disappointed if this turned out the same. If communities like Marshalltown can have a great indoor facility, we should be able to.

POV: I have worked for the City of Ames Parks & Recreation Dept, ACSD Athletics, and private sector businesses and been a resident of Ames for nearly 40 years."

Property taxes are too high already. Focus on other more important areas of need.

Property taxes are too high as they stand. This facility is a luxury item, and not a need.

Quit finding ways to increase property taxes. The health center failed and the convention center idea failed for good reasons. The city is incapable of building or running any facility in an efficient way. Why can't we allow the private sector to build, employ, and maintain hese ideas instead of insisting the city do it. The plaza has been a disaster. There still isn't anything but empty lots downtown, going on years now, and is a huge ugly eyesore in the heart of our city. The indoor pool is running but not on a all year basis. There is a big demand I believe for an indoor facility, and if so the private sector will fill the void if allowed and do a better job. The city already has basketball courts and exercise equipment for the publics' use and now a pool. The biggest needs are for youth club sports, which I know city people hate, which is even more reason the city should butt out of this project. Whatever the city will come up with, won't fulfill the actual need, will cost more than projected, will raise taxes even more, won't be done on time, and will just add to an already bloated city government.

Really enjoy the Nevada field house and wish we didn’t have to drive so far to use it. Wish we had a place for kids activities in Ames that could be used for indoor activities when weather requires it.

Really wish this would have been added to the indoor pool. An all in one rec center would be great for Ames. Also having a space for kids to plan would be fantastic

Regardless of what current residents say or think about this facility, this is what FUTURE residents want and need. If Ames wants to compete to be one of the best communities in the state, a top-notch indoor recreation facility is imperative. Also, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE explore Public Private Partnership opportunities to make our tax dollars go further and get greater “bang for our buck.”

Regional sports tournaments could be one piece of the economic feasibility. "

SCORE complex already has a field house

Seems like a ridiculous thing to spend property taxes on when property taxes are already high for residents and we have plenty of other recreational options in Ames. It adds no value to the city, makes it more expensive to live here, and is a waste of money. Feels like development for the sake of development. The Healthy Life Center was not approved, why should this?

Seriously? Our property taxes are already increasing like crazy.

Should look at securing private funds to minimize bond issue amount to citizens. Fees for non-citizens should be more.

So your plan is to raise property taxes on residents while harming private business owners' ability to operate their businesses?

So, would this replace the facilities at Ames City Hall/Gym? I used to go to Zumba there, but it was too crowded. Good location, though. It would be nice to have a good place to walk inside.

Stop raising my property taxes! Damn it! I almost can't afford my house as it is due to all of your bonds and increases over the last e several years! STOP!!! Give us a fucking break! I'm going to be forced to live outside of Ames soon if this madness continues.

STOP SPENDING MONEY WE DON'T HAVE!!!! AND STOP THINKING RAISING TAXES IS THE ANSWER!!!"

STOP taxing me for facilities and services I do not want, do not need and will not use. I'm tired of paying for entertainment for other people. NO new athletic facilities!!!

Strongly oppose at this time. Economy not strong enough right now to support.

Strongly support this idea, mainly for an indoor turf area for Ames kids who are actively involved in Soccer. Soccer is played by so many young kids and not having an indoor area for Winter training/tournaments is a huge disadvantage for our community.

Support depends on the type of facilities and tax increase

Taxes in Ames are high enough. It's absolutely ridiculous to find more reasons to raise taxes. The city should be looking for ways to save money, and stop increasing taxes.

Thank you for taking feedback! I know your jobs are hard! But so is being a mom ;-)"

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. "

Thanks

The ability to rent a court/turf at a reasonable price for private parties would be a huge bonus. Currently we drive to Nevada for this purpose, but would love to be able to stay in Ames

The city doesn’t need to spend tax dollars replicating existing gym facilities. A tournament space would be preferable to yet another gym - but the city isn’t my first choice to administer this sort of facility either.

The city has been jacking up taxes every year and the electric/ water bill has also been skyrocketing every month even without using more than the previous years.

The city has built too many expensive projects. The burden on taxpayers is onerous.

