

RECREATION FACILITIES AND FIELDS: RESULTS OF ONLINE SURVEY

This is a summary of responses from the Town’s online survey, which was active January 13 through February 17. A total of 787 surveys were submitted. ***It is a very incomplete picture of the community regarding these topics given the significant limitations of conducting online surveys.*** These surveys have issues regards sampling, as “little may be known about the characteristics of people in online communities, aside from some basic demographic variables, and even this information may be questionable. ... Self-selection bias is another major limitation of online survey research. In any given Internet community, there are undoubtedly some individuals who are more likely than others to complete an online survey. ... In short, there is a tendency of some individuals to respond to an invitation to participate in an online survey, while others ignore it, leading to a systematic bias.”¹

TABLE 1: Survey Response Profile (787 Responses Received):

Age Groups	Number	% of Total
<i>Ages 10-12</i>	2	0.3%
<i>Ages 13-17</i>	63	8.0%
<i>Ages 18-29</i>	9	1.1%
<i>Ages 30-39</i>	101	12.8%
<i>Ages 40-49</i>	328	41.7%
<i>Ages 50-59</i>	154	19.6%
<i>Ages 60-69</i>	66	8.4%
<i>Ages 70+</i>	33	4.2%
<i>Unknown/Other</i>	31	3.9%
Total	787	
Median Age	45	
Average Age	43.6	

TABLE 2: What recreational activities do you like to do on a regular basis?

Activity	Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)							
	All Ages (787)	Under 18 (66)	18-29 (10)	30-39 (101)	40-49 (328)	50-59 (155)	60-69 (66)	70+ (34)
<i>Pickleball</i>	27%	5%	33%	16%	23%	30%	65%	59%
<i>Biking</i>	66%	55%	56%	68%	71%	64%	56%	53%
<i>Kayaking</i>	24%	5%	22%	33%	26%	26%	20%	9%
<i>Tennis</i>	30%	15%	33%	39%	39%	29%	5%	12%
<i>Running/Jogging</i>	57%	68%	56%	65%	66%	54%	55%	24%
<i>Rowing</i>	5%	8%	0%	6%	4%	9%	3%	0%
<i>Soccer</i>	27%	41%	44%	35%	33%	21%	2%	0%
<i>Basketball</i>	24%	21%	44%	28%	31%	21%	8%	0%

¹ <https://academic.oup.com/jcmc/article/10/3/JCMC1034/4614509>

(CONTINUED)	Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)							
Activity	All Ages (787)	Under 18 (66)	18-29 (10)	30-39 (101)	40-49 (328)	50-59 (155)	60-69 (66)	70+ (34)
<i>Baseball</i>	12%	9%	11%	20%	15%	12%	3%	0%
<i>Lacrosse</i>	12%	12%	44%	17%	14%	8%	5%	0%
<i>Other (Manually Entered):</i>								
<i>Walking</i>	11%	0%	11%	8%	9%	15%	20%	29%
<i>Hiking</i>	3%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	5%	9%
<i>Sailing</i>	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	9%
<i>Treadmill</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
<i>Swimming</i>	4%	0%	11%	1%	3%	7%	2%	12%
<i>Skating</i>	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%
<i>Yoga</i>	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%
<i>Golf</i>	3%	0%	0%	1%	3%	5%	6%	0%
<i>Squash</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
<i>Weights</i>	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%
<i>Ballroom</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
<i>Skiing</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
<i>Wallyball</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
<i>Canoe</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
<i>Frisbee</i>	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
<i>Racquetball</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
<i>MMA</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

TABLE 3: Which of these recreational resources do you use regularly within Barrington?

	Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)							
Resource	All Ages (787)	Under 18 (66)	18-29 (10)	30-39 (101)	40-49 (328)	50-59 (155)	60-69 (66)	70+ (34)
<i>East Bay Bike Path</i>	84%	74%	67%	88%	88%	84%	74%	65%
<i>Bayside Y (see below)</i>	38%	33%	44%	43%	41%	35%	26%	24%
<i>BMS Basketball Courts</i>	30%	38%	67%	31%	37%	26%	6%	3%
<i>St. Andrew's Farm Field</i>	25%	38%	22%	25%	28%	23%	9%	3%
<i>Chianese Tennis/B-ball Cts</i>	22%	14%	22%	36%	23%	21%	23%	18%
<i>Pickleball Cts (various sites)</i>	20%	5%	33%	12%	12%	25%	61%	59%
<i>Kent Street Tennis Courts</i>	19%	8%	11%	15%	18%	24%	23%	29%
<i>Baseball/Softball Fields</i>	18%	9%	33%	27%	23%	14%	3%	0%
<i>Walker Farm</i>	17%	9%	11%	25%	17%	18%	12%	6%
<i>Lincoln Ave. Tennis Courts</i>	16%	12%	22%	18%	19%	19%	5%	0%
<i>Legion Way Link</i>	12%	11%	33%	17%	13%	13%	5%	0%
<i>Vets Pk Softball/Baseball Field</i>	8%	0%	0%	7%	13%	6%	2%	0%
<i>Volleyball Ct. at Latham Pk</i>	5%	5%	11%	14%	4%	3%	3%	0%

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Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)

Resource	All Ages (787)	Under 18 (66)	18-29 (10)	30-39 (101)	40-49 (328)	50-59 (155)	60-69 (66)	70+ (34)
<i>Other (Manually Entered):</i>								
<i>BMS Courts (for Tennis)</i>	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%
<i>Middle School Fields</i>	5%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	0%	3%
<i>Haines Park</i>	4%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	3%	3%
<i>High School Track</i>	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
<i>High School Fields</i>	4%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
<i>Chianese Fields</i>	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
<i>Bicknell Park</i>	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Misc. Other (Trails, etc.)</i>	(Multiple Answers)							

TABLE 3A: For those who utilize Bayside Y, which facilities do you use?

<i>Bayside Y Facilities</i>	Total (298)	Under 18 (22)	18-29 (4)	30-39 (43)	40-49 (135)	50-59 (55)	60-69 (17)	70+ (8)
<i>Fitness Center</i>	59%	73%	50%	37%	56%	78%	71%	50%
<i>Indoor Pool</i>	57%	23%	25%	72%	59%	64%	35%	63%
<i>Basketball Courts</i>	42%	36%	50%	53%	23%	18%	6%	0%
<i>Other</i>	11%	9%	0%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%

TABLE 4: Do you have a child or children participating in a youth sports league?

Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)

<i>Response</i>	All Ages (787)	Under 18 (66)	18-29 (10)	30-39 (101)	40-49 (328)	50-59 (155)	60-69 (66)	70+ (34)
<i>Yes</i>	54%	NA	0%	67%	80%	49%	1%	0%
<i>No/No Reply</i>	46%	NA	100%	33%	20%	51%	99%	100%

TABLE 4A: If yes, which sports leagues does your child/children participate in?

Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)

<i>Sport</i>	All Ages (422)	Under 18 (0)	18-29 (0)	30-39 (68)	40-49 (268)	50-59 (75)	60-69 (1)	70+ (0)
<i>Soccer</i>	75%	NA	NA	85%	75%	65%	100%	NA
<i>Little League</i>	46%	NA	NA	46%	48%	41%	100%	NA
<i>Pop Warner</i>	34%	NA	NA	24%	41%	16%	100%	NA
<i>Lacrosse</i>	33%	NA	NA	32%	37%	23%	100%	NA
<i>Other (Manually Entered):</i>								
<i>Rowing / East Bay Rowing</i>	2%	NA	NA	1%	1%	9%	0%	NA

(CONTINUED)	Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)							
Sport	All Ages (422)	Under 18 (0)	18-29 (0)	30-39 (68)	40-49 (268)	50-59 (75)	60-69 (1)	70+ (0)
<i>Hockey</i>	9%	NA	NA	7%	10%	4%	0%	NA
<i>Flag Football</i>	5%	NA	NA	9%	5%	1%	0%	NA
<i>Basketball</i>	16%	NA	NA	15%	17%	17%	0%	NA
<i>Baseball</i>	2%	NA	NA	0%	2%	3%	0%	NA
<i>Gymnastics</i>	0%	NA	NA	3%	0%	0%	0%	NA
<i>Horseback Riding</i>	0%	NA	NA	1%	0%	0%	0%	NA
<i>Field Hockey</i>	4%	NA	NA	1%	5%	1%	0%	NA
<i>Volleyball</i>	1%	NA	NA	0%	2%	0%	0%	NA
<i>School Sports</i>	Multiple Responses	NA	NA	Multiple Responses				NA

TABLE 5: If the Town were to build a recreation center/field house, what types of activities/sports should the facility accommodate?

	Percentage of Total Surveys Submitted by Age Group (Number of Surveys)							
Response	All Ages (621)	Under 18 (57)	18-29 (8)	30-39 (70)	40-49 (274)	50-59 (112)	60-69 (51)	70+ (26)
<i>Football</i>	15%	23%	38%	11%	21%	9%	2%	4%
<i>Soccer</i>	44%	46%	38%	51%	56%	37%	8%	8%
<i>Lacrosse</i>	24%	26%	38%	21%	32%	21%	6%	4%
<i>Field Hockey</i>	10%	26%	0%	4%	13%	5%	0%	4%
<i>Basketball</i>	32%	26%	38%	11%	21%	9%	2%	4%
<i>Baseball/Softball/Batting Cages</i>	25%	16%	0%	20%	29%	21%	2%	12%
<i>Volleyball</i>	8%	4%	25%	0%	10%	10%	4%	19%
<i>Track</i>	12%	9%	0%	16%	14%	14%	4%	12%
<i>Pickleball</i>	16%	2%	13%	9%	7%	21%	55%	69%
<i>Tennis</i>	14%	14%	13%	16%	18%	10%	6%	8%
<i>Fitness Activities (yoga, weights, treadmill, etc.)</i>	5%	2%	0%	3%	4%	11%	0%	15%
<i>Swimming Pool</i>	6%	2%	0%	9%	5%	6%	8%	12%
<i>Ice Rink</i>	5%	2%	0%	9%	1%	4%	2%	8%
<i>Racquetball/Squash, etc.</i>	3%	2%	38%	3%	4%	4%	0%	12%

RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

The following pages contain responses for several questions, ordered by the first letter of each person's response (sorted in Excel).

RESPONSES: What recreational facilities - new or improved - are needed in Barrington?

- **Overall:** 625 Surveys Responded to Question
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- **Under 18:** 56 Surveys Responded to Question

"A good big baseball field with a fence and lights.

Fields better taken care of, especially the infield dirt, mowed more frequently."

A new indoor basketball gym that is open to the public. Or renovating the YMCA gym to make it bigger with more space for basketball or other activities.

A pool and Ice Rink for the Barrington Swim team and Barrington Hockey team.

A safe bike path for kids that connects to the East Bay Bike Path

A turf field

A turf field

A turf field for the high school.

Barrington Highschool track and Football/soccer feild

Baseball fields, Track

Better fields

better high school track

Boat house for walker farm and bathrooms at all fields

Chianese fields and St. Andrews Fields need to be improved. It is quite irritating to play my sports on such poor quality grass. Also victory field needs improvement.

Haines

idk

"improved chianese

new - group activity studio like yoga - place to go on a rainy day "

Indoor facilities for things like tennis would be really nice

Indoor fields

It would be really nice if yall could bring back the ACTUAL bike path bridges because the wooden bridge lanes are very narrow/slippery when wet/require a lot of sharp turns to get on and off of/are not roller skating friendly

large recreational parks that aren't just empty fields (parks that have adequate benches/tables/trees/etc)

Making the bike path crosswalks more safe. Cars don't stop and speed - I've nearly been hit several times, once when a car drove on the sidewalk to get around a car that stopped for me. Please implement some traffic lights, the signs aren't enough.

new soccer fields because the current ones have holes, rocks, and dirt

New Throwing Cage behind the Highschool.

New turf fields at the Highschool

none

One or more artificial turf fields

Perhaps an indoor sports complex like Longplex. That would centralize all athletics in one place, all in Barrington. LOTS OF TURF IN THERE, THE CHIANESE/ST ANDREWS FIELDS GET DESTROYED.

Soccer fields

Soccer fields especially Bicknell are not kept up to date and are in horrible condition

teacher

The fields being turf at the high school

The throwing cages along upland way

The YMCA gym

Turf feilds

TURF FIELD

Turf field

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Turf field

Turf field at Barrington High School!!!

Turf field hockey!! Field hockey is meant to be played on the turf. Have you ever tried to play field hockey on a grass field with divits that is not cut properly? It is dangerous and it is difficult and it puts our team at a disadvantage in this state and at a disadvantage for qualifying to be on a college team.

Turf Fields

Turf fields

Turf fields

Turf fields

turf fields

Turf fields at the high school

Turf fields at the highschool/better athletic facilities

TURF FIELDS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Turf Victory field

Victory Field at Barrington High School should be installed with artificial turf. The grass fields should also be more well-maintained.

Volleyball Area at Chianese (as the one at Latham is usually very windy and is difficult while playing with a light ball such as a volleyball), turf fields.

we need a better gym from the YMCA and the high school fields need to be better for soccer.

we need turf fields

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- **18-29:** 6 Surveys Responded to Question

Indoor pickleball

More sports fields. Buy Zion bible, use zoning leverage to negotiate public - private rec partnership. Should have bought it years ago for 3 million.

New fields at high schools

The Soccer fields, turf is needed because they just constantly get torn up. Basketball courts are fine just water builds on them

Turf

We need to redo the high school fields with turf. After that, add more turf fields to the middle school so they can restart competitive middle school athletics teams.

- **30-39:** 73 Surveys Responded to Question

A community track

A new field turf

A new track. The track is an absolute disgrace.

Activity centers for babies and toddlers

Additional kayak/boat storage at Walker Farm and Barrington Beach.

All year round facility that is not subject to cancellation because of rain, snow, field quality etc.

An area with multiple soccer/lax and baseball/softball fields, so families don't have to circle town for practices and games. That's more important than having astroturf.

Another dog park/field

Barrington is in desperate need of a new rec facility. There are very few places for children, especially in the winter, and especially preteens/teens to go.

Baseball/Softball fields (with lights); Turf field

Basketball courts - indoor for pick-up basketball games. Can this be done at the middle school?

Better fields that don't flood bathroom accessibility during games sidewalk paths

Better fields, community recreation center

Better turf - the fields are dirt or in terrible condition - little league uses fields at Nayatt and there is no grass. There are no outfield fences / the high school doesn't even have an outfield fence.

Bike paths and protected bike lanes (NOT A STRIP OF GREEN PAINT, FOR GOD'S SAKE), beyond the East Bay Bike Path on some of the main roads in Barrington. Right now we have the east bay bike path, which is the equivalent of a bike superhighway, and an awesome piece of non-car infrastructure. However, the moment a cyclist turns off the path, they are essentially being directed to "go ahead and play nice" with 3 ton cars going 45+mph on Middle highway or county road, as two examples. While the EBBP is outstanding and a good start, the rest of our bike infrastructure is lacking. For non-car infrastructure to be truly useful, it needs to be a network that connects places. Protected bike lanes along the main roads with schools in Barrington would also make sense, and enable many parents to let their kids make some or all of the school journey by bicycle.

