



Question 49 - Please provide any comments, suggestions or questions regarding the Avon Recreation Center

Summary:

The Town of Avon received 211 responses to Question 49.

Locker rooms need improvement.
Our youth need fitness and recreational activities. Indoor volleyball and basketball would be amazing as WECMRD already has soccer and a climbing wall. Although I do not play Pickleball, it has become extremely popular. Providing indoor courts would contribute the the vibrancy of the Town.
Rec Center staff is amazing
Weekend hours should be same as weekday hours so workers can get in their early morning workouts before work or skiing. 10am is too late in the morning to open up a gym.
Keep the equipment check out program for day use. Provide bikes for day use
Discounts for Eagle County Schools teachers and non-profit workers would be so appreciated!
Equipment is lacking. More weight machines & variety needed. Indoor track needed.
Pickleball would be a nice addition
Ice rinks are great! Larger yoga studio, add climbing wall(indoor &/out), more info about private weight/cross training classes
They do a great job! Seasonal visitors might enjoy temporary memberships.
More classes held outdoors would be nice
Would be nice if there were doors to the outside from the pool such as garage doors to allow indoor outdoor ventilation. Offer options for people who work in Avon to get the same cost as those who live here. I spend 40+ hrs a week in Avon and my son goes to school here but we are not 'locals' so we don't get the same discounts. I'd join if we did.
We need for separate for local and visitors. Especially winter time. So many visitors. I don't mind Eagle county residents. But people who are coming from other place. Would you make more different charges for visitors?
We love the Avon Rec Center and are so glad they were able to stay open. When we get swim reservations our kids are THRILLED. Thank you!
Avon's Rec Center is great for kids. As an adult I especially enjoy the yoga classes in the park.
Staff is competent and helpful.
Avon has an incredibly talented swim team that barely gets recognition and has a pool that is too small for competitions. A larger competition pool could host events that could be a draw for visitors.

I would workout here more often if the gym had better equipment and maybe an attendant working to limit some of the ridiculous behavior of the people working out there. I go to the Minturn Fitness Center instead.
My sons adore the swim team. They'd love to be able to have home meets.
Since COVID-19, I have not used the rec center.
Outdoor pickleball courts are in need of replacement. Embarrassing to the town.
we need more gym locations, and more affordable rates. life is so expensive out here
After Covid is over, continue to be able to reserve lap pool lanes in advance.
A remodel was postponed due to covid... Keeping the facility clean is necessary throughout the day as well as deep cleaning.
Weight room is small and overcrowded, which is why we left.
Estaría estupendo la idea de poder hacer una pequeña red de voleibol para niños ya que las que están son para adultos y no hay manera q los pequeños participen
It could use more advertising.
None
Add outdoor aquatic. Either install operable roll up doors for warm and sunny days or add an outdoor pool & hot tub.
Glad it exists
was a monthly member before Covid, looking forward to returning full time soon
Overall the Rec Center is awesome!
Yulia at the Avon Rec center is great. Really friendly and helpful.
Free fitness classes to monthly paying members
Expand the hours plesseeee
I'm glad it will open to full capacity soon.
As a tennis player, I SO appreciate that the Avon courts are, as far as I know, the only free courts in east Eagle county. I don't know about Eagle or Gypsum, but the outdoor courts in Vail, Eagle Vail, Beaver Creek and Edwards all charge for access. I would not play during the summer if I didn't have access to a free court. THANK YOU! I'd love to see indoor courts in Avon during winter also, which I would of course pay for since I can't play outside. I enjoyed the tennis clinics offered at Avon Elementary in summer of 2019, but more people would need to participate.
I answered these question with my pre-covid use. During the covid year I really only used the rec center a few times. However, I will go back to using it again now. They did an excellent job during covid. I personally just didn't feel comfortable using the space.
I have not used the rec center since last March when the pandemic took over. Still a little nervous about interacting with general public due to Covid
I have not been to the rec center since Covid. I am looking forward to going back. I plan on going back more frequently based on adult options that get added back in.
Create more jobs, open earlier and close later please
Update locker rooms ASAP!
It would be so nice to have any of the mommy/daddy and me programs available later so that parents who work can also experience them. As a mother, it always bums me out that I can't take my daughter to those classes because I'm working.
Love the Avon Rec Center! I wish it were open more hours, and there was greater availability of lap pool lanes and better weight room equipment. That said - for a community our size - the Avon Rec Center is a real prize and the workers there are always super friendly! The Rec Center is a key feature of the Avon community.

