

Patrick Henry Programming Survey Responses

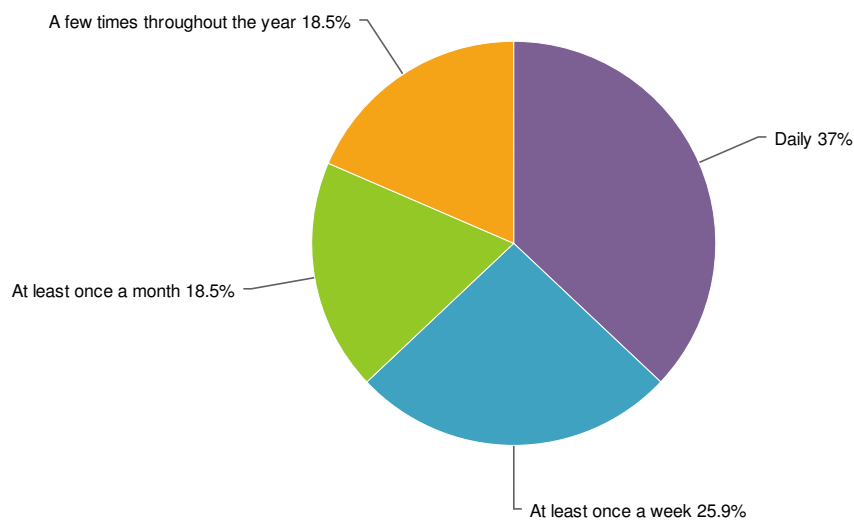
1. Based on the potential offerings provided under each programming scenario, please rank the scenarios from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred).

	1 (most preferred)	2	3 (least preferred)	Responses
School Centered Scenario	37 40.7%	8 8.8%	46 50.5%	91
Neighborhood Recreation Center Scenario	10 11.0%	69 75.8%	12 13.2%	91
Community Recreation Center Scenario	46 50.5%	0 0.0%	45 49.5%	91

2. For each option, indicate if you would use the recreation center if it provided the program types listed.

	Yes	No	Responses
School Centered Scenario	29 31.9%	62 68.1%	91
Neighborhood Recreation Center Scenario	51 56.0%	40 44.0%	91
Community Recreation Center Scenario	54 59.3%	37 40.7%	91

3. How often would you use a School Based scenario?

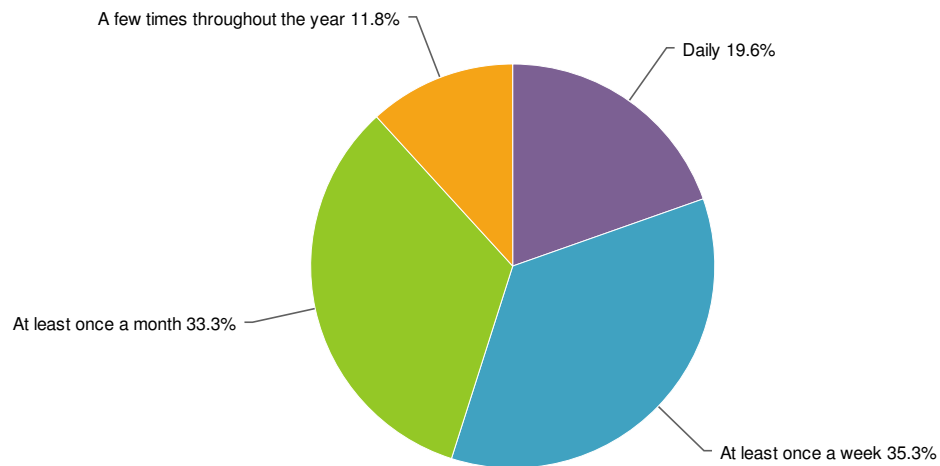


Daily	37.0%	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	10
At least once a week	25.9%	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	7
Total			27

