

Wellesley Aquatic Facility Survey Comments

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 Two comments about individuals have been redacted.
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Comment	Questionnaire S/N
With Morses Pond available we don't need this pool	575
"Thank you! It's a been a long time coming!"	280
Sounds like a great idea. Most excited about the pool facility. The exercise component is secondary because I think that there are gyms in the area. A combined complex would be great but obviously more expensive. Kids programs sound great too. Linx does a great job in terms of security and safety of children so would be interesting to note some of their policies.	655
I am 100% behind the construction of this facility. We belong to the Boston Sports Club pool in the summer and is is over priced with disgusting lockerrooms and poor customer service. My husband swims for exercise on a regular basis. Thank you!!!	1292
If at all possible, it would be fabulous to use a system that does not require chlorine. Great idea all round and I think a community swimming facility would be a huge addition to quality of life in Wellesley.	2224
I would like to see this pool be for Wellesley residents only. I think it makes sense to offer both a seasonal/annual individual or family membership as well as the ability to buy a daily pass as needed.	1618
Long overdue for Wellesley! A significant gap in our public services	1441
Our kids learned how to swim at Morses Pond. They have fond memories of a natural outdoor experience. Invest in Morses Pond.	2552
Why is only a swimming pool being discussed. There are numerous pool opportunities in town from clubs to swim lessons at non clubs. We would hope for an ice rink to be considered.	1539
Step 1. Obtain the property, yea. Step 2. How to fund??? Step 3. Reality, a pool in Wellesley!	1849
Please make an indoor facility like concord's	1530
Include outdoor facility as well as indoor	293
Build a pool with retractable bubble so that there is outdoor swimming during the summer. Build a senior center at 900 Worcester St.	150
We'd love to have a pool available for use by our family and the town at large. It's a terrific idea.	1674
The town's average income can support a pool	227

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<p>Comments:</p> <p>I CURRENTLY SWIM 5-6 days A WEEK AT THE ATKINSON POOL IN SUDBURY. I AM A DEDICATED LAP SWIMMER - ONE MILE A DAY. (72 LANS - 25yd pool) I AM 92 years old WITH A COMPETITIVE SWIM BACKGROUND IN COLLEGE AND NEVER STOPPED SWIMMING AFTER GRADUATION.</p> <p>THE ATKINSON POOL HAS EIGHT LANES - (INDOORS) AND A SMALLER POOL FOR DIVING AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS.</p> <p>IT IS A GREAT SUCCESS AND WELL RUN. TALK TO THEIR Thank you for your input. MANAGER - YOU MIGHT WELL LEARN SOMETHING: Wellesley is the PERFECT COMMUNITY FOR A COMMUNITY POOL.</p>	7
Have some interest in having a pool for the H.S. team to use.	979
Fantastic! Thanks for seeking out interest!	1786
Don't raise my taxes for this program.	2066
Very exciting! An outdoor pool would be fabulous for Wellesley Residents!	1500
Thinks funds are better spent on elderly community and pool should be privately funded.	353
I swim regularly for exercise. I go to Regis and swim regularly in Farm Pond in warmer months. I am a competitive Masters Swimmer.	2247
A much needed and welcome addition to our town. I only wish it had been sooner!	1371
good luck. I wish we had it when my children were young.	2322
I am happy to help with this project in any way. 4 out of 6 children are competitive swimmers and 2 are divers. What an asset it would be to the town to not have to travel to Sudbury 4 times a week! You should look at Atkinson Pool in Sudbury. John does a great job managing that facility, and the town is somewhat similar to Wellesley.	1728
I support this facility even though my family would make little use of it. It should be non discriminatory as to age and take the place of the discriminatory "seniors only" center.	1952
I'd love a fun indoor place to swim & play in the winter and outdoor place for summer. I'd think it would be great place for birthday parties and a seasonal swim.	2426
Thanks for considering community needs! I support a pool or pools for a wide range of users.	1022
Disabled and would need a lift into the pool. Please use Concord pool as model. [scanned]	431
My wife and I strongly disagree with the town spending over \$20 million for the pool, related facilities and the land. It is outrageously expensive, adds to the town's debt burden, adds millions of required interest payments. This is an unnecessary expenditure. The town as a policy should only spend money on essential capital projects like schools.	1
Use the pools at Wellesley & Babson College. Morse Pond is best for swim lessons and there are pool facilities nearby looking for members. Scuba diving lessons are provided for through dive shops and are done at ponds, not pools. Only the first lesson is done at a pool. The Town does not need to get into the pool business. We should not hire more employees to run such a facility. The Town would be better served by private facilities.	1201
Clean up Morse's Pond effectively and to hell with 900 Worcester Street	1397
Pool facilities will be great for the town.	1924
At long last!	201

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My family is very excited about the idea of a community pool! This is something our town sorely lacks... I believe that if you offer an upscale (i.e. swim/country club feel but obviously without golf) people in this community would be willing to a pay a premium to become members.	1362
Great for the town!	703
we currently use the Weston Town Pool in the summer, and i would love to see Wellesley take that idea and run with it. It's pretty basic which makes it fun for all ages, and the lack of slides keeps things under control (although i am sure my kids would love a slide) The outside water table and the sandbox within the fence are also great features. the grass around the pool deck is nice for families to sit and relax as well.	830
Babson adequate for swimming. We don't need this facility at all!	187
Is there a possibility to connect this Facility to Morses Pond (across the aqueduct). Perhaps a boat house on the newly dredged North End of the Pond.	1892
Thank you!	1370
A public pool would be wonderful--I am always amazed by the lack of them in this area.	1774
This facility would be a great bonus for neighborhood and town	540
Concentrate on building the best aquatic facility possible. Other fitness equipment like treadmills, bicycles & weights-i.e., land exercise equipment-is more readily available elsewhere. (Affordable) Swim facilities are hard to find. Also, please have space for lap swimming at all times v closing all of it for swim lessons & swim team practice & meets. Allow disabled & seniors to pay less, if any fee at all. I know many seniors who struggle terribly financially.	2298
NO use of town funds for building the facility. In these budgetary times, must come entirely from fundraising and/or the swimming community. Until such time, leave area as open space	58
Primary use should be for high school teams, then lower schools, then residents. Would use 2 or 3 times/week.	286
No pool please. A pool is a money pit and a pool needs lots of parking. Will the beach close? It should if a pool opens. Put a pool at the beach or a school	51
we should have an indoor AND outdoor pool. This is essential -- the town is in desperate need of a good outdoor pool, particularly for swim lessons and swim meets. There should also be a toddler pool outdoors.	858
The Wellesley High School Swim Teams should have easy access to a swimming facility that caters to students' after school schedules. Current swim practices sometimes end too late in the evenings (10 p.m. or after).	1733
we have used the weston facility for the last three years. i think it is a good layout other than the fact that it is not heated and a bit chilly for a fair amount of the summer. i think if the city invested in a nice rec center (pool, gym, weights, treadmill etc.) i think it would be well recd. The Boston Sports Club in the area is a mess and management hasn't spent any money keeping it up. Dues are very high there as well so I believe folks in the area will pay for a quality product.	1841
We would rather have a bark park for dogs rather than a pool.	145
This is a TOTAL waste of my money! This should have been included in new Hlgh School with State reimbursement. This is another to dream up ways to spend tax dollars.	2100

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I think a town pool is essential to A community like Wellesley. It appeals to young and older generation. I feel it would be used by all members of the community. Plus, bring the town together as a community.	953
I'd like to see a pool built for adult lap swimming early in all weekdays morning ie 5am. Parking should be seriously planned.	531
The first answer on this page is N/A because we have no needs	146
<p>Comments:</p> <p><i>I am disabled with Multiple sclerosis. I would require a lift to get into the pool. I am sure many others would use the pool if there was a lift. Water therapy and exercise is key to my well being. Currently I have to travel to the Concord Recre pool. They have a perfect set up with lift and family accessible changing rooms. Please use them as a model for the Wellesley pool. I would welcome not having to travel 30-45 min on 1/28 to go to a pool. Please contact me for more input or information.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your input of information</p>	431
We have lived in Wellesley for over 20 years and 2 of our kids are in high school. I have always wanted a pool in Wellesley and I strongly support a swimming pool in Wellesley. A pool in town is a huge community builder. I am very excited that all of the children in Wellesley will be able to take local swim lessons, join a local swim team, take diving lessons and have fun over the summer! I'm just sorry that my oldest 2 children won't have the benefit of a town pool. I'm sure that they would have been on a swim team if we had had a local swimming pool. I grew up on a swim team myself. Thank you so much for finally pulling together a community pool!!!!	981
Town government should not be in the Recreation Business	441
Not interested at all in the pool and feel the expense is way too much, we want a senior center, Thank you. Everything is for the young people in the town.	1600
Who got invited to take this survey, does it need publicity in the school blasts?	1695
depends on the specifications of the facility... if there is an indoor option, we would use it year-round, definitely. I would love the chance to have lap swimming early or late (and more than one available lane). It doesn't have to have a lot of pools, if it has sections (Weston, for example....). Looking forward to this great new addition to town; hope it's accessible to open swimming and playing for little ones.	2320
We moved here from the Southeast six years ago and have really missed having a pool to use. We a very happy our town is considering this for this site. Thanks for reaching out to the community!	844
A large exercise room with different kinds of exercise equipment would be a great addition.	2378
It would be really nice to have a town pool in Wellesley.	776
Age specific blocks of time set aside. Consult other times with pools in order to understand policies, practices, lessons learned, etc	26
i am so excited about this new project!! Keep up the momentm.	1879
I would ask that lap swimming and adult options are available at all times. I would be very frustrated if the new facility is designed only for families with children or if laps are blocked on weekends for swimming lessons or swim meets. Would be great if it was an affordable option to the Boston Sports Club in Wellesley.	1337

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Pool facility is a great idea	380
I'm against any more taxes for education or recreation! Money must be raised by those who use the pool!	528
Concerned about possible flooding issues (esp. in spring)	329
Great idea and close to neighborhoods off of Weston Road. More convenient than going across town to BSC and another closer option to Longfellow.	1712
I think I would regularly use a pool for conditioning (laps) if it were convenient, affordable and not overly crowded. I have knee issues that make running less of an option to stay in shape. It would be great to separate the toddler/kids pool from the lap pool. I would expect to be able to change and shower off at the pool and have a locked locker to put my clothes and valuables. I would probably use the pool most during the school year, so an indoor pool would be preferred, but on some hot summer days when I'm in town, it would be great to cool off at the pool. My sister lives in Weston and I love their pool in the summer. Its got to be considerably less expensive to use than Babson, and available on a annual, monthly, or daily admission options. My son is going off to college, so kiddie slides aren't important to me now, but they sure would have been when he was young.	1388
<p>Comments:</p> <p><i>Having a Water Therapy pool in our area would be great for anyone who needs rehab. from surgery, an accident & anyone who may need therapy for arthritis. Warm water is essential.</i></p>	473
I'm currently a member of Longfellow Club in Natick and use their swimming facilities between 4 and 6 times a week. I would give up my membership at Longfellow and use a facility in Wellesley if it met my needs. I take the water exercise class there as well as use their gym.	1345
Greatest thing for Wellesley is a "swim club" for the rest of us	940
Sounds so promising!!	1133
Pool, fields and especially the rink are sorely needed in Wellesley. I only regret that by the time any of these are built, are kids will have graduated from WHS.	1079
Don't approve of a pool	1329
The Wellesley town needs its own aquatic facility. It is a long over due. It would be great to have indoor and outdoor pools. The outdoor pool converts to indoor pool like a Longfellow swim pool during the winter/spring/fall seasons to have a greater pool usuaages for the family as well as competitive town swim teams.	1644
The people who use the pool should pay for it	526
Interested to learn whether the town is considering both indoor and outdoor pool. Feel strongly that a community-oriented, affordable outdoor pool would be a great seasonal asset for our community. We have never chosen to pay the huge summer fees charged by other local private pools. We would also definitely use an indoor pool year round.	1636
I would love to see a community pool!	904
This will be a great asset to the community. I grew up in Lexington and have long wished that Wellesley had a facility similar to Lexington's pool and ice-skating facility.	1835
I am hugely in support of the center!	2267

