

Conversation|Arlington Harvest

Library Expansion

Does library need expansion/renovation?

- Improvement is a good thing – the library is a good resource.
- More meeting rooms are needed, more alternative settings.
- Teen room would be nice. Young adult section is too small
- More space needed for game playing groups.
- Reference room is large, but under-utilized, could be repurposed.
- Improve reading areas. More areas like Miller Park branch reading areas, or Caribou coffee.
- Library could be used to house archives/historical society.
- Need better bike/walk access.

Computer issues

- Are computers needed? Many people have laptops or home computers.
- Many people access email at the library.
- More access is needed to online computer services.
- More tutorials and support are needed for patrons to learn electronic tool.

Library as Community Center

- Could be center of socialization for young adults. Similar to teen room at the downtown library.
- Coffee shop at the library would be a nice place to gather.
- Booster/non-profit groups could staff the coffee house as a fundraiser.

Athletic Fields

- Drainage is a big problem for fields.
- Standing water causes inability to play safely.
- Multiple uses of fields causes safety concerns (i.e. 'fly balls')

Suggestions for improvement

- Synthetic fields
- Improve drainage systems.
- Change the conditions by changing the layout of the park.
- Move pool and tennis courts away from center of park.
- Pool enhancements should not encroach on the field space.
- Move baseball/softball fields to one area.
- Create barriers for Tremont playground.

Tremont Pool

- Rebuild, upgrade. The pool is old and outdated.

Suggestions for improvement

- Expand facilities and make more family friendly (locker rooms, sauna, whirlpool, etc.)
- Heated pool.
- Area designated for lessons for younger children. Improve area for kids.
- Improve walkways and bike space around the pool.
- Keep the grassy areas.
- Don't change the location.
- Gazebo added for local bands/entertainment.

Public Safety of School and Parking Lots

- Concern for safety of kids and citizens of the community.

Suggestions for improvement

- Replace the walkways around the school
- Repair parking lots, particularly potholes and drainage systems.
- More traffic signs to increase safety of kids walking to school.
- Stop light cameras.
- Safety patrol needed not only on Tremont, but also on Northam.
- Officer needed to patrol speed on Ridgeview/Northam.
- Flashing lights at crosswalks.
- Better defined walking areas.
- Possibly move pool away from Tremont to a better location

Public Meeting Space/Location of Historical Society

- More space is needed within community for public meetings and housing of Historical Society.
- Space also needed for Cultural Arts and Exhibitions.
- History of UA is in boxes in the Tremont Firehouse.
- Understanding its past could enhance community pride.

Suggestions:

- House Historical Society within the library. Worthington and Westerville libraries both have rooms for their local historical societies.
- Improve meeting space in the library. Little Theater is not conducive to many groups. Lighting makes navigating the room difficult.
- Space needed for small, collaborative events to help “seed and feed” the ideas of the community.