no comments
The staff is fantastic and the programs are already great, but never hurts to keep on adding new programs and a full size gym could help with even more community engagement with team sports etc
The staff is very friendly and I find that the fitness center is clean
It would be amazing to have indoor tennis somewhere you don't have to have an expensive membership
Lower monthly cost for those using weight room access only. I do not use classes or programs (lifeguards or instructors) however pay the full monthly cost just to use the weight room even with the Avon resident pricing.
It is a great facility
I spotted sing it during at the beginning of Covid, it felt dirty
Before COVID hit, I went to the Taiji class twice a week. Have not been back since. Will try some adult fitness classes later in the summer. More water features could help with traffic levels and tourism. Seniors could use more classes for mobility as well as social interaction.
Additional fitness classes (I'm interested in yoga) outside of 9-5 for working residents
The rec center is a wonderful community amenity. I just happen to exercise outdoors, not indoors. But the facility is awesome and from what I can tell, it is managed very well. I do enjoy the outdoor yoga classes that are offered through the rec center. Any expansion efforts would be beneficial to the community, I think.
I don't use it but it looks nice enough.
The gym should be open later close the pool n other services when ever but the Gym/workout portion should definitely have extended hours how is a restaurant worker that goes in at 7/8 am and isn't done until 8/9 supposed to ever use the facility? Exercise especially at night after work is probably the best way to de stress - also extended hours will make it so the place isn't so crowded
I do t use the Rec center
New treadmills Better tv access in gym
need more benches for the weight room. half were moved to the secondary weight/fitness room and there are not enough benches during busy times. Mike and the team at the Front Desk are very friendly.
Great job
Pls add racquetball
We love having the pool for our 3 year old
Do not use the recreation center.
The changing tents to stay permanently. Easier to change than going inside the lockers.
Love it !
I am a member at the Westin and am very satisfied with the services offered there. I receive a corporate rate through my business.
need more teacher friendly times for zumba-like 4:45
NA
I love the rec center and do not use it as much as I would like.
We need indoor tennis and pickle ball badly in Eagle County! The only indoor courts are at a private club that does not welcome outsiders!.
We love swimming as a family during winter!
Racquetball would be awesome

Make info about it available for free at the library, post office, groceries and other businesses in Avon.
Most fitness classes that I am interested in seem to be offered during the work day, which makes it hard to participate.
The pool area/locker rooms could use a little updating. Otherwise it is great! I would also love to see more children's programs such as swim lessons. They are incredibly busy and fill quickly from my experience.
Would love an adult soccer league in town
I love the price and convenience.
Full size climbing wall would be so amazing, then I would stop driving to eagle to climb
Frequently the rec center parking is used for events in the park, (eg recent lacrosse tournament,) or as skier parking. This makes it crowded and potentially dangerous for use of regular rec center patrons. Due to over crowding in the parking lot from the lacrosse tournament, I was unable to leave my parking spot. I had to leave my vehicle where it was parked because I could not back out and had no way of contacting the car with TX plates that was blocking my vehicle's exit. The following day, I saw a police officer waiting for the owner of a vehicle into which another driver had backed. The vehicle which had been backed into, also had an extended bike rack attached to the rear of the vehicle which extended the length of the vehicle beyond the parking space allotted by several feet. These types of bike racks should not be allowed in the Avon Rec Center lot.
Haven't used it since before the pandemic so can't really comment.
Basketball.
staff is great!
When my children were little, the childcare services were vital to my ability to squeeze in time for working out and to connect with other parents - in short, to my well-being and mental health. Its unfortunate that parents no longer have that opportunity.
A return of the Tai Chi and Saturday yoga at the Lake Multi level Tai Chi for Seniors !
add lockers in mens locker room
there is great un-met need for indoor racket (tennis/pickleball) courts for locals and visitors.
It's great but expensive for a taxpayer funded facility. Where I grew up larger Rex centers with more options are less than half the price.
The pool area is in significant need of updates.
Youth Program i.e Schools out and After school programs are pricey for single parents.
We onkybuse rec center for swim team since we live down valley
It is so underused. We need programs and activities. And stop charging for every event. Why charge for open water swims in Nottingham lake?? Lockers rooms are often dirty. And a more pleasant fun recreation attitude. Encourage and entice Avon residents to participate!
Cost for non-resident should be much higher than true Avon residents.
They need to have a high school swim team
To give a discount/locals price to the people who live in Eagle-Vail. Earlier start time for Saturday morning.
Would love to see more organized Pickleball by level.
more mirrors and barres in the downstairs fitness room
Indoor tennis/pickleball would be great!
Extended hours will be my top, for pool use and fitness area we work hard and late schedules sometimes I would like just to workout and relax on the pool.
We would love an outdoor pool!