Haines park fields

Healthtrax

Hockey rink or improvements at Legion Way

Hockey rink, gymnastics studio, indoor soccer, turf field

Ice rink, soccer lacrosse fields all need updating and we do t have enough

Improved baseball fields, indoor baseball and soccer fields

Improved fields

Improved trails around Haines Park

indoor basketball courts

Indoor gym, indoor pool, ice rink

Indoor pool; more outdoor fields for lacrosse, flag football; turf field; tennis courts

Indoor soccer

Indoor sports complex

Indoor sports facility and turf fields

More after school or before school childcare options would be nice. We also REALLY need to get on the bike path situation going into Bristol. Really unsafe for bikers towing trailers or attachments with toddlers or small children. Also, more rowing options would be nice. East Bay

can't be bothered to email or call people back and more on the water lesson offerings would be great instead of trucking to Providence or Newport.

More fields for kids, indoor facilities

More Kayak racks for the public to rent for the season

More pickleball courts

More sidewalks, indoor swimming with water slides/park, Public access golfing, tennis courts

More training facilities.

Most of them

Mostly concerned about the quality of the fields, lack of bathrooms

New and improved fields

New soccer fields, indoor turf for soccer, opening an actual track, the high school fields are by far the sorriest we've ever seen and we've loved all over the world.

No. We can't afford our taxes to increase.

None

None! You don't offer a full slate of outdoor sports @ the middle school. No soccer, baseball, lacrosse, or football. Why on earth would we need a new or improved recreation facility? If you offer a full slate of sports @ the middle school then I'd say you could do an indoor rec facility. Not sure where it would go since there is very little land available for parking and fields or courts.

None, we have so much and are very lucky

Outdoor town pool, community sailing

Pickle ball!

Pickleball

Public pool

Public pool, public tennis lessons, somewhere for fitness classes like Bristol has

Quality softball fields with equipment, indoor facilities

Racquets center

Soccer field

Soccer fields

Soccer fields

Speed bumps and/or stop signs are desperately needed on Foote St, Prince's Hill Ave, and Centennial Ave to protect the children that use the fields, tennis/basketball/pickle ball court, playground and baseball field. I've personally witnessed multiple potential devastating pedestrian accidents in this area over the last 5 years using this park.

Sports fields and gymnasiums

Sports fields including baseball and soccer

The fields need a lot of work. They are not high quality.

The Library playground needs to be updated and needs TRASH CANS

The YMCA basketball gym needs improvement. We should have a or several community pools.

There aren't great indoor or inclement weather facilities in town. I grew up in a town with town facilitated Rec programs, courts, gymnastics, etc and that is missing here. There also are limited fields and gyms for youth activities

There should be a place for kids to swim in a pool. We are lacking parks with pools. We have the beach but that is not the same for learning to swim, or going to a pool for a day.

Turf field and field house

Turf fields for longevity and the ability for more than just fall sports to use the main stadium. With a history in high school and college football and lacrosse the best fields were within the stadiums on turf no matter the season.

TURF FIELDS!!!!!! More fields!!!!!! More basketball courts!!!

TURF -multifunction turf space that can be used for field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, football, other. Lights are needed at the field space at the high school so that games can be played later with the later school times. For the amount of money that was invested at the middle school, it seems there should be better fields/lighting.

Turf so that we can have soccer games after it rains and not miss out on so many activities and reduce our overall maintenance costs for these fields.

Turf would take away need to rest fields or worry if fields are wet.

Updated baseball and soccer fields with lighting, bathrooms and parking.

Updated, cleaner playgrounds with turf/cushioned grounds. Trash cans at playgrounds, fields and beach!

We need a cohesive town athletics department and facility for all youth sports.

We need better fields

We need more courts for practices and games. Its always limited. Right now we have to go to Warren at 8am for basketball practice, for example.

Ymca

YMCA needs drastic improvement on all accounts.

- **40-49:** 284 Surveys Responded to Question

" bike path improvements

running trails "

Turf field / lights / field house

Walker Farm needs to be improved, but that is finally happening. Need lights, score boards, restrooms (or even port a potties) ,and seems like such a common sense item- GARBAGE CANS at the fields.

A better run bigger pool

A field house with a track, and multi surface interior (court and turf)

A full sized gym would be great, amd indoor soccer fields.

a large indoor facility for (but not limited to) indoor team sports such as soccer, basketball, lacrosse and field hockey. We also need to work on our existing outdoor fields - add seating and bathrooms and repair the fields themselves

A nicer swimming facility than the freezing and outdated YMCA

A rec center for student activities after school. We have kids who are too young to be left alone to their own devices after school. There should be centralized activities after school at a town rec center. Other RI towns have this, such as South Kingstown.

A turf field at Victory Field so we can have a viable spring sports season. Every season it gets "cancelled" due to wet fields. An indoor sports complex. Anyone who plays a field sport must go elsewhere to do that through the winter.

a turf field for soccer, more indoor gym facilities for winter season sports (eg, basketball), a large public outdoor pool

A turf field that can be used year round and at night.

"A turf field

An ice rink"

additional pickleball/tennis courts, recreational "field house" would be very nice: weights, treadmills, community b-ball court/multipurpose space

all

All of the

All of the above everything fields bad

All of them need improvements. Better parking. Bathrooms.

"All of them. Most of the baseball fields and softball fields are inadequate. Chianese is a joke for soccer. Victory field needs to be widened to Properly fit a soccer field. Only way to do this is to rip up the track around it .and not have it like a paper clip.

The only good fields are St Andrew's farm and Sherwood /Chianese baseball. "

All sports and activities, i.e. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, tennis etc.

All! Fields are terrible. Needs lights on fields. Need a turf field.

All. We need a proper sports complex with bathrooms. We need fields with turf.

an ice rink! a gymnastics facility in town!

"An indoor facility would be fantastic for all ages. Tough to manage all the different sports in a town owned facility though.

Outdoor fields need real maintenance. Level fields without holes. "

Another pool or at least Improved access to swimming, including lessons - the YMCA is woefully inadequate and does not meet the needs of residents to learn basic swimming; improved trail maintenance (boardwalks, etc.) at Hampden Meadows/Sowams trail, accessible bathrooms and bleachers/seating at fields, improved maintenance of facilities (trails, fields, public launch

locations), improving basic safety at public access points - for example, clearing concrete and stone (or repaving the path) to water access at Teed Ave; Kent Street courts often full, so additional tennis or pickleball near Kent Street courts or along the Hamden Meadows greenbelt; improved playing fields as fields are often either closed due to the slightest weather, or in poor condition.

Another pool with more lane swim hour options.

Another softball field for girls, improved dugouts and bathroom spaces for softball/baseball, another basketball court indoors.

Artificial grass Sports fields.

Artificial turf feild

artificial turf field and field house

Artificial turf fields.

"Artificial turf playing surface

& improved playing fields "

Athletic fields

Barrington is in desperate need of at least one turf athletic field to replace Victory Field. It is long overdue for the town.

Barrington needs better field access and maintenance. Create a turf field similar to the new EP High school complex that was just opened last year. No grass fertilizer necessary, no rotation of fields needed, etc. it's a no brainer. Unfortunately, like the windmill that was NIMBY'd out of favor at BHS years ago by lies and big mouths, it seems an artificial turf field is falling victim to a similar smear campaign. Don't let an old singular boomer high school coach dictate against what common sense is telling the town's conscience to do. Build a turf field it's long past due.

Barrington needs more fields as a whole - turf is desperately needed, along with lights at some fields to accommodate night games. An indoor recreational facility would also be great to have for inclement weather and winter months.

Baseball fields with lights and actual working bathrooms like almost every other town

Baseball fields, softball fields, basketball courts, especially at Sowams school

Baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, flag football, field hockey and hockey

Baseball/softball fields with lights, indoor soccer/large field space, indoor tennis, artificial turf

Basketball courts!

Basketball courts, especially indoor for winter use.

Basketball, soccer

Bathrooms should be accessible during games and practices

Better fields (artificial turf or improved irrigation/drainage and upkeep of natural grass)

Better fields and grass on all outdoor space. Field options that won't shut down because of bad weather

better fields and more gym space

Better fields for youth flag football. Fix bike path bridge asap.

Better fields for youth sports from actual fields to facilities (bathrooms etc). A turf field somewhere as well

Better fields, better parking for fields

Better maintained soccer fields

Better soccer facilities are needed. Practices were cancelled many times in the fall and we are having to drive outside of Barrington to do indoor soccer.

Better soccer fielda

Better soccer fields! Bicknell and Chianese are unacceptable and in embarrassing condition. The fields close for little amount or rain.

Better soccer/lacrosse fields

Better softball fields, and more of them. With a bathroom!!

Better walking and bike paths near the schools. For example, on Upland way. This connection road links the MS with the HS, and it is unsafe for bike riders and walkers, since it has no shoulder at all or paths. There is space for this and I don't understandy why sidewalks and bike paths are not created. All kids in this area walk or ride to both the MS and HS

Bike path bridge

Both indoor and outdoor turf fields

Community pool, restrooms at fields, community center

CrossFit gym

Dedicated pickle ball courts, improved basketball courts beyond Middle School

desperately need new fields with proper drainage, fencing and maintenance, turf field, restroom facilities etc.

Dugouts in softball fields lack proper shade for extra sunny days. The dugouts would benefit from an awning and vinyl privacy strips threaded through the chain link fencing.

East Bay bike path bridges. Better maintained soccer/baseball fields.

"Everything needs an update. The town's fields are embarrassing. We need turf-

And at the high school! It's SO behind the times and dangerous to the athletes. It also put some of the athletes at a significant disadvantage because almost every other team in the state plays on turf. No one wants to come and play at our field because of the danger associated with it. The grass at chianese is always brown and it's like a giant dirt patch. Poorly maintained. Baseball at nayatt is almost unusable. Lacrosse/soccer fields are hit or miss. The only acceptable field js st andrews. And don't get me started in the goose problem at the high school fields. And the eye store is a chain linked fence around the facility. "

Field closed too often in Barringto

Field house

Field house would be great, ice rink would be amazing.

Field house, and artificial turf field at Barrington High School's Victory Field

field maintenance at haines 60-90 baseball field and both HS fields need serious improvement

fieldhouse for winter training with Turf inside. better fields that drain. reconfigured field design for better functionality.

Fieldhouse, better baseball/softball fields, turf field, lighted sports fields

Fieldhouse. All Barrington basketball resources are stretched. Same with indoor sports

Fields

FIELDS- bathrooms, and mini field houses for each of the field areas we do have,

Fields are terrible

Fields fields and fields. As a coach and parent it is important for the town to get synthetic athletic feilds

Fields for youth sports

Fields for youth sports. Turf and regular fields. The facilities need an overhaul to just meet the bare standards as compared to neighboring towns

Fields need improvement. Baseball and soccer fields unusable for too long with small amounts of rain

Fields with bathrooms and seating

fields with better drainage(Chianese is always wet) and MORE fields for soccer- FEWER baseball fields

Fields with drainage, fields that are not full of divots to roll an ankle, turf fields, indoor fields

Fields, turf, lights

Fields, bathrooms, concessions, ability to be at one location for all sports.

Fields, bathrooms, possibly an indoor rec center

fields, indoor courts

Fields, Turf, Field House

Flat fields. fields with lights. fields with family options like a playground, bathroom facility like in Tiverton near Groundswell Cafe. Walking paths with benches and work out equipment like they have in S. Florida.

Football field for high school. Rec center with covered outdoor courts

Football fields

"Girls youth softball fields for sure. Could modify YMCA softball field to be more easily converted between adult and youth softball.

Indoor hockey rink as it is not cold enough for Vets although that won't happen. A large multi sport indoor complex or even a covered/roofed field complex with open sides for construction savings but allowing for bad weather field sports."

grass fields need to be maintained; in their current state they are an injury risk; we need several turf fields to improve the quality of the playing environment in all seasons

High quality turf field. Rec center for public access.

Hiking trails and greenspace, biking lanes, sidewalks

Hockey rink

Hockey rink, better playing fields, parking.

I believe a synthetic field at the high school would result in better utilization of that facility and reduce pressure on other fields.

I coach multiple youth sports and feel the towns fields across the boards are below standard and we also dont hav enough. More space for football and soccer would help and a softball field that is in better share than Haines for kids is needed.

I think the Chianese tennis courts should become dedicated pickle ball courts. Middle school courts should be maintained as tennis courts

I think the YMCA is great so whatever additional facilities are added should complement this, not compete against it.

Ice rink

ice rink

Ice rink, bike lane and sidewalks

Ice skating facility, indoor sports area for soccer and basketball (other than Middle School and YMCA)

ICE SKATING RINK

Improve Legion Way rink area

Improve what we have€| we don't need more. Spend our money fixing mastic infrastructure. The roads and sidewalks are a mess.

"Improved and new fields for most sports, but particularly flag and tackle football, which have become immensely popular.

The town is also desperate for more indoor basketball space. Currently, the 100's of kids in this town who play basketball are limited to only two 1 hour practices a week, which are often canceled due to conflicts. In addition, my kids are desperate to find a place to mert up and play basketball with thier friends during the winter months. Instead of this healhy activity, they come home and play video games. Its not good for the mental health of our youth! All courts, including YMCA, are fully booked and there is a clear shortage of court space. "

Improved baseball and soccer fields. New protected bike lanes.

Improved baseball fields are needed. The town's best field at Sherwood has a drainage issue. The outfield is always wet and soggy. Chianese is in desperate need of dugouts and improvements to the irrigation system. The little league diamond at Haines is in awful condition.

In general, all of our town fields are below average when compared to other RI towns. I always wondered why we have such lackluster fields for our children.

Improved grass fields that stay dry even when there's a little rain and we need bathrooms at all! We are the only town without.

Improved grass fields, increased number of grass fields, addition of turf fields

Improved management of current fields, little league and soccer. Additional fields for grass sports so that schedules can be made more easily and fields given time to rest. Indoor turf and hard court for youth sports and adult activities would be a great addition to town resources.

Improved soccer and baseball/softball fields with facilities. When we travel to other towns, it is apparent that we don't put in the resources that they do into these facilities.

indoor and outdoor fields for youth sports

Indoor and outdoor multi use turf fields

Indoor basketball courts!!!

Indoor basketball courts, better soccer fields with turf.

Indoor basketball, indoor tennis, indoor swimming

"Indoor facilities

Artificial turf fields

Trash cans and recycling containers at all sporting areas

Volley ball / beach tennis & play ground at town beach

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Indoor facility

Indoor facility, better fields so we don't have to cancel due to rain

Indoor fields for flag football, soccer and some basketball courts.

Indoor hockey rink, indoor practice fields

Indoor Ice hockey facility, roller hockey, indoor field/turf

Indoor multi-sport facility, outdoor turf fields for soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.

Indoor multi-use facility; outdoor synthetic hybrid turf capable of draining water to be used in all conditions

Indoor pickleball

Indoor pickleball

indoor racquets, indoor turf, basketball

Indoor recreation club

Indoor soccer, basketball

indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, climbing

Indoor sports arena

Indoor sports facility, better maintained fields designed to handle drainage.