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The town of Wellesley and immediate vicinity have several (private) swimming pools available to the community. The major shortcomings include a high school swimming facility and an indoor swimming facility for the community suitable for hosting a high-level swimming competition.	1431
Instead of annual membership since a lot of the Wellesley families have a summer home, please consider a 9-month member to cover spring/fall/winter while leaving option for people to purchase summer membership. Also, salt water pool is more environmentally friendly and better for one's health, please also consider that. Thank you.	1682
<p>Comments:</p> <p><i>My doctor prescribed swimming for my diabetes & heart problem, but I can't do it because at my age I can't afford private sports club membership. I am 88 yrs old, and had an open heart surgery. I have a bicuspid valve in my heart for 3 yrs.</i></p>	433
We currently use the Needham YMCA pool on week days year-round.	2281
The property is a very poor location for most of the talked about activities -- especially a pool.	1178
love the idea of a community pool will fully support it!	853
Only concern is traffic increase in area. Wants facility for all ages.	345
I do not wish for my taxes to increase for this purpose	80
I would like single pay for grandparents, etc... What is the policy for nanny's? I would like them included in the family price--I will not be going at the same time as our nanny, so only one person is using it!	1691
Opposed to facility. Have been residents for 30+ years and MOPO & BSC are suitable.	297
I would like a nice kid friendly facility but nothing too babyish so kids in teen and early teen ages will also have a fun time. And a diving board is 4.	2228
I think a town pool would be a great addition to Wellesley. Neighboring towns have these pools and it's unfortunate that Wellesley is lagging behind. I also look forward to a time where I don't have to spend \$1000 to join a pool membership for the summer months for my kids to enjoy.	942
It is nuts to spend that much money. Building should be paid from fees	8
Very exciting!	2069
Thanks for asking & doing this survey, I really appreciate it. I live directly on Morses Pond so I do not need a swimming facility in the summer but I think the facility is essential to residents of this town. To be frank & as nice as possible, I am from Newton & when I moved here 16 years ago to raise my family, I was shocked at the manner in which this town keeps up its buildings & lack of them, no pool, no ice rink. I understand that Newton is a city & is larger but was disappointed in the lack of facilities. Thank Goodness we now have a new high school & some elementary schools have been renovated; I appreciate all the hard work from the people of this town.	899
facility needs to have an adult only area/zone for focused exercise, no kids splashing or running around	916
I answered that no local pool met my needs because the cost is too expensive. I would hope that a town pool would be very inexpensive for residents. I think it is imperative that the entire community's needs be evaluated and met on this project.	1900

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Very excited	252
A town pool couldn't support itself because other facilities exist nearby (YMCA). Should not compete with businesses .	291
The facility should be fee based, "use-pay" funded. Taxpayers should not have to subsidize the operation of the facility. Furthermore, funding for the project should be carefully evaluated so not to raised taxes.	2279
Not interested in a pool facility that would charge a high annual membership. Nannies should be able to be included in a family membership.	27
The Rinconada pool in Palo Alto, CA (public pool) could be a good model for this -- pay-per-use for lap swimming, a lot of good programs but very simple/spartan facilities. http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/recreation/aquatics.asp	1010
My immediate household is 1 senior, but I'd like to bring my daughter's family as guests. I suspect there are other grandparents in town who may want to do the same, so, hopefully, any guest policy will make this possible.	1352
What about pedestrian crossing over Route 9 from points north? There is the traffic light but is the town considering something else? Pedestrian bridge perhaps?	911
Wellesley needs a pool. It is a shame that WHS swimmers have to practice so late at night. It is unfortunate that WSA cannot accommodate all Wellesley kids that want to join the team. Wellesley adults (including seniors) would benefit from having a town pool for group exercise, lap swimming, and therapy.	1696
I would pay for use of a pool like Babson	608
Think it's a great idea and something this town would benefit greatly from having.	1459
I think you could come up with a better use for this piece of land. How about an indoor track for walkers so they wouldn't have to go to the malls in bad weather. Pool upkeep will be costly. Why not just have a dog park for everyone wo refuses to leash their dog. Leave the rest of the town alone.	3
A pool would be great! I have always been jealous of the Weston Town Pool.	1049
Please keep any proposed membership fees low or don't have any at all for residents as our taxes should more than pay for this project and its upkeep going forward.	2500
A swim and/or diving team for the kids would be ideal -- thanks for considering!	1808
The aquatic facility seems totally superfluous. Town money should not be used for this frivolous project. How about a lower tax rate next year instead!	2223
Great idea. We need a town pool.	941
please consider building a near LEED certified facility. that is important to us	1625
I think an outdoor pool would be such a wonderful asset for the community in the summer, but an indoor pool would also be just great for winter! :) Right now, the only outdoor pool I know of is at the Boston Sports Club, which costs an unbelievable \$1500 or so for about 10 weeks. I drive my youngest into Cambridge where there is a free outdoor "sprinkler/wading pool" for him to frolick in, but he is outgrowing that. It would be just great to have a local pool that was not excessively expensive.	1583
Xywf	1289
Given the on-going need for tax overrides and expected tax shortfalls in the future, this is an inappropriate use of tax payers funds.	2094
In theory, but not in my personal life experience, I would like to see the pool and any senior center facilities created in sync. That said, I also favor a multi-generational facility rather than a senior center per se.	1175

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I currently swim @ BSC	164
80 or 81 water temp is crucial for lap swimming. Anything higher and I would never use it. Big problem at Longfellow in Natick due to this issue. It caused elimination of masters swimming there. (they ar 83-84 degrees.)	466
Would like to see a pool for families [age 101]	434
I favor the construction and could possibly support revenue for construction, but if we build it w/ tax revenue it should be self sustaining. If built with private/fundraising money ok to provide financial support to make it accessible.	581
Wouldn't support unless lap swimming & water aerobics available. School & league teams shouldn't dominate use. Facility should support adult lap swimming and water aerobics. Should be a town pool, not a school competition pool.	388
I think there would be a need for at least 2 pools, one for swim teams and one for diving, lessons, H2O polo etc	28
I have lived in town for over 20 years and have been a huge fan of Morse Pond. However, I think if would be great if Wellesley could have an outdoor town pool in the summer in addition to an indoor one. Could one be built with a bubble like Longfellow in Natick so we could have the best of both worlds?	723
This facility plus a senior center would give us a reason to stay in Wellesley.	387
I would use the Weston Community (outdoor) pool as a good example to copy.	870
The town needs this, great project!	1146
A. I like the idea very much. An annual or monthly membership fee is agreeable and likely only method of paying operative expenses etc. B. We would prefere acessibility to ONLY wellesley town residents.	144
There is a large demand for swim teams for children in elementary and middle schools in our area which is not met by existing teams in our area. All nearby teams have long waiting lists and it is difficult to get onto the teams. The Wellesley High School swim team also needs a town pool for practice and meets. A large pool with ten lanes that is bubbled in the fall/winter/spring, like recently built in Wayland, would be ideal.	985
I am a triathlete and a pool is essential for my training. Unfortunately the only reasonably priced pool in the area is the YMCA in Framingham of which whom does not have enough lanes or convenient open lap swim time. I am interested in being on your committee or helping out in any way I can. I am excited about this idea.	862
Pool time is scarce, please build the pool large enough to support multiple activities (more than six lanes).	1475
Although we are just two, over-sixty in age, I would pay to use the pool for my 2 young grandchildren also.	1596
Please STOP spending MY money. This town is OUT OF CONTROL. YOU have no business spending OUR money because YOU want an "aquatic facility". STOP IT.	2158
this would be fantastic, we need some choice in swimming facilities, as the BSC has a monopoly and this seems like an important town provided facility	2296
I believe a senior center is much more important than this project and it has been overdue for so....long..	1426
Outdoor pool, for recreation, our most emphatic request.	1442
Not needed by town	40

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I am curious why a pool is being considered before an off-leash, fenced in dog facilities. I know many residents including myself who would use it often and I presume the expense/difficulty would be much less.	551
We are thrilled to hear about this new proposal and look forward to learning more about it in the coming months.	795
Survey appears to have been written by people who want a pool.	32
While my family would not use a pool, I still support it for families with younger children and others who do not have access to a pool through a club. But, I think it 4 that the town have an indoor track now that a track was cut out of the new high school building due to budget reasons. A track could be used by the school teams (it is ABSURD and DANGEROUS for them to be running outdoors in the winter) and it could be used during other times by residents young and old to walk, jog, run in cold or inclement weather.	1134
Longfellow has a bubble on so it is great year-around.	2058
We are really looking forward to having a pool in Wellesley	162
This is a much needed facility in this community!! I hope you make it happen	2408
Thank you to all involved in this very worthwhile project.	1982
Put in an indoor or outdoor track	254
Aquatics director @ Meadowbrook Day Camp helped design their 2 teaching pools, happy to help	267
I think this is a great idea and it would be great to also have a rock wall	1739
Would very much like a competitive/fitness swimming environment -- Cooler water, wave absorbing sides and lane lines, time clocks, etc. and have it available for use from 5am to 10pm.	2501
I think the town would benefit primarily from a competitive swim facility that would enable us to host practice and swim meet sessions for the town's young competitive swimmers.	2208
Think that the pool should be able to be utilized for both yards and meters swim meets...MITs pool is designed to meet this need. Competitive swim teams utilize both. The ability to have swim meets at this facility could provide a large source of revenue.	897
W	766
Wellesley Town is sorely missing a Town Recreational pool -- Outdoors which families can use in summer. Weston & Needham have them Wellesley's community would greatly benefit from a lap pool (indoors) which the high school swim team can use, youth swim teams can use and the community at large can use-- kids learning to swim, families looking for fun recreation and retirees looking for healthy exercise options. A Masters swim option would be a wonderful addition as well.	1466
The proposed location on Rt. 9 seems very inconvenient due to the heavy traffic on Rt. 9	2021
Not a good plan	1085
Prefers MOPO in summer, unsure about family's pool use in off seasons	220
Don't forget the hockey rink!	1408
I would hope that such a pool would be free or significantly discounted for town residents, perhaps something along the lines of the fees charges for Morses Pond (which I use daily in the summer). I cannot afford membership fees charged by the local health clubs. It would be wonderful if the facility had a dryland exercise room with equipment. I would probably use it daily with my children if it included other exercise equipment or an indoor track.	2306

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Thanks for the effort but by the time the pool is available, I will have crossed the river Styx. [ages 91 and 87]	62
Would very very very very very much like to see indoor basketball courts build in addition to the pool!!! This a huge need of the town, l/we believe.	2103
We do not need a pool. It certainly should not use town funds. If private funds want to build, maintain, and support a pool fine. As a town we do not need one and should not spend any money for one. It would be a waste of town resources. As background I am not anti-spending. I fully support the initiatives we have had for building other facilities in town and funding our schools. A pool however would benefit a very small minority of residents and at a cost to everyone. Not a wise or appropriate use of public resources.	1288
Taxes are too high. Other facilities available	284
I oppose The Pool at 900 Worcester Street I support The Senior Center Instead	1922
The town of Wellesley should spend no money on this project. Existing, private facilities more than adequately meet residents needs. As recreation space is at a premium, this facility should be dedicated to as much multi-use as possible.	2111
We're very enthusiastic about this project. Our #1 objective is having an outdoor recreational pool facility for our kids to use during the summer.	807
I think a community pool would be a great addition to Wellesley. Both indoor and outdoor	179
Our family would love a local swimming pool! Indoor and outdoor pools for children and families to take lessons and participate in fun, healthy activities is a dream come true in Wellesley. Would be great to have some fun family swimming in Wellesley!	1854
it is absolutely essential that Wellesley have a town pool. It was a shame that a pool was cut from the new high school. A pool/acquatic facility would serve all members of our community: families, students, seniors in a way that a turf field and ice rink would not.	1321
A much needed heated 90 degree therapy pool with gradual entry and complete wheelchair accessibility is essential to our town.	1219
A facility similar to BSC is appealing for town residents only. Pay a membership fee is of no interest.	13
Pool will be a great addition to our recreational facility.	1902
We are currently on the Metrowest Aquatic swim team but would love to utilize a local facility for the kids and for myself.	1577
A town pool is so overdue! Great community builder for all residents!!	714
Lexington, MA & West Hartford, CT are good models to follow.	214
It would be a very good idea to offer lessons/classes for children on the autism spectrum.	883
Not in favor if it means increasing taxes	272
I think it is important to have a facility that the Wellesley schools can use for competitive swimming and diving.	2312
We would strongly support an outdoor pool for summer use.	913
this is a great idea and long overdue - today we go to the weston facilities for pool access. We should keep more families in wellesley. it should be built with families and social activities in mind - evening fun events and activities that draw people together. it would be a huge hit!	1094

