



Burien

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

Dear Citizen:

You may be asking yourself, "Why am I getting this survey?"

Why? BECAUSE YOUR OPINIONS MATTER.

About what, you say? The City wants to learn how citizens would feel about supporting a bond measure to build a new community recreation center.

Housed in a 54-year old elementary school, the current Burien Community Center is in poor condition and cannot meet the recreation needs of Burien's families, youth and seniors. The City of Burien recently completed a master plan for a new community recreation center. This would replace the old building with one that would offer high priority new recreation amenities to residents and visitors.

To construct the facility, the City may need to finance its construction through a voter-supported bond. This would be the first bond measure ever put to residents by the City of Burien.

Your Choice: Mail or Online –

In addition to the enclosed paper survey, those with access to the Internet can choose to complete the survey ONLINE. Simply go to:

www.rrcinfo.com/rec-burien

Your password is as follows:

Password:

Your Opinions Matter –

For the new recreation center to be a success, we need your participation to help us understand your views, thoughts and opinions about this project.

In addition to the information enclosed, you can learn more about the community recreation center project online at www.burienparks.net/center.htm.

PLEASE take a few moments to complete the survey by JANUARY 21 so that we can include your input for the final report.

To show our appreciation for your time, your completed survey along with the enclosed entry form enters you into a drawing for one of the following prizes:

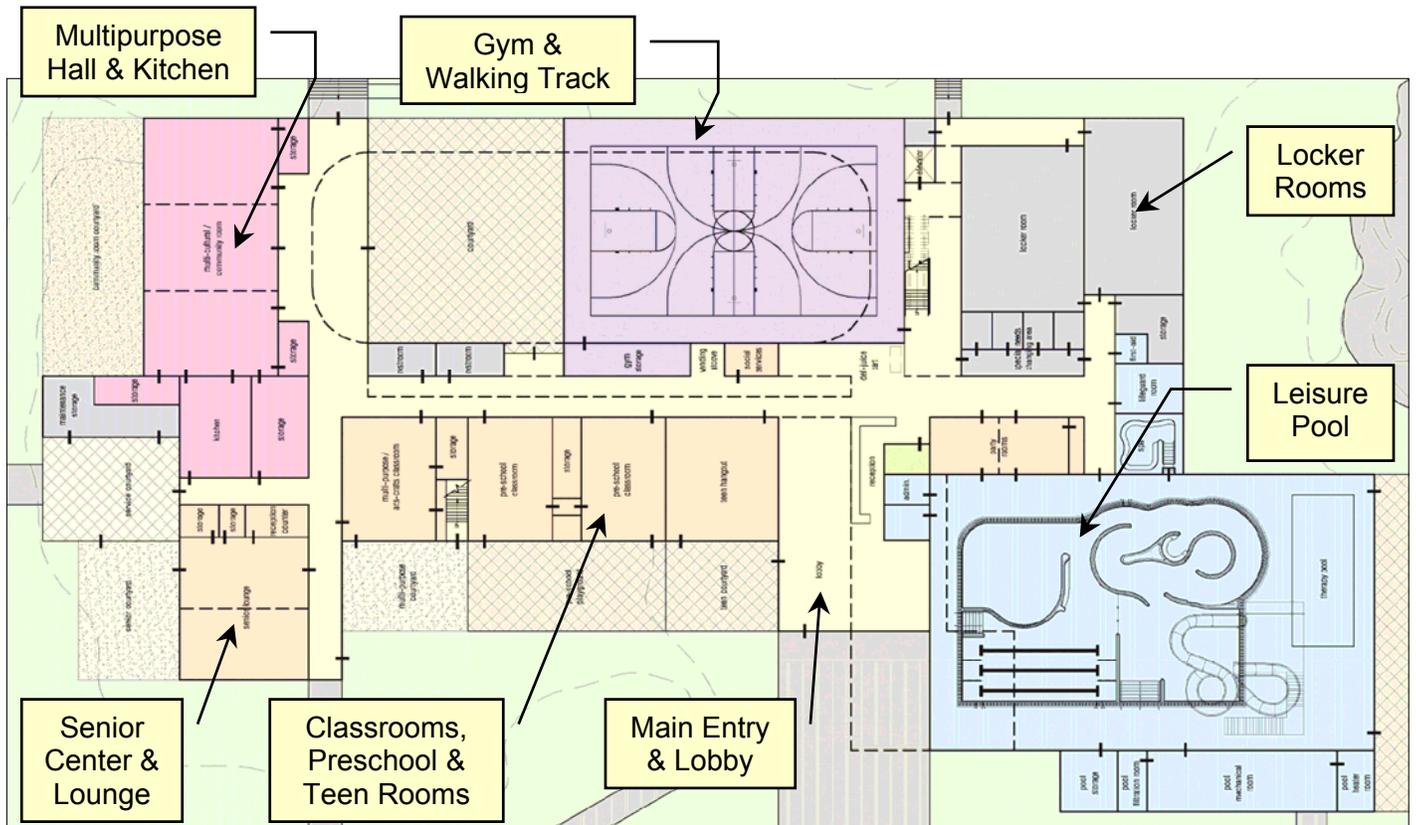
- One of five \$25 Visa gift cards
- One of two \$25 gift certificates, good for any Burien recreation program, class or activity
- Tickets (up to 4) to the annual "Daddy-Daughter Dance" – February 2, 2008
- Two Tickets to "Enchanted Evening" – March 14, 2008
- Tickets for Family (up to 4) to the annual "Bunny Breakfast" – March 22, 2008