The Rec was hit hard by Covid. Everything about their day to day changed and they did a great job with the situation they were in.
An approved swimming pool for competitions.
It's just fine
Lower the lap pool temperature, it's like a hot tub!
They do a great job!
Although I work in Avon, I do not live in Avon, therefore do not get any discounts at the rec center. I think this is ridiculous, as they should be for everyone. It is way too expensive to pay the full price! I used to swim four times a week and I rarely go there now. They should do like what Virginia does with colonial Williamsburg. All the residents get passes, knowing that when people come visit, they will all go and the visitors will pay. Residents shouldn't have to pay... Especially the gross cost of the passes.
None
A high use facility The key asset is staff quality
The overdevelopment of the area has caused it to become overcrowded.
More infant classes
I haven't actually used the Avon Rec center but I will be. I gave answers based on my projected future use.
Please open earlier on Sunday.
I'll join the first 24 hour gym that ever opens in the upper valley over rec center
Add outdoor Hot springs-pool areas that uses effluent heat system as part of Fire Station, Old Town hall redevelopment
The rec center is an awesome amenity
Can you make it more affordable
The rec center could use a re-fresh
Would love/use/pay for drop-in childcare so Mama can get swoll
The bikes for the cycling class are worn out and the device that monitors the rides don't work on most of them. They need to be replaced.
Need to stop people from taking over the functional training room by turning on a workout video when a class is not in session. Need to also get rid of volume control within the gym spaces or turn off all background music. Some users turn it up way too loud.
I used the Avon rec center when I lived in wild ridge 10 years ago and enjoyed it. Live in eagle now
I use the Westin, not the Avon Rec Center even though I have a punch card. The Westin was easier to book during COVID and (in my opinion) has better fitness classes at more convenient times for people working M-F 8-5.
Would like to see more Pilates and yoga classes.
It's a great place with friendly staff. Any additional improvements are welcome but for now it works
We used it a lot as the kids grew up, now our activities tend to be outdoors..hiking, golf, pickle ball, water skiing etc We do have a punch card on file but haven't used it the past few years. Keep it on file for when guests are in town and would like to swim.
Maybe make sure that they actually have their passports visas and paperwork to get in. Holy fuck I need a smoke I better get my l'd card or a beer wtf. Azzholes nazi fuckers get this my mother is German 🤪
Gypsum Rec center fits our family needs better: pool, tumble tots, bball court, and childcare
I think the center is right sized . Other than up dating equipment as needed leave it alone