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As important as this facility is, the high school stadium project is of equal, if not greater importance. We need to catch up with the rest of the towns in our area to provide a turf field, real bathrooms and lights for night play.	652
The town could use a public pool.	928
Finally! I am very happy that this is being considered.	418
Why would you spend our money in this unnecessary facility. Build a gym, that can be used by all people. Ask for a vote!	446
An outdoor pool is a facility which is sorely needed in Wellesley.	1468
I think Rte 9 is a poor place for a pool.	438
I think Wellesley should have a town pool.	1765
Soccer fields are the top priority for this space!! Swimming pool would be an excellent complement to the fields.	2429
Heat section of MOPO for year-round swimming	204
Whoever wrote that letter to the Townsman was 100% right: the new parcel is the WRONG place for a pool. It's a great place for fields and a true fieldhouse. But the natural place for a pool (which must meet both MIAA racing regs and ADA regs) is halfway between the high school and middle schools. Location, location, location. Maybe the old Olds dealership? Maybe embedded in the hill behind the middle school? If students can't walk there, with wet hair, in February then it's worthless to the town. Right idea, wrong parcel.	1086
I am a big supporter of a town pool. The past 2 years we have joined the Weston pool which is very nice but not very convenient. The Weston pool is nice because they have a grassy area to sit, picnic tables and lots of things for kids (playground, huge sand area, water tables). Our kids are young and take swim lessons during the school year at an indoor facility but I would be very interested in lessons, especially during the summer. An exercise room or facility would be a plus. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance helping gain town support and approval for this project.	1536
Are there plans for an ice rink as well?	1517
I only wish Wellesley had a community pool when my children were young!!! It's well overdue!	128
Against proposal because existing private facilities are available	273
I am a senior and have no interest at all in the pool. I am tired of my tax money being used for the youth of this town, why not think about a senior center. How was it decided to use the land in this way. Seems to me it should have been voted on.	2356
My husband and I are members of Wellesley at Home (WAH) so we have free access to the Wellesley College pool (during designated hours)	557
I strongly support the building of a town pool and feel it would greatly benefit all members of the community.	2388
The town should not be doing this. Pay off town debt instead, reduce town expenses, and control town employee counts and benefit costs.	598
"Good luck!"	244
POOL NOT NEEDED	2232
This facility needs to be a balance, not compete with Morses Pond or Boston Sports Club. Many needs are served by the college facilities in the area. What niche does this facility serve?	750

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I would be willing to help with this project. I've been involved in the swimming pool business my entire life. My family has owned and operated a swimming pool company for over 30 years. We install commercial and residential pools throughout New England. I would be happy to help or answer any questions you might have about a possible swimming pool in our community.	725
The most important to me is having an outside facility for use during the summer.	770
Is the proposed facility for Wellesley residents or is it going to be open to the public? If open to public, will the residents get a break?	1617
Don't need a pool, we have Morse's Pond. I am against using town money for the facility. Put some money into schools, not a pool.	67
This town is reasonably wealthy. A lot of families send children to private school. They have access to pools generally. Lots of people go to the Cape, NH, VT etc during the summer or they can use Morse's Pond in the summer. What you are left with is a winter population. A new pool would probably be used by the high school if they don't have one already. If the high school does have a pool it is probably under utilized, I would vote against funding their entirely from taxes. Perhaps a mix of fees + taxes. I'm unsure if this is a good idea, but I'm neutral right now. In today's world a facility that is just a pool would be short sighted.	515
Very enthusiastic about the possibility of the town having a recreational facility with a swimming pool. I hope we can have both an indoor and outdoor pool. A facility where parents could use exercise equipment (i.e. treadmills) while looking out at their children in the pool area would be ideal. Also a facility with pool tables, ping-pong tables, and foosball would be wonderful for our large youth population. I'd be willing to participate in fundraising for such a facility; I would also be more than willing to pay a moderate annual membership fee and/or admission fee (e.g. \$5-10 per visit)	1208
Waste of town money	245
I like the idea of an annual family membership (for residents). I also like the idea of a pay-per-visit option for non-resident guests. But ONLY if they're accompanied by a town resident. If anyone is allowed (non residents) to use the facilities without a resident sponsoring them, it will get too crowded and chaotic (like Morse's Pond). Hoping both options can be kept affordable!!	828
The problem I have with this survey is the presumption to build a pool, spend money, when I don't know how it is going to be paid for and maintained. I think you need to get in the press and deliver by mail - why a pool, how it's going to be financed, and so forth.	2362
Great survey!	2413
I would like the town to use the money wisely to benefit all the residents of Wellesley. If the pool includes transportation service for families that would be very ideal. Most important the pool entrance will be safe to enter and enough parking. Think of how busy rt 9 and there should be traffic lights to indicate the safety of the family members because there is not enough traffic lights in Wellesley.	174
I would love a town facility for swimming! I lap swim several times per week and the pool at Boston Sports Club is usually very busy when I am there. I would think this could be a profitable endeavor.	1282
We have zero interest in a community pool and we have no desire to see tax increases to pay for it.	59
This would be great for our community and I wish you all well in your efforts to move forward.	2414

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I support the idea of community owned and managed space but would prefer any funds raised go to our schools (reverse trend of cuts every year) and other existing departments. Pools are very expensive to construct and maintain and I think we already have enough swimming options in town.	1361
If a town pool, the cost for using it should be minimal for town residents. A \$5-10/visit cost, or an annual family membership of \$1,000-1,500 would be far too much for us, and we would then not be able to use it. We'd be better served by joining a health club at that point.	1886
Town pool long overdue!	456
Remember the little person who wants to keep their family healthy. Please please have reasonably affordable options. This sounds like a great project.	1668
I hope you are considering a Skate Park for the kids in this town too. They have to travel to other towns and its become a very popular sport!	1009
I definitely think the pool should be outdoors in the summer!	1810
I think a pool would be used by a range of people - young - elderly. It would promote health and provide swim teams with a place to train and hold meets. Thanks for inquiring about my famil't's interest.	260
Been wanting a town pool since '80s.	398
The pool should be free for town residents. We pay high taxes	541
Early Am opening would be crucial for a masters swimming program - 5-530?	2126
An aquatic center would be a great addition to Wellesley. I do hope that annual membership fees are not too high as there are many residents of Wellesley who cannot afford to pay prices equivalent to local Sports Club rates. Also, many residents have second homes that they go to in the summer. It would be great to have a local center in the summer for the residents who stay in Wellesley for the majority of the summer.	1958
My family's use of the facility would depend entirely on cost. We cannot use facilities such as BSC as far too expensive for us. The pool should have a sliding scale based on income to accomodate both low income families and the elderly. People with greater resources already have access to all sorts of sports clubs around here, and tax payer money should not be used only for their benefit. If the pool does not offer a sliding scale based on income, it would be excluding often forgotten households in town.	1174
I am very excited and very supportive of this initiative. I am available to discuss at town meeting.	1217
This would also provide additional jobs for teenagers as lifeguards and swim instructors. Both my children would welcome this opportunity.	1287
great idea- public aquatic center would be big asset to Wellesley	1664
Seasonal membership opportunity	525
We have been using the pool at the Boston Sports Club and find it both extremely expensive and inconvenient. It would be a dream come true to have a town-owned pool / pool complex. Our kids would spend a ton of time there, especially in the summer but also 4 in the spring and fall. So would the adults. I'd also hope that it's a place where teenagers could safely congregate, with little or no adult supervision other than what's normally in place -- the town lacks a good teen rec center -equivalent. Thanks for listening!	2474

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<p>An aquatic facility is a major positive addition to Wellesley, and much wanted by my family. 1) Please take into account that some people are "serious swimmers", who need serious facilities, adult-level. Serious lap swimmers & divers appreciate being accorded the level of safety and respect that "serious skiers" have on the ability-level slopes. 2) Child play and activities can be in a separate pool & locker room from adults, for safety, cleanliness & to allow adults to enjoy the calm of serious swimming. 2) University facilities can be good models - MIT's new pool has good light & high ceilings for indoor facilities. Caltech has excellent outdoor pools. 3) Safe street access necessary. New entrance road? 4) It would be wonderful to have both indoor and outdoor pools! Thanks for your efforts and good luck!</p>	2139
<p>Make facility attractive to the group of Seniors who are advocating for a new \$8-10million Senior Center. Let them and other people interested in this facility raise some smoney to help pay for it -similar to the citizens who raised money for the soccer fields! Focus on quality (not not gold plated), low maintenance cost, and need for very FEW NEW employees of the town. TAXES need to stabilize!</p>	1930
<p>If public funds used to construct the building then there should be no admission fee. Private funds then an admission fee is warranted.</p>	36
<p>Probably wouldn't use facility, but has no objection to it being built.</p>	315
<p>Tough to fill out survey since both my kids will most likely be out of high school by the time the facility was built.</p>	33
<p>Wellesley should be looking at ways to lower taxes in this town. A swimming facility is a luxury, not a necessity. No taxpayer funds should be used to build or maintain such a facility.</p>	1477
<p>This is unnecessary. There are 4 pools in/near this town. Spend town money on something important.</p>	105
<p>Finally! So excited that this might happen, it would significantly improve the quality of life in town.</p>	52
<p>No need for community pool</p>	6
<p>It is critical that this project include discussions with all Beechwood Rd /Lexington Rd residents as they will be dramatically impacted by traffic to this facility (cars coming from Bates neighborhood - Elmwood etc- will cut through Beechwood to get to facility). It is imperative that there are proactive discussions to eliminate any possibility for increased traffic on these 2 streets.</p>	1753
<p>The coat of building, maintaining, and running this facility should not be placed on the back of the taxpayer!</p>	1898
<p>Not in favor of town owned pool</p>	163
<p>We are a hockey family, but enjoy swimming and want to support this project for the future of Wellesley youth sports and senior citizens' programs. Currently, we have kids who range in age form 5-18. . . so our window is open for youth programs. But we would also be happy to have a pool/programs available for our Adults/Seniors.</p>	2245
<p>Thank you for taking time and resources to thoughtfully explore the interests of the community.</p>	785
<p>Our family supports the idea of a town pool, because we assume it will be used by a wide range of residents and will be a real benefit to the town and for use by the HS and MS. We ourselves do not expect to use it as we are not swimmers, the kids are getting older and we belong to a club with an outdoor pool in the summer. Thank you for your work on this.</p>	1323

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I would love to have town pool BUT water supply watershed, in long run more important. Evodence tp date: protection of water resources not taken seriously by town ie Behrend Project.	527
I thought this project was not going to impact my taxes?	1214
A family change room large enough to support a swim lesson program is absolutely critical. It allows parents to help their children and reduces traffic in the single sex change rooms.	1057
Great idea! Much needed!	475
I would not be interested in the town taking on any financial obligation. Property taces are out of sight, stop spending our money frivolously	184
Community pools should be affordable and not cost prohibitive, regardless of financial means.	504
We do not need a town healthclub, spa, physical therapy center etc. We need just a great pool!	559
Resist temptation to over spend on this facility.	316
This community could really use a pool. The High School should also have access to the pool for sporting events	1683
I would prefer the town investigate the possibility of using the property for a skating rink instead of a pool.	1655
I disagreed with the towns decision to buy the St. James property. We had the chance to buy the Grossmans lot years ago and to build a pool then when it would've been cheaper. Community function rooms needed. The facility should be built using separate, non-tax revenue generated funds.	458
We would like the facility to be usable by people of all ages and ability, which includes having a way to provide shallow depth lessons for young children. However, we object to the concept of an indoor aqua play-space, with sprinklers, etc. and the running around that understandably results. The facility should promote water safety and sports, whether for recreation, work-out or competition. There are many other places around that offer fitness equipment. 4 to have daily rates, as not everyone is a heavy user. Also important that school/team use of the facility does not take over the use of the facility at certain hours and that it is not subsidized by the taxpayers or pool members.	1193
we strongly support an aquatic center being built on the property - we feel that this is something that is lacking in our community and would be a great asset	992
The town is in great need of a public pool!	1306
Since we move to wellesley 14 years ago, we have been looking for a public aquatic facility in town.	1380
I have waited 33 years for Wellesley to have a pool for lap swimming.	415
This will be an amazing addition to the community	1106
The facility memberships should only be open to town residents, or be available to others at a much increased rate. Morses pond is jammed with non-residents limiting it's value on weekends during the season	850
As members of households, does that include grandchildren who visit?	2217
Loves the idea	263
Many triathletes and swim coach/teacher's in town would utilize a pool.	378
Accessability to facility and needs of seniors should be considered.	393

