

Rosemary Recreation Complex

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Needham Park and
Recreation Commission

WHAT'S THE LATEST?

The Needham Park and Recreation Commission will be providing weekly information posts on the Rosemary Recreation Complex, as we prepare to go to the Annual Town Meeting in early May to request construction funds. The posts will include *Frequently Asked Questions*. The new facility on Rosemary Lake would include a fitness/competition pool, a recreation pool with water walking lanes and slide, a spray park, seating, shade, boating on the lake, a new bathhouse closer to the pools, two new expanded parking lots and an indoor multi-purpose room for year-round use on the second floor. Offices for the Park and Recreation Department and Health Department would also be on the 2nd floor. The Rosemary Recreation Complex will be environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

Why is the project so expensive for a 2 month season?

The former Rosemary Pool was open for 10 weeks. The new Rosemary Recreation Complex is a year-round facility with outdoor and indoor recreation. The pools will be open a minimum of 12 weeks, and it is anticipated that the spray park will be open approximately 20 weeks. Access to the lake and trails is year-round. The indoor programming space will be utilized in the summer for the department's Outdoor Living Adventure Program and for programs held at the pools. During the school year, the programming space will be home during the school day for programs for pre-school age and senior adults. Programs for youth will start after school. Evenings and weekends will include programs and special events for all ages. Would it be less expensive to build the facility at "a flat site?" Not likely, as \$1-2 million would be needed to decommission the Rosemary site, and major infrastructure costs would need to be spent at a new site before building a facility.

Information: www.needhamma.gov/rosemaryrecreationcomplexdocuments

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