

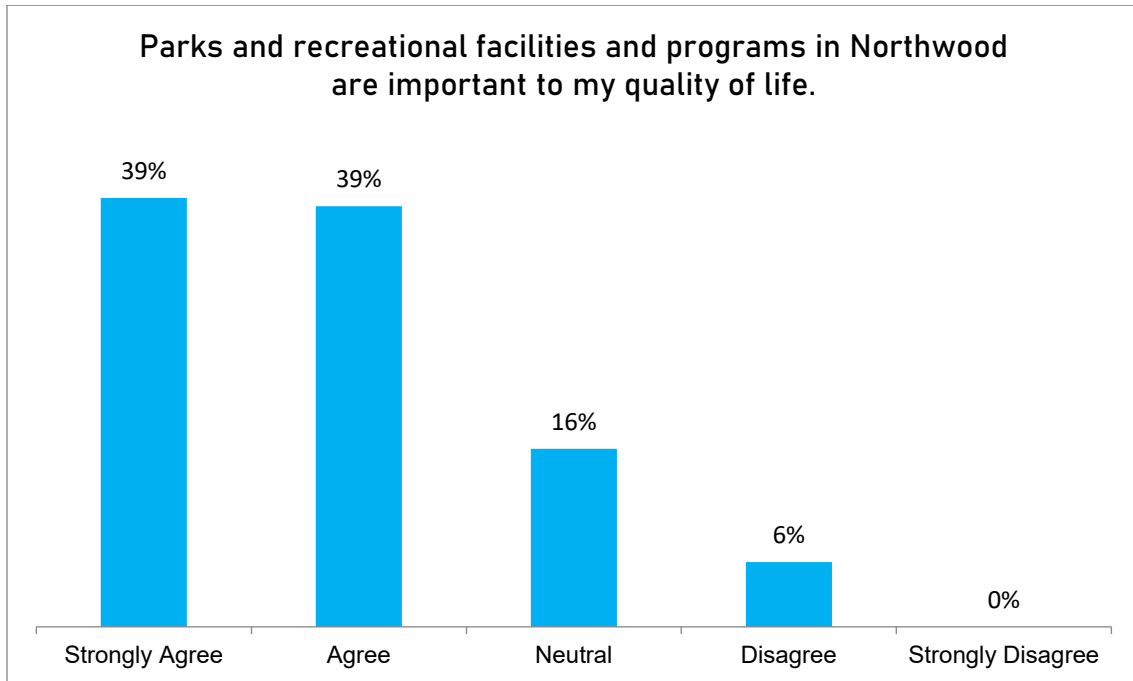
Survey Open: January 3, 2024 - February 16, 2024