Again, thank you. We look forward to receiving your survey.

Sincerely,

Michael Lafreniere

Director, Burien Parks and Recreation



The Facts

Built over 50 years ago, the Burien Community Center is in poor condition and must be replaced soon. After many years of public input, community surveys, planning efforts and studies, the plan discussed in this survey reflects an agreed-upon vision of high priority recreation facilities that will offer something for everyone.

Our Vision: The Burien Community Recreation Center, where the community comes together, unites through celebration of the community's cultural diversity, multi-generational active and passive recreational experiences and a variety of amenities and programs.

We want to ask you some questions regarding:

- **CONSTRUCTING THE CENTER: GETTING IT BUILT (page 4)**
- **RUNNING THE CENTER: OPERATING AND MAINTAINING IT (page 6)**
- **USING THE CENTER: "PAY-TO-PLAY" USER FEES (page 7)**

The Concept

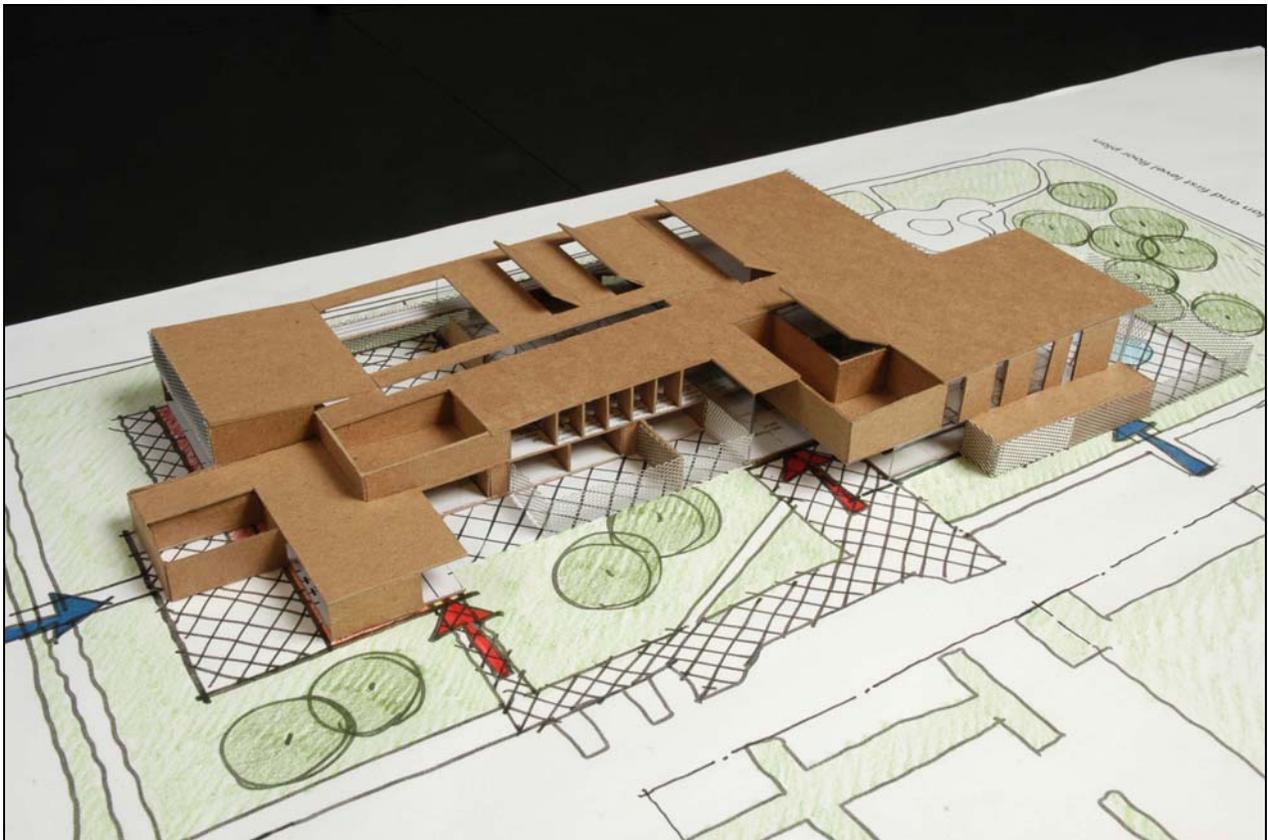
In addition to expanded parking and a more convenient access off SW 146th Street, the new community recreation center would include:

"Community Wing"

- Preschool rooms
- Teen room
- Senior center
- Large community hall with kitchen facilities
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Lobby and offices

"Recreation Wing"

- Walking & jogging track
- Leisure pool & therapy pool
- Gym
- Party rooms for birthday parties
