

**Open House**  
**Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Planning Process**  
**Saturday, December 13, 2008**

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES & NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS**

**Question: What types of community facilities, activities, recreation or programs would you like to see added to the Northside?**

- Open up the WPCRC kitchen for small local businesses & start-ups.
- I would like WPCRC more open to community use, specifically kitchen facilities.
- Investigate: Qualify and quantify the degree to which Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR), community centers, schools, are providing youth services. What efforts have the leaders/directors made to reach out to youth?
- While I support English language learning efforts, black students have been neglected in the conversation about youth.
- Continue and increase intergenerational activities at Warner and in schools.
- Swimming pool.
- More youth programs; ask them what they want.

**Question: What recreation programs do you use?**

- I use the MATC pool.

**Question: Are Northside neighborhood schools important for the community? Why or why not?**

- Why are schools important? You're kidding, right? Foundation of a strong community is the school. Affects long-term wellness of family, which affects economic, safety, & sense of community.
- Our neighborhood schools are untapped sources of community development. Make them centers for bringing all neighbors together – so seniors see the vibrancy, so students see the interest of the whole neighborhood. So yes-keep them open, increase programming, recreation, after school, classes for the community, book clubs, cooking classes, language lessons.
- Yes! We must protect our public schools.
- Yes! Let's make our schools centers of the community.

**Overall Comments:**

- Parenting referrals from CHIPS petitions need to include mentoring for the parents!
- We need more & stronger neighborhood associations to support after school programs at schools and at Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) – exercise for others should be during school hours.
- Dane Co. Health building (old nurses' quarters) would be perfect for an "Eco-cultural Center" for the community!!
- Youth employment opportunities.
- Given the northside's diverse demographic, we have an excellent library. I think it is good because it is somewhat cut off geographically from the rest of the County system. This can be used to advantage. I would triple the size of the library and make into the social/cultural counter-part of the recreation center. It would become a destination point for northern Dane County.
- No pool! Clean up the lakes so can swim there!
- We need community car!!