The City is looking at a significant debt burden for the next several years due to the new power plant and recycling center. This facility would mostly replicate facilities that already exist in Ames. It doesn't make much sense to take in significant debt to pay for things that are already available.

The city of Ames could create pickle ball courts in the mall. there is lots of space. it would be fairly inexpensive

The City of Ames struggles to find lifeguards at current pay levels. I don't imagine staffing an overblown playroom would be any different.

The community center is so outdated that I think Ames strongly needs a facility like this.

The community rec workout area downtown is so outdated. The room for aerobics has columns in inconvenient places and the flooring is old and dirty. The audio equipment needs to be updated desperately.

The cost of using the current facilities including the aquatic centers (indoor and outdoor) and the parks and rec offerings are too expensive. It should be more like a YMCA where you pay for your membership and go as often as you want to anything you want.

The current rec center is outdated and not nice. It would be great to have a facility in town that people can use and be proud to be members of

The facility should also provide child care

The fact that Ames is the size that it is and given the current demand for rec space, it's unreal that we don't have a building that so many smaller towns have access to. Being able to host tournaments for basketball or volleyball, providing space for Ames Soccer to rent for indoor soccer league in the winter, etc. Instead, we are sending people elsewhere in the state - putting our money in other communities.

The government should not compete with private businesses already providing this service in the city. It is unacceptable to unfairly wield tax money to close competition. The tax burden is already significant. The city of Ames is incompetent and not well run so this would likely be a budget disaster.

The last 3 rec facilities were bombs! No one uses the obstacle course at Carr (too intense), the Schainker Plaza draws homeless for showers (frighten parents of young children - consider relocating showers), the indoor pool isn't comfortable for families (you have to sit on the floor to be near your child, can't watch the swim lessons from seating locations, can't see children if there are two taking lessons at the same time, bottlenecks at the entry/exit, walkways too narrow for families and Emergency Responders). I've supported every bond issue for rec. I will not support another until

the City addresses the issues with the three noted above. No point in throwing away good money for facilities that do not support families.

The last facility like this became overrun by Ames soccer club, Club volleyball ball, and Triple T. This new facility needs to be community first and clubs second. They should have to pay extra to “close” the facility for their use when the community can’t us it.

The Leid Center at ISU is hugely unused in the summer. It would be economically sound to adapt a city usage plan.

The Nevada Field House is an amazing facility. If Nevada can afford something like this, why can’t Ames? It looks like they have sponsorships with Fareway and Burke that have helped with financing. I think it would be smart for Ames to reach out and look for donations from local businesses to make it more affordable for residents. I don’t think we need anything huge for the whole community, the one in Nevada should suffice. It should be affordable for families.

The new aquatic center used (raised?) our taxes and yet is priced out of a lot of people using it. That’s ridiculous. I worry you’ll do the same thing here and the board is really on developing for the wealthy of Ames.

The new pool feels like it tried to do too many things and none of them seem phenomenal - the tiny track, the slide that ends.... not in water?! I hope Ames does this project Right.

The pool that you spent so much money on is barely used. I'd use it but the weird/limited hours don't allow me to. So I'm not a fan of giving more money, or having high admission/membership fees for a facility I can't use. Don't make things so small or niche that not everyone can use it. The new pool should have lap swim access all-day/all-year. The biggest reason it doesn't is it's not big enough. So instead I spent my money elsewhere doing an activity I don't like at home, which gets lonely.

The presentation of this survey feels like it's a done deal and the City is simply asking what we want in it. I wish the City would slow down a bit and focus on quality, not quantity.

There are alternatives available to get the things offered as suggestions. For instance, Nevada did a great job designing their newish facility. If I lived closer to Nevada, I would definitely get a membership. But I think consideration should be given to what no for-profit place offers. We belong to 3Cs (annual family membership) in Huxley and that mostly satisfies except when we just want some turf for some agility workouts. We have paid the drop in fee for the Hangar Athlete Factory before (turf, batting cages, weights, agility, basketball, and some baseball workout space for like infield practice or pop flies). We have options for dropping in to do some batting practice for our son at 3Ts or where

any of us can swim a lap or two when the urge strikes us. But our daughter plays softball and we choose not to pursue the club route with her. We could pay a lot extra to get an extra person privilege at 3Ts. But there were a lit of times before one kid was a 3Ts member that we wanted to go get some practice in but had no place to do it. I am currently feeling like options are limited for tennis indoor practice as well. And with the explosive growth in wrestling, maybe we need other options that are places other than the schools.