Indoor turf

Indoor turf, outdoor turf, better fields, more basketball courts

It feels like there is a need for additional soccer and indoor basketball facilities. I also think the baseball facilities could be upgraded.

It would be great to have a place for indoor pickleball, and indoor soccer as well as a walking track and group classes.

It would be great to have a tuft field that could be used for field hockey, lacrosse and soccer

Kent Street tennis courts need to be redone; better maintenance of existing baseball fields (e.g. mow the grass regularly); bathrooms at sports fields

Lacrosse basketball

lighted fields

Lights on the track to enable nighttime walking/running; improved softball fields/dugouts, More fields needed in general and better parking/access. Would really like to see additional storage options for stand up paddleboards/kayaks

Lit Soccer Turf

Little league baseball field lights, field complex like other towns, turf on victory field

Little league fields

Middle school track.

More "unstructured" recreational areas... parks with picnic tables and gardens. Places for folks to gather together socially as a community, without having to play a sport.

More consistently available fields that can host visiting teams with facilities

"More fields (good condition)

Improve existing rec spaces "

More fields and fields that are level without ditches that become a safety issue.

More fields and public washrooms available at these.

More fields, better maintenance

More fields. Indoor field facility. Hockey rink

More grass fields.

More lights on the soccer fields at Chianese for staggered soccer practices at night to accommodate working parent schedules.

More quality baseball fields and softball fields that are on par with the baseball fields

More tennis-only courts, and more pickleball-only courts. The pickle ball lines make it hard to adjust to the tennis lines.

Multi-purpose turf fields - both indoor and outdoor

Multipurpose turf fields for soccer and field hockey

Multi-use complex with bathrooms and concessions and storage

My son is a competitive figure skater, and I'm surprised by the lack of facilities for skating in the East Bay. I'm aware of several figure skaters from BHS who travel to Warwick and MA several times a week. I'm also surprised by how far local hockey teams must travel for practices and games. There are also fantastic programs for all ages like Learn to Skate USA available in communities like Warwick and Smithfield. Construction of an indoor ice rink would obviously be an expensive undertaking, but I think it is something that should be studied. (I have seen feasibility studies from other municipalities posted online.) I also think there are more modest improvements that could be made to the Legion Way outdoor skating area (cooling equipment, Zamboni that would make it a much more useful asset to the community during the winter.

Need a turf field for the kids. It's an embarrassment that we don't have one in this prestigious town.

Need to upkeep the fields better supply bathrooms.

new baseball and soccer fields or complexes

New fields that are either maintained with proper tools and dedicated people

New firm with stands and concessions

"New indoor field house for winter sports.

Better soccer fields. Chinese is in poor condition."

New indoor/outdoor facility

New turf for baseball fields

New turf multi use field. Field house. Public restrooms.

nicer baseball and softball fields with bathrooms, more seating for fans, better soccer fields

None

One large field that can host multiple baseball soccer lacrosse etc games at a time. With snack shack

One Sports, Forekicks (Taunton), Longplex

Our baseball facilities need serious improvement and investment. All surrounding towns facilities put ours to shame.

Our facilities are sadly a joke. We go to other towns with much less resources for soccer tournaments and their fields and buildings and bathrooms are so much nicer. We pulled our child out of town soccer because it's so ridiculous what happens here. Constant cancellations of practices and games and facilities that simply don't compare with other towns.

Our fields for all sports -soccer, lacrosse, baseball (except the new ones at the middle school are dangerous and embarrassing.

Our soccer fields, provide indoor soccer field options or wet weather soccer fields and better indoor pool and new outdoor pool

outdoor (or indoor) community pool; something similar to what Won Sports/TeamWorks in Seekonk offers would be great for indoor facilities

Outdoor fields

Outdoor track and field facilities, cross country course, indoor track and field opportunities

Pickleball courts

Playable fields for all sports for all seasons

Pool with reasonable hours would be great. The Y pool is dedicated to teams and camp and not ideal for family recreation.

Probably the high school fields and stadium

Public beach access and parking for other beaches in town. Big fountains to play in and splash pads for kids. Natural hiking trails (not for bikes).

Recreation Center/Field House

Redo high school track. Soccer fields- with decent turf and lights. Kayak launch- the only place I know to launch from is the beach.

Repair of East Bay Bike Path Bridges, more sidewalks to enable safe walking (i.e. Massasoit Rd)

Soccer / lacrosse fields with reliable surface, good drainage, lights

Soccer fields

Soccer fields

Soccer fields

Soccer fields are a wreck and there aren't enough. Lighting at fields is needed as well as bathrooms

Soccer fields- there are no fields in the entirety of Sowams

Soccer fields with bathrooms and parking.

Soccer fields, basketball courts

Soccer fields.

Soccer fields. Recreational family oriented areas

Softball fields

Softball fields for the girls

"Softball fields

Tennis only courts no pickleball"

Spectator enhancements, trash receptacles, improved trail connectivity for its own sake and for ease of transportation to existing recreational facilities, disc golf course

Sports complex for more basketball courts.

Sports facility

Strongly approve of artificial turf fields.

Teamworks Seekonk

Tennis courts

Tennis courts are in rough shape.

The baseball fields need improvement, especially the fields used by BLL for tee ball, and the baseball fields at Nayatt used by younger baseball players.

The fields and tennis courts at Chianese

The frequent town closing of the soccer fields is a challenge for our family. There have been soccer seasons where multiple weeks of practice have been cancelled due to town closure, which at times is for sprinkling rain or anticipated rain. This results in lack of motivation, consistency, and ultimately a team that is not competitive when other towns/teams that practice in light rain. This occurs for games as well and it is embarrassing when Barrington kids can not play in light rain or anticipated rain. Rain is an everyday situation in the spring and there is spring soccer (or maybe there should not be if the fields are not accessible). This may be a communication issue between BYSA and the town but ultimately the players are carrying the brunt and parents payment is not compensated for lack of access to the field.

The general condition of the athletic fields could be better maintained, especially at Bicknell and Chianese. Water fountains and shade/cover at Chianese. LIGHTS at some of the fields -- at least at one of them!

The kids need a Gaga pit

The soccer fields are an embarrassment

The town fields are all on poor condition in comparison to other towns

The Y fitness center needs to be expanded and redone. The ventilation is terrible. A town fitness center would be incredible.

This town is missing what many other towns seem to have, which is a multi-field/court multi-use facility.

Town pool & out door sports equipment & Town Skating Rink

Town pool, improved grass sports fields.

Tuft multisport to accommodate mild in-climate weather and high volume use.

Turf

Turf / indoor facility for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey.

Turf and indoor recreational facility

Turf and lighted fields

Turf Field

turf field

"Turf field

Indoor track; community center "

Turf Field and Field House

Turf field and Rec center

"Turf field at BHS.

More indoor gym space for indoor winter sports"

Turf field for athletics, especially at the high school level where kids are at a disadvantage to other towns; hockey rink

Turf field for bhs field hockey team on victory field. You are dealing with a title IX issue that the girls field hockey team is not provided a proper playing surface for their sport and the varsity field is the outfield of the baseball field, part of which is made up of dirt, with no sound system and no stands for spectators. It's embarrassing.

Turf field for highschool

turf field needed..better fields

Turf field, additional fields, sportsplex

Turf field, irrigated baseball/softball complex with a maintenance crew, field house

Turf Field, restroom facilities, compared to fields at warwick soccer complex and coventry.

Turf Fields

Turf Fields

Turf fields and indoor facility.

Turf fields should be a priority. This will solve some of the issues with fields quickly and also offer our students athletes a similar surface to practice on since most every visiting field is turf. I would like to see designated Pickleball courts with lights, lights at Kent street courts and improvements to Chianese including an increase in parking.

Turf fields would be a much needed upgrade, I would say overdue based on our competition. Overall focus on field quality, our lacrosse fields are sub standard at best. My sons have played little league baseball for years, the fields are unacceptable. Our flagship field for little league, Sherwood, is a swamp and looks as if the drainage was never right.

"Turf fields!! Practices and games are canceled way too much due to the fields being wet. BYSA cancels so many soccer practices in the fall and spring due to rain (including if it rained the day before or lightly rains). Our kids play travel soccer and play club teams for soccer and softball. Barrington has the worst fields of all the fields we've seen. A lot of facilities have implemented turf fields so the kids play in the rain. The softball fields are run down and the Barrington Little League is at the mercy of the high school team schedules in order to get practices and games in. We should have enough usable softball fields to allow the high school and BLL teams to play at the same time.

All the high school fields need improvement. The field hockey team is playing on the same terrible bumpy field I played on 25 years ago. Also, something should be done about the goose turd at the high school. The pop Warner cheerleaders practice on the areas near the eagles nest and it's pretty gross. You have to watch your step on the bleachers because of the geese turd. "

Turf fields, better sidewalks and bikeways for kids to ride to school

Turf fields, indoor field

Turf fields, indoor field house, new gym(ymca is old)

Turf Fields, Indoor fields & courts

Turf fields, indoor turf fields

turf fields, updates

Turf fields.

Turf fields. Fields get shut down every time there is a sprinkle.

Turf fields. Better facilities at cuurent fields

Turf fields. Rowing facility with low freeboard floating docks and rowing shell ice rink. Possibly ice rink?

Turf fields. The grass fields are overused then unusable. It's a complete disgrace that pop warner has to use the high school varsity field because there are no others. Unacceptable for this wealthy community. Everywhere else in the area has fields that are in better condition than Barrington. The area girls field hockey teams had a petition signed against using Brrington fields due to the poor quality

turf football/soccer field, turf field hockey field, turf lacrosse field.

turf- INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

Turf soccer field, indoor basketball courts

Turf soccer fields

Turf Soccer Fields,

Turf!!!!

Turf, more indoor basketball courts, indoor tennis

Victory Field specifically needs synthetic turf surface

Walker farm

Water fountains along the bike path would be a plus.

We absolutely need A) turf fields at the high school to accomodate more youth sport games and practices and B) an improved secondary field for youth sports (i.e. Chinease is a mess and a joke considering the taxes we pay)

We are fairly new to town but we hear often that the town needs/would benefit from more playing fields. When our son played soccer, the fields were often unplayable due to weather.

We desperately need multiple artificial turf fields

We need a sports complex in town or nearby for indoor sports. There is not enough indoor gym space for winter sports. Kids shouldn't have practice until 9:30pm on school nights!

We need a turf field or something like LongPlex. It would be an asset to Barrington

"We need a turf field!! Way too many cancellations due to weather.

Bicknell needs significant improvements if it is meant to be a field where games are hosted. The amount of debris and divots on this field greatly impacts the play. Kids are falling in sticks and tripping on holes. "

we need athletic turf as the primary competition feild surface

We need free indoor courts for the long winter months. So the adults and kids can stay active.

We need indoor practice space for all sports and indoor track from HS team.

We need more and better fields in this town. It is an absolute embarrassment and black eye on this town on how run down our facilities are. How Barrington does not have a turf field is absurd. We are so far behind the rest of the country, decades behind. People of Barrington want the best but do not put our money where are mouth is.

We need turf fields

We need Turf fields

Women's tennis league

"YMCA" the fitness room and a bigger, nicer outdoor pool.

Dedicated bike line on major roads in town (County Road, Washington Road, Middle Highway, Lincoln, Nayatt, etc.)"

- **50-59:** 126 Surveys Responded to Question

A fieldhouse / rec center would be fantastic. A stadium turf field specifically for high school athletes (not youth leagues).

"A more affordable option than the YMCA or private gyms. An additional swimming pool (lots of competition for lanes at YMCA especially when swim teams are in session.

An ice rink would be a fantastic addition! "

A recreation center like the one Bristol has would be a nice addition to the Town.

A teen recreation center for connection and social gathering. More and improved grass fields. Not enough fields but need fields not connected to BHS as these get taken by the varsity and JV teams and not general recreation.

"Additional pool

Space because the only people who benefit from the pool in the afternoon are the swim teams. No one else has space to swim. "

All fields for youth and high school sports. We need a grass master hybrid surface for the town.

All fields need to be improved and upgraded

All of them. Barrington recreational are subpar

All tennis courts in town (except middle school) need maintenance and repair; soccer fields are uneven (level) and spotty (grass coverage)

All weather soccer field

An artificial turf field

an indoor pickleball and ice hockey facility

An outdoor town pool would be nice for the kids

Any

Artificial turf football field

Artificial Turf Multi Use Field

Athletic Fields

Athletic fields used for soccer, lacrosse, etc. Chianese, St Andrews, Bicknell, and others need significant upgrades.

Ban dogs from town beach - and actually enforce it. Dog poop = sick

Barrington would benefit from a sports complex with indoor and outdoor turf fields with lighting for soccer and softball, baseball, lacrosse, etc. these fields could be equipped with hardware to protect them under a bubble for winter use.

Baseball and softball fields need immediate updating and care

Baseball fields need help.

Baseball fields! The fields we have aren't cared for and the new one at BMS isn't usable

Better bike lanes and sidewalks around town. Public restrooms near major fields.

Better fields (drainage), more pickle ball, SIDEWALKS

Better fields for my kids sports! Town tennis courts.

Better fields for soccer lacrosse and other sports

Better fields, field house

Better soccer fields - Chianese are not great

better variety of indoor spaces for, basketball, soccer, tennis, etc. basically , a field house that is not specifically affiliated with the schools, but which may also act as both a public and school related resource.

bigger and modern YMCA incl. fitness center and gym studios, better/safer bike paths throughout the town.

bike path bridges

Boat house

Chianese fields need better maintenance; Haines Park needs everything to improve

Community pool, skateboard park.

Community swimming pool

Dedicated pickleball courts indoor & outdoor

Dugout covers at the middle school and Chianese, bathrooms at the middle school field and a concession stand

Fields for our kids. What we have in this town is embarrassing currently when we host other towns

Fields that don't flood every time it sprinkles

High school fields

High school fields

High school football field

High school tennis courts MUST be resurfaced- problem is more than cracks. Expanding dead areas across multiple courts

HS athletic field/multi-sport athletic field

I don't see what the big fuss is. We have more fields than most towns and we are so small that we can just go home to clean up.

I think better upkeep of the existing fields could be accomplished. Not a fan of turf field.

Ice Rink and lacrosse field, especially a turf field

Improve existing athletic fields with investing in maintenance plan for organic, natural grass.

Improved Baseball & softball fields. Amazing that Barrington doesn't have a Little League "home field" or a field with lights. Also, there's no indoor facility in Barrington for team soccer or baseball/softball batting cages.

Improved field maintenance

Indoor baseball facility

Indoor basketball courts with a track surround similar to Mackel field house at Uri

Indoor basketball/volleyball

Indoor courts, basketball, tennis

Indoor pickle ball

Indoor pickleball

Indoor pickleball

Indoor pickleball

Indoor Pickleball

Indoor Pickleball and more access for kayaks and sailboats at Barrington Beach

Indoor pickleball courts

Indoor pickleball courts

Indoor pickleball courts would be great! Indoor climbing gym?

