

Q13 Any other feedback you would like to share with us? (optional)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Free for veterans please	2/12/2018 4:53 PM
2	We have worked for years in La Crosse, and have earned a free senior center. The City needs to quit all the big handouts to the Lax center and golfing	2/12/2018 3:58 PM
3	N/A	2/9/2018 8:09 AM
4	I think the City should provide some form of public transportation for Seniors that otherwise have no transportation. I also think the place for the Senior Center should be the vacant lot at Forest Hills Golf Course. It provides plenty of parking and easy access to the Senior Center.	2/8/2018 9:51 PM
5	We currently live in City of Onalaska however we lived in La Crosse for at least 40 years before leaving the area and returning to Onalaska. We will be downsizing within a year.	2/8/2018 5:34 PM
6	It would be a good idea to connect with the three institutions of higher education as there are classes/majors that working collaboratively with the Seniors (whether Center or not) would be ideal. We need greater exposure to this population for the younger folks so they don't think all "old" people just sit in nursing homes waiting to die. Viterbo and UW-L both have programs that would fit ideally with programming -- creating, planning, hosting, coordinating. Great resources sitting idly.	2/8/2018 9:40 AM
7	I hate the name "senior center." Sounds like a place full of handrails and hearing aids.	2/7/2018 1:29 PM
8	Combine Senior Centers with the Neighborhood Centers and use the Neighborhood Centers for ALL senior activities! Let's really save money. So if we must, we can put money into the already up to code buildings in our Neighborhood Centers that are great and do have parking! As to the fee....what if I didn't use the center for a few months, I wouldn't feel I'd have to pay for services I didn't need....so this will be a problem. I think only charge for classes like the Neighborhood centers do right now. I don't know about meals or their cost. But games are also offered at the Neighborhood centers! Why duplicate and re-invent the wheel?	2/7/2018 9:39 AM
9	Cost considerations have to include the fact that seniors are often on a limited budget, and couples will bear double the expense.	2/6/2018 11:18 PM
10	I'm not convinced that my generation (Boomers) has much, if any, interest in the traditional senior centers. We're too busy. Many of us are still working, helping our families and the community.	2/6/2018 11:13 PM
11	none	2/6/2018 12:01 PM
12	I believe the greatest fear seniors face is not being a productive member of society. It would be nice if the seniors could also be able to work at the center for a small wage and contribute. There is a place in prairie du chien that has opened its facility to disabled clients being able to contribute. Its called sharing spaces and they currently opened up a cafe. I feel that the center could also offer the gardening and possible have seniors sell there flowers ect.....a senior center is a wonderful idea! i wish more places would do this....)	2/6/2018 10:31 AM
13	I was in Senior Center in Iowa City and was very impressed. I could send you a copy of their activities, just to see how they are organized.	2/5/2018 4:09 PM
14	no	2/5/2018 3:17 PM
15	transportation and location and safety are big issues. It can't be out in the boonies somewhere.	2/5/2018 10:03 AM
16	We need to facilitate the younger and older generations interacting and appreciating each other	2/3/2018 7:32 PM
17	Mixed use neighborhoods are much more compelling than ones with only houses or only businesses. As people get older, driving is less appealing so being able to walk or get someplace independently is empowering. Walking to amenities makes neighborhoods appealing.	2/3/2018 4:54 PM
18	We need to make them easily accessible to drivers and bus riders. Getting out of Black River Beach is not easy especially for an older person. They need to be handicapp accessible and programs for all seniors. Need to have inexpensive programs to keep seniors moving.	2/2/2018 9:17 AM

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19	The North Side Tai Chi classes are the only such regular (EVERY Monday and every Friday all year round) class in town. This is valuable and healthy exercise for those of all abilities.	2/2/2018 7:05 AM
20	I would like a bus (school bus or van) for each site that picks up at senior care centers, and older adults who do not drive and may not be up to riding a public bus.	2/1/2018 5:42 PM
21	I love the exercise program at the Presbyterian Church in LaCrosse.	2/1/2018 1:23 PM
22	I feel that the City should consider Merging the South community library and southside senior center into one facility that offers both library and senior services.	2/1/2018 11:57 AM
23	The centers we have should be up to date & handicap accessible.	2/1/2018 7:21 AM