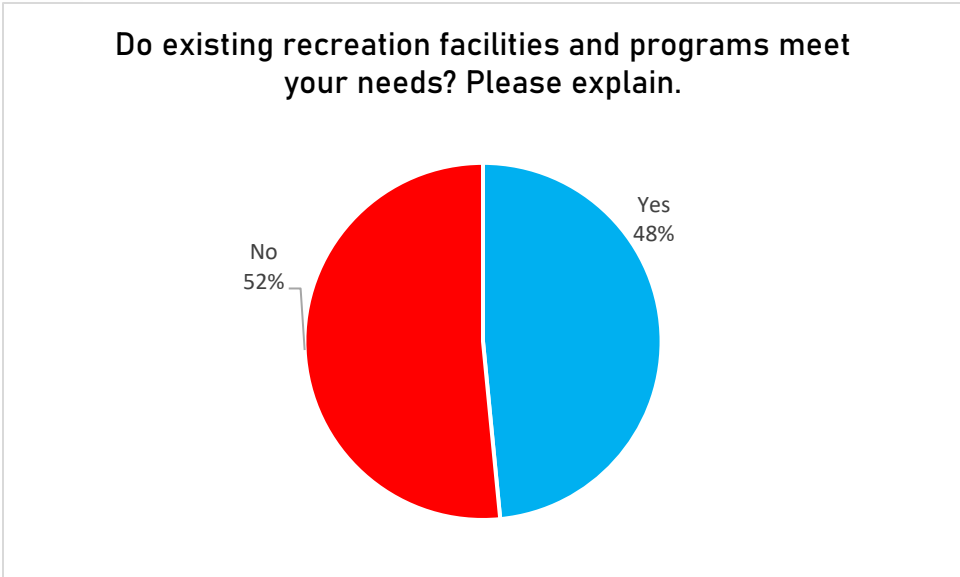
Total Survey Responses: 169

Average Completion Rate: 82%

Questions specific to Recreation: Questions 13-19

Completion Rate of Recreation Questions: 69%





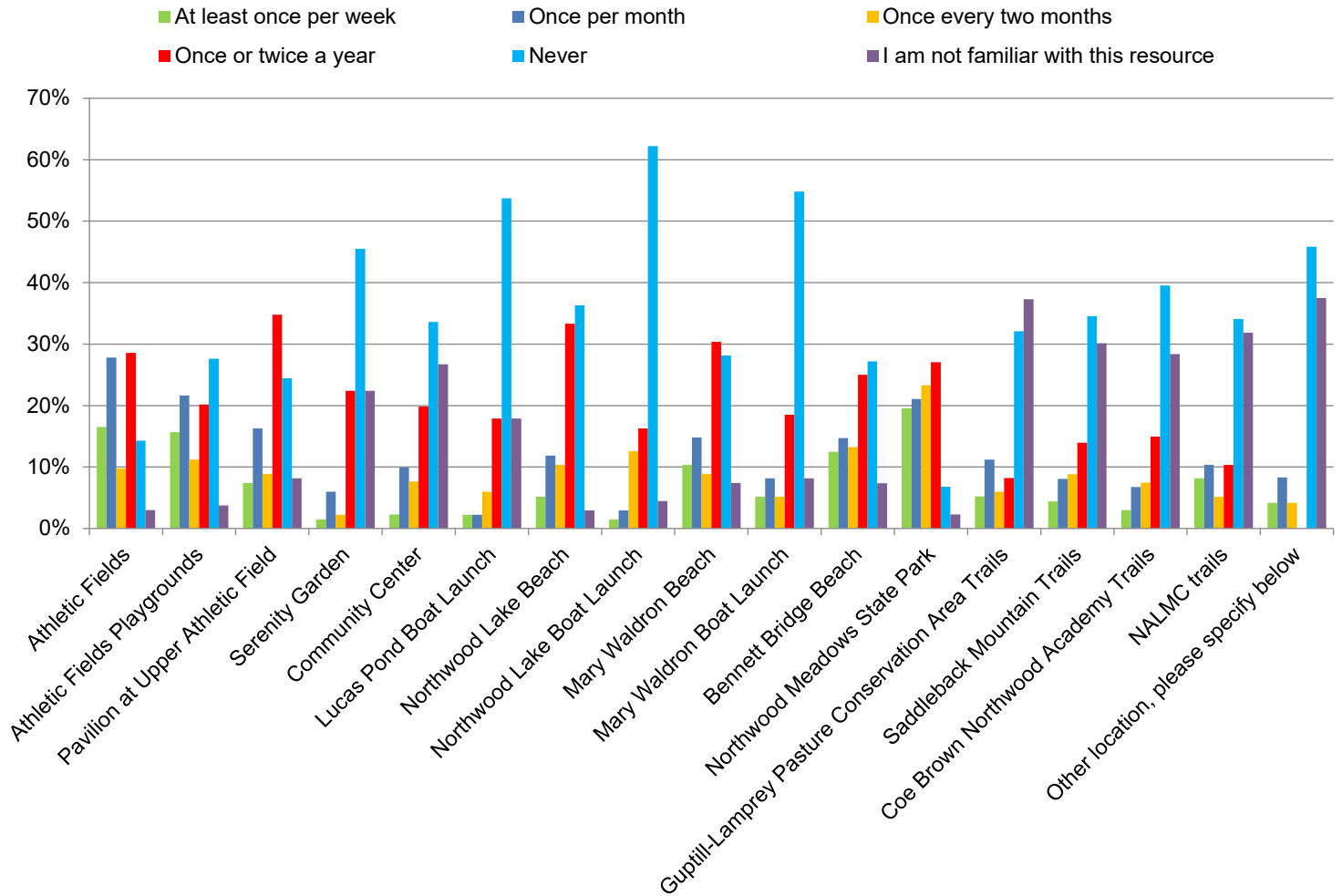
**Please explain:**

- Need more for folks over 65
- No community center. No programs for adults.
- Sr. center/meeting
- Nothing for seniors or parents who are home with young children
- Northwood Meadows is awesome year round.
- Yes, they meet my needs, but would like more.
- need recreation center and ATV trails
- The fields are in horrible shape, no walking path around fields for older folks, no public basketball courts
- Not enough diversity of activities available
- There is not an indoor Rec building.
- Nothing on going for seniors
- Not enough of anything
- Love the trails, kids programs and events
- Limited space and staff. We are only able to barely coordinate youth sports and a few events. It is not currently a resource to build community.
- Need more
- We are loving the improvements of the athletic fields! So we would like to see these continue to improve. A community center would be a wonderful addition as well.
- I'm 79, and have 5 acres and lakefront. I don't need much more than that
- Retired...I have not found anything of interest, yet, to participate in. We do utilize playground for grandchildren.
- Better Lucas Pond beach, steps, benches, launch. More robust public gardening opportunities for flowers and food.
- No facilities for seniors. Where are the bocci courts? The horseshoe pits? The shuffle board? The walking track? The stretching and muscle tone building playground suitable for seniors?
- The recreation director is doing an excellent job with the resources he has, but more resources are needed. We need a physical building for recreational activities at a central location that all ages can use.
- There are good thoughts, but not enough employees to execute. Wages are too low for posted positions. So, progress is slow, but progress nonetheless.
- need more for seniors
- Would love to see these areas expand focus to offer opportunities for older populations like walking/ handicap path and expanding recreation offerings for seniors
- I think we have ample opportunity in Northwood for recreation and programs.
- I use the state park more than any other facility
- This is important for our younger families in town.
- To much focus on youth sports
- They are moving in the right direction. More and better development of the athletic field area would be great. le) larger playground, more shade areas to eat/rest, better signage of the adjacent walking trails,
- Rec. is misnamed. It's a sports only program. Does nothing for general or senior recreation.
- There are NO programs available in Northwood for Seniors or others not interested in sports. The current recreation director is doing nothing to develop programs.
- Parking issues, not enough volunteers to assist, space very limited for indoor activities.
- Pickleball and/or a public basketball court would be great, as would a bike track
- Dont make use of them

Please explain (continued):