There are not enough pickleball courts in Ames, especially outdoor. College students take over Emma McCarthy Lee on evenings and weekends so Ames tax payers don't have an opportunity.

There are plenty of exercise facilities in Ames at this time. I am absolutely not interested, as a taxpayer, in the burden of having the city attempt to duplicate what is already available. There is no need for this. For a modest fee I have all the gym facilities available already and the city has no place trying to compete with private enterprise.

There are plenty of ice facilities that have fitness centers located between sheets of ice, or adjacent to them. A 2nd sheet of ice could always be drained for the summer (but then yes, you'd have to actually take care of the facility)."

There are several other buildings in the city that could use replacement/renovation/updating, like the police department.

There is no roller skating rink in ames.

They just built one that's really impressive and they have the same population as Ames. Ames should model ours after that one."

This city has very limited facilities of This type. We are very undeserved as a community for this type of facility.

This city keeps raising property taxes thinking everyone can afford it. The cost of basic living is high enough then you keep coming up with more things to add on top of it all. Have any of you even budgeted before?

This community needs facilities to promote tournament venues for basketball, baseball, etc. This facility needs to be built right the first time. Location near all the hotels, near Hunziker fields and restaurants Build big it plan to expand with extra land.

This could be an incredible opportunity to create a safe "third space" and give people a space to mingle and improve themselves. I can imagine people between the ages of 30 and 60 benefitting the most from this, with families and K-12 people ranking close behind. It may be obvious, but it's also very important to balance sustainable practice

and affordability. Maybe there are other places with similar demographics that you could study their success (or lack thereof) and fins valuable tidbits. I have very fond memories of going to the rec center with my grandparents in their city (Loveland,CO) before I moved to Iowa, but I wouldn't have had that opportunity if they hadn't been able to afford the membership. I know a lot of people worry about property tax as well. Perhaps if this ends up being a dividing point, you could present alternative ways to fund the construction. Maybe the expense could be spread across multiple categories so that none of them get strained?

This facility needs to be able to host tournaments so it can help pay for itself and reduce the burden on tax payers. Many other communities our size and smaller have figured this out. Unfortunately, Ames is not one for growth because it listens to very small outspoken minority. This facility needs to be available to Ames employees at a reduced cost.

This feels sudden.

This is a good idea. Worth considering what overlap it might have with existing facilities. Overlap could be good if it is located on the west side of town, but if it is centrally located it would potentially have overlap with both city hall and the new indoor aquatic center. West Ames could use more opportunities.

This is a no-brainer that Ames should definitely have.

This is greatly needed in our area. Nevada, Waukee, Grimes, Ankeny, Norwalk, Carroll, Polk City and more have developed indoor and outdoor complexes. We leave Ames every single weekend to go play tournaments out of town because Ames can't support tournaments. Our kids deserve places to be active, practice with their teams in their own town, and play tournaments in town. Sports Iowa was the only option in the past and it was tiny and terrible. It was embarassing. If Ames wants to grow and attract young families, this is a must. Absolutely a must.

This is long overdue. There are no recreation areas for kids and this is desperately needed.

This is much needed in our city and will help generate income for Ames businesses. There should also be a partnership with the university and athletics. If Cytown has any chance of surviving outside of cyclone football and basketball, we need to attract more people to Ames with this new facility as well as existing ISU recreation spaces.

This is too expensive and Ames already has enough recreation facilities. We should be focused on finishing projects that are already started or improving things that already exist. There are too many projects in development which have taken way too long to finish and/or are stuck in limbo.

This is very much needed! We experienced so many rain outs and have to leave Ames to practice and find indoor options. This could bring tournaments and outside people to Ames.