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It would be fantastic if there was a town resident only beach access to MOPO on the site as well.	1058
Keep up the good work	191
Suggests issuing bonds to pay for facility.	350
The pool needs to have convenient hours, and be accessible to the public during the majority of open hours. There will be a lot of support for the pool in the town, so just ask town members for any assistance needed.	866
Put same effort into a senior center!	358
I truly beleive we need a senior center before we need a swimming pool!!!!!! Also a cultural center is needed before a swimming pool. The WELLESLEY Players are forced to perform in Watertown--really!	2157
"This sounds exciting!"	219
I used to swim competitively for many years, and coach and teach swimming for many years. I currently swim at Cambridge Masters at Harvard university. Having a pool close by with a masters swim team is how I would use the facility. I do not generally do laps on my own during recreational time. I have always swum with a team, an organized workout and a swim coach. I like deep water. Harvard (Blodgett Pool) has a 7 ft, 8 lane, 25 yard pool for competition with excellent gutters. And it is my favorite pool in the Boston and New England area. The water, the way it feels and smells and tastes is the best I have seen in this area. MIT also has a nice pool. Having deep water for competition throughout is 5 for a good competition pool for decades to come. I would propose similar to Blodgett, 7 ft depth minimum for the competition pool. I have swum in pools with 3 and 4 ft depth and do not recommend it. For safety reasons and it creates more turbulence.	1802
We need this desperately. I am a strong advocate of this project!	488
Cost to actually use the property should have been debated as part of the decision to buy the property. I guess this comes down to-- well now that we already own the property ...	1347
We are interested in an aquatic facility AND other recreational uses. If the proposed land is solely for the purposes of aquatic use, that would be a great concern for our support of the facility.	1496
I hope the pool will be affordable and clean.	1276
Wellesley does not need a pool. The pool at Babson is used by WHS swim team and local residents. Spend money on Senior Center.	564
I currently use a pool in Boston. I would definitely love to have the choice to use something closer to home.	1199
We have 3 competitive swimmers in our house currently paying huge fees for USA swimming at a local University as well as to WSA in past years. This facility would pay for itself if leased to area USA teams and as a host for WHS swimming and diving meets. It was such a shame that the new HS did not include a pool for town and school use, so now is the time to take this space and do right by the town with an aquatic facility that all residents can enjoy - seniors, young children, competitive and non-competitive swimmers alike.	1901
Very excited Wellesley is getting a family pool!	885
Thank you for a great survey!	180

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I could not express an opinion on the importance of having "open swim" whenever the facility is open because I did not understand the question. I think it is essential to have an adequate number of swim lanes available for lap swimming at all times. On the other hand, I do not think it 4 to have "free swim" (i.e., simply splash-splashing around in the water randomly) whenever the facility is open, especially if such use were to impinge upon the lap-swimming lanes.	1932
We think it is a great idea. The challenge is to meet all the needs. We would be interested in using it for swimming laps primarily.	1697
Not in favor of a tax override or increase to pay for this.	333
We are currently non-resident members of the Weston Town Pool and would very much like to see a similar multi-use facility in Wellesley. Outdoor pool in summer is key.	901
please put a bubble on the pool so it can be open in the summer!! thanks.	1862
Great that you finally bought that place. I think Wellesley deserves a public pool area even though we are members of the Boston Sports Club and have access to pools. Learning to swim is an essential life lesson.	2248
This is a great addition to Wellesley. We just moved from Switzerland and they have amazing pool family complexes. If you would like any information or pictures, links to pool complexes we thought were wonderful - glad to pass the information along.	949
An outdoor pool for the summer would be ideal - the Weston town pool should be a model.	945
We would ABSOLUTELY use the pool. We're all for it. Thanks.	2078
thank you so much for your efforts on behalf of this project	1386
Would love outdoor pool in summer! Weston's pool is a good model	323
A pool is essential for the town. Currently swim teams have to keep kids up very late at night to accommodate available pool time at various private facilities, this means keeping young children up swimming until 9:important0 at night. Realistically not getting home until 10 makes for a tough day the next morning. There is a lot of interest in swimming in town and many families would be thrilled to have a town pool.	975
I would be more than willing to pay a significant membership fee if the facility including outdoor swimming for children during the summer. Facilities for both swim lessons and pool for toddlers would add a lot of value to me. Many Wellesley families jump through hoops to gain access to pools in other towns, and something that serves Wellesley families exclusively would be a fantastic addition to the town. I strongly support the use of tax dollars towards this project.	2343
My girls both swim competitively. i think the town could pay for the pool fairly quickly if they built a 50Meter by 25 yard pool and then they could rent to US teams for meets. Also, the additional cost to build a 50m pool versus a 25 yard pool is minimal when you consider the additional space and revenue opportunities.	1006
This would be a fantastic addition to our town! Our family is very enthusiastic about a town pool. It's lovely to have Morses Pond and we've had passes there for 6 years but a pool would provide another great alternative.	1824
A welcome facility for Wellesley.	603
Hope you build it with town funds	1944
Much needed element in our community. We have excellent schools and libraries - We are missing recreation on this level.	259

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Please consider building a pool that is both LCM and SCY for competitive and training purposes--this would be a source of revenue and very useful.	1498
I would want to bring my grand daughter to the pool when it is ready but for us I would want a pool that I could relax in and eventually do therapy. Regarding funding, if the funding is to be through town funds or fund raising, the cost of the pool facility for residents should be reflected in taxes and not membership fees. Member ship fees should be for non residents.	2424
the most important thing to me is that there are open swim hours on some weekday afternoons, so kids could use the pool after school; not just for swim teams.	1778
So happy this is on the docket.	1031
Very supportive of this. Pool time is scarce and that often mean children have to practice late the evening. Please build the pool large enough to support swim team activities- I.e. Hosting swim meets.	1473
lets make this happen.	1738
Privately funded	73
Thanks for your time and effort on the towns behalf. It is commendable.	768
I do not think the Town should build an aquatic center. I have no objections to a privately financed, built and run center....	2406
Would like visiting kids and grandkids to have access	256
I am very excited about the possibility of our town having a swimming pool for the swim team. That is what our family will most 4 use the pool for and that impacted my answers to 6 and 7. I look forward to having greater access to pool time for our team. Thanks.	717
"This is great!"	257
I oppose The Swimming pool on 900 Worcester St I support The Senior Center at 900 Worcester St where the pool is will not change my mind I will vote against the School budget in town meeting	1154
Members of the family are handicapped and have back issues and would like a hot tub.	290
Hope Aldrich who runs the swim program at Dana Hall would be a great person to solicit for handicapped access. She has generously allowed the WPS students from the ISS Program at Sprague to swim at Dana Hall for many years. The challenges of getting people who are handicapped into a pool are varied and I have seen many models used (graduated entry like they do at Healthpoint in Waltham) or chairs on lifts like Dana Hall (these seem to break often). Perhaps a disabled person could be consulted with. One other helpful feature is a handicapped bathroom that is directly off the pool deck. So great this is being considered.....	982
I think this would be wonderful for our community to have!	799
I hope this plan materializes while my kids can still use it! In my opinion, it is the only thing missing in our great town.	1913
This is something Wellesley really needs. Mopo is of limited recreational utility. My children are seriously interested in joining and supporting a diving team.	2360
Not interested at all in a pool unless there is a quiet serperate adults only area.	61
Please consider the design such that the pool can be outdoor in the summer months!!! (maybe a bubble?)	1702
Any possibility to add basketball courts to the area?	539
pool would be a great addition to our town	1122

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My family thinks that OUTDOOR summer swimming is essential to the success of this project.	1494
What a wonderful idea for our town and another fabulous reason for people to want to live in Wellesley. Our residents deserve a great public space to increase the relationships of our community (for all ages) and promote a healthy lifestyle! What a great opportunity for a town swim team!	1394
Let's get this built fast!	851
This is an exciting opportunity for our town. We are enthusiastic supporters of this initiative. Our daughter is only 1 but loves her swim lessons, and I would much rather support a pool in town then overpay an athletic club in another town. Thank you for the opportunity to share our feedback.	863
I am the only swimmer in the family. While I am a lap swimmer, I appreciate that the facility should be suitable for a full range of ages. As you consider other sites, the pool at the Aspen CO Rec center is fantastic.	889
Who paid for this survey (mailing in electric bills)? Why was the hockey rink and field not included in the survey especially regarding the public funds questions? How was the pool prioritized over field and rink? Why are all the recreation building, fields and pools not coordinated under a total sport/recreation umbrella and presented to the town in a comprehensive way?	2415
Attached is a copy of my pool survey response. The expenditures for a new pool are completely unjustified and an Egregious waste of public funds!	2337
Fees could be charged for classes and special use, but open use of the pool should be free for residents....much like the idea behind the operation of the public library. This would make the "public" pool open and inclusive to all residents of the town.	2516
we belong to a local pool already but it's a bit further away than this one would be. We might use this one a bit if the facilities are nice to change in, if there is a sense of privacy from the road, if there is a shady area in which to sit as well as a sunny area. You didn't mention food...ideally, there would be concession of healthy food. If not on site food preparation, then a mini mart with cold drinks and healthy sandwiches would be nice (like the packaged sandwiches sold at whole foods.) Limiting chips and junk food will attract non kids there, as kids are going to show up no matter what type of food you sell. The better the food, the more wide an appeal you can have. Also, no mention of towels. Having built into the fee structure enough margin to cover towels on site would be nice. Food for thought. A high fee should be charged for out of town users, way above the resident fee. Daily fee should be capped per family. We hated the babson pool as it was \$15 a person daily guest fee. If you invite 4 people, that is \$60. Perhaps cap the number of times a resident can bring guests in a monthly period. Make sure the fee structure is high enough to hire enough help...there is nothing worse than a town run pool that is dirty (toilet paper all over floor in bathrooms, food littered around grounds). I suggest you make it nice and charge for it, if you build it, they will come. There can be massive discounts to seniors, but if you make it like the babson pool (overcrowded and filthy), it will be a place that will never attract older folks. Depends upon your objective. Thanks for asking.	1151
This is a great project, good luck!	101
thank you!	970
Based on my answers to your survey, you can see that I am not interested in a pool at all. I invision that if this pool is erected it will only mean a substancial increase in property taxes.	2468

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<p>if we build a pool, it should be in the interest of Wellesley citizens, and not swim team clubs. if you look at the rental model of local skating rinks and public pools, the local school teams get shut out for prime times while out of town teams/clubs have great/convenient times for practices. Also, the pool(s) should not be monopolized by club teams. The town should not bring in clubs until they have had a year of time studies to examine pool usage cycles. Low utilization periods can be rented to clubs in order to offset operating costs. However, there should always be free swim for town residents.</p>	761
<p>Pool should be geared toward families with children. There are already several pools available for adult only swimming in the area, but there is nothing close that doesn't require a huge financial commitment for children to just go play in a pool. It would great if it was something along the lines of the BSC pools, but without costing \$3K for a summer.</p>	948
<p>WHAT ABOUT THE HOCKEY RINK, I THOUGHT THIS IS HOW THIS WHOLE AGENDA STARTED! VERY INTERESTED IN THE RINK OVER ANYTHING ELSE! WE HAVE FACILITIES HERE IN TOWN FOR THE OTHERS IF DANA HALL WOULD OPEN UP THIER POOL!</p>	1452
<p>I am strongly in favor of having a lap swimming pool built on this property. I am an avid swimmer, and currently belong to Boston Sports Club. BSC has indoor and outdoor lap pools, but neither pool comes close to fully meeting the ever growing demand for lap swimming. BSC's 6 lane indoor lap pool is used for lap swimming, swim lessons, aqua aerobics, and recreation. Needless to say, with this much demand on 6 lanes, the needs of all of these groups are very compromised. The 6 lane outdoor pool at BSC is a nice lap pool, but its use for lap swimming is extremely limited as the Club chooese to use this lap pool mainly for recreation and lessons for young children. There is tremendous need for a lap swimming pool in the Wellesley area to accommodate the ever increasing number of individuals who swim laps for aerobic exercise. I highly recommend that the town build as large a lap pool as possible to accommodate those of us who place a great value on the health and fitness benefits of lap swimming. I am so excited about the possibility of the town building a pool and would appreciate the opportunity to serve on a committee to plan the pool facility. Please keep me informed of the progress of this project. Thank you. C__ R__</p>	1796
<p>Will the above mentioned events, meetings, etc related to the pool (or other) project be in the Townsman? Hopefully yes</p>	186
<p>Supported purchase of 900 Worcester for a pool.</p>	279
<p>Toddlers shouldn't be in pool with other people. Should have separate pools & water systems.</p>	328
<p>I am very interested in recreational use rather than strictly competitive use. I would like to know if this could be an OUTDOOR pool for summer use. This factor is important to me.</p>	1561
<p>Grass surrounding outdoor pool is critical. Trees set back from water for shade is very important too.</p>	533
<p>Hi, I would like an outdoor pool for use in the summer similar to the Weston Town Pool or the BSC. Thank you. Sincerely, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx</p>	1427
<p>My own use is 2. However, I think the town could benefit from such a facility and would support it . I am concerned about funding the maintenance and strongly believe that there should be usage fees to make this self-supporting.</p>	2161
<p>Please limit membership to town residents only.</p>	1259

