

Senior Center & Active Adult Programming

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PARTICIPANTS

3

TOPICS

41

ANSWERS

0

REPLIES

6

VOTES


SUMMARY OF TOPICS

FACILITY & LOCATION

 21 Answers · 0 Replies


What do you think of the Edina Senior Center as a facility and its location?
What improvements could the City make to make the facility better?

Joel Stegner · Citizen · (Postal Code: 55435) · Sep 01, 2017 5:24 pm

 1 Votes


The building is not visible, so people are unlikely to ever see it. The building itself and the parklot are small. Going there and not finding an accessible parking spot discourages use. And I wonder if you want to offer all programming there, as opposed to using Edina's wonderful parks for some of the daytime activities. Getting seniors outside in the summer is desirable, but there isn't outdoor space. Finally, the hours of operation are limited. I don't think much is going on weeknights and if I am not mistaken, it is closed on the weekend, a time working seniors would be more able to use it. All these things impact the capacity to grow membership.

Jim DeSimone · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 08, 2017 6:26 pm

 1 Votes

I have noticed the parking is limited back there. I think the location is ok, but it is the library basement/afterthought.

Carla Hawley · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 12, 2017 10:13 am

 0 Votes

I think it is a beautiful facility. Like the fact that it shares building with the library. Could definitely use better signage indicating that it even exists!

Carol Williams · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 15, 2017 9:02 am

 0 Votes

I fully support the senior center idea, but find the parking terrible! The closeness to the library is excellent. I do wish the hours were more user friendly.

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RuthAnn Metzger · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 20, 2017 12:05 pm

👍 1 Votes

Well since I have been using the Edina Sr. Center the past 2 years for my exercise classes, I am now very disappointed that with the split from Edina Community Ed I can no longer be reimbursed \$20/ month by HealthPartners when I do 12 exercise classes in a month. I have been working with Nicole the Director of the Edina Sr. Center for about 2 months to get the Sr. Center set up with NIHCA like the Edina Community Ed had & has. Every time I would be told no & given a reason which I would propose an alternative to -- now it has boiled down to the Sr. Center does not have the \$500 per year to belong to NIHCA. Why did the Sr. Center have to do a hard split from Edina Community Ed? This is a benefit (\$20/month) that someone paying the high insurance premiums today should be able to take advantage of since insurance companies recognize that to stay healthy people need to exercise! I am especially angry since the City of Edina had \$30,000 dollars to have a consulting firm study the Dan Patch Passenger Rail which the residents do not want but cannot pay \$500 for something that seniors can benefit from!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 26, 2017 10:48 am

👍 1 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] They have friendly, helpful staff. It's a good location, especially if you live in the condos nearby.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 26, 2017 10:49 am

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Please provide more close parking. It's not adequate as is.

Martha Albrecht · Citizen · (Postal Code: 55436) · Sep 26, 2017 2:03 pm

👍 0 Votes

I support the location and appreciate the facility. Maybe some parking could be available at the office building parking ramp across the street from the center. It's good to have this more easily accessible location for senior activities.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 27, 2017 2:38 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Mary] The parking situation is quite awful! (Think there are only three handicapped spaces.) Grandview Square allows Senior Center parking. During the winter months of ice and snow, it can be impossible for some of us to walk that distance in those conditions. Please give this problem your serious consideration, because we seniors would love to be able to use this marvelous facility all year round.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:04 pm

👍 0 Votes

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[Comment from Vergene Routhe] Love the location! Parking is a challenge. Do we have the option of parking the open parking across the street (Grandview)?

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:05 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Parking!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:09 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] No parking!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:09 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] More parking!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:09 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Better parking.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:10 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Parking at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday isn't great. Could there be more handicapped?

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:10 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Love the activities, but parking is a problem!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:10 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] More parking.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:36 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Good location, it's very nice. Parking some days is very bad.

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Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:37 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] More parking is desperately needed.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:41 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Catherine Cich] I love it's location for me. I also like the layout of space in the building, with so many areas for the programs. The only issue that may not be able to be changed is the limited parking.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:45 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Catherine Cich] I don't know enough about the other programs so cannot answer this.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS 6

Answers · 0 Replies

What kind of programs are you interested in that you can't find at the Edina Senior Center and aren't offered by Edina Parks & Recreation?

Joel Stegner · Citizen · (Postal Code: 55435) · Sep 01, 2017 5:33 pm

👍 1 Votes

Many people give up competitive sports by the time they get into their 50s, although swimming, golf and tennis have their devotees. First, I think that would be nice to provide three age tiers for sports like softball, volleyball, basketball and soccer - starting small. With softball, you have 18+ and 35+ leagues. Add a 50+ league. For volleyball you have 18+ - add on age tier 35+ and consider another later. For soccer, which is not offered as far as I know, sponsor an 18+ league or town team and consider a 35+ and 50+ team later. You might be able to get the youth associations to work with you.

Carla Hawley · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 12, 2017 10:11 am

👍 0 Votes

It would nice to offer support for some of the "newer" games, such as pickle ball.