- Cardio-fitness & weight room
- Aerobics and dance studio
- Locker rooms



Proposed Community Recreation Center (looking east)

CONSTRUCTING THE CENTER: GETTING IT BUILT

There are several ways to get the new facility built. In all of the options, some or all of the existing programs need to be relocated temporarily. The following four options are the choices:

OPTION A – BUILD THE ENTIRE CENTER ALL AT ONCE. The existing programs would be temporarily relocated while the City of Burien builds the entire new facility all at once.

OPTION B – BUILD THE COMMUNITY WING FIRST

- **Stage One (“Community Wing”):** Replace current North Building first (preschool classrooms, other classrooms, conference room, bathrooms, and offices, leaving the South Building in place (multi-purpose auditorium, kitchen, dance studios, and classrooms (*see Option B, Stage 1 image on next page*).
- **Stage Two (“Recreation Wing”):** Replace the current South Building later with the “Recreation Wing”, including a new indoor walking/jogging track, leisure pool, therapy pool, party rooms, gym, cardio-fitness and weight room, aerobics/dance room and locker rooms (*see Option B, Stage 2 image on next page*).
- **Additional information to keep in mind about Option B:** Replaces some of the current amenities and builds the least expensive elements first; two-stage construction adds to overall total cost; displaced programs will be temporarily re-located.