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An outdoor facility would benefit the entire community --- all ages and family configurations. These have been extremely popular in other towns I have lived in --- in other parts of the country. An indoor pool benefits only a small percentage of Wellesley residents -- the tiny percentage that swim laps for exercise - and school teams. I feel we have invested more than enough funds into school related & youth programs.	1275
A town pool would be a great addition to the town of Wellesley! Thank you to whomever came up with this idea for that space in the first place.	1311
This is a very exciting development!! GREAT idea!!	1499
Build a hockey rink also	78
What a waste of taxpayer money	513
Wishes near school location for kids to use before/after school without driving	408
Nice idea unless it's as expensive as Boston Sports Club etc, which is very nice. If an alternative is to increase use of existing facilities by offering a Wellesley resident pay-per-use & guest pass for individuals that may only use once a week then encourage community-facility co-operation in a way that benefits everyone. Continue to learn what other communities do around the nation that pay for themselves but are nice facilities. I work at Babson College and facilities like swimming pools and exercise equipment are costly to maintain, purchase new to stay up to par. If it doesn't stay nice, folks will stop coming. Then you have a building with no planned use in 20 or so years.	1277
I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE REGARDING THE POOL. I'M A NATIONALLY-RANKED TRIATHLETE AND ENDURANCE RACING COACH WITH A COMPETITIVE SWIM BACKGROUND. I STILL SWIM WITH A MASTERS GROUP AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE POOL BE MULTI-FUNCTIONAL. PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN BE INVOLVED.	1280
It would be wonderful to have a community pool where the kids could take swim lessons and swim outside in the summer.	2233
We support the concept of a Town sponsored pool facility as being a part of a well managed multi-generational population. However, that support is very much conditioned on equal Town support for the "stand alone" Senior Center. We are retired and beyond being more than casual users of a swimming pool.	2116
I grew up in Needham, and my family belonged to the Needham Pool and Racquet Club, a private swim and tennis club that was very inexpensive, yet not too crowded. If the town could some how replicate that it would be outstanding. I feel strongly that we should not allow membership by those who live outside of the town, simply because it would make the pool way to crowded.	2092
Would have to be a better facility than the Boston Sports Club or cheaper for a summer pool membership.	1552
Let' s have an adult oriented facility , we have plenty of park and school gyms, fields,courts , playgrounds, not to mention preschool, after school , recreation classes and sports programs aimed at children and their parents.	2087
Not interested. Cost of building runing, hiring, maintaining etc will be too high	10
Is there a plan for an ice rink too?	2047
If you want to see an ideal facility check out weston. If you want to see a senior center go to Duxbury. I think the location on rte 9 is awful. Hope it would be completely screened from the traffic	158
Excited about facility, \$ < Babson/Country Club	246

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Boat launch would be great for Morses Pond. We are very excited about a community pool and are looking forward to it with great anticipation.	1645
I think that this facility and the idea of spending \$20,000,000.00 is more than absurd. It is a waste of town funds and is not necessary for our town. At some point government has to come to it's senses and take care of the essentials and stop wasting money. I do not even agree that we should buy the property, much less spend the money so foolishly. If people in town want to swim , there are plenty of facilities close by that are available already. This is a waste of money and should not proceed	2032
Our family is thrilled that Wellesley is considering adding an aquatics facility. In particular, an outdoor pool for summer season use--the current options are either too costly or too far away for a daily dip. Thank you!	1232
THanks for getting this going! The possibilities are very exciting!	1737
I would love to see a community art facility that would incorporate art studios. Wellesley, unlike most surrounding towns, does not hold an annual open studios to support local artists. I would love to be able to rent a studio in a building where other artists are working side by side. I am open to helping make this happen in any way that I can. Please feel free to contact me at 781-xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxxx@gmail.com. Thank you.	1545
Presently, I travel to the Wayland pool to train on the Masters swim team. There are several other Wellesley residents who use the Wayland pool because there are limited options (basically none) in Wellesley for Masters swimming. I would be willing to help with the project. Thanks for the work you are doing!	1018
This survey is over the top! Boston, yes; Wellesley, you must be kidding me!	195
I can only hope this does not take as long as the senior center project, the development at grossmans, or the Rt 9/16 bridge project! Though the pit where the Wellesley Inn used to be is an eyesore and heart breaking!	149
a year round pool would be a great benefit to the town. Since I work from home I could swim while the kids are in school. My kids would consider the swim team if we had a town pool! My husband and I would swim at night All of us would enjoy swimming on the weekends. Especially nice if there was some work out equioment as well. All four of us would enjoy an outdoor pool during the summer.	1159
I think a town pool is a great idea. It was because of a lack of a town pool that we put in our own pool.	1662
Build a senior center with the money	310
good survey	60
We currently pay for a summer pool membership at BSC. It's a great facility but it's also very expensive. Please build a more affordable pool!	1401
It would be great to have both indoor and outdoor pools, but if we had to choose one, I would choose indoor pools sufficient to accommodate the twon because that is what we really need. Morses Pond is great in the Summer.	1919
user fees are an issue. To join a private health club is very expensive. Deep /diving pools should be separate. Older people or people rehabbing can't use the water that is too deep. Babson has a pool which does not get deep. A public pool in town would be fabulous! Thank you!	1222

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<p>Ideally I would rather the pool be located near the high school - make it walkable for students and residents near town center. Use the Rt 9 location for other uses. If that is not a possibility I encourage the designers to take advantage of the location and use retractable roof technology to face the southern sky to have an "outdoor pool" during the summer months. Also integrate access to Morse Pond into the design. Have a large lawn connected to the facility to encourage families to relax as well as other lawn activities (i.e, volleyball, badminton, etc). Finally it would be great to be Olympic size (50 meters x 25 yards) with diving tank in one end and shallow recreational swimming in other with up to 8-10 marked lanes in the middle (25 yard area). Pool could be changed to 8 lanes of 50 meters for competitive meets, etc. Thanks in advance, David</p>	1939
<p>The high school swim teams needs a pool!!!!!!</p>	2431
<p>We would love to have an outdoor swimming facility like other towns. We would prefer that over an indoor only pool. If there were both options, our family would use indoor facility for swim lessons and family swim as an activity.</p>	1406
<p>With all the other local facilities and the extraordinarily high cost of construction and maintenance for a pool it would be crazy for us to build one!!! I will fight it as much as possible.</p>	1412
<p>My oldest daughter is on a USAA swim team, Metrowest Aquatic Club, and it is clear that there is a shortage of swim facilities in the area. I strongly believe there would be a broad demographic and large number of people who would utilize this facility if it were built. And I think there is the revenue base to support it.</p>	1449
<p>I strongly support investing in this project and doing it right. Let's build an aquatic facility worthy of our town.</p>	1506
<p>The pool is a great idea!</p>	633
<p>We might use the pool if it is indoors in the winter but enjoy going to Morse Pond in the summer.</p>	1809
<p>What about a hockey rink? We would LOVE that.</p>	1973
<p>Expand and enhance Morses Pond. If everyone else agrees that you want a pool, put it near Morses pond beach. But a pool on Rt 9 is nuts. Use the funds for better purposes.</p>	1476
<p>I live a few blocks from the proposed facility and would love to have a pool available as I am pregnant and would love for my child to be able to take swim lessons and swim at the pool. I have lived on Morses Pond all my life and appreciate the work being done to remove weeds however at this time due to the fact that the weeds are everywhere I would feel safer if my child was able to swim at the pool.</p>	1355
<p>The facility should meet general public needs with basic features of recreational swimming. No fancy features needed. It would be very important to keep the membership fee and single visit fee to resnorable levels</p>	54
<p>Not intrested in a pool, would like a dog park</p>	278
<p>As a community this pool facility will really enhance our town. With careful planning the whole community could use the facility and no have a negative impact on current businesses. Having a place that everyone can afford swim lessons is imperative. If the facility also had indoor courts for basket ball and indoor soccer it will enhance current programs and allow for more training facilities much needed. An indoor running track should be considered.</p>	755
<p>I think a pool would be a wonderful idea for Wellesley. We have Morses Pond but no other local facilities for swimming when it's not summer.</p>	1285

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<p>Would strongly advocate a pay-per-use model (with optional memberships for those that have funds) to be more inclusive to households with less monthly disposable income. Only current options for family swimming are all well over \$100 a month (excluding Morses Pond, which is a splendid program, but seasonal!) - encouraging the community to get more exercise by swimming on a pay-on-entry basis would be a great plan. I have to pay for swimming lessons for my son just so he can get in a pool, and I cannot afford any club membership for myself or my husband so I don't get to swim for the majority of the year.</p>	812
<p>I don't feel real estate taxes should be raised to build or maintain this facility or the senior center.</p>	121
<p>I am so pleased to learn that the Town of Wellesley is considering building an aquatic facility! So exciting to think there may be another place to swim nearby in the future. I would urge you to consider building multiple pools to better accomodate all the stakeholders, as water that is too hot or too cold for competitive swimmers and kids lessons will end up not serving either group well. An outdoor pool would also be ideal for summer swimming. There have been lots of advancements in the past decarde in how to design appropriate facilities, so I hope that the planning goes well and that everyone will get the pool the want and need.</p>	1137
<p>Currently, I am a member of BSC, which is expensive. I swim laps every day and would love to have an alternative aquatic facility. I would certainly join. I would also enroll my 3 yr old grandson in swim lessons.</p>	549
<p>Suggests movable pool floor.</p>	332
<p>Think a swim pool is a valuable asset to the town. It would be Nice to have a senior program all year if possible.</p>	570
<p>My children are now too old to fully utilize any facility ultimately developed by Wellesley. Nevertheless I think it is essential for the town to have this venue</p>	690
<p>I own a house in Wellesley (30 Ingraham Road). However, I live in Newton. As long as I still own the house, I would be more than happy to use the aquatic facility.</p>	2490
<p>Could be part oo Could be part of a senior center a senior center</p>	1950
<p>As a senior citizen I'm not sure how much or how often I would use the facility.</p>	529
<p>No Pool!</p>	120
<p>Against spending town money on project because of MOPO and a need for a senior center.</p>	326
<p>Sauna, stream room and hot tub are good to have it. You can reference to YMCA Waltham there just remodelling for about a year.</p>	818
<p>We are very excited about the prospect of having a community pool in Wellesley. Very happy this is coming together.</p>	993
<p>if similar efforts were undertaken by other but same size/demographics municipalities it would be good idea to look at the success rate/problems/issues/winner.</p>	2387
<p>Great idea to do a pool. The Weston town pool is a good model to go by, but (despite my survey responses), any pool for public town use would be a welcome supplement to the (already terrific) Morse Pond facility.</p>	1504
<p>I strongly oppose spending town tax money for this facility. Between Babson, Wellesley College and a near-by YMCA, there is no need for this facility to be built.</p>	2443

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Williams College has the ideal pool, with movable dividers to accomodate a variety of activities. It is important that the pool be available for use for community groups such as the Boy Scouts.	2056
I feel very strongly about this project and would like to see it go through. I am an avid swimmer and there are really very few pool options in the area. This would be a huge bonus for the town, and its residents.	846
While my family and I are not currently interested in using a community pool, that could change over the years. I think it is a good resource for the community as a whole. If it is determined that such a facility would get steady use from the schools and other organizations in town then I would support the building of a pool.	2467
Thank you for your help! I think a town pool is fabulous!	902
Wellesley has the worst town facilities for recreation. the pool should be modeled after the pool in AVON, Colorado.	2417
We currently pay to use the pool at Longfellow Sports Club. I have been hoping that the town would open a pool for the past 20 years since we moved in. We use the pool and gym equipment on a weekly basis and would support the building of this type of facility.	1827
This would certainly be a worthwhile investment for the town, for all ages, individuals and families.	2192
Build 25yrd pool with 6 lanes, indoor. Could add "L" shaped area with diving well. Talk to local swim teams, they may be interested in renting.	545
I would absolutely like to be kept up to date on this. I am so excited that this area is FINALLY going to be put to use... and in such a good way. My family and I grew up going to a swim club, and it's sad that this is not an option here. What do we have as alternatives? Morses Pond (which we love, but it's not a swim club at all). Longfellow which is too expensive, always too crowded, and just not that nice. And the Wellesley Country Club which I'm pretty sure you have to have either won Powerball, inherit a ton of money and/or membership, or be a Master of the Universe to join. So the idea of having a Swim Club here in Wellesley for your residents is such a great thing! It should include multiple pools, a swim team, multiple diving boards for a diving team, a snack shack, locker rooms, etc. Thank you for reaching out to the public and I would love to meet with someone if they'd like to reach out! Sincerely, Will xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	1789
great idea - a lot of potential different uses!	1428
Use of any town funds for such an undertaking should be minimized, taxpayers cannot afford it. However, fundraising for right programs coule be sucessful. It would be a great town asset, but we worry about how many people would actually use it.	112
The town should not pass up the opportunity to improve its offerings to students and adults. I support tax dollars to improve the quality of life in our town.	2137
A first class pool similar to Weston's would be a huge asset to the town and should definitely be built at the site. Morse's Pond is not adequate. I would also strongly support an ice hockey rink on the site.	2460
The pool is sorely needed - and would make our town more attractive or at least competitive in terms of services offered in other towns such as Weston, Wayland, etc.	691