This is way overdue for Ames. Other communities, much smaller than Ames, have full-sized rec centers that can accommodate daily citizen use as well as host various sports tournaments.

This must be done to compete with peer communities. We are already behind compared to peer communities.

This needs to happen!

This should be a center for the residents of Ames, not to attract tournaments and block residents usage.

This should be heavily focused on the residents who are paying the property taxes including a discounted rate for those that pay property taxes. Iowa State University students already have athletic facilities and students don't pay property taxes. This should be focused on the residents. The opportunity for guest passes, when you have friends visit would be very helpful.

this should have all been done at the same time Fitch was done and created a 50 to $60 million facility and picked a better location than Ontario Street.

This space should be family friendly and used to help get the entire family out with reasonable pricing

This survey is not designed so individuals can express their opposition to the project

This was voted down a couple years ago, and I hope this gets voted down again. There are already recreation facilities in Ames that don't require higher property taxes, and our property taxes are already high enough. The city needs to focus on fixing current infrastructure like repaving streets as one example. If the city continues to try to find new ways to raise taxes, then I will consider moving somewhere else with lower property taxes. In my opinion our very expensive indoor pool should be free admission for residents since it is my taxes that are paying for the operation of the facility. If Ames can't even afford to pay for a new fire facility without raising taxes, then we have much bigger things to worry about than a new multi-million dollar recreation facility.

This would be a blessing to the City of Ames. Tournaments would support local businesses as well as a place for youth and adults to gather to better skills or participate in activities.

This would be a great addition to our community. Please continue to pursue it. One of my favorite things about Ames is the relentless fight for increased quality of life projects.

Better schools, the library, hospital, and public spaces, even if it takes years to see them through. Keep up the good fight and don't let the jerks keep you down!

This would be a phenomenal feature to have in Ames. It would allow citizens to enjoy great ways to be active and stay healthy. It would also be a great to host tournaments, which in return bring more folks to town.

This would be an asset for Story County. Fee structure could be tiered for city and county residents

This would be great for families to be active together when the weather is cold. I go to Planet Fitness but my kids and husband don't. If we had a good mix of activities that we all could do at the recreation center, we could all be active together.

This would help our community host more tournaments and bring other communities in to use our goods and services. I think it will help our community more and give more opportunities to youth overall!

Three are a lot of improvements to Ames that should be higher priority. Now is not the time to do an optional improvement that will raise property taxes. Taxes keep going up while wages are stagnant behind inflation, making non-essential costs prohibitive.

Too many competing groups who all want what they want with no coordination. Or a decision will already be made with the look of getting “resident ideas”"

UH HARD PASS. I'm not trying to pay 20-30 million for a fancy sports center that people who play tournament and fancy kids sports can use. Where's just a free to use community center NOT centered on kids or sports in Ames? How about we do that first before yet another sports center?? and what about a center for people who are not seniors and who don't have kids? We are constantly left out of these considerations.

Unless this facility's user fees were remarkably lower than existing gyms, I see no need for this facility.

Use the North Grand Mall

Using reputable construction firms and high quality finishes, as well as budgeting for continuous upkeep are important.

Very poor use of money. Fitch Aquatic was something I supported and was excited for. IT was executed so poorly and is managed so poorly that I have never even been. It is exorbitantly expensive and horribly run. I am an avid swimmer and I cannot lap swim due to the way it is managed. Difficult to put into words how much I do not support another venture like this from the city.

W plan

We have been waiting 25 years for this facility, get it done

We already built an indoor pool that has some of these facilities. Mall also has walking available. If something must be built please build something that will quickly pay for itself - so the cost of the facility can be recouped thru fees/hosting tournaments and not thru tax increases. Utilities have already gone up. Recycling fee is added. Many residents have tight budgets, and cannot afford the increase. Thank you.

we already have 2 of them.

We already have all of these facilities/fields in Ames. Most are managed by the City, some are managed by the University, others are managed privately. But there is no shortage of anything mentioned in this survey. City fields managed by schools are under-utilized in the summer months when the weather is nice. The City could make much better use of school properties.