24	Keep the public informed like you have been. It's been great.	1/31/2018 10:33 PM
25	No	1/31/2018 4:46 PM
26	Please repeat this survey in other venues to get as much input as possible. Public discussion is essential.	1/31/2018 2:41 PM
27	I haven't been in the La Crosse area very long but am at the age where I am getting interested (even excited!) about centers like this.	1/31/2018 2:15 PM
28	Mike Hawk and Jim Feltersnatch should really be commended for all the work they do at the centers.	1/31/2018 2:04 PM
29	This was a very nice survey. For the first question though, please consider including disabled as an option. I'm not unemployed, nor am I retired. I'm disabled.	1/31/2018 12:47 PM
30	See previous comments re: UW, Viterbo, & Western partnerships	1/31/2018 12:06 PM
31	Could this survey be provided at a place where many seniors could access it? Could Festival Foods have a pile of this survey for people that do not access internet/social media to complete and mail in to the City?	1/31/2018 11:15 AM
32	I think the cost maybe could depend on the persons income. It would be sad for someone not to be able to go because they can't afford it. Of course if feasible free would be best!	1/31/2018 10:18 AM
33	Wish public transit could be expanded to help seniors and others more easily connect with social and other needs.	1/31/2018 9:46 AM
34	The city should invest in multi-use facilities. Example: Police/Fire/Library/Assembly use. Missed opportunity with the Black River Beach House. Great Facility that could have been expanded to have joint use by numerous agencies.	1/31/2018 9:18 AM
35	I feel that it is time to put some of our tax dollars for members of our society that are not children for once. I do not have children but support the local schools, but feel that those of us w/o children are frequently forgotten when it come to supporting senior needs vs. those of children. Yes, our children needs help to get on in life, but so do seniors that have supported this actions for years. It is time to support the seniors in our community.	1/31/2018 7:42 AM
36	It could be nice to offer alternative therapies, perhaps someone who could massage, reiki or acupuncture	1/31/2018 7:35 AM
37	The Y provides many opportunities for seniors.	1/31/2018 7:34 AM
38	Advertising what they do and where they are, take things away from seniors is only going to increase their isolation, depression and overall health and memory! Work w local high schools to help staff, volunteer, teach classes or have a place to swim!	1/30/2018 9:42 PM
39	no	1/30/2018 8:56 PM
40	I would attend a yoga class, but the costs for attending are beyond my budget.	1/30/2018 8:48 PM
41	Not to duplicate activities at the Neighborhood Centers. I can see transportation becoming more of a problem as people age	1/30/2018 4:45 PM
42	Need more volunteers to help out with seniors.	1/30/2018 4:12 PM
43	no	1/30/2018 4:00 PM
44	Shouldn't be a huge building that is expensive to maintain. Old churches are a money hole.	1/30/2018 3:44 PM
45	There are several places for the young, but none for seniors. LaCrosse needs a new building for them.	1/30/2018 3:26 PM

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46	The idea of not having one scares me. We build these special parks and eagle watches and forget about the future generation that will need services.	1/30/2018 3:17 PM
47	I'm not someone who would likely access services through a senior or community center, but as a librarian, I see the value it has for many of the people we work with. We do cross-referral to the senior and community centers.	1/30/2018 3:03 PM
48	Very excited about the possibility of an indoor track & warm water aquatic center for this age group	1/30/2018 3:02 PM
49	Having lived in La Crosse for over 20 years, I have watched the decline of senior options; even though baby boomers are alive and well and need this type of facility.	1/30/2018 2:56 PM
50	I do not believe the city should pay for utilities and programming at multiple sites. Increase the size of the center and share programming costs, utilities, staffing, etc. This could also be an aquatic center - include younger people and families.	1/30/2018 2:33 PM
51	na	1/30/2018 2:32 PM
52	no	1/30/2018 2:32 PM
53	Most seniors are on a fixed income and charging to much would make them stay at home	1/30/2018 2:31 PM
54	See above. The YMCAs and similar facilities are the new "senior centers". Seniors work out, attend classes, swim, and socialize there. Seniors shouldn't be separated at a senior center but integrated into more intergenerational facilities. So, holding classes and events at existing (non-senior center) facilities is better and healthier for all. Spending more money on outdated senior centers is irresponsible.	1/30/2018 2:29 PM
55	leverage the City investment by sharing space and construction cost with other civic or nonprofit groups.	1/30/2018 2:26 PM