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<p>Ever since we moved into town in November 1994 there has been talk about a town pool and we have been waiting patiently ever since! My son who wasn't yet born is now a senior at WHS and I have two younger children (9th grade and 5th grade) As I was on my swim team growing up, from age 10-17, I thought it would be a great sport, but high cost family memberships at Longfellow prevented my kids from participating in any swim competitions. Please hurry and build this so my 2 other kids may have a chance to benefit or at least swim recreationally as it is one of the true lifetime sports!!!!!!</p>	732
<p>I responded to what I think would be an ideal. I don't think it is necessary to have every bell and whistle but I think it is important to have a facility that can be used by our young people for recreation as well as organized sports and also by families and older people. It would be a great addition to our community.</p>	2554
<p>For the last 2 years we were non-resident member at the Weston Town Pool. You should look at their facility for ideas for a pool for Wellesley. We have enjoyed the pool thoroughly. What make it so great is there are lovely grass areas and graduated water depth. It is prefect for families as well as serious swimmers. My only complaint with the pool and most pools around the Wellesley area is that the pool is very cold. It makes it uncomfortable for children and makes lessons unproductive.</p>	936
<p>When we lived in London, England they built a new community center and pool in our area and it was extremely well received by the residents. They also built a very nice cafe area adjacent to the pool so that families and individuals could meet and have lunch or a snack or a coffee after swimming. It was a very nice feature and helped people bond in the community. We are hoping you consider adding that alongside the pool.</p>	1171
<p>Would leave BSC for this facility. Would like exercise room.</p>	391
<p>Uses a private club where kid orientation spoils the adult experience.</p>	268
<p>1. The phrasing of this survey makes it difficult to answer the questions and also and makes it easy to ascribe varying meanings to different answers. (For example: I would only use the aquatic facility if it included all of the activities 4 to be used by my household.) 2. The question of how extensive the facilities are is very much a function of how much it costs and there is no mention of how to make those trade-offs. 3. Do you mean to refer to one of the "planned uses" for the land or one of the "possible uses"? 4. I hope you will have a robust water aerobics program - including deep water aerobics - with morning and evening hours.</p>	2492
<p>There is a severe shortage of pool space for area swim teams. The Town could easily rent out the pool to one of these teams to help cover pool expenses.</p>	1074
<p>This is an essential effort for the Town. Wellesley needs these kinds of recreational facilities for citizens of all ages and interests.</p>	1111
<p>About time</p>	1410
<p>I think this facility should be geared toward athletic pursuits for all ages such as lessons, team swimming, lap training, classes, rather than a family fun facility with slides, sprinklers, etc.</p>	2526
<p>Wonderful idea! I'd also like to see a family gathering park with bowling, gazebo etc at the site where the Wellesley Inn was torn down</p>	943
<p>Have two children on Wellesley swim team, one in swim lessons, I like lap swimming - a facility that caters to all these needs is important. Dont make the pool too cold for kids - needs to be at least 80 degrees</p>	974

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It is essential to have a facility for competitive swimming. Both my daughters swam with WSA and one with Wellesley High. We need our own town facility for these young swimmers. One continues to swim and I know how important Masters Swim classes are. Also, College age swimmers home on vacation have had to practice at UMass Boston! It is also important to have separate warm pool for the older set! And, please let's keep the little kids out of the adult pools. It will be wonderful to have a Wellesley town pool! Thank you!	2166
Great idea. Glad it's not a skating rink. Exercise equipment would be nice too! Thanks!!	1678
I would only support town funds for a pool if town residents are not charged for use. there should be an indoor and an outdoor pool built	1911
If you want a "full service pool" then you need a Z design where laps can occur , graduated entrance area and diving area can all be used at one time. Create a small baby pool to avoid frequent closing of big pool because of accidents. If the town funds this, then I think that it should be attached to high school and restricted to competitive endeavors.	1014
I'm really hoping we get a pool for this town!!!!	678
Wellesley definitely needs a community pool and physical recreation area, do this! Wellesley def needs to make this facility very accessible to High School teens during late night hours especially Fri, Sat, and Sunday nights. There is nothing to do in this town for teens at night	588
This swim facility is a complete waste of tax payers money. Between the town pond in the summer where all my kids learned to swim and Babson's pool where anyone in town can have a membership, this pool facility does nothing but overlap existing opportunities in Wellesley. Having grown up in a town that had swimming pools in our two High Schools, the expense that it cost to keep these facilities operating, along with the added cost of liability and insuring a swimming pool year round has not been thought out. I have not seen any where published what this increase would mean to the average Wellesley taxpayer and I'm sure that this additional cost will never be seen by the public.	1126
I strongly believe that this is NOT the best use of town funds. In a town such as Wellesley, families who want a pool and or health center have many options from which to choose and to pay for themselves. The town money should be better spent. How about more enrichment courses in the schools, or a Senior Center, or even a Town Center for local events to be used by all residents?	1917
Very excited about the prospects of a new facility:)	1024
I think it is a great idea to build a community/town pool in Wellesley. My daughter swam at Longfellow on their swim team and is now on the WHS swim team and it would have been ideal to have a pool where the schools could practice both swimming and diving. I unfortunately had to reply "somewhat important" to many of the questions as my child will be out of school before this project gets completed, but I strongly believe it will be a great addition to the town of Wellesley.	2369
Would LOVE to have a town pool! It is definitely something that is very needed in this town, and I know it would be well used by all members of our family.	689
I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN AND HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT.	1929
We would love a pool in Wellesley but the annual fee must be economically feasible!	155
Please lets get a pool in Wellesley. Lets keep the profit in Wellesley and not in the weston pool.	457

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It's a great idea and good for all ages	202
Please build a pool!! There is strong demand for aquatic programs and strong support for this project. Additionally, children are being turned away from competitive swimming programs in the area. Wellesley Swimming Association must cut participants and Longfellow Club has a long waiting list, even for members. This community would support this and a hockey facility.	2459
Should close at 9pm	79
The Aquatic Facility is a very good idea for the town as I feel it would be greatly appreciated and used. However, swimming does not appeal to 100% of the youth population. I sincerely hope the thought/planning process is including other means of activity. Some that come to mind are, a rink, skate park, even a small arcade-bowling alley....hey lets donate a % of the money to a charity.....any attraction to get these kids less dependent/addicted to their technological devices!	1286
No need.	39
it would be fantastic to have a dual facility so that 'serious' swimmers and recreational uses will not conflict, this is one of the biggest sources of dissatisfaction at pools	888
I would bring my grandchildren	1439
Very excited at the prospect of a community pool!	919
Wellesley is in need of a public pool!	181
Thank you!	1686
WE DO NOT NEED A POOL. WE DO NOT NEED TO SPEND ANY MORE MONEY. BUILD HOUSES AND REVENUE PRODUCERS!!!!!!	1425
So glad the Wellesley High School swim team (including divers!) will finally have a dedicated pool for their practices!!! When my son was on the WHS swim team, they had to scrape by, using local college pools on off-hours, sometimes 10:00 at night. We felt that was unacceptable, and very tiring for the students. Also, my younger kids just want a town pool they can use for workouts and recreation. We are huge fans of Wellesley building an aquatic center! One request: please make this VERY reasonably priced for residents, in order to ensure full access for all Wellesley families!	894
Right now the Boston Sports club pools are wonderful, but membership is much, much too expensive. Longfellow in Natick is a better deal, and we really appreciate their Monday-Thursday lesson week. (Great for folks who travel in the summer). We spend around \$1000 on membership and swim lessons for 3 weeks for 3 kids right now. We'd love to spend that money in Wellesley. However, Longfellow is pretty near the proposed site, and if whatever you do is going to cost more than Longfellow, then we're going to stick with what's cheap and reasonable. I can't think we're the only families in that position.	668
THANK YOU for your GREAT WORK on behalf of the Town of Wellesley...present and future residents.	2345
I do not want any of my tax dollars to be used on an aquatic facility.	63
Yes	2
Doesn't want tax money spent on pool, we have MOPO.	300
One person in the house might use the facility. Although I did not think we needed a town pool, I acknowledge the value to the community and would not strongly object. However, please keep cost control as your top priority.	2555
Any pool project should be privately funded.	140

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I think a community swim facility is a great idea!	437
I believe that many families in Wellesley have summer homes and or send their children to summer camps. I question the amount of use that the new facility would receive by residents. Also, could part of this property be used to construct a new senior center?	2226
I don't think we the town to pay for a pool. If it is built, it should be paid for solely through fundraising. High School or club use should be charged back to the user at the time of use.	789
I am not interested in supporting this endeavor especially through property taxes!!	485
I would like to see Wellesley really invest and build a great facility.	2347
The committee should look at options to develop this in a sustainable manner.	1565
Is there a swim up bar w/waterfall for the after hours group? Must sign a disclaimer of liability in advance of course. Also facility needs a hot tub or jacuzzi.	1489
This is a fantastic opportunity for our community. It is essential that all citizens of our town have access to the facility and that it meets the needs of as many people as possible. The impact on quality of life & recreation will be great.	620
I think a pool, skating rink complex is a valuable and necessary asset to the town. We need more facilities in town for our youth and athletes.	595
A community recreation facility would be a terrific value add for many families in the Wellesley community. Although there are a number of aquatic facilities - Babson, Wellesley College, Boston Sports Club - I would prefer to use a community resource. I suspect I am not alone in my preference.	1689
My family would be strong supporters of a Wellesley Aquatic Facility!	1658
Think a hockey rink would get better use	1490
*****POOL NOT WANTED*****	2512
I am a regular lap swimmer, and I would love to have a town swimming pool that is open and affordable, and accessible to older people too. Some day I hope to have grandchildren and bring them swimming. I currently use Regis but it has limited hours and availability.	605
Had facility like this in Rye, NY that really brought the community together.	347
Nice to be asked to provide input. Much needed town facility!	96
I would like to see the facility built, but I would also hope it be built according to LEED standards.	2301
We belong to a private pool but we strongly support a town pool. I think an annual membership should be nominal since we will probably use town funds.	1543
I think the big flaw in this survey is that it does not ask how much a person would be willing to pay to join such a facility. A person could assume that it is free. Without some idea of what fees would be I believe the survey is useless. It would have to be priced under the other pools in the area.	1177
Please don't make the pool cold like the Town of Weston!!	1572
Would love to be involved and give more input if needed.	1575
Not in favor of pool.	424
I am so excited about this prospect! My two kids would take lessons, my husband would swim laps, and we would ALL enjoy family open swims. Thank you for making this happen!	2099
Would like outdoor pool in summer.	359

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If we have a town pool, it must be the type for competitive swimming. The Wellesley High School Swim Teams (girls and boys separate teams) must have a better place to swim. At Babson they are given late evening swim practice slots and the schedule gets changed a lot at the last minute due to Babson's own swim team needs.	706
Lives in neighborhood, would like crosswalk lights put on rt. 9	404
We would love to have a separate pool, mostly saline i.e. not too much chlorine	153
Pool is not needed with Wellesley college, Babson, and Weston High. All available to small fee	82
Quality and stable maintenance are paramount for any proposed use to work.	2022
Westfield, NJ is a great model.	361
Spending money to build a pool is too expensive. We already have Morses Pond and BSC. I prefer a 2nd skating rink wvhich will pay for itself in a short period of time.	577
I believe that such a facility would be a huge benefit to the residents of Wellesley especially if it were to accommodate year round water sports/play. Just having an outdoor pool is ok, but it would be too crowded for non-parents or the recreational lap swimmers.	508
OBJECTIVELY I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE LOCATION ON WORCHESTER STREET IS DANGEROUS AND WRONG. IT IS A HIGHWAY AND NOT ACESSIBLE EXCEPT BY CAR. ALTHOUGH THE "MOMENTUM" IS TO MAKE THIS LOCATION A TOWN POOL / HOCKY RINK A SAFER AND MORE CITIZEN FRIENDLY LOCATION WOULD BE SOMEWHERE CENTRAL THAT FAMILIES CAN WALK TO SUCH AS THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION. THANK YOU.	1196
I am very excited by this pool development. I would be interested in providing more input on this facility - please feel free to contact me.	2221
My family strongly supports the construction of a town pool, even though my children are now past the age when it would have been most helpful. My children swam and the existance of a town pool would have been a tremendous resource. We hope the town will make the investment in this resource, even though we personally probably will not benefit much.	169
We think a public pool is almost an essential in our community. Currently, there is little opportunity to swim for most seasons of the year, unless you belong to a private club, and for many that is simply not an option. We think it would be wonderful if Wellesley had recreational swim lessons, aquatic classes and a public swim team, as most towns do. It would also be a place to bring people of all ages in the town together...We strongly support any kind of pool that can be added to the Worcester St Project.	729
We moved from Boulder, Colorado where family oriented recreation centers with GREAT pool facilities were very common. They were used by families all seasons and for birthday parties etc. It would absolutely be a great addition to Wellesley and I'm sure would be well utilized. I would highly recommend utilizing a architecture firm that specializes in these types of facilities -- I know that's what they did in Boulder. check out	2505
It's about time that Wellesley has top-notch facilities to match the town. Can't rely on Babson or Wellesley College for needs.	9
I think a community pool is an excellent idea & would support it in every way. (I also think that Morse's Pond could be improved)	205
Wellesley has needed a pool for as long as we have lived here. We are thrilled this is happening!	636