Indoor tennis, pickleball courts

It would be nice to have a sports complex. With all our incredible athletes in this town it is sad we do not. All who play basketball have to join leagues outside of Barrington and this year was a disaster for getting court time for practice.

It would be nice to have fields so our kids could compete with others- also an ice rink-

Lacrosse field

Lighted baseball fields, restrooms, refreshment stand

Maybe indoor tennis squash pickle ball

More and better soccer fields.

More field space- specifically for soccer as >900 kids play soccer and they have no dedicated field space, indoor facilities, high school track improvements, turf fields,

More fields for soccer and lacrosse and more indoor court space.

More fields, indoor facilities including a track

More Gym Space; More Fields

More indoor and outdoor basketball courts.

More maintenance/cleanup of Brickyard Park and woods/hiking trails generally.

More outdoor fields, general field space which could be used for multiple sports, such as soccer, lacrosse, football baseball/softball, field hockey and the like. The fields need to be maintained so they can be used as needed. We have several fields which are not playable for the entire year.

More tennis courts without pickle ballers from Bristol!

More/better soccer fields, more/better baseball/softball fields, indoor soccer space

Multiple turf fields more indoor courts

Multi-sports complex, better fields for youth sports

"Need Turf Field - Victory at High School

Need the town to actually care for the existing natural grass fields - They are embarrassingly terrible and horribly cared for."

None

none

None

None

"Organic grass fields

Better sidewalks

More public water access points "

Outdoor turf soccer field

Padel court

pickle ball courts, yoga

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball

Pickleball courts

pickleball courts indoor and outdoor

Raquetball, squash courts. Lighting at tennis courts at Kent street and improve courts at that location. Public listed entry points for kayaking and hiking trails in area.

"Rec center

Fields"

Recreation building including fields on same site

Skate rink!

So many! More Soccer fields and soccer field improvements, multipurpose turf fields, basketball courts at middle school need to have lights on until midnight, ice rink

soccer fields

Soccer, Baseball/Softball fields

Sports are no longer seasonal. They are year round. It would be nice to have a facility for indoor soccer, baseball batting cages, basketball and indoor track. It would have to be large to accommodate a 2-3 areas per sport.

Sports Turf

The fields regularly flood which means the kids soccer practice is often canceled. It would be cool if they could be allowed to use the indoor gyms in town rather than travel to east Providence or down to Quonset. Also, it would be great if the BYSA had better upfront communication about the timing of practices and games; and communication with parents - take a page from Pop Warner who do this so well.

The town should have purchased the Zion property years ago.

Total improvement of athletic facilities for our students.

Tuft field!

Turf at the high school, better maintenance of existing fields

turf field

Turf field

Turf field with lights

Turf field!!!

Turf fields

Turf fields and rec center with an indoor rink/field

Turf fields for youth

Turf fields to improve sports through out the high school and town leagues

Turf fields!!!

TURF! better grass fields also. better parking for fields. our situation is embarrassing.

Volleyball courts, squash, Indoor track, skating?,

Walking paths, indoor sports center

"We need a dedicated field house for both youth and adult recreational basketball and other indoor sports. Additionally, having improved little league fields as well as a dedicated little league facility would be amazing. Seems most other towns have

dedicated field/s that can be community gathering locations for a centralized little league. Finally, more field space for our outdoor sports would be an important addition. "

We need a ice hockey rink and artificial turf field that can be used all year.

We need a Rec Center and a new library on the same property, the current library should be turned into senior housing

Yoga studio, lifeguards at Barrington Beach for at least the entire summer.

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- **60-69:** 55 Surveys Responded to Question

ALL!!! not enough space. Add another pool and fitness center as well as pickleball courts

Artificial turf field

Barrington facilities are adequate

Better delineation of bicycle pathways. Particularly on busy roads. We have a few busy roads that must be traversed to get from one part of town to another and a few throttle points at bridges, where bicycle safety is a concern.

Better sidewalks

Bike bridges, more pickle all courts

Bike path bridges. The temp bridges are dangerous. Also sections are not maintained well. Frost bumps, branches, dips, street crossings etc.

Dedicated indoor pickleball courts that are constructed for the sport (no wood floor, multiple lines, etc.); second alternative is to allow multipurpose use (tennis) on the pickleball courts, but not basketball - too many lines and markings are an issue.

Dedicated Pickleball Courts

Dedicated Pickleball courts

Dedicated pickleball courts and indoor pickleball for all year play during winter months and inclement weather

Dedicated pickleball courts with lights for evening play.

Dedicated pickleball courts would be great

Fields and field house. A rink would be great, but I have no reasonable belief it would be supported by the town.

fields for school sports

Group exercise, older group exercise with knowledgeable instructors

"High School Turf Fields

Multi Sports Facility at Zion.. NOT 350 apartments "

Indoor and designated outdoor pickleball facilities

Indoor courts

Indoor facility.

Indoor PB option

Indoor Pball courts

Indoor pickleball

Indoor Pickleball courts

Indoor pickleball courts

Indoor Pickleball courts

Indoor Pickleball facility.

Indoor Rec Center

Many more official pickleball courts indoors and out.

More athletic courts in west barrington ..PickleBall courts in Haines park

More diverse walking / running paths

more hiking trails

More multi use fields

More protected land

More tennis courts, pickleball courts, places for inside recreational activities, improved fields (I am not in favor of artificial turf)

More town owned land

New indoor Pickleball courts

None

None. taxpayers pay enough for schools

Not an artificial Turf field, Grass only

"permanent pickleball outdoor courts

pickleball indoor courts"

Pickelball

Pickelball

pickle ball courts only to let the tennis players keep there courts

Pickleball

Pickleball building

Pickleball courts

Pickleball courts

Pickleball facilities

Sidewalks that link and are safe for walking, jogging etc

Skating Rink, Improved Athletic Fields in a common place where Families and their children can gather to play and watch various athletic events. This will create an amazing atmosphere, a sense of community for the entire town. What a great sense of pride this would provide for the town.

Sounds like we need fields! We also need to clear snow from the East Bay bike path. Some winters we can't use it safely on many days.

Tennis pickleball courts

The skating rink needs help

YMCA needs a shallow children's pool outdoors and an improved outdoor pool. It is very difficult for some older folks to climb the old pool ladders. Improved bike lanes to any new housing developments including Belton Court Village. Require the developers to add money for this case.

- **70+**: 25 Surveys Responded to Question

bristol pickleball courts

Dedicated outside and indoor pickleball courts

Dedicated Picklball courts both outdoor and indoor

Dedicated Pickleball Courts

Don't know

Field turf field

Indoor exercise/fitness, outdoor pool

Indoor pickleball

Indoor pickleball courts

indoor pickleball courts

Indoor Pickleball courts

Indoor Pickleball courts for winter and inclement weather

Indoor Pickleball would be great

Maintain and repair current facilities.

More access to swimming, a real ice rink

More Pickleball courts so enough for all ages

pickle ball courts

Pickleball

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pickleball / tennis backboard practice at Kent courts

Recreational Center

Sidewalks

sports fields to complement school athletes & youth sports

Turf on the high school fields. Other than Haines Park, I don't think there is other land available for more athletic fields.

woodland walking trails - minimally disruptive to natural environment

RESPONSES: Do you have concerns with the playing conditions? Please provide comment.

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- **Overall:** 430 Surveys Responded to Question

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- **Under 18:** 49 Surveys Responded to Question

BHS needs turf fields to practice on.

current yes the fields get torn up too easily and we end up playing in mud

Field conditions are not ideal and make playing on them less enjoyable/ more difficult.

Grass fields are slippery, dangerous, unsuitable for wet weather conditions. Pipes are sticking out of field.

High school football fields in terrible conditions

Highschool baseball fields are windy and old

I and many of my teammates find it very difficult to play on the current conditions of the fields. The grass is hardly ever cut low enough, there are divots covering the field, and they are hardly kept sanitized. It's always a pain to play on our towns fields.

nah

Need to be better taken care of

No, at least not where I live0

no, I do not

No.

Not real field hockey on grass. Risk mood. Ankle and knee injuries on grass

Not with the space in general, but at the Barrington Public Middle School some people use the tennis courts during school hours. I do not know if rules have changed since I attended the school in 2020, but it was uncomfortable to be in gym class with adults playing in the court over.

Poor field conditions

Soccer fields especially Bicknell are not kept up to date and are in horrible condition

The feilds tend to get in bad condition

The field hockey field has so many divits and uneven ground. It makes it difficult to play because field hockey is a turf sport and it is dangerous for the players.

The fields are bad quality with dirt and holes making it dangerous and hard to play

The fields are bumpy are terrible. unsafe to play on

"the fields are uneven and can cause injury

"

The fields at the high school and other fields in town including chianase are all quite beat up. Especially at the high school, the lacrosse and soccer teams practice on the library field and lacrosse sometimes practices behind the tennis courts. These fields end up getting incredibly beat up where the lacrosse goalies end up playing in dirt patches from the middle to the end of the season. The fields are not helpful to play on in practices when almost all other teams in the state play on turf fields. The lacrosse teams end up having dirt patches in the fields and the lines on the field go away and become hard to see which makes practicing more challenging.

the fields for soccer are horrible

The fields get torn up, all of the mud and such. Perhaps a good turf field is required.

The grass is short at the victory field

The grass is terrible and I sprained my ankle badly playing on it. It is basically an injury trap and by the time the football team is on it once in their season it turns to dirt. It isn't fun to play on and most people that I speak to would agree, even my friends from opposing teams.

the highschool fields are in poor condition and are extremely uneven and outdated

The new facility should accommodate many sports, especially a turf space for the high school girls field hockey team, so they are able to properly play their sport.

The school fields are terrible and greatly affect our play.

The throwing cages are in disrepair and have multiple holes

There is not enough indoor space to practice.

uneven grass and ground - easily able to roll ankle

Victory field it's so unsafe with being un even people have broken ankles and been out for the whole season just because of the field

we desperately need a turf field. we're a top performing team and we would only get better with turf.

We don't play in Barrington so we don't have any problems.

We have limited hours at the YMCA. While the facility is great we lose a half an hour of practice time, while other teams receive 2 hours of practice time. I also hear that the Hockey team struggles to find ice at reasonable times, practices sometimes ending incredibly late

Yes - the grass on Victory field is inadequate for playing high school level soccer.

Yes - we do not have a turf field it is embarrassing at this point

"yes the fields are terrible and I roll my ankle a lot

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Yes!! The Barrington fields are not safe for field hockey!! The town does not pay for us to travel to other schools for turf time. Girls on our team last year got into a horrific accident and could have lost their lives driving to Rehoboth just to play on the turf. There are no other schools in Rhode Island and no colleges that play field hockey on a grass field. It is just not the same game. We are constantly turning our ankles. Last year my teammate broke a bone in her foot because of our terrible fields. We have to work harder than all other schools and are always at a disadvantage. Other towns do not want to come to Barrington to play because of our fields. It's a joke. They call us the poor little rich town.

Yes, all of the sports at BHS use the same grass fields and within the first few days of the fall season the grass is destroyed. Not only is it dangerous because of the uneven ground, but it is extremely difficult to play on.

"Yes, BHS victory field is awful. It needs to be turf. Field hockey is a sport played on turf and it's simply embarrassing that BHS doesn't have

one. Field hockey coaches from other schools complain every time they come to play for us as we are one of the only D1 teams doesn't have a turf field to play on. Not only do we need one for field hockey, we need one for all sports. "

Yes, games are too often cancelled due to muddy conditions which would not be a problem if we had turf and too many sliding injuries on turf, especially knee injuries which we had 5 season ending injuries this year

YES, our fields are dangerous, bad taken care of, bumpy. They have caused multiple injuries, including when they are SOAKING WET. Grass is too long or dead.

Yes, our fields are bumpy, dangerous, and have caused a multitude of injuries. Including the following: contusions, shin splints, torn ACL, concussion, and MUCH more

yes, the fields are ripped up and awful

yes, the fields have become unsafe to play on. they take on too much water and make the fields slippery. additionally the high school fields have rocks and holes that have caused numerous injuries.

Yes, the grass on the fields at the high school is very uneven and bouncy. This makes playing conditions difficult and frustrating to play on.

Yes. The fields are terrible

- **18-29:** 5 Surveys Responded to Question

Fields are always beat up, my entire life growing up playing sports for BYSA and the varsity soccer for the high school

Injury on bad high school fields.

Not really

People get injured all the time because of the soccer conditions, also for basketball the courts are very poor.

Victory field and the fields surrounding the school are in bad shape

- **30-39:** 49 Surveys Responded to Question

Barrington sports Constantly cancelling practice due to rain or threat of rain or rain from previous day. Despite rain conditions of the fields aren't great anyways

Bike path bridges need replaced

Continue making bike path safer.

Fields are make shift and not groomed for thr play that happens on them

Fields need work

Fields need work

In barrington I do

Kids sports are often canceled because of the weather and fear of damaging fields

Lincoln avenue tennis courts need maintenance. middle school tennis courts often taken by pickle ball

Moving around to multiple facilities, always trying to move safety Mats

No

No

No

No

No

"no lights at night

As a D1 school, our competitors are already using turf and have a competitive advantage. "

No Trash Cans.

No.

Not at tennis ri, in Barrington yes

Only weather related for outdoor courts. The YMCA basketball court is old, and often being used

Softball fields are inception

Some courts could use some maintenance

Some of their soccer fields are atrocious and an embarrassment for our kids to have to play on. They are potato fields.

The fields for soccer and baseball are at times a danger.

we live across street from chianese field. They need to be better maintained especially the one on princes hill. it's sitting there wasting away. It is a perfectly good field. use it!!!!!!

We ride on the road or facility in East Providence.

With our flood prone areas and geese landing population the grass surfaces are easily destroyed and made unusable besides for very specific times of year and then only allows school teams to use it.

Yes - dogs rip up baseball fields, dig holes which cause a risk to young athletes. Dogs should not be able to run in fields just because they are fenced in (specifically ChinAse

Yes - see my comments on the turf above

Yes baseball fields are horrible weeds and crab grass make it horrible for kids to play scoreboard barely work or have to use extension cords the new middle school only has one basketball court and you can only play in the summer

Yes the baseball fields need someone to wipe the standing water before opening after rainstorms and drainage is beyond poor at our main field.

Yes there are always geese all over the fields

Yes! Especially the baseball fields. Something needs to be done about the goose problem. People are playing in fields of goose feces. There is also a drainage issue at Sherwood field and the playground behind the town hall. The baseball fields also have so many holes in the outfield, I'm surprised more people aren't breaking their ankles. And we need trash cans.

Yes, last year the soccer fields were primarily dirt.

yes, fields get wet and are dangerous.

Yes, nothing local

Yes, often fields are closed due to weather.

Yes, over the course of the season the grass and fields are beat up. Especially when the weather is poor during the week.

Yes, terrible conditions for the football field. The high school is the worst.

Yes, the fields are constantly being closed which limited children's ability to practice/play sports.

Yes, the fields are over used and in terrible condition, turf fields are needed

yes, There are not enough indoor facilities for the amount of children in this town.