OPTION C – BUILD THE RECREATION WING FIRST

- **Stage One (“Recreation Wing”):** Replace current South Building first (multi-purpose auditorium and kitchen, dance studios, and classrooms), leaving the North Building in place (preschool classrooms, other classrooms, the conference room, bathrooms and offices (*see Option C, Stage 1 image on next page*).
- **Stage Two (“Community Wing”):** Replace the current North Building later with the “Community Wing”, including new preschool classrooms, teen room, senior center, large multi-purpose 3-room community hall with kitchen, arts and crafts room, lobby and offices (*see Option C, Stage 2 image on next page*).
- **Additional information to keep in mind about Option C:** Creates new recreation facilities that generate new revenues and builds the most expensive elements first; two-stage construction adds to overall total cost; displaced programs will be temporarily re-located.

OPTION D – DON’T BUILD A NEW RECREATION CENTER; RELOCATE TO ANOTHER BUILDING.

The existing Community Center is in very poor condition and must be demolished by 2009. In this scenario, as many existing programs as possible would move to another site until a new recreation center can be built. This option would probably not accommodate all programs currently offered by the department. Service levels may also be reduced.

1. Based on this information, which would be your most preferred option? (CHECK ONE ONLY)

- Option A – *Build the entire Community Recreation Center at once*
- Option B – *Replace North Building; build “Community Wing” first*
- Option C – *Replace South Building; build “Recreation Wing” first*
- Option D – *Don’t build a new recreation center now; relocate to another building.*

A voted Bond Measure would be paid for through an increase in the city’s property tax as follows:

OPTIONS See above and page 3	Beginning in 2009		Beginning in 2014 (Stage 2)		Total**	
	Costs	Tax/mo	Costs	Tax/mo	Total Costs	Total Tax/mo (2009 & 2014 costs)
Option A Build entire project	\$35 million	\$15/month*	No Stage 2; entire project is built at once		\$35 million	\$15/month*
Option B Build “Community Wing” first	\$16 million (Stage 1)	\$8/month	\$28 million (Stage 2)	\$14/month	\$44 million	\$22/month
Option C Build “Recreation Wing” first	\$23.5 million (Stage 1)	\$12/month	\$16.5 million (Stage 2)	\$8.50/month	\$40 million	\$20.50/month
Option D Don’t Build a New Center Now	Unknown	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

* Assuming a 30-year bond measure for \$30 million. Monthly values are based on a typical Burien home’s assessed value of \$300,000.

* NOTE: Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemption - Some senior citizens and the disabled qualify for an exemption from bond measures. If you qualify, you would be exempt from having to pay for this bond measure.

** This assumes that \$5 million of the total project costs will be funded in the first stage of construction from sources other than property taxes, i.e. City funds, partnerships and fundraising efforts.