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Great additional asset for town	151
The highschool swim team really needs access to a pool because they are sharing a pool with Needham. Since both teams practice at the same pool sometimes the only available practice time is from 8:00pm-10:00pm.	2113
My children currently swim with the Longfellow Stingrays. I would love to see Wellesley have a competitive town team. I don't consider the Wellesley Swimming Association to be a town team. It will also be nice for the high school to have a dedicated pool to practice.	827
We strongly support the plan for a Wellesley pool. We have three school aged children who would benefit from swimming, and we would as well.	1241
Changing rooms with small lockers for valuables are essential. If indoor pool, then showers to use after pool use important. Diving boards and tall water slides present problem of potential liability for injuries and need for more lifeguard surveillance. Both annual membership and individual visit options should be available, as is the practice at Morse's Pond.	2385
I would like to see a Senior Center completed before town money is spent on this project.	617
Very important to have a town facility. We are now at the mercy of BSC. Not a good thing.	2330
I think a town pool would be a great idea and addition to the town	1610
My son has autism and we have to go to Waltham BSC for his swim lessons. There is a program there called Kartwheels (a recreational swimming with high school volunteers) and we pay \$20 per session (one hour long). Since my son can't really participate in other sports, swimming is the only way he can be really active and exercise. My daughter also goes to neighboring towns for her swim lessons. It would be really beneficial for Wellesley residents to have an indoor pool and partner with the Rec. dept. and even the school in offering programs both for typical and special needs kids. We've been in Wellesley for 12 years (my husband has been here for 25 years) and a public pool is probably the only thing missing in this town!	648
Would love to see this project happen! Local private swim facilities are too expensive for many families.	1541
An 8 lane pool is essential for quick meets. Wide lanes accommodate people of all sizes, and reduces the risk of hitting others while swimming. A 10 lane pool would significantly expedite meets, and would allow there to always be at least 2 lanes open for lap swimming regardless of time of day or other activities happening. A separate diving well allows high school and club divers to practice simultaneously with the rest of the team (Brookline has a set up like this) lastly the pool can be rented to other teams (Needham High School, which currently uses Babson, Wellesley Town team, etc.) allowing money to always be coming into the pool, and eliminating practices from 8-10pm.	1296
I support a town swimming pool more than a town ice rink. Swimming is a much more universal activity than ice skating. In fact, it is an essential skill that everybody should learn. This area is underserved by swimming facilities, as there is no YMCA within close proximity. The Needham YMCA facility is lacking, and the Framingham YMCA swim lessons fill up in the first hour of registration. The Boston Sports Club is overpriced, as it charges per family member for membership. I strongly support a town swimming pool- that is how I learned to swim growing up, and it made me a strong lifelong swimmer.	1119
very excited about this project!	1168
This is so needed in the town of Wellesley.	2517

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A pool would be used by many seniors from skilled swimmers to water walkers. A separate warm water pool would be useful for people with physical handicaps.	1915
Thank you!	1374
I have played and coached water polo for many years, both at university and club level in Canada and the UK. It's a great sport and one that is currently unavailable in Boston outside the college/university system. I think this is potentially a great opportunity to introduce the sport to the region for all ages - particularly for the 5-10yr old age group with co-ed Mini-polo. I'd love to be able to contribute to the sport's development in Wellesley and would be happy to discuss it further if needed.	1949
A community pool is a great place for families and children to come together and swim. Our family would really love a pool and would use it all the time. Please build it!!	2181
This may be way ahead of where you are, but as a former swim instructor, coach and now a parent, there are things I consider before signing my children up for lessons. I value the quality of program offered for swim instruction. The instructors need to be WSI certified by the Red Cross. I only mention this because I have found that this is not always the case in some local facilities. The other aspect of the lessons that I think makes a big difference is the ability for the swimmers to be able to stand - so having different depths are helpful, not just a gradual decline, but actual areas with depths of 2.5', 3' and 4'. By doing this it also can eliminate the need of a toddler pool. I am looking forward to the pool!!!	1343
Good luck, our town needs this!	1317
Make pool children friendly	207
Please rethink this project. We do not need a pool, we do not need more expenses and upkeep.	578
Let's do something for the seniors first before spending any more money on "nice to have" things. Enough of these frivolous overrides already especially with more school building to finish!	2013
We belong to a club in Natick with pool facilities that we use for family swim, laps and swimming lessons. The facility is adequate for our current needs, but if one were located that close to our house, we would use it. I don't think that the town should be using public funds for a pool.	2203
For all ages. Shouldn't be restricted to swim teams & lessons	274
I would love to see an aquatic facility that could support an adult masters program as well as kids swim teams. I have travelled to both Natick at Needham to put my kids in pre swim team programs. We should have comparable programs here in Wellesley! Would love to see a masters program available weekday mornings.	726
I fully support this community pool and fitness facility - long overdue. We currently pay a fairly high monthly fee to the Boston Sports Club in Wellesley and would love an alternative.	2251
See absolutely no need for a wellesley pool!	127
I feel strongly that the pool should be designed to fulfill the needs of the young, the school swim teams and the older members of the community. Having the pool universally designed for people of varying abilities is the responsible way to design. The senior community needs to be heard as well as young Mothers and people of all ages and abilities. A town like Wellesley needs to have a town facility for all to enjoy. This is a long time coming. Thanks so much.	1790
Sell the land!	1793

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Would like to see funds go towards improving MOPO (parking). Rt. 9 location traffic would be scary.	381
The size of the Weston public pool is great and it manages to meet a lot of needs. If you have not looked into their facility, I would recommend that you do. Thank you!	661
This survey is a bit silly. It really presents the cart before the horse, as there have been no details provided to date regarding this pool. As a result, I believe the findings will not be extremely meaningful. Sorry.	1732
It is sad that a town like Wellesley does not have a community swimming pool !	2132
although an outdoor pool would be great in the summer, it would be best if the pool could accommodate people year round. an indoor pool that had walls to open up to the outside in the summer would be nice. an outdoor toddler pool for the summer would be nice as well. Good luck. I have wanted a pool in Wellesley for 20 years. Hope ti happens soon.	2062
Great idea! Useful for all ages.	360
best of luck!	2183
I love the idea of a town pool. My kids love swimming and would love to swim year around. They have been on long wait lists for swim teams because there is such a demand for this sport and because the space and swim team programs are limited in the area.	829
Good luck in moving this forward. I think the Town should very much support families and offer swimming and life-saving lessons for children and adolescents and a swim team for the high school. I personally enjoy water aerobics and swimming. I should be grateful for therapy if the need arose and I hope the facility would have a fee schedule that would accommodate family members visiting for 1 to 3 weeks. Thank you for your efforts in behalf of the Town.	2201
A community pool would be terrific!	918
It is time for the Town of Wellesley to do "something" helpful etc. for it's elders. Thank you	548
I look forward to supporting this project. Thank you	2136
Re pool with gradually increasing depth: need shallow to stand in + deep Family swimming not important; recreational swimming very important	2437
Please have at least two pools. One warm (88 degrees) pool for babies, toddlers, young kids, and people who like a warm pool. One lukewarm pool for the lap swimmers (83 degrees or cooler). My children hate cold pools and I have consistently avoided those pools. On the flip side, I have paid a premium to join swim clubs that have a warm pool (88 degrees).	996
Very disappointing that the town is not displaying the same level of interest in a facility for senior citizens. So many opportunities to survey senior citizens who are making due with the existing community center...it has many rooms for a variety of activities but senior citizens would certainly benefit from Exercise Equipment in a spacious, bright environment. "Never sit when you can stand, never stand when you can walk,etc."	2523
Please make a large Community Pool, but don't waste funds or space on a skating facility!	790
I am not in favor of a town pool, but if there is one, I would use it in the above manner.	2404
Town of ridgefield,ct has a lovely new Rec center that includes many of these features.	1212
Clearly a pool location for a community facility. Most users will have to drive via rt 9. Not near Rec Facility @ warren or any schools.	492
Wellesley really needs a community pool facility. Let's make it happen.	2479

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It would be GREAT to have a town pool(s) at that location. My family STRONGLY supports this project!	906
facility should be self supporting through fees and contributions and should not increase town taxes!	1994
A "town pool" is one major item missing in Wellesley. I joke with friends that it is the one big negative of the town, everything else is in place & excellent.	498
Hold those taxes, other facilities available.	342
I believe that the pool should be made available for family and recreational swimming as well as use by schools and school swim teams.	76
Thanks for exploring other options.	406
I do not believe this facility is necessary and do not support it. The money spent on this is at a critical time in our economy, and future use is unrealistic. Lets get real wellesley! I guess the fact that the high school agenda for a pool was no the end of this BS, we taxpayers are getting screwed again.	442
Please make sure the pool has an outside place for summer entertainment/swim team activities. It is very important!!!!	2548
Lexington facility would be a good model.	394
Please, do not make us pay for this pool.	2068
Would love to have at least 2 pools. One for professional swimmers, the other for the family thing with kids. Would be great to have it all professional regarding swimming without too much other activities. Keep the pool clean and nice is 4. Won't mind to pay for the annual fee to support some event.	2372
The pool should be reasonably priced. Much more than Morse's Pond, but much less than Boston Sports Club pool.	1101
Wellesley needs a town pool!	322
I think a swimming facility is a wonderful idea and would use it on a regular basis. If town funds end up being used to build the facility, then Wellesley residents should get discounted membership rates (compared to people who join from other towns). Whether or not I support town funds being used to build the facility would depend on overall town budget and what else the funds are being used for. Please provide more information about that as this goes forward, which I hope it will.	2169
thank you!!! we need this so badly!!	753
please build a skate park or teen center for the older kids. There is no facility to meet the needs of pre teens and teens and they need a place for positive activities during these pivotal years. A pool is too seasonal and very limited for activities. after and hour or two of swimming....you're done. There must be more available such as can be found in YMCA centers...art, food, ball courts, outdoor garden for planting and events...	938
We are THRILLED about the possibility of a town aquatic facility! :-)	760
Unfortunately, the route 9 location is not suitable for an outdoor pool (too much noise, traffic, not a suitable setting, etc.) but an indoor pool would be a long awaited and necessary building for Wellesley. Something modeled after the Brookline town pool facility (with an 8-lane competition pool) would, in my opinion, be ideal for Wellesley.	2520
The town of Wellesley is long over due for this and ,many people would be willing to contribute private funds to make this happen. It's embarassing that a town of this wealth does not have a town pool!	1876