Yes, too many pits in the fields from the lack of attention and maintenance.

Yes. Fields are in rough condition

Yes. The fields are of very poor quality and do not allow for play in even minor adverse weather conditions. The surfaces are uneven and expose people to injury. There is limited shade/shelter for hot weather and adverse conditions. there is a lack of adequate lighting which limits use.

Yes. The baseball fields for younger divisions are not well maintained.

Yes. The fields are simply not cared for. While I would like to see more fields, we do not care for the ones we have. They are often over grown, rarely raked, and neglected.

Yes. They are constantly being closed when it rains due to drainage. There is potholes on the baseball fields. When traveling to other sports complex in the state ours appear to be well below acceptable.

Yes—many games have to be canceled due to poor draining and there are some patches that kids can trip on

- **40-49:** 201 Surveys Responded to Question

Accessibility for children to be able to bike to areas for sports practices is HUGE! Many parents work and children being safe and autonomous coming to and from sports practices during the week would likely boost participation and ease parent concerns as well as limit the busy parking lots etc.

All fields in town are a disaster

All outdoor playing fields are poorly maintained, specifically the bran

As a whole, they're not good.

As some locations in town. While the Middle School basketball and tennis courts are great, I have concerns with playing conditions at numerous playing fields in town (Primrose School, Hampden Meadows School, Chianese Field, etc.)

Available fields are poor quality

backstops are bad

bad fields, not flat, create injuries

Barrington fields are consistently worse than all other towns.

Barrington fields are subpar with almost all other towns we visit.

Barrington has some of the worst fields in the entire state.

Barrington's options are dated and not well maintained

Baseball and softball fields are not kept up at all by the town. Terrible shape compared to other towns. No bathroom access or covered dugouts compared to other towns.

Baseball fields border on dangerous with holes and uneven fields. Infield cutouts are uneven. Girls softball fields are an insult to girls.

Bicknell and the soccer field on Federal rd conditions are awful.

"Canceling games & practices for weather, rain, field conditions is disruptive; Constant changes to schedules due to sunrise/sunset is disruptive.

The soccer fields are filled with potholes/unlevel that make play unpredictable at best, the goose infestation on the HS fields is frankly disgusting--who wants to see their kid playing in bird poop?

Also, in 2023, every single field Barrington ""rents"" to parents/children for support (charges to use thru team fees) should have some sort of covered shelter with a mounted AED available-- ""break glass for emergency"" sort of thing. It is a liability. "

Chianese is not level and easily floods.

Chinesse is on a landfill and not in great shape

Cold/ rain

Condition of baseball/softball fields have been an issue in the past, namely bicknell field and the primrose field

Covered in goose droppings. Disgusting at times

Daughter plays on Bicknell - terrible condition, concern of causing injuries (uneven ground, sticks, acorn)

Drainage seems to be a problem

Drainage, maintenance, facilities

Even if we continue to use grass fields, the conditions of the fields are poor in town; with our tax base and with our large number of athletes we can do better

Field conditions are inconsistent leading to risk for injury

field conditions are terrible and there are never any bathrooms

Field conditions are terrible and unreliable; always closed with any bad weather

"Field conditions at little league fields

Are terrible (Sherwood, chianese, Sowams) infield (home plate especially) does not drain, and at Sowams the outfield is swampy. Hanes were concerned because it rained the day before. The high school Fields are embarrassing. Dirt, not grass, lots of geese everywhere. "

Fields

Fields are an issue during season

Fields are beat up, holes and rocks

Fields are consistently not maintained, and embarrassing compared to other towns facilities. For the amount of taxes paid in town, the facilities are poor at best.

fields are constantly closed because of drainage issues

Fields are horrible

Fields are never in great shape, but this is not from overuse, it's from poor upkeep. An artificial turf field sucks. I played collegiate soccer on such a field and there were always more injuries in terms of orthopedic and skin abrasions/infections.

Fields are not maintained well, expectation is that leagues or coaches are supposed to take care of the fields.

Fields are not properly levelled and most are not positioned to have water runoff

Fields are often closed after rain

Fields are subpar for the taxes we pay

Fields are terrible and have holes

Fields are terrible at the high school

Fields are terrible. Need lights. Need turf

Fields aren't flat

Fields cannot withstand rainfall

Fields close every time it's wet. Kids should be able to practice regardless of weather or daylight. Lights should be readily available for later practices

Fields conditions are unacceptable and too few.

Fields have holes and are not level. It can be challenging to run

fields not consistently lined for lacrosse wetlands , not able to play on inclement weather - a turf field would make all the issues go away.

frustrating when fields are closed every time it rains

goose droppings and soaked when rained on

Hate how the fields are always closed and close due to impending storms or projected issues that don't materialize

High School field is overused and is a mess when there is a lot of rain, this should be a priority. The other high schools fields) except the soccer fields have concerning conditions due to unevenness and patchy grass.

I am concerned about plans to put in turf on school fields.

I don't play in Barrington

I feel at times the town closes fields too quickly for inclement weather. Consider a field by field approach

I have not experienced poor playing conditions with my children's sports but have heard others express concerns.

It's dangerous for athletes to play on these poorly maintained fields. Other teams don't want to play here because of this. Our athletes are at a significant disadvantage having to practice and play on these fields, when their competitors, for the most part, are playing on turf surfaces. And I don't know what the solution is for the geese problem and all of the extra good excrement left on the fields... but it's disgusting.

kids are often practicing late at night, driving out of town for practices, etc.

Kids sports often cancelled due to rain

lower Chianese is typically unplayable with no real grass due to sub-surface conditions. Victory Field is playable, but puts BHS at horrible disadvantage against competition, generally all of which have turf surfaces. The grass surface is full of hidden ruts that have caused injuries to BHS student athletes and opponents, the grass is always too high (further concealing imperfections) to allow lacrosse balls to reach the end line, slowing the pace of play making and ground balls very difficult. The administration often won't allow us to even play on Victory until the spring season is half over for fear it will be damaged so both Boys and Girls varsity lacrosse are forced to play games on other field with challenging and inconsistent natural grass surfaces, no grand stands for families and fans, an environment clearly not worthy of Division 1 athletics

maintenance and condition of the fields

"Major concerns. Bicknell is hazardous. Chinese is ok but not great with the geese droppings.

Haines Park had such limited parking it should be used for multiple games simultaneously.

Need reliable turf fields!"

Many. A 20-year old track at BHS, poor conditions at Gourley Field for throwing events. Soccer field, baseball field, softball field conditions.

My children play soccer, baseball and softball. The conditions of the soccer fields, baseball and softball fields in Barrington are in worse condition than any other town we visit- especially the softball fields (at Haines Park & the JV field). The quality of the grass on the fields is poor and the infields are not well maintained.

My daughter plays field hockey and in order to become more competitive learning to play on turf is important especially as they go through high school and think about potentially playing in college. We would love to see access to turf fields for field hockey

My daughter plays soccer and fields are not in poor condition.

My son used to play t-ball. Our only issue was the "chaos" around game days. Congestion around the field and uncertainty at times for where he'd be playing.

n/a

Natural fields with high volume in our watershed are slow to drain, erode quickly in peak season, and require too much maintenance.

NEED GARBAGE CANS. GARBAGE IS EVERYWHERE!! Every field, every park, the bike path.

Need more indoor basketball courts-there is never availability at the Y.

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No - dirt is good for everyone

No lighting on soccer fields, making practice have to end early in the Fall. Basketball practices are held too late for young kids.

No.

Not at this time.

Not enough fields and lacking bathroom facilities

Not enough fields, and in terrible condition

Not generally, but we pay a lot of money in addition to our taxes for outside recreation.

old facilities need maintenance.

One of my daughters BYSA soccer teams played at Bucknell, and there was a tree on the roadside that overhung the field and dropped branches and acorns onto the field. these could cause injury to sliding soccer players. in addition, Bucknell was overly dirt patched at the soccer goals, which was dusty in dry conditions and muddy in wet conditions.

Our Barrington fields are very poor, scattered everywhere in town, and are constantly closed when we get any rain.

Our field conditions are appalling. Victory field was a mud pit by the second week of September this fall. Someone is going to get seriously injured. Chianese and St. Andrews isn't much better and the middle school is a huge disappointment

Our fields are constantly being closed and unusable. They are bumpy with poor drainage and inconsistent surfaces.

Our fields are generally the worst fields we play on.

Poor and limited conditions in town put a large travel burden on my family as we have to use facilities to manage our childrens' commitments to teams.

Poor drainage (in particular at Sherwood) leads to extended field unavailability after periods of wet weather. Overuse leads to suboptimal conditions and inability to rest fields during the important grass growing season.

Rained out a lot, not enough of them, Need more and better Parking

Rough soccer/baseball fields.

See above

see below for kids section

Soccer fields are in poor shape

Soccer fields in high school are inducing injuries to jv and v soccer athletes. My ex high schooler almost broke his ankle whilst running at hi games.

Softball/baseball fields are in nice condition.

Some of the areas are outdated. We need someplace for our kids to practice and play games where there is enough space so as the kids aren't going to neighboring towns or practicing late at night

Some of the fields my kids play baseball on could use a lot of help.

Tennis courts are rough

The baseball fields had holes in them last season. It was dangerous for the kids.

The constant banter about playing conditions over the last 25 years is frustrating. Instead of using the resources we have to fix what we have, we fight about building new things we can't afford (to build or maintain). Let's be realistic. Playing conditions aren't always ideal, but the kids are none the worse because of it. Let's keep it in perspective.

The current field conditions are dismal and dangerous for our kids- there is poor drainage and they are very uneven which are set ups for injury. Most of the early spring fields are closed and unusable as well so kids miss out on large parts of their seasons.

The East Bay bike path does not appear to be cleared of leaves and/or snow that often. More daily/weekly maintenance would be appreciated.

The field are often closed after inclement weather. Other towns have much better playing surfaces for outdoor sports. We are behind other towns that have better resources

The fields are absolutely awful with always being closed due to flooding

the fields are closed ALL the time for ALL weather. kids can't learn sports when they barely play

The fields are not all in good condition, they are not all maintained to the same level

The fields at BHS have dips that cause kids to twist ankles. There are rocks in Haines upper fields. Not enough parking at Haines

The fields we have are safe but more fields are needed

The grass is never mowed before games.

The Lincoln Avenue Tennis courts have large cracks that should be improved.

The most important factor is increasing youth field and court availability.

The only regulation field for adult softball is at the Y. One more diamond would be beneficial to the other adult rec leagues

"The soccer fields are terrible. Practice is constantly cancelled due to conditions. We are one of few towns without turf fields.

The basketball court space is extremely limited leaving young children to practice at late times with early school starts. "

The soccer fields are uneven, full of rocks and tree debris, and mostly dirt

The town closes the fields as soon as they are "wet" compromising the season and participation opportunities. And, there aren't enough fields to accommodate all the sports that want to use them. Not nearly enough. We currently "assign" the fields to all the youth sports, what about if adults wanted to play too? We can't. the fields are overbooked as it is.

The town fields are deplorable. They are unkept with no agronomic plan in place.

The town needs improved grass fields and a large multi-use turf field

The YMCA pool is too small to accommodate lessons, teams, classes, and kids just wanting to play.

There needs to be fields that can be played on with some rain. Games get cancelled at the thought of rain. There needs to be better maintaining of the fields or better drainage designed to allow for games to be played in rain. Artificial turf could solve this too.

There's not a lot of places for the kids to practice regularly and the times are very late or limited when we can get court time

they cancel so many practices and games because of wet fields on days that it didn't even rain bc the fields are that bad

they often close bc of water, have no lights or restroom facilities or concessions

This isn't a direct issue for me/our family, but I've read about some of the challenges and support making improvements.

Town facilities and fields are dangerous (Bicknell), bad (chianese), inadequate, are subject to frequent town closures due to rain/drainage issues, and overall limit our kids capacity to play sports. It's a bit crazy that our collective wealth has produced such inadequate fields

Town fields need significant work, being maintained as grass without specific care needed for an athletic field. Eliminate nearby trees, focus on turf health.

Uneven grass fields causing injury

Uneven, dirt filled fields

Unfortunately we don't have proper indoor field to play. Kids have to go other town for their activities.

We need a second batting/pitching cage for softball. Concession area. Closer portapotty at varsity field. More fan seating.

We need synthetic fields to support maintenance of natural fielsa

We rent from non-Barrington operated gum

When it rains games are canceled

Yes

yes - field maintenance at haines 60-90 baseball field and both HS fields need serious improvement. there should also be AED access at fields. restroom/portapotty at haines 60-90 baseball field.necessary rather than kids/coaches running into the woods.

Yes - it is really hard to accommodate practices, scrimmages and games for the league. Some teams barely have practice time

Yes - little league baseball fields are poorly maintained, grass isn't cut, no bathrooms and no snacks for spectators, outfield grass at sherwood is soggy/muddy almost all the time.

Yes - multiple injuries on fields at high school due to uneven surfaces, poorly maintained fields

"Yes - poor drainage meals lots of outdoor sports being canceled with just a little rain

Poorly kept fields for outdoor play"

Yes - the natural grass fields for youth programs & at BHS are inadequate and in need of improved maintenance. The tennis courts on Lincoln Ave. are uneven and cracked.

Yes - they are not good.

Yes absolutely. This town has lots of young families with kids and great schools. How can we have such embarrassingly inadequate facilities? It's ridiculous. Forget the playing conditions and accessibility /availability for a minute, and focus also on the lack of trash receptacles and restrooms. Embarrassing and ridiculous

Yes as stated above the fields are often in terrible condition and feel dangerous.

yes fields are dangerous.

Yes fields are poor.

Yes- fields close often.

Yes many kids have sprained ankles because the fields are uneven. Teams are at a disadvantage because all the HS have turf.

"Yes- outfield ability to break an ankle with holes in field"

Yes the fields are in terrible condition. Injuries happen all the time

Yes the fields are not great and are usually closed do to the weather and conditions of the fields

Yes the softball field at Haines is in terrible shape. I had safety concerns with the debris on the field. My sons youth baseball league did not have bases and had to use traffic cones which I did not feel was safe.

Yes they are old and are not in good conditions

Yes you constantly cancel because of the rain

Yes! Fields are not great

Yes! Bicknell is in terrible condition. Kids are falling because of holes in the ground and a rough surface. Balls in the air hit overhanging branches sometimes knocking them down. Leaves, acorns and branches are all over the field in the fall.

Yes!!!! Uneven fields. Dangerously wet fields from a little rain. No bathrooms!

Yes, Chianese and Bicknell are subpar. The conditions are dangerous with holes and divots.

Yes, fields are often closed due to poor drainage and most are uneven, causing many to become injured. Our fields are unsafe.

Yes, fields are worn and hard to keep up with. Games and practices are canceled with the threat of weather because of conditions. Turf fields and indoor facilities will keep all athletes engaged and involved year round with minimal interruption.

Yes, for children, muddy fields

yes, holes in outfield potential to sprain ankle, rocks on fields, unlined fields, ticks, animal feces

Yes, inconsistent surfaces. Maybe adding more fields would allow opportunity to fix current ones too?