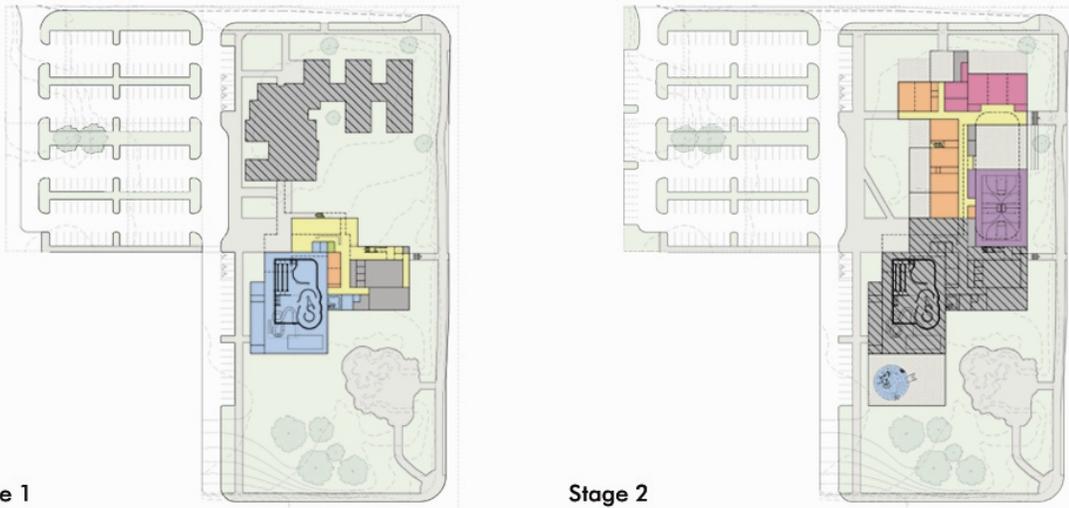
Option A - Full Build-out \$35 Million



Option B - Build "Community Wing" first \$44 Million



Option C - Build "Recreation Wing" first \$40 Million



The City of Burien collects sales and property tax dollars and user fees to build, support, and manage community recreation facilities, parks, and programs (like the Burien Community Center, the Moshier Arts Center, athletic fields, special events, activities, and parks). If a new community recreation center were built, additional funds would be needed to pay for construction, as well as for operating, maintaining and staffing the new facility. The new center would cost about \$35 million in 2010 dollars. It may also require partnerships and the use of several funding sources, as well as fundraising activities including grants and a capital campaign.

2. Would you support a property tax increase/bond levy for the purpose of *BUILDING* a new community recreation center if such a proposal were to appear on a future City ballot? Which of the following represents how you would likely vote on this question?

- 1) Definitely vote 'yes'
- 2) Probably vote 'yes'
- 3) Probably vote 'no'
- 4) Definitely vote 'no'
- 5) Don't know / Uncertain

3. Please tell us why you would likely vote this way or why you are uncertain. What other information do you need?

4. Many of the City's neighborhood parks need improvements and repairs. These could include new playgrounds, playground repairs, trail improvements, restrooms, etc. Would you be more likely to support a larger bond measure if funds were included to make these improvements?

- 1) Definitely more likely to vote 'yes'
- 2) Probably would vote 'yes'
- 3) Probably would vote 'no' anyway
- 4) Definitely will vote 'no'
- 5) Don't know / Uncertain

5. Please tell us why you would likely vote this way or why you are uncertain. What other information do you need?

RUNNING THE CENTER: OPERATING AND MAINTAINING IT

User fees for programs and rental revenue is used to offset the ongoing expenses of operating and maintaining the Burien Community Center. The City of Burien also supports the operation and management of the Community Center with additional City funding.

The business plan for the new community recreation center indicates that the new facility would require an additional \$500,000 per year of operating subsidy beyond that provided to the existing Community Center.

6. In addition to an increase in property taxes to BUILD the Center, would you be in favor of a 13-cent increase to the existing property tax rate of \$1.51 to provide added operating support? Which of the following represents how you would likely vote on this question?

- 1) Definitely vote 'yes'
- 2) Probably vote 'yes'
- 3) Probably vote 'no'
- 4) Definitely vote 'no'
- 5) Don't know / Uncertain

7. Please tell us why you would likely vote this way or why you are uncertain. What other information do you need?

USING THE CENTER: “PAY-TO-PLAY” USER FEES

To participate in programs at the existing center and the new center, people pay fees for certain programs and rental fees for meeting rooms. In addition, “pay-to-play” fees would be charged to use the new leisure pool, gym, fitness rooms and walking track. The business plan indicates that the new center will need to generate almost \$250,000 per year in admission or user fees.

City of Burien residents will receive a discounted rate on these user fees. Possible daily use fees are shown below. Also, frequent users will receive discounts on monthly and annual passes and multi-use punch cards. Those on fixed or low incomes will not be denied access and there will be options for scholarships and volunteerism to offset fees.

