

## VOTING INFORMATION

**Tuesday May 13, 2025**  
**Special Election (ballot question)**

**Election Day (all Wards): 7am-8pm**

**In-person early voting: Senior Community  
Center, 331 High St**

May 3: 8:30am-2pm

May 5: 8:30am-3:30pm

May 6: 8:30am-3:30pm

May 7: 8:30am-3:30pm

May 8: 8:30am-6:30pm

May 9: 8:30am-11:30am

**Vote by mail:** Contact the City Clerk's office  
for applications

## WHAT ARE WE VOTING ON MAY 13?

A Yes vote authorizes the City of Newburyport to borrow the money to pay for the Rec Center construction—and places that debt outside the 2.5% annual tax levy increase.



Average Condo Value: \$618K  
**Estimated Cost: \$33/year**



Average Single Family Home Value: \$1.03M  
**Estimated Cost: \$55/year**



High End Residence Home Value: \$3M  
**Estimated Cost: \$159/year**

See how that cost affects your real estate tax bill at  
<https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/nrystaximpact>

## SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 13



Sources: City of Newburyport Finance Department, "FY2025 Residential Factor & Tax Rate Information," November 12, 2024; Tax Impact Calculator webpage, City of Newburyport Finance Department. Accessed: April 3, 2025.

Scan here for the city's debt  
exclusion FAQ:



Scan here to calculate the impact  
on your taxes:



## 3 things you can do today

- **Contact 5 people** about voting YES for the Rec on May 13
- **Share/Like/Follow us** on FaceBook (Yes for the Rec) or Instagram (@yesfortherec)
- **Host a yard sign**

Interested in learning more about the project or helping out?

**Contact us at [info@yesfortherec.com](mailto:info@yesfortherec.com)**

**YES FOR  
THE REC!**

## About Us

Yes for the Rec is a group of Newburyport residents who believe that community begins in a shared space. We have the opportunity to build a recreation and youth center that supports the physical and mental health of all of our residents and provides a place to connect, learn and grow. The investment we make today will benefit generations of Newburyporters tomorrow. It's time — let's do this!

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# Recreation & Youth Center Project Overview

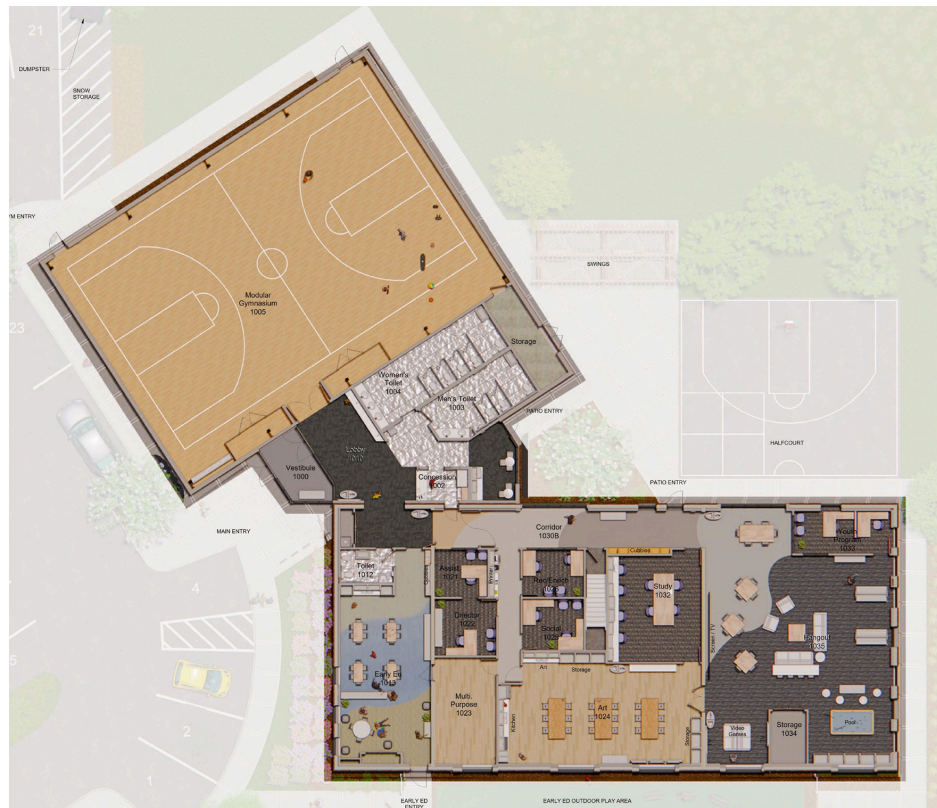
## Site design

- Fenced-in play area off the early ed space
- Half sport court
- Patio/outdoor classroom/hang out space with shaded bench swings
- Open lawn for play
- Green space & improvement of property/curb appeal/beautification



## Building design

- Renovation of former Emergency Management building
- 1-story addition lobby/toilet/reception + modular gym
- Total square footage 11,166:
  - 5,920 sf existing building
  - 1,181 sf lobby
  - 4,065 sf modular gym
- Occupancy: 532 people (252 in gym)
- Other features:
  - Fully sprinkled, fire alarm system
  - 10 toilets: 5 women, 4 men, 1 family/gender neutral with changing station
- 5 offices (7% of building)
- Storage & mechanicals in eaves (1,440 sf)



## Costs

- Construction: \$7,133,750
- 7% Owner/Construction Contingency: \$497,538
- OPM (assumes 3% of construction cost: \$214,015)
- Other (pedestrian safety, traffic calming, DPS Parks relocation: \$444,700)
- **Total: \$8,290,000**

The city is working hard to defray costs to taxpayers and has already identified **\$1.125m in additional funding to lower the price tag.**