Yes, regularly closed fields and lack of outdoor fields for youth sports. No lights or decent bathroom facilities.

Yes, that the kids can not play in any slight inclement weather, which is every day in New England. The field should remain open unless there is a safety concern. Slight rain or anticipated rain are not safety concerns!

Yes, the field space in town is not enough for capacity of youth sports and further restricted when there is inclement weather and in heavy demand (spring/fall)

Yes, the fields are an embarrassment. We have some of the worst fields in the state. Having grown up here and now raising a family here, it's shameful. Children regularly miss out on activities due to the condition of the existing fields.

Yes, the fields are embarrassingly bad, most other towns fields are way better or turf, We should have the best fields in RI!

Yes, the fields are not smooth and have divots

Yes, the grass fields are a mess, they have incredibly poor drainage which affects their availability, and the lack of top notch field facilities puts our student athletes at a distinct disadvantage competitively.

Yes, the high school field hockey field is a disgrace. It is sloped, has significant divots and the grass is usually so long that it is almost unplayable. The soccer and lacrosse fields across town are also in poor condition.

Yes, there are limited fields, limited parking and they are not in the best shape. Softball fields are unmaintained, the fields have no real facilities. Rec leagues are on top of each other begging for space.

Yes, training sessions always get cancelled due to wet fields and the grass surface for new england is not inline with other districts and club teams. Also no lights mean sessions are VERY short....club teams train longer and later on a perfect surface rain or shine.

Yes, we use the high school grass which is not the best surface to play field hockey

Yes, weather impacts fields, care, condition and restoration can rob practice and playing time and cause performance regression and injury. Fields condition, need for field space is greater than what we have.... access, bathrooms, lighting and field care need to be prioritized

Yes. Rain prevents use of fields. Look to towns like Pawtucket, EP and Portsmouth who have excellent fields and lights at night (Pawtucket)

Yes. When wet, the fields do not drain well, and when dry, the fields (especially Chianese) become dust bowls. Chianese is not flat and is brutal for lacrosse. Middle School fields become overused in Fall soccer season.

Yes. Chianese fields are terrible. Soggy with no drainage and too small. Not enough parking. Never properly lined.

"Yes. Chianese fields are uneven and provide poor playing conditions."

Yes. Chianese fields are uneven and rocky, with poor drainage. The Middle School fields did not seem to be established properly and will suffer from overuse. High school athletics are impacted by a rutted Victory Field.

Yes. Drainage is terrible at fields, particularly baseball fields. When it rains even a little, the Town closes fields which causes scheduling issues. Other neighboring towns keep fields open when Barrington fields are closed. This is prevalent in the spring and summer months and frequently we are unable to make up games. There needs to be better drainage and options to play under the lights (with curfew) to extend opportunities to play and share with other organizations.

Yes. Field availability. Quality of fields. Lack of large tennis hitting surface (middle school one too small)

Yes. Fields are weedy and spread across town.

Yes. Fields seem to be overused and not in great shape.

Yes. I've been coaching various sports in town for more than a decade and have also served in various roles on a local youth sports organization board. It was regularly a struggle to get through a full season without multiple cancellations and it was a given that our fields would be among the worst in the league.

Yes. If it's wet/raining, soccer gets cancelled because the town doesn't want to maintain the fields or there isn't enough fields to let the grass get damaged. Soccer in wet weather is the best soccer! Let the kids play!!

Yes. Overcrowded, under-maintained, and no indoor facilities.

Yes. See above about the need for turf on victory field. The grass fields are unplayable for field hockey at bhs. We are the only division 1 team in the state without a turf field. Our team has to fundraise to rent turf fields to stay competitive on the proper playing surface. Playoffs are also on turf at cranston stadium. What does this teach our young woman at bhs? They have to raise money to play on the proper surface for their sport because our town doesn't value their experience. It's embarrassing.

Yes. Soaked, muddy fields everywhere

Yes. Some of the fields are in rough shape.

"Yes. Terrible

Conditions. Poor drainage. Holes in outfield that are a risk for injury. Never mowed/lined/raked. Poor drainage. The softball girls all star team couldn't even have home games two years ago because our facilities were so bad and had to play all away games on their way to the state finals. "

Yes. The fields are all sub-par, can't be used if it rains (which is a joke), and the inconsistent quality is asking for an injury.

Yes. The lack of quality sports facilities in Barrington. Specifically girl's softball. The field is under the trees and I personally rake sticks, acorns and dog toys off the field before games and practices. The outfield is full of dead grass and holes potentially leading to an injury. The lack of clean safe bathrooms for girls. The lack of concessions and a scoreboard similar to many other towns enabling the town to host a support play for leagues and tournaments. It doesn't seem the spirit of title 9 is upheld with parity for our young girls.

Yes. They are abysmal.

- **50-59:** 83 Surveys Responded to Question

"1) Water bacteria levels at town beach

2) the ridiculous state of the bike path over the Barrington river (the timber deck temporary paths). There are actually pads put around the telephone poles in the sidewalk(!). Why are there poles in the sidewalk? Why aren't the sidewalks enlarged if a pole is in the middle of it? Very hard to navigate the path at the foot of the bridge at New Meadow Rd. Lousy"

All fields in Barrington are substandard.

At latham park, it tends to be so windy that it is difficult to play.

Baseball fields are not regularly mowed. Dugouts provide no shade for players who play throughout summer. Lack of access to bathrooms.

BHS, Kent and Chianese courts are all in need of repair and maintenance.

Bicknell field in really bad conditions!

Chianese field is always filled with trash especially around perimeters. I walk my dog around Chianese three times a day and there is always so much trash.

Chianese not in the best condition

Cracks on courts

Dangerous

Fields are disgraceful

Fields are in terrible shape

Fields are irregular with bare patches.

Fields are over used and most are in horrible shape.

Fields are too fragile, no lighting

Fields are too often closed due to rain.

Generally ok.

Grass is always too long

High school field conditions are atrocious. I believe only one other D1 team in soccer has a grass field.

High schools fields. Need turf field especially for field hockey. Need indoor track training space

It varies. Some are in better condition than others. HS field is particularly bad, as well Haines and Bicknell.

like good grass fields

many of the field in town are in need of grading and redesign for parking and safety - all 3 of my Kids played soccer for 10 years and later high school football on fields that had large sink holes, wet areas and hard ground

Massive concerns. Current Fields are a hazard for our youth

My daughter play both Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse and the fields are unsafe and compared to all other schools - in the poorest condition.

Need real pickleball courts

New baseball fields at middle school need improvement

New middle school fields are not very good compared to the old fields.

No

No

No

No. Given the amount of money we spend on them each year, they should be in great condition.

None-- they are fine.

Not at St. Andrews gym.

Not enough court space as we always have to share courts due to limited availability

Not enough locations and/or appropriate practice times for kids

Not indoor courts

Number of them , to few and the quality, poor

Our BYSA team has been at a disadvantage when the weather is wet as our practices get canceled but our competition is able to practice. There have been weeks in a row that practices have been canceled so often we did not actually have any between game play. You can see the effects on the field during games.

Our fields are terrible when compared to other towns in RI and MA

Outdoor courts for Pickleball can be slippery after frost or rain

"Outdoor playing fields....many in town have uneven and poorly maintained surfaces, which may lead to injuries for players.

Indoor facilities are almost non existent unless the schools are available for leagues, etc."

Overcrowding

Play (on fields) seems to get canceled for small amounts of rain.

Poor quality tennis courts high school and Hampton meadows

Re: BHS football field. Conditions are sometimes not favorable.

See below.

Soccer and lacrosse fields are an embarrassment to the town and a danger to the kids that play on them

The baseball fields were not kept up this past year at all. Weeds past the kid's ankles.

The current fields are poorly maintained and often lead to injuries. I think we need an improved plan to maintain fields before we add more

The fields are dangerous- as a parent whose child plays lacrosse it would be nice that we did not have to worry that players would be running down the field and fall into divots and holes

The fields used today need major upgrade. They are not always level, have divots that create risk to the kids playing on them, can be full of sticks, nuts, leaves in the fall. Either existing fields need improvement or additional fields should be created.

The soccer fields at the high school seem super dangerous to me - very bumpy, unpredictable, a knee injury waiting to happen

This is an unclear question

"Universally the baseball & softball fields are in terrible condition and we have light issues around twilight without field lighting.

Similarly, Chinese fields are so used, the playing conditions there are average at best compared to other fields in surrounding towns.

And the high school fields are also average at best. For a town with this many kids due to the great school system, with this many higher tax paying residents, I think the athletic field conditions are an issue."

Unsafe and out of date

We are one of the few that do not have an artificial surface to practice and play on for our sports.

Winter outside challenging with pickleball

Yes courts in town have cracks

Yes current fields are in bad shape and impacted by rain / games canceled

Yes fields are not well kept due to overuse and no irrigation or consistent maintenance.

Yes fields have had very minimal maintenance

Yes ice on courts

Yes the existing fields are poorly maintained and in hideous condition. Not level and not cared for. Embarrassing for a wealthy town with potential collegiate level athletes.

Yes the fields are old and not well maintained which can lead to injuries

Yes the fields in Barrington are not well maintained and lead to a decrease in player performance and a greater chance of injury

Yes the outdoor fields we use for soccer are horrible and no winter sports facility

Yes the poor field conditions and lack of maintenance yo them result in bad playing conditions

Yes the worn out fields propose a huge risk to all athletes. Multiple of my sons friends have sustained season ending injuries due to these old fields.

Yes, at times there aren't enough fields especially with lights

Yes, compared to every other town in RI, our fields are in the worst condition

Yes, flooding fields

Yes, have seen many injuries from poor fields.

Yes, studies since 2001 have stated the need for more sports fields. Evidently, this need has not reduced but increased. There needs to be a thorough study with resident feedback before money is spent.

Yes, the soccer field at Haines park is unsafe to use. The flag football fields at Chainese are usually in sub par condition, Bucknell soccer field has a tree hanging over it, which disrupts play.

Yes. Baseball fields have not been kept up. One field a year is suppose to be renovated and that is not happening.

Yes. Not well maintained. I go to other towns and they have beautiful and well maintained fields. Our fields are bumpy and always closed when it rains a tiny bit.

"Yes.

Grass multi use fields are poorly maintained at Haines and Sherwood.

Victory field at BHS also poor field conditions and injuries occur as a result "

Yes. Fields are in poor condition

Yes. Generally speaking, all of the town's fields are substandard. Only the St. Andrew's Farm Field is in decent shape.

Yes. Many fields are in sy. Par condition, e.i. sink holes at Chianese, wet outfields at Sherwood and Sowams, poor grass at Haines Sr field

Yes. The fields are not regularly cared for and when they are, the volunteer parents do it

Yes---fields are in bad shape

- **60-69:** 27 Surveys Responded to Question

Barrington's fields are amongst the worst in the state, major improvements need to be made.

By the end of every season, the soccer and lacrosse fields are in such poor condition to be a danger to the athletes. It is very easy to turn ankles in the holes and bare patches.

"Chianese PB courts have chalk from children drawing on them. The surface is too sloped. There are cracks in courts at Kent St too.

My son lives in Barrington. His son plays baseball. He's 6. All the fields have been ridiculous. Mostly dirt and dips in the ground. Lots of weeds. "

Concerned about the poor field conditions.

Court surfaces are in poor condition

Cracked courts

Facility needs good ventilation and high ceilings.

Far too weather dependent.

Field conditions and availability could be better; glad more restroom facilities are available at some!

Inclement weather

N/A

NA

No

no

No

No

no

No

No

NO

No indoor Pickleball courts is a real ptoblem

None but I do like the sprinkler system by the bridge -a great way for kids to cool off

Not enough

Outdoor pickleball is fraught with difficulty - cold, wind, low sun and/or low light with wind being the major factor.

Resurfacing

Terrible condition and limited space

The irregular surface of Chianese is a health hazard for my fragile hips and knees.

- **70+:** 16 Surveys Responded to Question

All pickleball/tennis courts are in rough shape.

Courts are cracked, not level, weeds, poor parking conditions.

Courts are much better due to recent changes

I've heard the fields aren't maintained sufficiently. I think that can be addressed without resorting to artificial turf.

It is my understanding that Chianese and Kent Street courts are scheduled for a major renovation. So, for what I do, at this point I am not concerned.

It's tough to share pickleball courts with tennis players.

No

No

no

No

no permanent courts. we have to bring our own nets

Repair and ongoing maintenance in a timely manner.

Some issues with conditions at Kent and Chianese courts

Tennis courts cracked

yes, I'm aware of lack of playing time and concerns about conditions of fields

"Yes. Fields need improving.

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RESPONSES: What do you think about installing an artificial Turf Field, with Lights, in Barrington, either at a school or on Town property?

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- **Overall:** 680 Surveys Responded to Question

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- **Under 18:** 65 Surveys Responded to Question

A turf field would be incredibly cool and great for the teams who use this.

I think it is necessary for kids to continue playing safely and to continue to keep up with the competition.

yes i support it

It would be great to have a turf field inside the track at the high school not the whole field excluding the track

Should be installed at Highschool

If it is baseball then sure. As long as it isn't soccer.

Good!

I feel this would benefit the town because usually our fields are in really rough shape. By having turf we would not have to put all the work in to maintain them. We are also the only town in the state with no lights on any of our fields. We REALLY need a field with lights.

I think that would be a bad idea.

This is an absolutely necessary investment of time and energy. The installation of a turf field will elevate the gameplay of BHS's abilities to play and host games and will provide equal opportunities to other schools with turf.

I'm a strong advocate for the idea.

That would be amazing

YES! Absolutely

I would love it. I think it can improve the quality of our teams.

YES. IMMEDIATELY YES.

I think it is long overdue and needed in this town so that the barrington kids who play school sports aren't at a disadvantage against the other schools and can be much more successful.

Should have been done years ago

I think this is a very good idea. I would suggest putting it at the high school because it would be used a lot and would help with the school's sports.

I am against it. I think it is worth it to maintain natural fields in barrington

nah

Would benefit community greatly

it would be more beneficial to have one in the long run because how much do we pay each year on panting and maintaining the Barrington high school field?

YES please!!!! it would benefit so many people

I don't think it would be good, artificial turf is not the same as regular grass

I think that would be amazing at the high school and Chianese fields

Good

Will be a very good idea and the town should definitely do it because it will positively impact all kids in barrington

Installing an artificial turf field would be very beneficial to players, youth leagues, and high school teams. Lacrosse and soccer teams would be able to practice on these turf fields as almost all the other teams in the state have. It would also help save money for teams as they won't have to fund more money to pay for turf time, as the girls lacrosse team had to last season in preparation for the championship. If teams could practice on turf fields year-round it would be very beneficial.

Heck yes, as I've stated above.

No opinion.

would be great but try to do one that is sustainable and doesn't have a huge toll on the environment

I disagree with the installment of a turf field.

Depends on cost and impact on environment

It should have been done already

I think that it is very important. It will be much safer for the BHS student athletes.

It is a necessity

I support it

I would fully support this decision.