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At least once a month	18.5%	<div><div></div></div>	5
A few times throughout the year	18.5%	<div><div></div></div>	5
Total			27

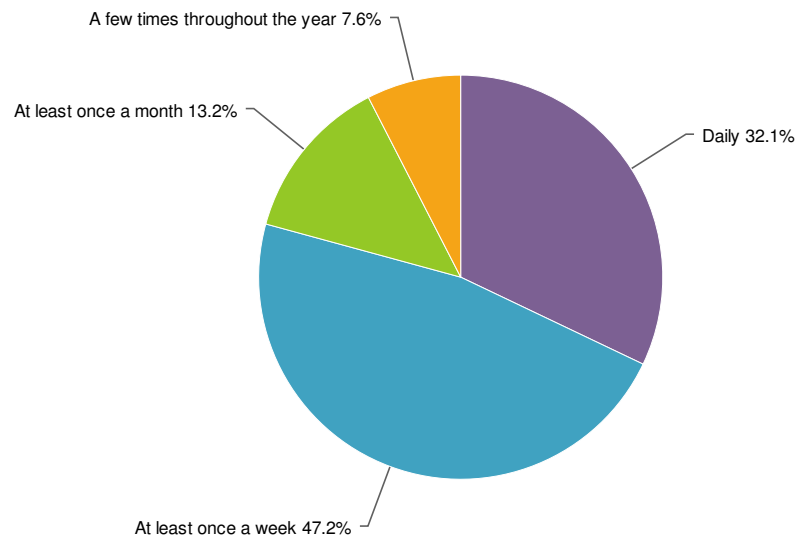
4. How often would you use a Neighborhood Recreation Center scenario?



Daily	19.6%	<div><div></div></div>	10
At least once a week	35.3%	<div><div></div></div>	18
At least once a month	33.3%	<div><div></div></div>	17
A few times throughout the year	11.8%	<div><div></div></div>	6
Total			51

5. How often would you use a Community Recreation Center scenario?

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Daily	32.1%	<div><div></div></div>	17
At least once a week	47.2%	<div><div></div></div>	25
At least once a month	13.2%	<div><div></div></div>	7
A few times throughout the year	7.6%	<div><div></div></div>	4
Total			53

6. Provide any additional comments you have related to your needs for a new Patrick Henry Recreation Center.

Count	Response
1	Bigger does not mean better. Smart planning is necessary
1	Leave the school as it is
1	My Family would like to have time with computers and programming.
1	The better we build this the more it will get used.
1	The smaller sized
1	There should be additional parking off of Latham street to accommodate increased traffic.
1	This should be located on a major street not a side street; traffic is already bad enough.
1	what is the cost
1	School should be the highest priority. With all the Fox Chase facilities I don't need a Rec Center
1	Please preserve our green and open space. Do not develop it into a community rec center but keep Patrick Henry School centered

