



May 7, 2025

Dear Timnath Community Members,

Our parks, trails, and recreation spaces are at the heart of what makes Timnath a great place to live, work, and play. They bring families together, keep residents active, and enhance our overall quality of life. As our town grows, we are committed to protecting and expanding these vital public assets.

Over the past year, we've heard from many of you about the need for an indoor recreation center to provide year-round activities for all ages and abilities. Residents have expressed strong interest in amenities such as indoor aquatics, fitness and exercise spaces, gym space, and a walk/jog track.

#### **Proposed Timnath Recreation Center**

To bring the community's vision to life, the Town of Timnath is considering placing a sales and use tax measure on the November 4, 2025 ballot. Proceeds from this voter-approved tax, coupled with developer impact fees, would be used to fund the construction of the new recreation center.

#### **Out-of-Town Shoppers Would Help Fund a Large Percentage of the Recreation Center**

It is estimated that more than 85% of sales tax revenue from Timnath's two big box stores currently comes from out-of-town shoppers. This is precisely why the Town believes a sales and use tax is a better option than a property tax to fund a new recreation center.

#### **Among the amenities being considered for the proposed recreation center include:**

- **Aquatics:** An eight-lane competition/lap pool; a leisure/activity pool with zero-depth entry, a lazy river, and water slides; a warm-water therapy pool; and a 15-person whirlpool/spa.
- **Gyms:** A three-court, multisport gymnasium and a multi-use activity gym.
- **Fitness Areas:** An elevated, multi-lane walk/jog track, a fitness room (cardio/weights), and two group fitness/dance studios.
- **Community Spaces:** A community event room and kitchen; party and game rooms; an indoor child play space; a senior lounge; and other multipurpose spaces.
- **Outdoor Amenities:** A gathering patio, a synthetic turf training/fitness area, and firepits.

**Centrally Located**

The proposed recreation center would be centrally located adjacent to the new Timnath Parkway and 4th Avenue. This site is already owned by the Town and would provide convenient access and the opportunity for ample parking.

**Funding Proposal**

The estimated total cost of the new recreation center is \$98 million. The funding proposal calls for the use of approximately \$8 million in developer impact fees, coupled with revenues from a 1.25% sales and use tax, to address construction costs. Sales and use tax revenues would also go toward operations and maintenance costs. Once the recreation center's construction financing is paid off, the tax rate would be reduced to 0.47%.

**Nothing will be finalized until we gather additional community feedback.** A public opinion survey will be mailed to all registered voter households in the coming weeks. We also invite you to join us at one of our upcoming public information meetings to learn more and share your thoughts:

**Public Information Meetings****Timnath Town Center (4750 Signal Tree Drive)**

- Meeting #1: Thursday, May 22, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Meeting #2: Saturday, May 31, 9:00-10:00 am
- Meeting #3: Thursday, June 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

Thank you for taking the time to learn more and provide your thoughts and recommendations. With the proposal still in the planning stages, your input will help shape how we move forward to protect, improve, and expand Timnath's recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Axmacher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Axmacher  
Mayor