We are in need of another fire station and a new police station for more than this. This city needs revenue growth, not another budget deficit parks and rec center.

We are miles behind large towns in Iowa that have indoor recreation facilities. Our youth sports programs are limited on their options for indoor space.

We desperately need facilities to play basketball in. Our youth is forced to pay extreme amounts simply to play basketball and we lose a lot of passionate players that way.

We do need an indoor space to foster community during the heat of the summer and a cold of the winter. Ideas , such as an art room or a music room should also be considered.

We do NOT need this. We already have year round indoor options and the city could use this type of money for something that is truly NEEDED.

We don’t need this. Plenty of private gyms and university ones are available to use without public funding

We don’t need to rewrite the book-copy and paste ideas that work well for cities all around us! Excited for this. "

We don't need this space for a town our size (30,000'ish, exc. students) and with current facilities in town.

We don't need to create higher taxes at these interest rates for any more public recreational projects! Our tax base and current recreation facilities that run at an annual loss are enough!

We fall behind other communities in athletics being without indoor facilities. If Nevada has one, we should have one. Clubs need access.

we have a walking track a fitch aquatic center and bringing in tournaments is an Iowa State thing, isn't it? And what are the plans for the current city of ames facility? Many of the options you suggest are already there.

We have an enormous number of recreational facilities already in Ames. Why can the City not work with ISU and the many hotels/private sports complexes in town in developing mutual use plans and contracts so that residents can utilize the already existing facilities????

We have inclement weather often so more indoor facilities are needed.

We have needed this for a long time! Excited to use it!

We have talked about taking the drive to Nevada's indoor facility and have friends who go there often during the colder months with their kids. We have done Fitches walking track just to be out of the house. Something larger would be wonderful."

We have the Lied Recreation facility, can't we just use that?? Makes the most sense!

We lost the Sports Iowa complex west of Ames. I think the big reason for the loss was the lack of revenue outside of winter and nights and weekends. Definitely need to have opportunities to keep the facility busy all year. Ames soccer club probably can keep the turf space busy in the winter on nights and weekends, but what about the summer? Could that turf space be repurposed into badminton courts? Pickle ball? And an indoor track would be awesome, but it needs to be large enough. Perhaps a public-private model similar to TBK in Bettendorf.

We moved to Ames in 2017. This is something we have felt the city of Ames has been lacking since moving here. Families need somewhere to take their children, particularly in the winter months, that has an open gym to shoot hoops, play catch, run around, practice volleyball, etc. that is specifically designated for this type of use. A large open court area that could be a combination of volleyball, soccer, basketball, and batting cages (that can be raised and lowered for use, but kept out of the way for other activity use would be ideal. The hours need to be family friendly and people need to be able to rely on those hours for it to be open. Please do not build something great and then turn it into a place that is booked full with tournaments and people can never just show up on a Sunday afternoon to play catch with their kid. I currently exercise at home, but if there was a location that my 10 & 13 year old could do the above mentioned activities while I worked out, that would be a win for the whole family! Location also matters. Ample Parking is important. Our vote is to keep it simple so the membership fees are reasonable so that families can actually enjoy the facility! Excited for the possibility of this becoming a reality!

We need a better gym for the city of Ames. Ames racquet and fitness is terrible and the only other option for a bigger gym is planet fitness.

We need an indoor turf field to play soccer. And we need weight training and exercise facilities. Do not let the for-profit gyms tank this proposal like they did the Health Life Center.

We NEED more family/residential-oriented businesses in Ames! I'm definitely for this!

We need more spaces to experience movement!

WE need this facility. Ames is falling further and further behind other communities with what they offer residents and families. This can serve both residents and tournaments.

We need this facility. Winters are long and we have no where to inside with our kids. We play soccer year around and we have no where to go inside.

We need to think BIG here and drive economic development opportunities that serve a dual purpose-the citizens AND out of town investment. It can be done and should be done. We are behind the ball on this.

West Des Moines is building a 3rd sheet of ice, while Ames / ISU can't agree to fix the heat of the current single sheet, much less expand it to the 2nd sheet it was designed for. The Mite hockey Meltdown alone attracted 40 teams and with a 2nd sheet we could host many more, but that will lose out to WDM and any and every other community willing to build for the future.