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1	The current recreation center is in terrible shape and must be replaced. My son had rec league basketball practice there for three years, and I hated it. Though I am close, there is poor lighting in the dropoff area, and it did not feel safe. The inside of the rec center is so outdated, it appears unkempt, dirty and I did not like going there at all. As a neighbor, it is in my best interest for you to replace the facility with the most expensive and expansive option available.
1	The community is in need of all the glorious items "sold," demonstrated, and portrayed during the Patrick Henry Community meetings presented by the ACPS team, SORG Architects and others.
1	This residential area is not appropriate for a large facility . Access especially from Latham would harm the neighborhood and increase traffic. We already have an increase in traffic due to the BRAC building nearby
1	I think it is important that the City invest in a recreation center that meets the needs of Alexandria's West End and the City. Our recreation needs are currently under-served in West End. We have access to many great parks, but don't have many good recreational facilities within easy driving distance.
1	I ask that school or neighborhood center be the only options considered. The rec center is in a quiet suburban neighborhood, which is not meant and does not want to handle the traffic from a city centered rec center. A city focused rec center should be located in a more urban location that has roads better suited for the traffic. Our neighborhood also enjoys it's open, outdoor spaces, so please keep this rec center small and either school or neighborhood oriented.
1	It would be nice to not have to drive to Arlington and pay more money than having a reasonably priced option in my back yard
1	I live on Strathblane Pl, so both in "neighborhood" as well as "community" proximity to the location. One thing that I have always felt that the COMMUNITY is lacking is a state of the art community recreation facility. Other similar facilities are far away and I do not see myself or my family taking advantage of them. Myself and my husband both work full time (and travel frequently), and we also have an 18month old daughter. We do not have time to spend in traffic or dealing with facilities that are even as much as 20 mins away. A state of the art recreation facility offering a FULL range of programs would be simply AMAZING. I cannot stress how much it would benefit us (and the local neighborhood and families) to have this resource. I am sure we would practically live there and it would really provide a structure to bring the community fabric closer and tightly knit than ever before.
1	Programming dictates my use/family use of the facility. Currently I do not use any city rec facilities because the times do not match my availability.
1	There is a neighborhood rec center at Ramsey. A community rec center scaled for children, adults and seniors is need for the area. It would be a good long-term investment given the population densities nearby.
1	You need to keep neighborhoods as neighborhoods and not try to put large field-track centers in the neighborhoods so the rec dept can rent it out to people from other Juristrictions . Spangler said the only use for the senior citizens is for them to walk the track. Dont need 2 large fields there. Where is the baseball field, tennis cts and basketball cts going ? The city is millions in debt and the school buildings r falling apart- spend the money fixing the schools. Listens to the neighbors - they are paying the taxes.
1	The West End desperately needs this kind of attention and investment, so we are hoping the City Government will take optimum advantage of this opportunity. Thanks.
1	My need is to control traffic congestion in a clearly residential neighborhood whose roads are already heavily traveled during rush hours. North Jordan street, the largest street and the one the community would use to access any center, is gridlocked at those times. When any disruption occurs on I395 it becomes a parking lot.
1	Keep it small for use by school district residents. Maintain the residential nature of the area as it is already surrounded by commercial properties.

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1	I am writing to provide my feedback on the rec center. I submitted a survey and believe I may have used the incorrect phrasing in my comments. I believe our neighborhood and the site are only suitable for a school or neighborhood serving center, and I would prefer a neighborhood center which would preserve open space and help our students. A community serving center is too large for our neighborhood and the lot. If this type of center is desired, it should be located in a more urban location with larger roads, rather than the residential streets along the Patrick Henry site. A community, or city serving, center is not appropriate at all for Patrick Henry.
1	I see that the local community members now use the fields around the school for a range of sports activities - my strong preference is that the local community is the focus of the new center. I also worry about additional traffic on N Lantham St.
1	Seminary Valley is a residential community and not suited for a community recreation facility. something that is school-based or neighborhood based is much more appropriate, similar to other centers like Ramsay.
1	My children go to PHES, which is why I would use it daily even if it was School Based. I suffer from arthritis and would love a place to do low impact (soft surface) walking and jogging year-round. This can only be done in a Community Rec. Center, as it is the only large enough to accommodate an indoor track. I am confident many people with other illnesses and mothers with newborns feel this way too. I also think it could be a great draw for our end of Alexandria, a great unique feature of our Center.
1	The current plan is awful. Latham should remain a non-entry point to the school and the good space/playing fields should be retained. This is a SCHOOL, not a workshop or business. Plan totally ignores neighborhood comments. Stay a middle school, and keep height level down.
1	The recreation center needs to be built to fit the nature of the neighborhood. I hope the city realizes that open greenspace is much more important to some folks than a shiny new building.
1	A proper dance studio with barres attached to mirrored walls would be great to have. If there was such a dance studio, I would use the rec center more often.
1	The neighborhood need this, not another city-wide scenario. Charles Houston and Chinquapin provide city-wide services. And I am a tax payer! And so is my husband. Thank you for your interest in our input.
1	Would use if small meeting room was available for neighborhood reservation. for book club, meetings, etc. Even better if hot coffee dispensing machine were onsite.
1	A giant community-serving recreation facility has no place in that neighborhood. No one will be able to find it tucked away on the residential streets! Also, the Patrick Henry site is now maintained as a city park. Who wants to lose a free city park in favor of a dreary, artificially lit indoor facility? I'd take a virtually free, open space for recreation any day over an indoor field. Save my tax dollars for something more important. Don't build the giant rec center.
1	I have children at PHES so I would always use the Rec Center. Why was this survey and/or information about it not sent via mail to parents of PHES? Many of us do not have access to internet. How are we supposed to find out about it? This is one of the most important structures in our children's lives and many of the PHES parents will not have a say because they never knew about it.
1	A rec center for the Community just makes sense. It's a benefit to the entire community rather than just a school gym for the kids. The West End could use this boost.
1	We need more programs on the west end and I hate taking my family across town when there is a location like Patrick Henry in my back yard!
1	We get all the exercise and recreation we need outside or at nearby places like Planet Fitness. We want MORE nature trails and outdoor amenities. The Rec Center should primarily serve as an after-care setting for the school.
1	Alexandria definitely needs better recreation facilities but it would be better to not tie the facilities to a school. The buildings should be separated to allow the rec center to be used by the community. The school itself should include a gym that can be used for PE. The rec center could be used on occasion when needed by the students. It could also house the after school program.