56	Know many seniors who use existing facilities - - and often this is the only contact outside their homes that they have with others. Companionship for elders is huge...	1/30/2018 2:24 PM
57	NA	1/30/2018 2:20 PM
58	Senior centers should be an important part of our community! They provide a valuable service for older adults!!	1/30/2018 1:04 PM
59	I think it's great that there are already very diverse, and interesting activities offered at all the centers, the email calendar is much appreciated as well. Keep up the good work.	1/30/2018 11:02 AM
60	Why not consolidate the neighborhood centers and the senior center.	1/30/2018 10:21 AM
61	Building could be multi purpose, be nice if it had outside area that could have outside activities, games, eating area ect.	1/30/2018 9:56 AM
62	Although I do not avail myself of our Senior Centers, I believe they are an important asset for seniors who need and want to be involved in activities offered there. Perhaps there could be public fund raisers to help with upkeep on the buildings. Maybe Habitat for Humanity could help with this.	1/30/2018 12:21 AM
63	I work a block from the south side senior center and know how valuable it is	1/29/2018 9:54 PM
64	A central senior center would work fine if you also held activities scattered at other locations. That would reduce the transportation problems for some, while cutting the cost of maintaining dual locations.	1/29/2018 7:38 PM
65	Adding to the South Branch Library to accommodate a senior center is a great idea and would benefit all ages.	1/29/2018 7:08 PM
66	It may be wise to provide help for seniors with disabilities, particularly cushioned chairs for programs. I am sure you would do this to comply with current laws, Decor should be light and bright and lighting should be adequate to accommodate the needs of seniors, Avoid decorating with dark, gloomy colors (even if they are trendy). Acoustics should be clear without being overly loud and blaring. High ceilings will help accomplish this.	1/29/2018 3:43 PM
67	If there is a charge to use the senior centers, I would hope there would be programs to assist those who can't afford it. Ideally, and especially for those seniors struggling financially, it would be free.	1/29/2018 3:31 PM
68	The old Kmart location might be a very good spot for south side.	1/29/2018 3:31 PM
69	Keep the present south side center	1/29/2018 3:16 PM

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70	Please fix the roads. Wisconsin ranks #2 in the nation for the WORST roads!!!	1/29/2018 2:41 PM
71	An ideal south side solution would be to add on to the South Community Library and utilize both indoor and outdoor facilities. The refreshed park would make a wonderful setting for a larger, more accessible building, and having the library connected adds a richness to the experience not now available at either center.	1/29/2018 2:36 PM
72	I think it'd be most effective if Senior Services were offered in a facility where all ages of participants are also served.	1/29/2018 12:53 PM
73	The monthly membership should include activities.	1/29/2018 12:41 PM
74	There should be a non-resident fee for anyone residing outside the city of La Crosse.	1/29/2018 11:46 AM
75	Prefer a low month fee as opposed to \$. -5. every time one enters the building.	1/29/2018 11:44 AM
76	There should be facilities for seniors as well as for other activities. There is a high percentage of seniors in the area that would use these facilities.	1/29/2018 11:25 AM
77	have volunteer help - young and older	1/29/2018 10:38 AM
78	the amount I am willing to pay would depend on the services offered. It would be more with aquatics.	1/29/2018 9:58 AM
79	Keep up your great and much needed offerings!!!	1/29/2018 9:36 AM
80	I would want to know more of the issues to answer better. However, I do use a center for exercise at this time.	1/29/2018 9:15 AM
81	Most seniors are long time residents of La Crosse and have paid their share to support those who live here. It seems to me the community has a responsibility to provide similar services (including senior centers) for free or minimal cost to show appreciation for the years seniors have provided their support.	1/29/2018 8:58 AM
82	I have participated in a number of your activities over the years and enjoy them	1/29/2018 8:52 AM
83	Black River Beach center is so underutilized...could you incorporate/add on to what already exists?	1/29/2018 8:42 AM
84	Use existing facilities, e.g. the Northside Beach house. I will retire in 2019.	1/29/2018 8:14 AM
85	Na	1/29/2018 7:57 AM
86	Nice clean friendly environment.	1/29/2018 7:54 AM
87	no	1/29/2018 7:23 AM
88	seniors are not rich, more affordability. possibly hold a fund raiser to cover bus trips & pass the savings (lower prices) on to the seniors.	1/29/2018 6:36 AM