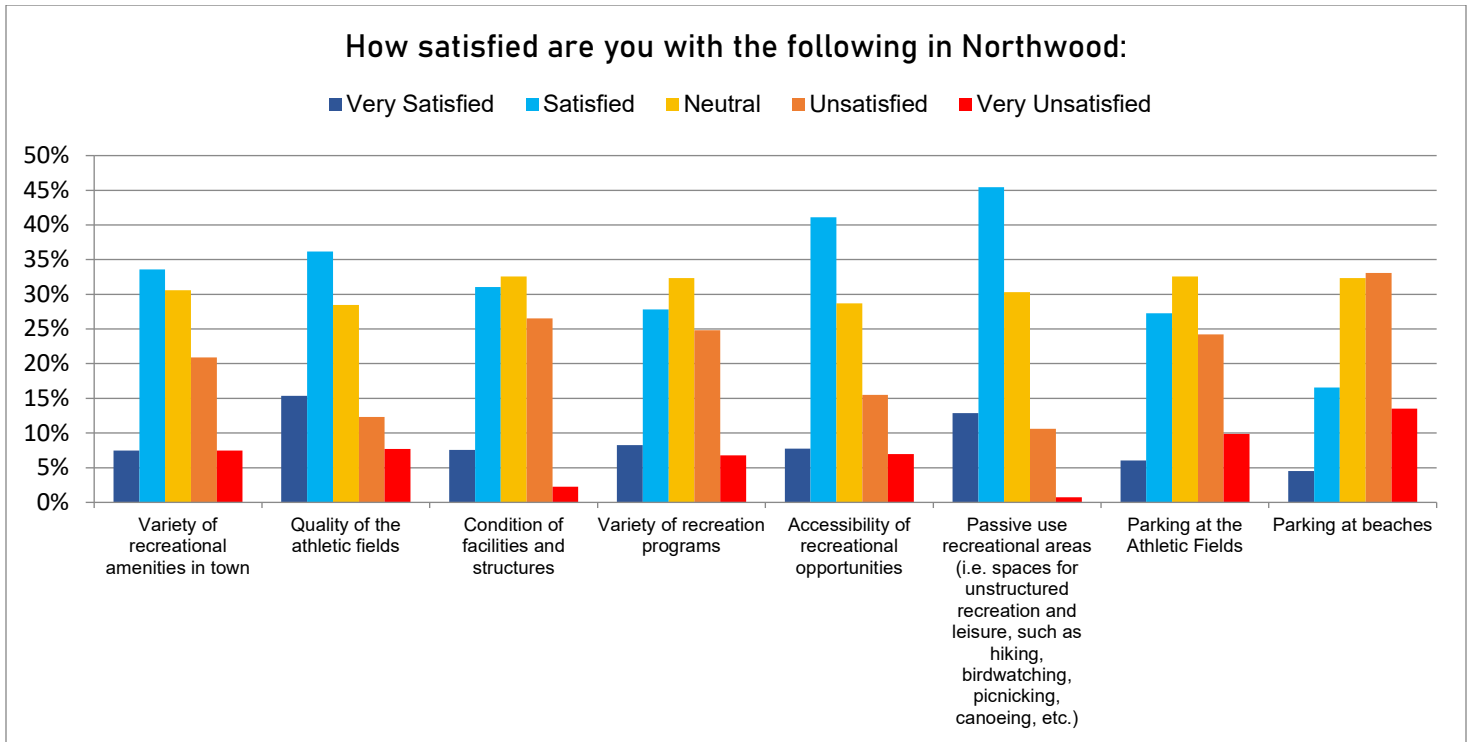
- More Senior activities
- Very little specifically for the seniors.
- There are none except for school age children
- Plenty of recreational options for swimming, hiking, hunting, fishing, foraging, play areas
- We need a multi indoor facility
- We need another gym and/ or a space to offer affordable group fitness.
- Need expanded programs and facilities.
- My kids are grown and gone. I'll leave it to younger adults to determine what would be good to add.
- Need more senior activities
- Inadequate access/parking limits my desire to use facilities or attend recreational events
- Shouldn't rely on the meadows that is State property
- no viable community center. What we have is small, antiquated, and dangerous
- More senior programs
- Please offer swimming lessons at one of the town beaches or make a deal with a neighboring town to use their resources. Please make an option for a more competitive sports team for ages 8+. We have 3 young boys who are enthusiastic about sports. And the rec sports are nice but they aren't very competitive even though there are a lot of very talented kids that could benefit from a more competitive team. Maybe a few towns could get together and form some more competitive teams.
- Difficult for kids to get to independently, ie sidewalks. No drinking water available. Limited to daylight use. Skate park or bb hoops would be great.
- Parking, lighting, fencing, drainage are all inadequate
- The one park is great - but its not safe to pull into or out of given its location along route 4. This makes the spot daunting, especially for families with young children. A second park in a different part of town would also serve more of the community. Shade at the existing park is absolutely needed. Whether by planting trees or installing canopies. A water resource in town besides the lakes would also be useful (splashpad, fountain, etc).
- Facilities need to be cleaned up, readily available and scheduleable.
- I would like to see a wider variety of activities for all ages and abilities. I feel youth sports is quite strong, and there have been more all-age activities as of late and I'd like to see those continue.
- Need more programs, better sports programs for younger age groups currently no games or teams
- We need more fields, trails, and courts as well as an indoor recreation facility that is part of a multi-generational community space.
- The fields are great and if I needed a playground it's good. But for what we pay per child to utilize those fields for sports why are we also paying for them in tax dollars
- There is no legal areas for all terrain vehicles
- Need more professional coaching support
- Scott and Jessy are always making events for the town
- Put in pickle ball courts
- We use the fields and state park frequently
- they need more support to better maintain
- town needs a rec center
- Need more amenities

How often do you visit these locations? Please choose the best option. Choose only one per row.