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1	The needs of the school should be the priority on this parcel of land. My reading of an earlier report seemed to indicate that previous respondents indicated a desire for increased outdoor, natural uses of the recreational are. We have so little green space in our City. The large apartment complex next to it has its own amenities. This location is too small for a City-wide facility. There is no reason why this rec center can't serve Seniors and children. In fact there are some excellent opportunities for overlap. A community wide site would be good when the property in the West End is redeveloped. Would be nice if the developers would help pay for something given the burden their developments place on the City's resources. I am not a NIMBY because I live no where near this facility but I care about the ever diminishing green space.
1	Outdoor recreational facilities are preferred by members of the community, as evidenced in previous surveys. The recreation center should be as small as possible to preserve currently existing outdoor fields on the site that are heavily used by the community.
1	The old site doesn't get any support and it not well known. I wish it had the facilities so I can come regularly for exercise.
1	I live 2 blocks from Patrick Henry so I would experience the effects of more traffic and the benefits of having a top notch community center within blocks of my home. After weighing pros and cons, I support the community level project. This will improve programming for the entire city, but esp. The west end. Safety of students during the day would certainly need to be addressed, but if the right eyes are on the project then I beleive those concerns could be adequately addressed.
1	The Community Recreation Center option would bring far too much traffic to this area. Years ago, residents got "no parking" signs on the east side of the 500 block of N. Latham because so many cars blocked and limited egress and ingress from Peacock onto N. Latham. The intersectionss of Peacock and N. Jordan and Peacock and N. Latham are NOT easy corners for buses to turn on, since the quarters are tight, including due to parked cars. In addition, Taney Avenue already carries a lot of traffic., and it's difficult to get through there when school convenes and dismisses. For example, a resident of North Latham who wants to drive to Foxchase Shopping Center might be taking Peacock out to N. Jordan or Taney to Van Dorn to Holmes Run to Duke, both circuitous routes. Realize that 400 to 100 blocks of N. Latham are on a dead end, so we have to pass by or near the school.
1	No matter what is decided, we need the Rec Center at Patrick Henry. I understand some of my neighbors in Seminary Valley have a very short sighted view of what the Rec is all about. We need to care about all Alexandrians, not just ourselves.
1	When building, we should maximize the space and utilization so that the facility has a longer useful life and increased programming flexibility.
1	Programs open to the whole community, as opposed to only the school, are very much needed in this area. This will promote growth in the area and allow people from throughout the community to have the opportunity to meet and join together in common goals for the betterment of the whole community
1	The idea of an enclosed, indoor facility for walking and field sports is unnecessary and an unreasonable expense given other needs in our city.
1	This is a neighborhood full of children and the risk would be enormous, if a recreation center is built. Thank you.
1	Love the walking track. It is great for my joints in the winter months when arthritis is acting up.
1	The feasibility study may have shown that the size of a community rec center scenario could physically fit in the current space, but it is clear that the impact on the neighborhood with regards to traffic, lights at night and quality of life was never factored in. A center of the proposed community scenario size is not at all appropriate for our neighborhood. In addition, this survey does not include the close date nor does it state where and when the results will be posted.