What a wonderful idea! I would recommend a space for kids birthday parties as well. It is a HUGE need in our community.

Whether or not this facility is useful to me depends entirely on whether they decide to make it accessible to folks who don't intend to disable themselves permanently via airborne disease. New public facilities must have built in clean air infrastructure and enforce safe behavior from users.

While I can see the appeal of this amenity and have heard the enthusiasm from very active sports families, I am unsure of the cost implications and what other city needs or services might suffer if this was made a priority or if the city could affordably accommodate the very specialized amenities some people want to see. While not perfect, I personally am satisfied with my experience using the current City of Ames recreation facilities.

While I love the idea of a city run indoor rec area, this would be a direct competitor to my business. With commercial leasing, I also have to pay the increasing property taxes, that will directly fund this indoor rec facility. Thus, while our property tax expense goes

up, to support this facility, we are directly funding a facility that would be a direct competitor for us. We would pay higher taxes while receiving less business.

While I support this, we tried this concept with the HLC about 10 years ago. What's changed now, other than it costing more?

Why can't the city renovate some vacant stores or make use of the mall? There is zero need to build when we have so much usable space through town. It could be complementary with planet fitness. Put some pickleball courts in vacant stores. Add a better indoor playground in the center of the mall. There is a store next to petco that has been vacant for years. No need for a new parking lot. Show some creativity and minimize the carbon footprint of this thing. "

Why didnt they plan for this instead of an indoor pool that wasn't as functional? I'm totally against

Why do you feel we need this? Especially now with a terrible economy and families are struggling you want to raise our property taxes AGAIN for this unnecessary crap? Stop! Leave homeowners alone! Let us breathe! Pretty soon I won't be able to afford to live in Ames because of all this bullshit! Just stop!

Why does it only affect homeowners financially? There should be a way to divide that cost to all residents of Ames to divide the financial burden and not put solely on homeowners.

Why does the price tag need to be so high? Nevada built a beautiful facility for less than $10 million. Why not build something like that? Please consider this. Ames has historically tried to pass things that are over-the-top for expense and then they dont pass. Lets get reasonable about what we need and what people will support.

Why doesn't Ames pursue a YMCA??

Why wasn't soccer listed as a sport while batting cages was?

Will there be a new police department building attached because the one the city has is total garbage.

With Iowa state now having woman's wrestling why and the state of Iowa being a wrestling hub, why don't we have anything that draws the best wrestlers from the state and country. This could host tournaments, seminars, camps etc. this could also grow mixed martial arts another one of the fastest growing sports

With some cooperation from Iowa State, Ames School District, City of Ames, and local private facilities this is doable. It takes work, not just tax dollars.

With the closure of Sports Iowa, our community lost access to an important indoor space. For the soccer community in particular, it meant losing the only indoor turf facility in the immediate area. An indoor facility would help retain local athletes who might otherwise seek opportunities elsewhere and could attract new families and talented players to the area.

Would be nice to have locker room facilities available as well. A multi purpose room could be used for yoga, tai chi and CPR training. "

Would depend on fee structure and amenities offered. Ames is behind in its ability to offer indoor recreation space as seen in surrounding communities

Would like a place to walk/ run. Pickleball and basketball would be great too.

Would love to have something like this, but it would have to have a childcare option, or it wouldn’t be a good option for me.

Would love to see indoor archery space included.

Would not support use for tournaments. Residents only.

Would only support if it includes what I want or some of what I want. Would not support if it was primarily and heavily geared toward children, youth, and those younger than 50.

Would want to see expanded kids tumbling options to replace current Ames Park & Rec space in the Admin Building.

Wouldn't want a new TAX supported facility to lead to closure of private business

wrestling for adult women

Yes!!! Make it affordable and accessible for all.

You need the big four:

You will need to be very clever in promoting this idea. The local gyms will push back! They are not affordable for everyone. That’s a huge need in Ames!!!

Your survey starts with the assumption that everyone wants this -- ""Please share your feedback on what you'd like to see in a recreation center"".