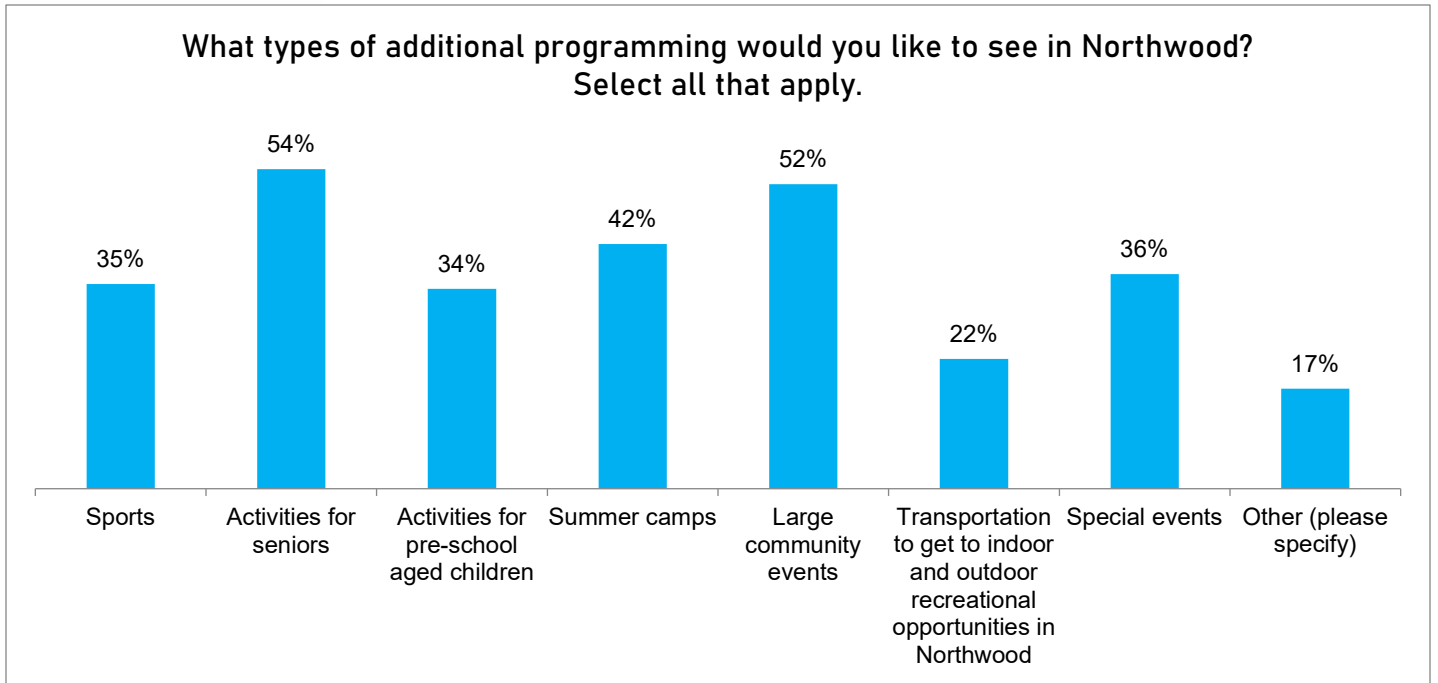


**Other Locations:**

- Snowmobile Trails
- Big Woods - the area in the north portion of town
- Big woods