89	If They close libraries use them for senior centers	1/29/2018 6:24 AM
90	Na	1/28/2018 9:06 PM
91	We need the senior centers. Having had them for so long, we are accustomed to the services and social interaction they offer and we sorely miss them if they weren't available.	1/28/2018 3:35 PM
92	Hiring someone to come in and pick like topics of the day with activities planned.	1/27/2018 7:04 PM
93	Studies show the percent of seniors in the population is growing, and costs are rising for housing, healthcare, etc. I think we need to have more space for senior activities rather than less. Studies also show that exercise helps prevent falls by improved strength and balance. This helps to keep them in their homes longer which is important due to the rising costs of assisted living arrangements. Seniors who are active contribute to our community through volunteer service such as the Hunger Task Force, community gardens, AARP tax preparation, Habitat for Humanity, Rotary Lights, Catholic Charities, New Horizons, and many more including many children services. Seniors are not an expense, they volunteer! Finally, I believe that people who live outside the city should pay more for use of city facilities.	1/27/2018 5:00 PM
94	I am far from the target age group for the senior centers, but I sincerely hope that we can all agree to fund the maintenance and upkeep of both senior centers. I do not believe that the lower taxes or diversion of funds away from the centers would result in a better situation for the community as a whole.	1/27/2018 3:00 PM

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95	I'm 69 and have learned so much from the 80+ group. They have been through many of the same issues my wife and I are having now.	1/27/2018 11:20 AM
96	Seniors want to have somewhere to go and have fun too. It would make life better!	1/27/2018 11:09 AM
97	Advertising and getting the word out to family members in the community will help support the interest in Senior Centers. I wasn't even aware it existed until this article and survey. What an excellent opportunity for our seniors.	1/27/2018 3:42 AM
98	no	1/26/2018 10:28 PM
99	Thanks	1/26/2018 10:24 PM
100	None	1/26/2018 9:31 PM
101	Thank you	1/26/2018 8:33 PM
102	When the South and Northside neighborhood centers opened, we were thrilled to finally have 2 nice places to go to various inexpensive events in our old age. Though both are very nice, they don't have the space to do more then what they offer now. My husband and I are both in our late 80's and have lost most our long time friends to death, disability or moving to another city to be near children. As our population gets older, the need for a place to form new friendships becomes imperative to prevent the isolation that so many in our age group find ourselves. Isolation and loneliness usually bring on serious problems for we "olders"therefore costing the County and the State more money. I feel it behooves the City to plan to keep its seniors busy doing a variety of interesting things . Take a lesson from most of the senior centers within the RV resorts in the South and West....I think they are run by the guests who volunteer to help with all or most of the activities. Doing it this way costs are minimal for everyone I would guess.	1/26/2018 6:58 PM
103	Interview face to face on site the citizens who are using the facilities. They may not have computer access to this survey. They are the end users.	1/26/2018 6:24 PM
104	Obviously financial barriers will play a big part, but our community is always going to have citizens who are looking forward to senior years that allow them to stay active and involved in this modern day world. Let's take care of them and take care of us.	1/26/2018 11:00 AM
105	It would certainly make sense to let the La Crosse County Strong Seniors use the Myrick Park facility for classes. It is hard to find locations that will allow us to hold classes in their facilities.	1/25/2018 12:16 PM
106	A society will be judged on how well they treat their elders	1/25/2018 3:33 AM
107	None that I can think of at this time.	1/24/2018 10:17 PM
108	The current Northside location is ideal.	1/24/2018 8:45 AM
109	Please look at the larger picture of using a NEW center at the southside library as a spring board to generational interaction. To often we segregate our population by age and that is so disrespectful of all ages and leads to a community that becomes pigioned holed and uninviting. Liveable communities should be the driving theme	1/24/2018 8:40 AM
110	If a new center/centers is/are built it would be helpful to have some sort of raised platform where an instructor of physical classes (tai chi, for example) could be readily seen by all participants. Thank you.	1/24/2018 8:36 AM