It would be in the best interest of students at our high school, and could be used by the community on weekends

I think it would be a much needed addition to our sports academies and town citizens alike. Injuries would be less abundant, and the rate of play will increase tremendously.

We desperately need one.

I think turf is a very good idea

"perfect idea, easy to maintain and to keep clean"

yes

I think that it is needed. Turf fields have been talked about for a while among the student athletes. I think it would benefit them and as well as prevent injury.

I completely agree

It would be nice but I would rather have maybe an indoor facility that way it is better for winter sports and stuff like that

a field with lights would be fine, with artificial turf would NOT be fine

Best idea ever!! Field hockey are the lowest class citizens. We do not get to play in a stadium. We do not have lights. We work so hard only to have our games called for darkness. This does not happen to any other sport. Our fields are atrocious it feels like Barrington high school and the town does not care about us or our safety. It's too late for us that are already in high school, but the future teams should not have to deal with this difficult situation. They should be able to be as competitive as possible after all of the years of hard work just like every other town in the state.

that would be wanted by every highschooler for soccer and football.

Yes

idrc

At barrington high school

I think that turf fields are ESSENTIAL to the success of the sports teams at BHS

I think that this is a very good idea, the conditions of grass in the winter and honestly year round are sub-par and make it more difficult for athletes to perform well.

I am strongly against artificial turf for any Baseball fields, however would be in favor of installing lights at some of the towns baseball fields

Yes

I extremely strongly support this. The lack of turf in the town has resulted in serious car crashes while traveling for school sanctioned sports practices at different turf fields.

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I think that would be a bit of a waste of plastic. As far as I've seen, barrington fields don't really have issues keeping grass on them, and even if they did I'd hesitate before ever saying yeah, okay, bring in the plastic blades of grass

Little reason

Great idea.

Yes please. Victory field at the high school would be the perfect location.

No

- **18-29:** 8 Surveys Responded to Question

Fine, I don't care, is there really a demand for this?

Great idea

At the school would significantly increase the amount of teams that want to play against our high school teams, which the field now limits due to other teams fear of injury. We should also do it at the school to reduce the injury of our own players.

Instead of artificial turf replace and maintain the grass fields at the high school better, turf leads to more non contact injuries that grass

Approve

Great idea

That would be great.

I think it would be an excellent investment

- **30-39:** 88 Surveys Responded to Question

100% for it

Absolutely not. As a doctor I know the harmful effects of artificial turf. PFAS chemicals, lead and they are terrible for the environment.

Are there other activities that could be supported instead of the fields? (Trade offs)

Best decision that could be made provides year round use with minimal maintenance needs over time

Do it!

Do it!

Do it!!!

Do we need another field? I think pickle ball courts would be more useful to the town

Fine if it won't cause injuries

Fine with it

For schools and community use

Good idea

Good idea for future players

Good idea.

Great

Great idea

Great idea

Great Idea

Great idea as long as someone is donating the money and you're not increasing the taxes (again)

Great idea if the children can respect the property

Great Idea!

Great idea.

I am concerned with the use of artificial turf

I am for it at some fields.

I am opposed to artificial turf. A natural grass field with lights would be fine, but the lights should be shielded and on a timer/motion sensor to reduce light pollution.

I do not support an artificial field. If installed it needs to be the most non-toxic option available. I also want to see proof that the area the field will be installed in will not be impacted by water and flooding concerns in the next 10-20 years. Lights should be chosen to reduce light pollution and only be on when a game or practice is in session.

I don't think it is necessary

I love the idea. Middletown has a turf field that accommodates multiple sports.

I think it is a great idea.

I think it's a great and much need addition to the town. We are quickly falling behind other cities and town when we should be leading the charge.

I think it's not needed unless it will provide a cost savings.

I think it's worth considering

I think the town should have turf.

I would love to be able to have a chemical free natural field, but turf is a viable option.

I would support the construction of a new artificial turf field and field house, as they would benefit all sports leagues in town.

I would support this

I would support this

If it increases the quality of activity and experience for all, all for it.

If it's accessible to various groups and ages, it would be cool.

I'm opposed. I think the hype is overblown and we can better invest the money elsewhere. Colleges and pro teams are moving away from them and in another generation, they'll be a thing of the past.

In support

Is it necessary? I don't mind if there is a specific use or need for it

It is a great idea! It is needed and it will get lots of use. The children will be grateful and will benefit a great deal.

"It would be a great addition to the community.

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It would be good

It's needed

It's not needed. Will we ever stop taxing people to death?

Let's do it'

Love it

Makes sense

Needs to be on town property to the schools do not have the opportunity to block access or dominate use

No!!!! No artificial turf ever! I've seen the reports of kids soccer teams where the kids played their whole life on artificial Turk and then developed cancer because it's filled with rubber and other chemical crap. I'd rather hire a field care team / maintenance team for it than get an artificial turf.

Not a bad idea, but would need to see if there is enough of a demand considering we have several fields and I am not sure they are used now.

School would be most professional when hosting outside towns.

Sounds great. The soccer fields were packed in the fall trying to get kids to practice before sunset. There are no great lacrosse fields.

Strongly support.

Sure

Sure, go for it.

Sure.

That is terrific idea and should be pursued at least at the high school so we can redirect those maintenance efforts for that field to other fields that need the attention ruin.

that would be great

That would be great! It would need to be a larger property where it doesn't impact neighbors with the lights - middle school or high school - Haines park - maybe chianese could work

That would be nice

That's fine, but I would include a track

The high school field could use renovation and artificial turf - just want to ensure safety of the rubber used for the athletes.

This would be a great addition to the town.

Turf is being phased out in pro sports. Natural grass is much safer.

Very smart idea for children to have year round facility

What do you think about installing an artificial turf field, with lights, in Barrington, either at a school or on town property?

While that would improve the quality of the fields, I would want to make sure the decision was environmentally sound, especially after witnessing the flooding around town into the high school fields recently

Wonderful idea! Would be so amazing for the town

Yep! Start using our tax dollars and all of the money for actual safe sports instead of worrying about what flowers to plant next and what kind of store to build!

Yes

Yes

yes

YES - The high school needs turf. A secondary indoor turf field for all to use would be amazing.

Yes I agree and proper dugout

Yes please

Yes please

YES YES YEES

YES YES YES

YES!

YES!

Yes!!!!

YES!!!! So important!

Yes, I think this is a good idea. Lights definitely. And either turf or a better maintained field. And a place to put trash.

Yes, if it doesn't come at the expense of other facilities

Yes, think this allow for more play

Yes.

- **40-49:** 297 Surveys Responded to Question

100 % in support of it

100 percent in favor

100 percent in favor

100% in support of it

100% in support with LED lights so they can stay on in the evening with low environmental impact.

100% required

100% should be priority #1

100% support installation of turf and lights with preference it's done at Victory Field first and later at Chianese or BMS

100% yes

100% yes

100% YES

100% yes, do it. It's well overdue.

A great idea!

A must!

A must!

A terrible idea, expensive, not environmentally conscious, leads to increased sports injuries. Lets take care of our grass fields and provide lights instead. Better for all and for the future

Absolutely agree. Multiple fields to accommodate as many sports and athletes as possible.

Absolutely necessary

Absolutely necessary. Look what Seekonk just did.

Absolutely Yes

Absolutely yes and the number one thing needed in this town

Absolutely! We have four girls in Barrington soccer.

Absolutely!! High school field preferably

Absolutely.

against

Agree

Agree! Great idea!

Agree.

All for it

All for it!!-

All for it. We need outdoor soccer fields that kids can use even after a rainy day. Canceling games and practice constantly in the spring months is ridiculous.

Amazing idea

amazing. it would be used all the time

An artificial turf field would be amazing!

Artificial turf is horrible for the environment, period. Do not put in artificial turf, for the love of God. Our planet is already suffering enough. We need as much natural open space and healthy dirt as we can create and preserve. I worry so much about the birds and wildlife and humans

that depend on healthy, natural ecosystems. Please do not destroy Barrington with the irresponsible tragedy that is artificial turf.

As many locations as possible

at high school

Awful for the environment. Not consistent with climate change/environmental impact for our town

Both - let the high school athletes have fields at the high school (first right of use); also provide at other locations for rest of town

Both indoor and outdoor. Absolutely

Brilliant! It would save on water use and be durable.

Definitely needs to have large turf field.

Definitely support

Depends on the cost and environmental impact relative to maintaining better grass fields.

Do it

Entirely supportive

excellent idea

Excellent idea. The lights for extended practice and game time are essential.

Fine with artificial turf is fine. I do not support a field with lights and PA system, because that can have an impact on surrounding homes.

Fine with me if it is cost effective and easy to maintain

Fine with turf if there is an expert in turf management on Barrington payroll or outside company to manage. Lights=100%

Fully support

Fully support. Lighting should extent to little league fields such as Chinaese and Sherwood.

Go for it.

Good

Good ideA

Good idea if it increases field availability

Good idea so they can play even if it is raining or has rained

Good idea.

Great idea

great idea

Great idea

Great idea

great idea

great idea - capital expense once with minimal upkeep, faster drainage, night use

Great idea and needed

Great idea to bring others like me to town

Great idea- would not have to cancel so many practices and games due to weather

Great idea!

Great idea! It is necessary as we have the worst athletic facilities in the state.

Great idea, we need to keep up with other towns so our kids are not traveling and are on same playing fields

Great idea.

Great idea. The town needs turf to compete against other towns, good playing fields in bad weather/conditions and lights are key to extend practice time during times of year when light is limited.

Great!

Great!

Great.

Great. I fully support the installation of an artificial turf field in town, preferably at Victory Field at BHS.

Highly support

Highly supportive.

Huge yes!

I agree and think it is necessary.

I am against it

I am concerned about environmental and health impact of artificial turf. More access to natural turf, lighted fields would be preferred.

I am fine with it

I am for it

I am not in favor of artificial turf. The environmental impacts are less than favorable in the risk of increased injury to players is concerning.

I am not in favor of installing a turf field.

I am opposed to an outdoor artificial turf field of any kind.

I am strongly opposed to artificial turf. We need more well maintained natural grass playing fields

I do not think this is a good idea for health and environmental reasons. Plastic has chemicals that leach into the ground. It takes away from the natural beauty of our town.

I don't love artificial turf for youth sports for the increased injuries. Obviously indoor field house would need artificial turf - I'm in support of having a field house in addition to natural grass fields.

I don't know - but I think careful consideration of the pros and cons is required

I don't love it but I think we need one. I worry about the environmental impact and the health impact. My son plays on artificial fields in the heat of the summer and they just bake out there. The fumes are concerning. I don't know the data but it just doesn't feel right.

I don't mind grass fields but we need another football field in town in order for grass to work well(so they aren't overused. I see the value in turf fields if we don't have that space.

I don't think it would be necessary

"I don't think it's a good idea. The cost of periodic surface replacement, coupled with the initial capital investment, is far beyond the cost of acquiring additional land for natural field construction, building a field and maintaining it. Drainage issues at many grass fields can be resolved through proven means used at exceptional recreational facilities around the country including sand based fields with engineered drainage systems.

A single turf field does not resolve overuse issues at other fields because it would not provide enough playing space to meaningfully reduce usage at other fields. For example, a turf field installation at Victory Field would be in near constant use by HS athletics and it would not accommodate more than one game at a time for most youth sports age groups if any field time became available. With most youth leagues holding dozens of games on game days, there would only be a few that could be scheduled on a turf field in any given day, and all other field resources would effectively see the same amount of demand. As for weather related delays and cancellations, a single turf field would only be able to accommodate a small fraction of the events that would be cancelled such that the remainder of the league events would still be cancelled.

Substantially increasing the size of a turf surface would offer much more flexibility, but it only compounds the cost of initial installation and periodic surface replacement. A larger surface would also require significant investments in lighting which is necessary to realize the benefit of turf surfaces, i.e. the ability to use it for more hours in a day without ruining the field. A larger surface requires more lighting which continues to make the costs increase.

If the school department believes that it needs a turf surface for HS athletic purposes, then it should propose to install one. It should not be sold as a solution to the youth sports' leagues facility issues because it is not plausible that youth leagues would have meaningful access to the facility.

There are significant injury questions. The only study to focus on the use of turf fields in HS athletics found a 58% increase in the incidence of non-contact injuries among athletes. Anecdotal evidence, such as coaches saying they haven't observed an increase in injuries, is not reliable. A coach would not perceive a 58% increase in injuries. For an average coach, this might be as subtle as seeing three injuries instead of two in a given period of time. This would not appear significant; it would just seem to be a fluke. When thousands of players are considered, and the 58% increase holds, then it becomes a true safety issue that was not perceptible in the absence of a significant sample size. "

I fully support it

I fully support it!

I fully support this and the plan that the ad hoc committee put forward. Their plan was a good starting point. The High school has the parking and additional lights would have less impact on neighbors compared to other locations.

I like the idea.

I love the idea

I need flmore information about the options the cost, lifespan impact on taxes care etc... I do think we need lights, bathrooms and field house/storage etc at every field, and location matters. This question is too general.

I prefer grass to turf, but understand the value a turf field would provide for both youth sports and high school sports. If it can be done with no risk to flood and with safe materials, it is a great option.

I strongly oppose this plan.

I support

I support it

I support it

I support it.

I support the idea.

I support this proposal

I think Barrington is way past due for a turf field. We are one of the only communities I know of without a turf field.

I think it depends where. I don't think that making a new location would be a good idea. Leaves Haines park alone.

I think it is a great idea and there is a huge need for it

I think it is a wonderful idea!; comparable towns in the US have turf fields and their athletes are better off for it, being able to play more regularly in all weather and to avoid the injuries sustained on uneven poorly maintained grass fields

I think it is a wonderful idea. It would be a fantastic initiative and a smart investment for our community.

I think it is long overdue, and, with the ecological impact seemingly resolved, a no-brainer.

I think it is not only a great idea that will give the youth in town more opportunities. If possible, there should be more than one artificial turf field in addition to a field house style building that has indoor turn fields and indoor courts.

I think it would be a good option to have. I do think it is a less safe playing surface, but it is versatile and we do need more options, especially with lights.

I think it would be great!

I think it would provide a field that can be used more often with less maintenance

I think it's a good idea but also need to look at the potential increase of injury on artificial turf

I think its a great idea but it HAS TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY appropriate for our town, 100 year storm planning, etc.

I think its a great idea, it appeals to the masses with low maintenance costs

I think that installation of an artificial turf field would not solve the problem of inadequate maintenance of other fields and facilities in town. I wonder how all of the goose droppings would be safely and adequately removed from an artificial turf field, and also that the maintenance associated with an artificial turf field have been minimized.

I think that this would benefit our athletes greatly!

I think that would be great for sports leagues of all ages and for the people of our town.

I think that would be great. Turf works well for multiple sports and practice. Brown Softball field is turf.

I think that's a great idea!

I think this is a great idea

I think this is a great idea. I think the town should consider an artificial football field and artificial baseball field.

I think this is a great idea. I work at East Greenwich high and it was a huge upgrade for the town when they made a turf field with lights at the high school.

I think this is an absolute necessity living in the NE- particularly with weather becoming wetter for longer periods of time

I think this is badly needed

I think this is essential, especially for field hockey.