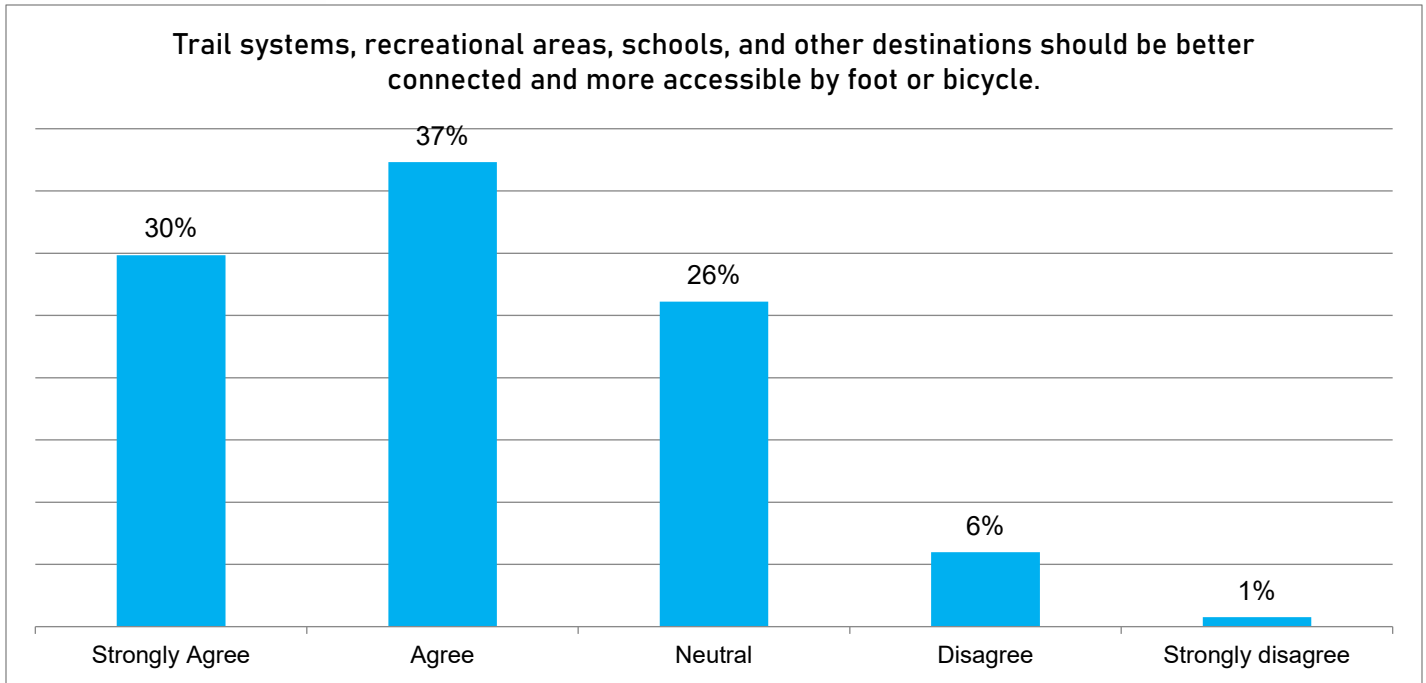


	% that Agree or Strongly Agree
Variety of recreational amenities in town	41%
Quality of the athletic fields	52%
Condition of facilities and structures	39%
Variety of recreation programs	36%
Accessibility of recreational opportunities	49%
Passive use recreational areas (i.e. spaces for unstructured recreation and leisure, such as hiking, birdwatching, picnicking, canoeing, etc.)	58%
Parking at the Athletic Fields	33%
Parking at beaches	21%



**Other comments:**

- Trips to various places
- I have valued the events that bring us together - eg - trunk-or-treat, bean hole bash.
- swimming lessons
- Improved concert capability/parking at Pavillion, can big concert seating work? Seems like the side road is where "moshpit" would be.
- trail maintenance help
- Adult sports leagues
- More community events to promote better community spirit
- I would love to see more events that pull a variety of age groups together to build a bigger sense of community.
- Senior citizen activities
- concerts
- Senior playgrounds. Rec commission is oblivious to the concept and needs.
- Love the Bean Hole Bash
- Northwood needs to have a recreation director that actually works to develop programs that are accessible to all ages. Currently, all that seems to be offered is sports related or large events with an occasional offering of fort building etc.
- None
- Transportation for ski programs
- Community Gardens
- Adult group fitness
- Pavilion needs to be moved to where an audience can sit in front of it. Still, it would need connection to electricity. Currently, the audience sits in the middle of a roadway around the upper rec. field. Awkward!! Also, it should be raised like a gazebo so more folks can see the players/performers. We need a big town room/hall for community events. Currently private halls must be rented and two of those are no longer available (The Lake Shore Farm Barn and the Masonic Hall). Another idea is that the town schedules an outdoor summer music series like so many other towns do. Nice community builder for everybody that isn't centered on kids' athletics.
- Adult activities, gardening clubs, hiking groups, herbalist/nature/conversation walks



**Please use this space to tell us about additional recreational opportunities and amenities you would like in Northwood.**