Would love more Zumba.
The rec center improvements have been on the town improvement plans for years - I feel it's long over due to prioritize rec center expansion!
As long as it is kept clean I don't believe you need to do any improvements at this time
Really wish for an outdoor pool (like Mountain Rec in Eagle).
Health Cafe should be leased to Northside or Loaded Joe's and be in the old physical therapy space
Earlier opening hours Sunday
<p>I love the rec! I would love to see expanded hours since i am a fan of working out late at night. I miss 24-hour gyms back home and we don't have one here in the valley. I would also love to see more basic fitness classes at later hours. I rarely used the classes because they didn't work well with my 9-5 schedule and were often odd fitness styles. It would be great to get some basic classes that focus on parts of the body (abs, legs, cardio, etc) and do them at hours like 6p, 7p, 8p, etc rather than during the day. Especially if they were consecutive so it would make sense to go to the same class every day 5-days a week at the same hour and have the workout change every day to focus on a different area.</p> <p>We could also use more strength machines. These are always taken up and there is only one of each. I feel like avon tripled it's cardio which is now overly available and vacant but when it comes to other machines you're often waiting. When one breaks, there is no alternative (if you're not using free weights).</p> <p>I could see educational programs being very helpful too! Classes on eating right to meet your fitness goals, classes on how to use reps/sets or how to build a workout routine to meet your goals, even recovery and how protein shakes and pre-workout work. Many people just come to the gym and run on the treadmill because they have no idea what they're doing and don't know how to meet their goals outside of the gym either.</p> <p>The bouldering wall, while an awesome idea and addition, is never used! I personally love climbing but even i don't use it. It's awkwardly in the lobby so it feels like you're putting on a show and there are no routes marked or reasons to use it. A full-sized climbing wall would be awesome, especially if someone kept up with it and actually placed routes. Climbing in the heart of the valley is very limited right now and you have to drive out to Eagle for it. Consider placing one on the outside of the building maybe? Chicago Athletic Clubs did this really well at one of their locations.</p> <p>A note about the outdoor fitness court....it's great but it has become a playground. So many times i come to the park and kids are just hanging out in there, swinging on the equipt, etc. It makes me not want to use it and i'm sure the wear and tear is going to get bad quickly. There needs to be a way to police that so it's for fitness only.</p> <p>Finally, a towel service would be nice. It's the one thing i often forget and it's also the thing that takes up the most space in my gym bag. It would be a convenience.</p>
The new summer mural will look awful in the winter.
Would be great if there was an outdoor pool and tennis facilities.
I like it when I go but I prefer being outdoors for recreation, personally.
Jewel of city
Expanded hours.
N/A

I pay way more to go to the Westin ONLY because of the Pelaton Treadmill. If Avon had a Pelaton Treadmill I would go there.
none
It's ok
Not enough parking because everyone is at the park! Not using the recreation center!!
Outdoor pool please
Does not apply to me
The Avon swim club takes over all of the lanes during peak times then bombard the hottub.
Incorporate a racquet ball court in future addition project
Long-term capital improvements and additional facilities should be on the agenda for any future plans. Adding sports facilities (ice rink, US swimming-sanctioned competition pool, courts, etc.) could bring athletic events to Avon in addition to the open-lake events at Nottingham Lake. Win-win.
An expansion would be wonderful. It NEEDS a full size competition pool. Fighting for lane space is becoming a hassle.
Like to see Sunday hours come back; interior needs refreshing but not sure about need for expansion.
I'd love to have the rec center open on Sunday mornings
Past user and was satisfied
More recumbent bikes for seniors
I havent been back to the Rec Center since the pandemic.
More fitness classes!!!! More variety and more times
What improvements? he locker rooms are disgusting and never clean. Need an adult only locker room. Not a very welcoming place? And so underutilized. Needs programing and events. Bring it back to life! cost for true full time residents should be much less than what non-resident pay.
Indoor tennis sounds like a great idea since we only have one in the area
Tai Chi, Yoga at times other than the middle of the day
I think it needs some fresh leadership
Indoor tennis would be fantastic. Also, I think the hours need to be extended on both ends (open earlier, close later).
No comments
Pilates studio with instruction, outdoor activites of group bike rides or hikes.
Would be great if they had a collection of equipment that could be checked out for use (e.g. paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, mountain bikes, tents/camping equipment).
I forgot that I had a punch card that I purchased pre-covid and went a couple of times. It seems like a great facility - but I am not ready to go back.
We are so thankful for the pool during the pandemic! It was so good for our kids! I like the idea of an expanded climbing wall and childcare options like they had back in the day.
I haven't used the rec center much due to COVID
None
fitness classes on tv are not appealing, why would I leave home?
More separation of adults and children would be nice, with a multi-lane salt water lap pool separate of the children's area.
make all passes cheaper for avon residents after all we paid for it to be built
I think the rec center was a great addition to our town. i often notice that parking for the lake seems to take up parking for the center.

