



REcreate Shawnee

A Community Centered on YOU

Proposed Community Center Quick Reference Guide



Where did the community center idea come from?

Discussions regarding a new community center began over 15 years ago. Initial support came through a 2003 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. Subsequent Citizen Surveys and Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment occurred in 2008, 2013, 2015, and 2017 and have all shown increasing support for additional recreational facilities including a community center.

Where would the proposed community center be located?

In response to public support, the City evaluated 11 potential sites. In 2005, the City purchased 26.3 acres east of Woodland Drive at 61st Street. Key advantages of the selected site are direct access to the Clear Creel Trail and proximity to the geographic center of the City. This site is no more than an approximate 13 minute drive time from any residence in the City.



What will the question on the ballot say?

Shall the City of Shawnee, Kansas, issue general obligation bonds in one or more series in an amount not to exceed \$38,000,000 to pay the costs of the design, construction, furnishing, equipping, operating, and financing of a new community center at West 61st Street and Woodland Drive within the City, including park amenities, site work, and indoor recreational and aquatic features, together with all related improvements, with all or a portion of the debt service on such bonds paid through an increase in the property tax levy, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq., K.S.A. 12-1736 et seq., K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and Ordinance No. 3251 of the City?

What are some of the amenities the proposed community center would feature?

The proposed 67,707 square foot facility would feature an indoor aquatic center with a recreational pool, lap swimming pool, splash pad, sprayground, hot tub, a two court multi-activity gym, indoor artificial turf field, fitness center with cardio, machine and free weights, stretching area, open workout space, two group fitness studios, an indoor walking track, indoor playground, multipurpose classrooms, birthday party rooms, lounge areas and outdoor trail with fitness stations.

What are the proposed program offerings?

There would be programs for all ages including senior programs like Silver Sneakers, youth and adult swim lessons, group fitness, personal training, arts, theatre, dance classes, cooking classes, and personal enrichment classes just to name a few.

How would the proposed community center be paid for?

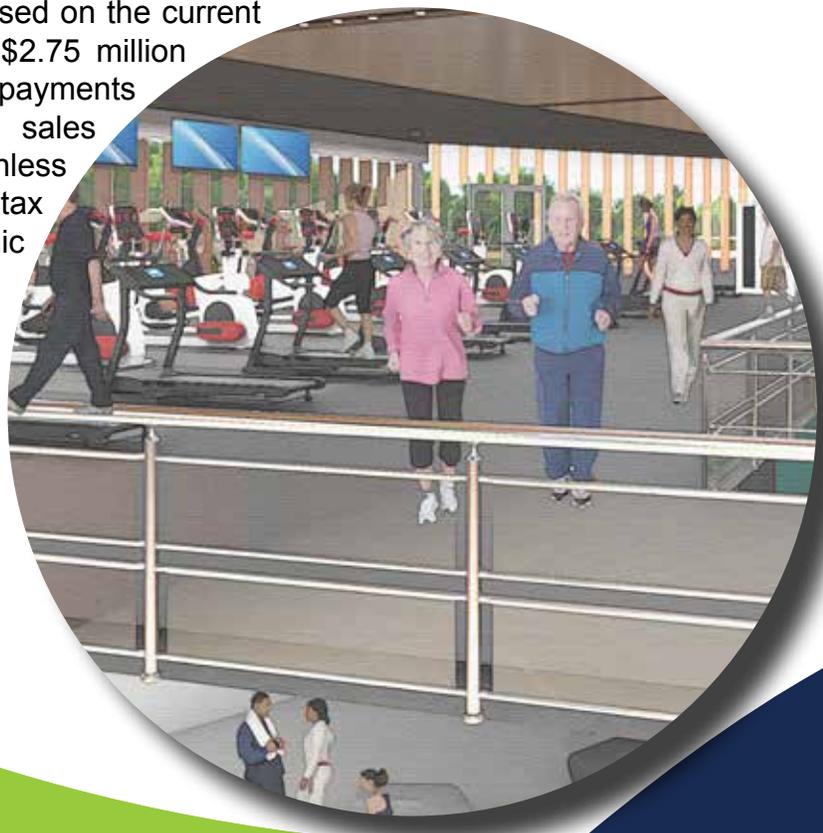
The proposed community center would be paid for by a property tax increase. The chart below is meant to provide an approximate idea of how much your property taxes would increase based on your home value.

Home Value	Current Monthly	Proposed Monthly	Monthly Increase	Yearly Increase
\$100,000	\$25.51	\$28.31	\$2.80	\$33.60
\$150,000	\$38.26	\$42.46	\$4.20	\$50.40
\$200,000	\$51.02	\$56.61	\$5.59	\$67.08
\$250,000	\$63.77	\$70.79	\$7.02	\$84.24
*\$263,130	\$67.12	\$74.48	\$7.36	\$88.32
\$300,000	\$76.52	\$84.91	\$8.39	\$100.68
\$350,000	\$89.28	\$99.07	\$9.79	\$117.48
\$400,000	\$102.03	\$113.22	\$11.19	\$134.28

*Average 2018 Shawnee home value

Why a property tax increase instead of a sales tax increase?

It would take another quarter cent sales tax based on the current retail environment to generate the estimated \$2.75 million needed each year for 20 years to cover bond payments on the proposed community center. Special sales taxes are required to sunset in ten years unless extended by public vote. Additionally, property tax is historically more stable in changing economic conditions than sales tax.



How are the membership dues structured and how much will they be?

There will be annual, monthly, and daily pass options based on residency. Punch card options will also be considered. The proposed fee structure is listed below.

Proposed Resident Membership Rates

	Individual Memberships			Family Memberships			Daily Admission	
	Youth	Adult	Senior	Family	Senior + 1	Additional	Daily	Child Watch
Proposed Annual Rates*	\$360	\$480	\$420	\$840	\$480	\$120	\$8	\$3
Proposed Monthly Rates	\$33	\$44	\$38	\$76	\$44	\$11		

*If residents pay annual membership rates, they receive one free month.

Proposed Non-Resident Membership Rates

	Individual Memberships			Family Memberships			Daily Admission	
	Youth	Adult	Senior	Family	Senior + 1	Additional	Daily	Child Watch
Proposed Annual Rates*	\$430	\$580	\$500	\$1,000	\$560	\$180	\$10	\$5
Proposed Monthly Rates	\$39	\$53	\$45	\$91	\$51	\$16		

*If residents pay annual membership rates, they receive one free month.



Don't we already have a community center?

We have the Civic Centre, a facility that is geared towards rentals, meetings, group gatherings, events, and weddings. It does not feature any indoor aquatic or fitness center amenities. This facility does have a gymnasium with open hours where people can take part in a variety of activities including pickleball, basketball, volleyball, or walking. This facility does accommodate current Parks and Recreation programs.

What would happen to the Civic Centre?

The Civic Centre will remain open and continue to offer Parks and Recreation programs as well as serve as a rental facility. There are no plans to close it. In 2018, the facility received several renovations.

If the proposed community center does not get approved, what happens?

Your property taxes would not go up and the community center would not be built. City staff would look into how the property could be used for other purposes.

Will there be Scholarship options?

Shawnee Parks and Recreation currently offers scholarships for lower income Shawnee residents for recreational programs. This program will be expanded to include membership opportunities. No specific details have been finalized at this time.

Where can I learn more about the proposed community center?

Website: www.cityofshawnee.org/communitycenter

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