- It would be nice to have a real Community Center. Thank you, a caring senior.
- Clear out drains & ditches
- Fix the dam at the Meadows. I know the State has budgeted around a \$1,000,000 to start it but more is gonna be needed for completion
- ATV trails
- Safe passage (trail or sidewalk) from Northwood school to the Athletic fields.
- Keep the town small and rural. We have more than enough recreational opportunities and amenities but folks are not aware of them. There should be a spot on town website dedicated to it with maps of locations
- I put \$1 in each category of Question 9, but could not get the survey to accept that. I gave up, and didn't enter any response!
- Regarding Northwood Town Beach...if we are going to keep this open, better oversight of the beach space and water area in regard to boating into the beach space. We watch from afar and this seems like a big safety concern.
- Please get some professional help regarding rec facilities for seniors. It seems like the rec commission has never talked to anyone that has planned or developed senior facilities. All I hear is talk about yet another basket ball court when there are many unused ones in town. Doesn't seem like the best use of our scarce resources - the land on the upper field.
- We need a central location for a recreation center with plenty of parking and scheduled events.
- "Outdoor basketball court (at least 2), pickleball court (at least 2).
- Would like to see the decommissioning and removal of dated and unused things in town.
- The athletic fields needs serious tree and brush removal. The wooded area with the picnic tables at the lower fields is frankly a little creepy and uninviting.
- I'd also like Northwood to hire quality vendors when building structures and facilities. Don't go for the cheapest. These things should last decades. The concrete at the pavilion doesn't have the correct expansion joints and cracked. The water pump shed looks a little shabby (no offense) and there was a live and unprotected Romex wire running along the ground for months leading to that water pump shed. I haven't checked in a few months to see if it properly enclosed, but I'm surprised that passed inspection and was left like that for months.
- I believe this is a great survey and people want more... but I don't understand how we can achieve this financially. The labor rates are way too low. This will mean a tax rate increase which I support, but good luck getting the rest of the town on board. I don't like how the job postings for seasonal beach attendees limit age to high school or college. Are people older than 22 years old not qualified?
- I also do not support using taxpayer money to fund a private snowmobile club. If the public was able to use the

land that this club cleans up year round, then I would be in favor. However it is private and sections of the trail are off limits to non-club members. I would like Northwood to make sure there isn't other spend like this happening."

- A town map of hiking trails, family outdoor activities and places to bring animals on leash
- There is a lack of community spirit with no central area to meet other residents and enjoy community bonding. Not enough events and poor communication for existing events.
- Activities, crafts and activities for our older populations.
- more emphasis on preserving cleanliness of our roads; an anti-litter campaign. Special invitations to school events for those without children in the school system
- Way too much focus on youth sports. Rec com does not look at overall community and what we need. I heard that there are plans to build yet another basket ball court. Hello. We already have too many and they are hardly used. Look at what senior communities have. Horseshoe. Bocce ball. Senior playground equipment for stretching, balance, etc. Nothing like this is even being discussed.
- Take a look at other towns and all of the recreational activities that they do for their citizens. All of our money is going to just a few kids who happen to like sports.
- Continued development of Northwood Athletic Fields including walking trails that are suitable for older people and perhaps link to existing trails, community garden, programming for seniors and younger children.
- Basically, my opinion, adding more will not help, it seems to be the lack of communicating an activity and get support from the Town, seem to be very clickish and if someone in the "in" group the activity/sport or anything introduced doesn't take off, or town folk do not hear about it until too late.
- Pickleball, basketball, ski program, summer camp, babysitting class
- Please look at the senior communities in states like Florida, where they have facilities geared towards seniors: bocci courts, horse shoe pits, flexibility playgrounds and other equipment suited to seniors. We have nothing like that. And it appears the Rec commission is still focused on youth sports. That needs to change.
- Weekly senior activities
- I've said it all already.
- The town needs to acquire more property and needs to construct an all purpose recreation building and needs to complete the recreation field complex upgrades. The current status of the school and recreational fields in this town is embarrassing!
- Town Park, as above.
- An indoor track or walking facility
- More awareness of current offerings and how to engage.
- "Same as above:
- Please offer swimming lessons at one of the town beaches or make a deal with a neighboring town to use their swim classes even for a fee from non-residents. Like

Deerfield?? Maybe northwood kids could come for a small fee once or twice a week?

- Also, Please make an option for a more competitive sports team (soccer, basketball, baseball) for ages 8+. We have 3 young boys who are enthusiastic about sports. And the rec sports are nice but they aren't very competitive even though there are a lot of very talented kids that could benefit from a more competitive team. Maybe a few towns could get together and form some more competitive teams. "
- Keep our rural small town, small. We all moved here for a rural life, not a city life.
- Improvement to the quality of the rec fields. The fields are often uneven and at times unsafe for the players. The upper field is very patchy, with rocks and ruts.
- Sidewalks, please!
- Scott and Jessy are doing a great job bringing events for all ages.
- Rec dept is a gem! please support them more!
- trails open for ATVs