<u>Possible User Fee Rates</u>	<u>Resident Per Day Fee</u>	<u>Non-resident Per Day Fee</u>
Adult Resident.....	\$5.00	\$7.50
Youth Resident.....	\$3.00	\$4.50
Senior Resident (65+)	\$3.00	\$3.50

8. Which of the following represents how you feel about the above proposed user fee structure?

- 1) Definitely okay with this fee structure
- 2) Probably okay with this fee structure
- 3) Probably not in favor
- 4) Definitely not in favor
- 5) Don't know / Uncertain

9. Please tell us why you are in favor of, against, or uncertain about this fee structure.

10. Do you have any other suggestions or comments, either for or against the proposed community recreation center, which you would like to share?



DEMOGRAPHICS

Just a few more questions about yourself to assist in classifying and analyzing responses . . .

11. Please indicate your gender:

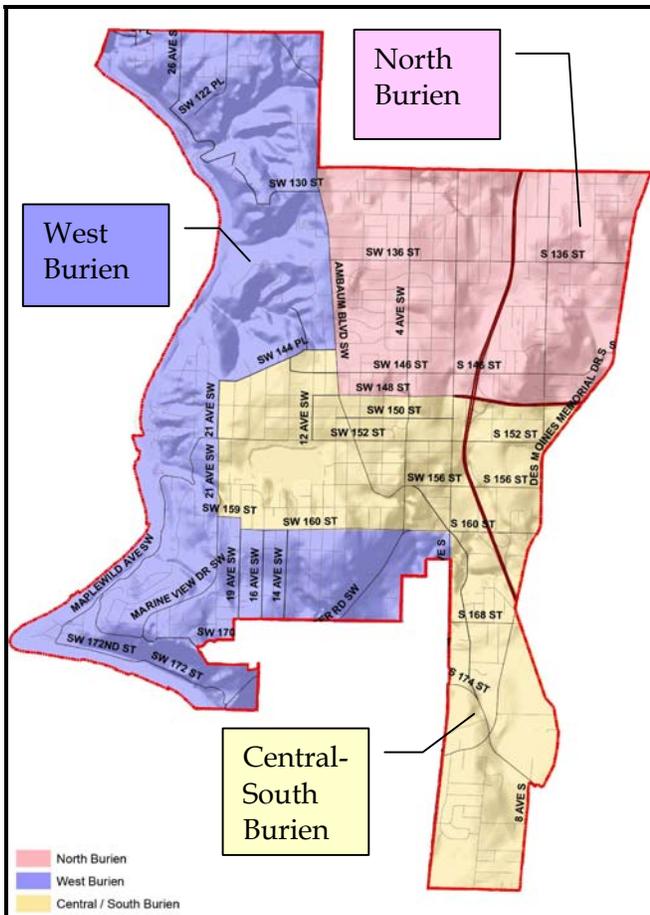
Male Female

12. Which of these categories best applies to your household?

- 1) Single, no children
- 2) Single, with children at home
- 3) Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)
- 4) Couple, no children
- 5) Couple, with children at home
- 6) Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)

13. In what part of Burien do you live? (see map below)

- 1) North Burien 3) Central/South Burien
- 2) West Burien 4) Other _____



14. What is your age? _____

15. _____ Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

_____ How many are under age 18?

_____ How many are over age 55?

16. Do you own or rent your residence in Burien?

Own Rent

17. How long have you lived in the Burien area?

_____ years

18. Are you registered to vote in the City of Burien?

Yes No

19. Most people think of themselves as belonging to a particular ethnic or racial group. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

- 1) Caucasian / White (not Hispanic)
- 2) African American / Black
- 3) Hispanic / Latino
- 4) Asian / Pacific Islander
- 5) Native American
- 6) Other _____

20. Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your household (before taxes)?

- 1) Under \$20,000 5) \$80 – 99,999
- 2) \$ 20 – 39,999 6) \$100 – 199,999
- 3) \$ 40 – 59,999 7) \$200 – 249,999
- 4) \$ 60 – 79,999 8) \$250,000 or more

Thank you very much for participating in our survey. We greatly appreciate your time and willingness to give us your opinions.