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I think it would be a great idea for the town to have it's own facility, especially if it will have more than a pool for use during the summer.	645
I grew up swimming competitively for a neighborhood swim team. I would love my children to have the chance to bond with neighborhood children doing the same activities.	2377
While my family would be 2 to use the pool due to our ages (kids ages 16 and 11) and interests, we would most definitely have used the pool when our children were younger and at the swim lesson stage. We would have also used it recreationally. Currently, no one in my family swims recreationally or for fitness (though my husband and I might take it up again if there were a town pool). The main reason I would like to see a pool is to provide an affordable and easily accessible means to stay fit Wellesley citizens who cannot afford - or cannot financially justify - the high cost of belonging to a health club or country club with a pool. The opportunity to enjoy a swimming pool option should ideally be available to everyone in our town regardless of economic status or age. If there is a pool I would like to see an emphasis on programs for seniors as we do so much for our young citizens already, especially with respect to our schools. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on this matter.	2070
We do not expect to use a pool nor expect to live in Wellesley after 2018.	2536
[strong support for thorough ADA compliance] The town could benefit from this pool. Long overdue.	109
From the spot on Route 9, there should be a walking/bike path that leads south to provide access via that vector.	2341
We are delighted that Wellesley will al last have a community pool. Everyone should know how to swim before they graduate from High School, but preferably by the time they elementayry school. A great commitment for Wellesley to make.	241
NO TOWN FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR THE BUILDING OF THE FACILITY. IF SUPPORTERS CAN RAISE ALL FUNDS PRIVATELY -- GREAT. IF NOT, THE SPACE SHOULD REMAIN VACANT OR USED FOR PARKING.	1567
I strongly support the construction of a town pool. I would love to see a facility built that had an indoor pool for use in the fall, winter and spring, and an outdoor pool for use in the summer. I have used the Wellesley BSC pool, and think they have a great setup in terms of the variety of pools available (indoor lap pool in the colder weather; several outdoor pools in the summer); I think something modeled on their setup would meet a large variety of needs. I'm sure town residents would love to have a less expensive and cleaner alternative to the BSC.	1698
The pool will be a tremendous asset to the Town and is long overdue. The High School teams should have a place to practice and compete, younger children could have lessons and it would provide great exercise for all ages, particularly adults and seniors. Not everyone in Wellesley can afford memberships in gyms/athletic clubs (and many of these do not have pools.) My family is very much looking forward to its opening!	1378
An indoor pool is so long overdue and as a former member of St. James Church, nothing would make me happier to use the land for a pool.	2145
This would be a "public" pool. Charging admission to residents for open swim would be counter to my idea of equal opportunity to ALL residents. It should be run with the same community spirit that is behind our "public" library facility. Charging for classes or special use of the pool should be allowed,	2515
Build a Senior Center!	283

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PLEASE consider a FULLY OUTDOOR community pool. I am in no way interested in an indoor pool to be used in summertime. Millburn Township New Jersey has a vibrant, successful public pool program - I hope you might see what they've done. It's a beautiful facility in a community very much like our own.	1206
Would be a big add to the town. I would expect the users to fund most of it, even if the Town fronts the construction costs.	1016
This survey is rather extensive and too much of a variety which will delay consensus. "One can please all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time but one cannot please all of the people all of the time."	2254
Welesley needs a public pool that supports competitve swimming & diving. I want to swim for exercise once or twice a week. Now I go to Regis in Weston	154
It would be nice if the pool were not just kid and adult friendly, but it was also teen friendly in some ways - maybe a teen hour on some weeks.	699
We have morses pond which is great, that is enough.	50
I'm probably automatically on contact list as abutter - and what's timeframe for any movement re anything St james related....	2159
good luck	2444
Building a pool would be a huge waste of money. We do not support this.	2458
great survey	1673
Older people who aren't in retirement places would love to have a pool.	294
Have been waiting for a town pool for over 15 years!	1148
We would love a pool! Too bad the new school did not include one.....why didn't it?	2165
The only valuable use of a new pool, in my opinion, would be for the high school sports department, and I would not support a large capital investment of town funds for this project.	2280
Proper parking & Residents only	210
While we do belong to other private facilities with pools (one indoor pool, one outdoor), we feel that this is a superb idea for the community and would enthusiastically support doing this, even if it meant the Town had to raise extra money. Swimming is a great sport for people of all ages and a good pool facility is a huge asset for a community. Let's do this!	1680
If possible a 50 meter lap pull would be fantastic. there are too many 25 meter pools in Boston and a 50m pool would be great.	743
I really want a pool	1308
Please consider using a low-chlorine option for the pool. It's much better for health, especially kids' health, and for people with chlorine sensitivities. There are also several health conditions which are exacerbated by high chlorine in pool water.	1940
I think it would be helpful for annual subscribers to be able to bring out-of-town guests to the pool for a "pay by visit" fee.	1511

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<p style="text-align: right;"><i>taxes through the roof!</i></p> <p>Comments: Remember we have years to pay added taxes for the High School. There are other school projects - don't drive! I am opposed to spending \$8-10 million for Senior Center on top of this project. This Community Pool should include space/room for Seniors and end push for new Sr. Center.</p> <p>Wellesley cannot afford more & more employees, benefits, pensions! — please keep project a quality one with low maintenance costs and low additional employee cost to the town!</p>	250
in Grosse Pointe Park Michigan they now have TWO of those wonderful spray fountains where the little ones run and play with water spraying up all around them - it is by far the most popular and most used of all of the Grosse Pointe aquatic facilities (no problem with children in diapers, either!) I would love it if some thought were made to acquiring a similar water play area for the younger children	1977
pay per day small admission fee	2393
Long needed, great town improvement.	455
We are against town budget increases to pay for this facility and its upkeep. Pay for it through fees by the people (Wellesley Res) who ACTUALLY use it. Taxes are too high as in 2012- NO NEW WELLESLEY TAXES TO PAY FOR THE POOL PLEASE. A quiet, clean facility is essential. Kids obviously should use it - but- there should be adult only times as well.	501
We have access to Wellesley college pool however hours are quite limited for alums. Thanks for planning a town pool.	2101
I would be willing to participate actively in any fundraising. If we are going to move forward with a pool, I would not do it halfway. I would build a facility that is inclusive for everyone and make it a proud addition to the town just as the library and new high school are.	1230
I'm looking forward to the new pool! My interest is primarily lap swimming for exercise, so I hope there will be enough hours available for this.	1822
Water temp. is important for toddler swimming lessons.	305
Funding a pool is not prudent.	1180
This town really needs a pool, and it would significantly improve our quality of life. Please consider all viable options to make this happen. Thank you very much!	1627
Cannot give good response to the annual fee vs. single admission fee without knowing how much money we are talking about.	1654
Let's do it!	133
I strongly support the building of an aquatic facility and believe such a facility should be suitable for competitive swimming to accommodate our high school team and one or more local club teams. Designing (and scheduling) the facility such that it can host USS - sanctioned meets will strongly increase the ability of the town to rent the facility and bring in income.	642

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We see the primary need as a facility for competitive swimming and diving, but would strongly support a community facility that meets the needs of senior citizens, youth and adult swim lessons, and lap/exercise options.	1820
A town pool is essential to meet the needs of the many town residents, young and adult alike, interested in recreational and competitive swimming. We frequently have to travel to pools in other towns (sometimes as far as Boston) to swim. I swim in a master's swim team, my daughter swims in a town swim team, and we swim recreationally as a family. Having a municipal pool in Wellesley would be a fantastic resource that we would take full advantage of.	1791
even if it doesn't meet all my needs, I would be in favor of it for the entire community	1181
The town of Wellesley needs a town swimming pool. Thank you for taking on this project.	978
2 pools: 1 for diving only and the 2nd for all other activites. Locker rooms a must	77
Wouldn't use the pool, but the town should still have one.	308
We are retired and past being more than casually interested in a Town pool. With that said, we believe that a Town owned swimming facility would be a valuable component to the life of our town and would support the pursuit of one. Our support is, however, offered on the understanding that Wellesley will be equally supportive of the "stand alone" Senior Center the has so unfortunately been bogged down by a long series of road blocks. Thank you.	2117
Why isn't there consideration for senior center?	318
thank you for your consideration, this is long overdue in our town with many other wonderful resources!	1300
I support the town's plans. The facility would enhance town programs. If it reaches out to needs of a wide/variety of ages, special needs, it would be great. I don't think we would use it much, but it's good for the town.	583
Make sure there are designated Adult only sections for those who don't have children or want to enjoy the facility w/out them	496
For whole community. Wants to use it for lap swimming and exercise class	271
I think this is a great idea - if the facility would not be prohibitively expensive to use.	1334
Would use if \$ < BSC Waltham price	238
Leaf pickup would be more desirable	37
A pool of any sort would be a great addition to the town!	2242
I think we need an outdoor pool . . . or an indoor pool that can be converted to outdoor use in the summer. Summer is the primary time that we would use the pool. I have had a membership to Weston and their public pool is ideal. It is large with many varied areas to accommodate everyone from babies and toddlers to older people swimming laps. It is a great place for people in the community to gather. It is open all day. Having a pool that opens at 11 (as many of the clubs in town do) is of no use.	1291
Strongly support.	2310
It would be great to have our own town pool !!!!	2031
wonderful project	1722
Love the idea! Long time coming! Great community building.	450
Terrible idea. Bad location.	351
The facility should include all ages, so everyone in town can use it.	1936
"I want a pool!" says the 10 yr old and the adults as well.	270

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As a member of Longfellow, the facility would need to have a pool and gym equipment for our family to switch. In addition, I would hope this would be utilized by the HS swim and dive teams. Thank you.	1161
Thank you!	1183
Wellesley has needed it's own pool for the last 50 years!	11
The town will benefit greatly from a pool!	72
think the idea is great but wondering, realistically, where the money to build, and then maintain this facility will come from. The town has no spare monies to spend now on programs that are all ready in place how can we take on a program of this magnitude. Would not vote for any monies to be spent until I saw a listing of the monies that will be needed and where they are coming from. (in other words what existing programs will suffer).	2373
This would be the best addition to Wellesley in ages. Everyone I've spoken to is so excited about this upgrade. So many people sit in lines waiting to try to get into the Weston Pool for the summer, when really, we want our own indoor outdoor facility!	1935
This is a very exciting project with great potential. Thank you.	2342
"Great idea!"	331
will be a great resource for the Wellesley community	2046
Looking forward to it!	306
We don't believe this is a service the town should fund	43
Currently we use the sports club @ Babson. Interested in a new facility if more hours for lap swimming, lower cost, and includes aerobic and weight training equipment. Thanks for the chance to participate.	2473
I worked for eight years at a community pool that was operated very well. I feel that I could offer valuable insight into this project.	1868
As a senior on a fixed income, its very important to me that the membership fee be accessible. Currently, I use the JCC in Newton because its affordable and I feel welcome there.	482
The Weston public pool is a good model. It would be nice to have at least two different pools (one toddler and one for swimming/diving that is surrounded by grass and trees so that families can spend a full day at the pool. Germany does a great job with its town pools -- you may want to check out some of their models.	1706
If paid for by town funds pool should be FREE for use by residents.	132
I am actually a resident of Natick and am interested in the development of your facility. I am one of the Directors of the Natick Neptunes Swim team. This is a winter team that currently holds practices and meets at Keefe Tech in Framingham and the Wayland Community pool. We may be interested in discussing possible options for the rental of pool space in your pool in the future. Thank you.	1899
It would be nice to know is this a town member pool or a metro west pool. If there is a fee is there a significant discount for town members? The Burlington Pool and Tennis club, though a private club is well set up as a place that encourages family gathering with places to picnic while enjoying the pool on summer days.	1346
We would like to use the pool for family recreation purposes and would like it to be warm enough to be comfortable for small children (at least 80 degrees).	852
Facility must be clean and well maintained.	330
Other facilities exist, spending town funds on it would be excessive.	376

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Opposed to project, wants a senior center.	382
I believe the residents of Wellesley deserve to spend our tax dollars on a swim facility. ESP. an outdoor summer pool facility to families have a place to go in the summer. Morses pond is not a substitute. The town does not offer enough town funded leisure activities(skating, swimming etc.) for the taxes we pay.	1549
Loves the idea	262
Very excited about the opportunity to have a town pool for the family.	1474
Would use if \$ < BSC, Town needs this facility for swim team events.	340
Terrible survey! A waste of money that will only benefit a small few.	31
Years ago, a pool was voted down---a mistake!!!!!! Let's take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to have a pool for Wellesley people. Keep it simple---it does not have to have all the 'bells and whistles' to make it a great facility. You can't satisfy all the people all of the time. Thank you for your commitment to this task.	2030
Wellesley needs 2 pools.A pool for recreation and pool sports. Swim/diving meets and practice . Town does not have to depend on Babson or Wellesley College for pool time. A skating rink would also be helpful to the Town of Wellesley	1615
This entire project is an extraordinary waste of taxpayer funds and I am a swimmer and swim for exercise. The Boston Sports Club has an excellent pool both indoors and out. The land is very poorly located and the town has been taken for a ride on the cost. Whoever heard of a seller making a buyer pay for the assessed value of buildings they were required to tear down. Only the Wellesley Selectmen would fall for this nonsense. The town should have built a pool as part of the high school project on the high school property.	1309
This is an important project. It is shocking that a town like Wellesley has gone so long w/out a town pool.	275
Believe that this is an unnecessary expense	211
An ice rink generates money. It is even more economical to have two rinks together. I recommend you put a second skating rink on the site rather than a pool. We already have BSC pool and Morses pond.	1890