The women's locker room could use an upgrade (tile, showers, lockers)
teen strengthening program
The mural outside is fantastic, such a great move to make the building attractive Wish someone had thought of that 20 years ago, well done
Outdoor pickleball courts
Basically [was] a resistance/weight trainer
Improve locker shower rooms
Indoor tennis court is much needed
We love it!
Gym cleanliness always substandard pre pandemic.
I am a long time resident and patron of Avon Rec Center. Spin bikes need to be replaced and not stored in weather conditions. Technology as advances and as a loyal patron speaking for other patrons please place spin bikes on capital improvement list..
I believe the two doors by the pool should be torn out and huge roller garage style doors to provide transition from indoor and outdoor in the summertime
During Covid I couldn't use the pool at all so I joined the Westin. I miss Tyler and the staff at the Rec center but will not return due to the entitled people that pushed me out of the Rec center.
The staff is wonderful
It's getting old
more yoga options
If the pool can be expanded, I would suggest. It is such a great amenity and sets us apart as an upvalley community rec center with an indoor pool. We need new spin bikes. The current ones are close to 10 years old and many are broken. Hoping more fitness classes can be added over time. I would be open to any improvements that gym can make even if I don't personally use them. A full size climbing wall would be great. My kids used the youth programs for many school breaks and summers. Always improving those is important.
The hot tub is never hot enough - I work with hot tubs - standard temp should be 104 degrees.
My family only uses the rec center for the pool right now but if there was a gym, track, climbing wall we would use it more often
Basketball court, and make free please
I occasionally use the Rec Center with my TOA pass, I would support a multi-purpose gym/indoor track.
it is a great amenity
Please lower the price of resident membership.
would be great to have the diving pool separated from the lap pool so it could be warmer for water aerobics-too cold to get in there in the shoulder and winter months-which we have more of-and divers won't care if it's a bit warmer-in fact, probably no one would
make the lazy river deeper so can be used for partial non weight bearing exercise-we have a lot of folks recovering from surgery up here who would appreciate that
Providing child care would 100% make me want to go there
Facilidad para los residentes obtener membresia más barata todo el año
I hardly used it this year because of the reservation system and needing to pick an activity. In the past I used it a lot because I would go do a workout, take a shower, go to the hot tub, and then take another shower. This year it was like you had to pick an activity and time slot so I just gave up. I assume it is back to normal now. A climbing wall would be awesome. An

elevated running track around the pool area would be nice in the winter, although the treadmills are probably fine.
No additional comments.
I prefer to exercise outdoors or at home.
Lower rate for residents of Avon.
I don't use it.
Clubs for young adults/young professionals to meet new people like hiking or biking clubs
It would be nice if there was a way to have an outdoor pool, whether year round or not to compete with the Westin memberships and add value to the Rec Center.
More lap lanes
Because we don't use the Rec Center, I'm not comfortable giving any suggestions for improvements.
Wish you can bring back the black and white changing tent from covid time. Super convenient. Maybe bring one on each side of the pool?
Would love to see continued improvements to the local rec center. My kids love the pool but often it is so crowded!
See earlier comment. Rec Ctr pool & locker rooms are BOTH dated, often dirty and too small for the number of patrons who use them.
Rec center staff is the best!
We enjoy the range of classes!
I don't use the Avon Rec Center and am comfortable with the services it provides.