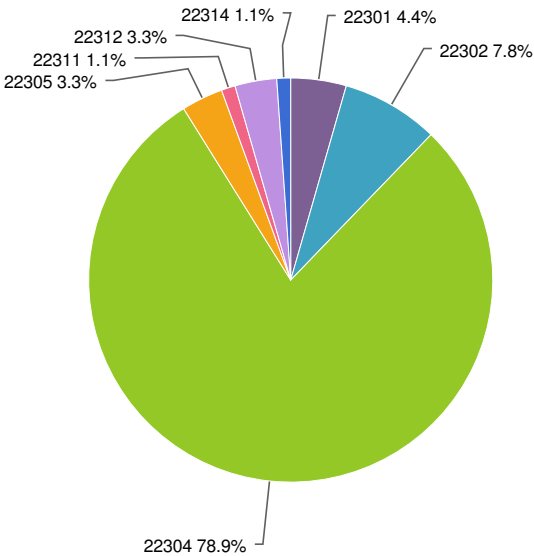
7. How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	43 100.0%	43

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	# in household	Responses
6-12	46 100.0%	46
13-18	42 100.0%	42
19-29	39 100.0%	39
30-49	62 100.0%	62
50-69	53 100.0%	53
70 or above	29 100.0%	29

8. What is your zip code?



				Statistics	
22301	4.4%	<div><div></div></div>	4	Sum	2,007,378.0
22302	7.8%	<div><div></div></div>	7	Average	22,304.2
22304	78.9%	<div><div></div></div>	71	StdDev	2.1
22305	3.3%	<div><div></div></div>	3	Max	22,314.0
22311	1.1%	<div><div></div></div>	1		
22312	3.3%	<div><div></div></div>	3		
22314	1.1%	<div><div></div></div>	1		
Total			90		

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Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
Left Blank	91

9. If you would like to receive the results of this survey and be notified of upcoming Patrick Henry planning news, please enter your email address below (your email will be kept private and used only for this purpose):

Count	Response
1	5stones@verizon.net
1	acsm3@comcast.net
1	alan_brown@mac.com
1	am_devico@comcast.net
1	amwillmore@gmail.com
1	burmame@gmail.com
1	burnskathy@earthlink.net
1	candace.m.lewis@gmail.com
1	carolkeller55@gmail.com
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1	matthews.katy@gmail.com
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1	vanthypham@hotmail.com
1	yvonneozanosparks@sbcglobal.net

10. Please provide your mailing address below (optional):

Count	Response
1	1027 North Paxton Street, alexan, 22304
1	112 west taylor run parkway
1	141 North Grayson Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
1	309 N Latham St.
1	315 N Langley Street
1	316 N Langley St
1	4008 Fort Worth Avenue
1	4625 Strathblane Place, Alexandria 22304
2	4630 Strathblane Place
1	4665 Strathblane Pl
1	4712 Surry Place

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Count	Response
1	4800 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304
1	4815 Peacock Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304
1	493 Naylor Pl, Alexandria, VA, 22304
1	5312 truman ave 22304
1	707 N. Paxton St.
1	707 N. Paxton Street, Alexandria, Va
2	811 N. Latham St. Alexandria VA 22304
1	ejonesusl@aol.com