111	I believe that the families of current senior participants should really be valued as well in the survey, but I didnt see any questions to make those answers unique. It is a pretty thorough survey though. Thank you for posting this on the radio.	1/24/2018 8:16 AM
112	The seniors who are using the centers now should have a voice	1/24/2018 8:07 AM
113	Not at this time	1/24/2018 6:19 AM
114	My mother currently participates in senior center activities. It's an important piece of keeping her active and social. Having a designated space where people can go and be a supportive community with and for each other is of great value.	1/23/2018 8:46 PM
115	Couldn't the Southside and Black River Neighborhood centers be used for Senior activities? They are beautiful, new facilities that are probably under utilized.	1/23/2018 1:38 PM
116	I have worked with seniors and having a place to take them for activities and just to get out and socialize is so important!	1/23/2018 11:46 AM

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117	I believe that the senior centers need evaluation, but I also believe that our aging community needs these resources. If we look at other communities both regional and nationally, communities are looking to expand these services.	1/23/2018 11:14 AM
118	I have friends that play cards very often and they love that it is close to their neighborhood,	1/23/2018 10:30 AM
119	I feel having 2 Senior Centers or activities at various location is a good idea as it is difficult for some seniors to get to one end of town or the other of town. It's a great way for Seniors to get meals and socialization that they may not be able to do in their own home.	1/23/2018 9:47 AM
120	If you are healthy enough to DRIVE to a senior center you are healthy enough to prepare your own meal. Commaraderiere is a possibility of a need but - there are also other places to provide/receive that. The Southside woodcarvers is a nice thing - but a hobby my tax dollar does NOT need to provide for. DO NOT turn the neighborhood centers into meal sights. That was discussed ALOT when the Southside Neighborhood Center was built and was over ruled as a potential future use. Black River Beach site is ot a good place for a Senior Center addition either. Didn't the neighbors in the area of the South Library request an addition for A meal site back when the city was trying to close that location - AND they offered money for it.	1/23/2018 9:32 AM
121	I would be willing to work on a committee to help organize options for a senior/community center.	1/23/2018 9:21 AM
122	You are taking the right step in asking seniors and others what they want rather than building something and trying to get people to take part. We have all seen how that failed miserably with the Myrick Park project. This has the potential to become a way to incorporate our greatest resource -- seniors -- into La Crosse's daily life.	1/23/2018 8:42 AM
123	The city of LaCrosse should be ashamed of these two, very old buildings used for senior citizens. What about the neighborhood centers on north and south side?	1/23/2018 8:35 AM
124	These facilities need to be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. Older people are prone to catch a cold or flu more frequently. There should be a cleaning service, not just someone cleaning who would do it haphazardly.	1/23/2018 8:03 AM
125	Thanks for asking for input from us young people, as I would like to live in La Crosse as long as possible!	1/23/2018 6:32 AM
126	Given the spread of the city, I believe in having two Senior Centers on both sides of town.	1/23/2018 5:53 AM
127	Thank you for taking action on this issue.	1/23/2018 5:42 AM
128	I feel that Senior Centers are definitely needed. It is harder for older adults to meet new people and so they often end up isolated and lonely.	1/23/2018 12:40 AM
129	Let's make funding facilities for residents (people) a higher priority and more important than funding facilities for non-residents' cars.	1/22/2018 11:28 PM
130	I appreciate what you are currently doing, I also understand costs.	1/22/2018 8:23 PM
131	More people are becoming senior citizens because of the baby boomers. We might need more than two centers in the future.	1/22/2018 8:11 PM
132	2 centers would be great, but 1 bigger center that can offer ALL the classes etc, and easy access to get there would be ok, if costs to maintain is an issue. Can an existing facility be used in cooperation with the....YMCA or B&G Club, or FSC, etc?	1/22/2018 11:09 AM
133	Just remember our health sometimes just dictates what we can do sometimes during certain seasons.	1/21/2018 12:51 PM
134	Improve the hours at the Centers if the City owns	1/19/2018 3:15 PM
135	Get the city out of the "senior center" business.	1/19/2018 2:40 PM
136	Nice to have adjoining housing.	1/13/2018 11:23 AM
137	I like games of any kind: board games, chess, checkers, etc. I would like to resume Tai Chi, but I don't want to drive to the Northside to do it.	1/12/2018 4:26 PM