RuthAnn Metzger · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 20, 2017 12:12 pm

👍 0 Votes

Like I said in the previous discussion item: Since I have been using the Edina Sr. Center the past 2 years for my exercise classes, I am now very disappointed that with the split from Edina Community Ed I can no longer be reimbursed \$20/ month by HealthPartners when I do 12 exercise classes in a month. I have been working with Nicole the Director of

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Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:05 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Vergene Routh] Exercise for us seniors is the most important! Christie is an excellent instructor!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:08 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Senior bus trips are too expensive. \$70x50 people = \$3,500. The tour guide is a volunteer. Gas and drier should not cost that much! Lunches could not cost over \$20, where does the rest of the money go?

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:32 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] I take yoga. I'm interested in getting reimbursed from my insurance. Other centers do this.

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS & CLASSES 14 Answers · 0 Replies

Do you visit the Edina Senior Center? If so, what do you think about the programs and classes at the Edina Senior Center as well as the trips the Center plans?

Joel Stegner · Citizen · (Postal Code: 55435) · Sep 01, 2017 5:17 pm

👍 1 Votes

I joined the Senior Center but did not really use the programs and did not renew. It has a nice array of services, particularly for retired seniors, but we're really not set up to be used by those who are still working. My partner and I did one class, but it was scheduled during the day, when she was working. I feel that the Center needs to think about three

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demographic groups and have some programming for each - seniors who are working, healthy seniors who are retired and seniors who are retired and more compromised in terms of health. This gets away from the stereotype that all seniors are the same, more commonly held by younger adults who most often set up programs. And of course, the second group is probably the ones you most have in mind.

Another thing that is a complicating factor is that between the city, community ed, religious organizations and other non profits, there are so many options, and connecting with the right ones is confusing. I would recommend that the city convene all organizations serving seniors, to figure out a way to cross sell services, as all these groups focus on senior well being - and including other city departments such as police and fire (including EMS). Even the city's liquor stores should be consulted, as depressed seniors can drink too much without it being visible, as many in retirement don't have a daily schedule of activities.

Sharon Soderlund · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 13, 2017 6:49 pm

👍 0 Votes

My husband and I have been members for 3 years. I participate in the Edina Poetry Club and take occasional classes. My husband and I both sing in the Edina Singing Seniors, a 40-some member chorus that rehearses on Mondays at 11:30-1:30 at the center and leads sing-alongs at nursing homes several times a month.

We are retired and can get to daytime classes at the center, but I agree with Joel Stegner. It would be great if the center could also offer classes and events in the evenings for seniors who are in the workforce and unable to attend daytime classes and events.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 18, 2017 12:45 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Ann M.]

We use the senior center and are very pleased. We are very appreciative of the recent activities offered.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 19, 2017 3:26 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Tricia O'Donnell] I think the senior center needs a fitness machines room. Some classes offered are just not active enough for younger seniors.

david Lund · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 19, 2017 3:39 pm

👍 0 Votes

i frequent esc 1 or 2 days a week, mostly for duplicate bridge games. i volunteer to run one of those games. i find esc to be a pleasant facility, well-run by paid staff & volunteers. more handicap parking spots would be helpful. thanks.

RuthAnn Metzger · Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Sep 20, 2017 11:56 am

👍 0 Votes

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I joined the Sr. Center several years before I retired to get an idea of what it offered. When I retired in July of 2015 I started doing day trips with the Sr. Center, doing Gentle Yoga once per week & am now doing it twice a week. Last winter I took the Agility, Balance, Core classes twice a week. Last year I took the Pella, IA overnight trip & would take it again. In Oct I am going on the NYC trip. I love the variety of exercise classes, day trips, & overnight trips and that the Sr. Center is in the same building as the Library so that 1 trip can cover several items! I have been paying property taxes in Edina for 27 years & have no children so please do not screw up the Sr. Center now that I am using it!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 26, 2017 10:46 am

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] I'd like to see more plays and concerts downtown.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 26, 2017 10:48 am

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] Yes, it's good. I see the movies and do yoga. I'd like to see more great discussions, classes and speakers. I haven't tried any of the trips yet.

Martha Albrecht · Citizen · (Postal Code: 55436) · Sep 26, 2017 1:54 pm

👍 0 Votes

Yes. I've been attending Yoga classes for several years and appreciate the location and Wendy the instructor.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 27, 2017 2:36 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Mary] The Edina Senior Center is a great community that enjoys outstanding programs and activities.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 28, 2017 2:03 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Vergene Routhe] I like the various options, sorry about cancellation of Spelling Bee. More computer/smart phone usage classes, please.

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:38 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] I attend just about all the programs (excellent). Play bridge a couple times a week.

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👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Senior Center member] They have been great!

Kaylin Eidsness · Admin · (Postal Code: 55424) · Sep 29, 2017 2:40 pm

👍 0 Votes

[Comment from Catherine Cich] I do visit the Senior center and I like the sort of programs provided. I go to a class, and have taken a number of trips which I enjoyed very much. I see the results of other activities on posters and wall hangings. Impressive. I get the mailings about all of the activities and like the choices.