I think this would be wonderful for the town. We are strong in Athletics and Academics. Let's give our town more up to date options

I will never support plastic fields. The world is moving away from plastics so playing on top of plastic is antithesis to what we are trying to achieve to halt climate change.

I will only support an artificial turf field if it is made of natural materials that DO NOT SHED plastic pellets/plastic grass/plastic soil. It must be environmentally sustainable and ecologically responsible.

I wonder why Barrington doesn't already have turf field with lights. Walnut shells are a great natural option for this type of community.

I would absolutely support this.

I would be for this.

I would love it.

I would want to see the cost and impact on taxes. I don't love the idea of young kids playing on turf. Adding rec center or lights on current fields might be most useful than 1 turf field.

I'd prefer grass but this is better than what we have now.

I'm not in love with the turf myself, because I worry about unnatural chemicals breaking down. Maybe if they could be made more organically but perhaps that's an oxymoron

I'm not super educated on this topic, but my initial reaction is skeptical.

Ideally creating top quality grass fields with proper irrigation systems would be preferred.

If it is safe.

If that is the way of the future then do it but i dont agree with it

If the school athletics department and the town youth sports leagues have suggested that they would use a turf field, then I think the town should move towards installing one.

I'm okay with it, but we need lights at baseball/softball fields as well.

I'm opposed to an outdoor artificial field, but if it was an indoor facility, I'd be more comfortable. That would avoid concerns about "runoff" pollution and also light pollution.

In favor

In the long run it will end up paying for itself by renting to adult leagues, the ability to play right after rain, the cost savings in maintaining the fields, it's a must have in my opinion

In the long run, and under the supervision of an agronomic professional, grass fields are less expensive, less toxic, and better for the athletes than artificial turf. It is a myth that artificial turf is maintenance-free. The town should hire a greens industry professional to oversee the management of the fields and implement a successful agronomic program.

Indifferent

Installing a turf field is a fantastic idea, it can be used much more frequently, could be rented out for tournaments and become a source of revenue to support the upkeep of the facility.

Interested in learning more about it.

Interested- the lights are a great idea

it is a fantastic idea

It is an embarrassment that we don't have this yet.

It is long overdue.

It is needed

It is well past time for turf fields in Barrington

It should be done

It should have happened years ago

It would be benefit

It would be heavily utilized and appreciated.

It would be so welcomed.

It's a great idea

It's a necessity.

It's integral in supporting growth and development of sports in the town for younger kids

It's long overdue

It's long overdue and there should be more than one.

It's long overdue! The football field is in awful condition. We are a top school/town so let's keep up with our neighbors.

It's needs to be done ASAP

Like it

Love it

Love it!

Love this idea

Love this idea - very much needed and would really elevate our facilities.

Maybe for football only.

Much needed

Much needed for the players

Need more research on what is being used for turf (good for environment and healthy) but think many sports could benefit from turf field and our existing fields could also benefit bc would reduce their use and abuse.

Needed to stay competitive/up to standard with other towns, schools. Could bring in money as of now we travel all over MA for field space.

Never a good idea. Dangerous to young and old athletes. Terrible choice.

No

no

No - horrible for the environment

No - harmful to environment and people

No artificial turf but would support grass with lights, etc.

No brainer. The concerns about injury and water runoff are ridiculous

no thank you. Studies have shown that artificial turf can cause cancer and do not drain well.

NO. We've already had this debate. Turf is controversial for many reasons. It has a limited lifespan, especially in this climate. EVERY group will be fighting for field time. We don't need it!

No. This should not be done. It is far too expensive and only serves a small but vocal population within town. We should be a model sustainable and green community and not install an expensive artificial field.

NOOOOO. Fields with lights, yes.

Not a priority.

Not needed

Not sure of the environmental implications - I heard that the turf has to be conditioned with chemicals periodically to keep it pliable. I also am concerned with what happens to the turf when it needs to be replaced- does it go in a landfill? That would be atrocious. I do love putting lights on the fields though!

Not sure that I know enough about turf, but I have read that it can harbor bacteria and have strong odor. I have also read that it is not very healthy/environmentally friendly with off gassing and toxins that run off. It can also get very hot and hurts much more to fall on, so that's a concern for kids that fall a lot on the fields. I think overall I am opposed to arrival turf.

Ok

organic turf and lights r neededâ€¦.

Perfect. Do it.

Please NO artificial turf. They are not sanitary, are a breeding ground for bacteria. injuries are more likely to get infected. They are bad for the environment and our water. Their lifespan is low. They will get too hot in the summer.

Please see conducted by the field committee - every other town in RI has a turf field. It is time for barrington to as well.

Short-sighted and poor decision.

Sounds awesome!

Sounds good

Sounds good if the maintenance and safety is viable.

Sounds good.

Sounds great as long as all sports that use an outdoor field and utilize it (may even need to have 2+ artificial fields and just one with lights)

Sounds great!

Sounds great! Yes!

strongly AGAINST it - I do not believe it is a responsible environmental decision for the planet and goes against Barrington's stated sustainability goals; there are plenty of ways to responsibly invest in better fields for the athletes in town

strongly agree

Strongly approve!

Strongly support.

SUPPORT!!! There is much that can be done to offset the environmental impact. Many of those fields are just grass now. You can add earth-roof shelters for shade or a field house or support

lighting with solar/wind energy--Barrington can find ways to appease both environmental concerns AND provide high-quality athletics for our community

terrible for the athletes and great for grounds crew. ACL INJURIES HAPPEN FROM THESE FIELDS

That is a great idea.

That would be great for our children

The town NEEDS turf fields in order to have a surface that can be utilized year round and in inclement weather. We also need a quality playing surface for our HS teams as we currently have some of the poorest field conditions in the state.

there should be a turf field

This has been done in many other towns. I have heard scientific arguments both corroborating and disputing the health risks so I would need more information on the current understanding of possible health risks.

This is much needed and would support our future athletes and programming

This is very much needed.

This should be a number 1 priority for the town.

This would be great

This would be great if it could stay open in rain. This would be add frustration if there is a nice field that can only be access in perfect weather conditions. I would rather see a less high end field that can be used in rain than to add another field that the kids are told they can not use.

Turf at victory field should be the priority. That this is even a question is completely baffling to me. Look around the state at the complexes at other high schools. Barrington A's facilities are embarrassing.

Turf field, no. Lights, yes.

turf fields are great for games, for high volume of practices, etc. I would support a turf field.

Turf is a good idea. The town needs a turf option .

Unsafe and unsustainable

Very good idea

VERY supportive

We should have a turf field in order to keep high school sports competitive

We should have this already

While easily maintainable, turf fields aren't the ideal playing surface.

Works for me. Has to be thr good stuff.

Would be excellent

Would be great

would love it, absolutely necessary

Would probably get a lot of use and give our young athletes the same level of play as most other communities they are competing against.

Would support.

Wouldn't use it

yes

Yes

YES

YES

yes

Yes

Yes

YES

Yes

Yes

Yes - anything to control the mud and goose poop.

YES - this is a must. We are fall behind the times and need a turf field.

YES - this should already be here. The town should install multiple fields with lights

Yes !!!!!

YES- but it should not replace grass completely. Residents and town teams should have access to both surfaces

Yes Do it

Yes fully in favor

Yes good idea

yes i am definitely of support as long as they use the newest, most eco-friendly material

Yes if it is accessible. Need to prioritize what events it would be used for

Yes it's a great direction

Yes please

Yes please

Yes please do this!

Yes please too both

YES PLEASE!!

Yes Please!! More than one would be great! And with plenty of parking and maybe bathrooms?

Yes please, big reduction in injuries. Easier to maintain.

Yes to both - the High School needs turf and a better track on its own. The Town youth facilities also need turf for practices and games.

Yes yes yes

Yes yes yes we are embarrassing compared to other towns

YES!

"Yes!

Which will able Middle School to offer more sports "

Yes! Either one as I'm not sure of the details, but indoor would be helpful as winters in New England can be a challenge to keep kids moving.

YES!!

YES!!

Yes!! A much needed investment.

Yes!!!

Yes!!! Highschool plus other turf field would be ideal.

YES!!!!

Yes!!!! It is needed

YES!!!!!! Only town in Rhode Island that doesn't have turf.

YES!!!!!! At BHS! Get with the times! Almost every other school- and many middle schools- have turf now. There should also be lights at chianese- the pop Warner coaches had to bring lights up there so the team could practice past 4pm this season.

Yes, do it

Yes, do it. BUT, it must be maintained.

Yes, it's good.

Yes, turf field would be great, cancelling games due to muddy fields is no fun

Yes.

Yes. It's needed

Yes. We need turf

YUP - can't believe this doesn't already exist.just put some freaking turf on the football field it would solve a billion problems right there.

• **50-59:** 132 Surveys Responded to Question

100% in favor.

100% support it

Absolutely 100% in agreement with making this happen.

Absolutely artificial turf should be considered with lights on school property for school and community use.

Absolutely not. I fully oppose plastic grass.

Absolutely. It's overdue

all for it

All for it

All for it.

Approve

Artificial turf is made from plastic and is not green. What happens when it degrades? It probably puts microplastics in water. It also contains PFAs; here's a link:

<https://theintercept.com/2019/10/08/pfas-chemicals-artificial-turf-soccer/>

Artificial turf is proven to cause more injuries and worse injuries than natural grass. The NFL Players Association is working to eliminate it on all their fields. Baseball has already removed almost all of it.

Artificial turf or Sportsturf is a great idea. Turf and lights a great way to provide a lot of sports an opportunity to play year round and without weather concerns.

Artificial turf takes just as much (maybe more) maintenance than grass. It has to be sprayed, replaced, and has more runoff issues. It is an unnecessary expense and we aren't a training center for Olympic or professional athletes.

Some folks can't play or be near it due to offgassing as well.

At a school. Yes.

At schools turf and lights, ok, but I would say avoid lights to respect homeowners. Turf is unnatural in parks and no school areas. Also, will there be shut off times? Lights on until 10 could be bad

Barrington should have artificial turf yet only if all the fields will be updated and fixed thoroughly and correctly.

Definitely not. Artificial turf is becoming less favored by athletes due to injuries, and in a town that banned plastic bags, straws and cutlery it would be highly hypocritical to install a giant field of plastic that currently only has limited recycling options. I'd rather see the town explore all organic turf options.

dislike artificial turf. I like grass. Would be nice to have enough fields to rotate for grass recovery

Good idea! the MS field should have at least had lighting for night games

Great

Great idea

Great idea

great idea as the fields is not taken care of and mowed regularly.

Great idea!

Great IDEA!!!

Great.

I feel very strongly that a Turf field should be added in Barrington.

I agree it is a good idea to install turn fields.

I am absolutely against it. So many articles have been written about how toxic they are. I'm in the process of ripping out my lawn as part of the pollinator pathway. If we are serious about conserving the environment in this town, then no artificial turf! Read this article and then think about all of the parents, and kids in this town, who have latex allergies.

(and from other towns)

https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/synthetic_turf/crumb-rubber_infilled/fact_sheet.htm#:~:text=People%20playing%20on%20synthetic%20turf,the%20skin%20of%20guinea%20pigs.

I am against artificial turf

I am all for it. Turf is getting safer and is the norm in almost all other towns

I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact to the Barrington River as well as the potential addition of yet more run-off water in an area that's already showing increased flooding. In addition, female soccer players have a significantly increased risk of ACL injury when playing on synthetic turf. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35990873/>.

Wayland MA is also undergoing a turf project and will be installing grass. I hope we look at communities like this before adding yet more plastic to our community.

<https://www.wayland.ma.us/capital-projects/pages/2022-loker-grass-field-project-info-page>.

I am definitely in favor of a turf field and preferably one with lights to provide for games in the evening/ night. The people of this town need to step up and finally come together for the kids that love sports by providing them with quality fields.

I am in favor to allow for more opportunities.

I am not 100% sure turf is needed vs better maintained grass. I worry about ongoing replacement costs as we have a rusted chain link fence around our school that we seemingly cannot afford to replace, buildings falling apart, current fields not maintained, a track not properly kept up with painted lines, etc. how will a turf field not meet the same fate?

I am not in favor of an artificial turf field because of the dangerous chemicals used to manufacture it.

I am worried about different surface quality and injuries. I am also worried about chemical exposure to the kids from the artificial turf

I don't know enough to respond. I'd be concerned about safety (ankle and knee injuries) and cost of ongoing maintenance.

I feel We should have at least 2 or more to keep our youth competitive

I fully support and advocate for a turf field with lights

I like it

I oppose artificial turf. It is more likely to lead to injuries, and the materials used are hazardous.

I support a turf field at the HS

I support it.

I think having several artificial field in town would be great for tournaments

I think it is necessary for athletes to have a proper field and facilities!

I think it would be good for athletics in town

I think it's a great idea. Having a child who played soccer from the age of five to senior year at BHS, our field conditions/facilities were embarrassing when we hosted games. Uneven grounds riddled with dirt patches and grass clumps are a hazard to players.

I think the town and its young athletes will benefit immensely from an artificial turf field and more specifically a complex.

I think there's a push in the direction of turf fields because everyone else is using them. I'm not sure that is the best option. Maybe invest in one turf field at high school. Add grass fields at new recreation facility/complex.

I think this is a fabulous idea. Besides being so easy to upkeep it will deter the geese from landing on it.

I think this is a great idea

I think this is a GREAT idea and one that should have been done a long time ago- we are a community that participates in D1 sports but yet we do not have turf which makes our athletes at a huge disadvantage

I think turf at the HS should be an economic decision. Town gyms are OK if the floors are taken care of.

I would LOVE to see us do this - much needed

I would approve of this installation. Will allow more teams to use fields and less upkeep which will be easier for town budget.

I'd be against that. Environmental impacts, injuries, upkeep and no place to recycle when it needs to be replaced.

I'm worried about chemicals

If Barrington sports were more fair and balanced I would be in support of a new facility.

If it happens, please keep in mind people with nut allergies and don't use walnut shell infill.

I'm undecided about an artificial turf field. It seems like most of the information presented is either by people wildly in favor of turf or diametrically opposed to turf. One of my concerns is that our town cannot even maintain regular fields, so how can we expect the town to maintain a turf field? My brother lives in a town similar to Barrington in NJ that installed 2 turf fields, neglected to maintain them so had to replace them after only 2 years! We need a comprehensive field maintenance program with real \$\$ in the town budget -- there is no "one and done" solution.

Indifferent

Indoor facilities are needed more with more flexibility.

Injuries

Installing fields with lights in Barrington is a good idea for some locations. Not a supporter of artificial turf fields. would rather see better management and upkeep of natural turf fields...

is about time we did this. much needed.

It is the worst idea and needs to be trashed. Too much \$\$\$\$. Too many injuries. Bad for the environment. Bad for health.

It is very much needed to ensure proper instruction and flat playing conditions for field hockey. BHS is at a competitive disadvantage vs. other schools who practice and play their games on field turf. Artificial turf also means higher availability in wet weather conditions, lower maintenance cost for mowing, fertilizing and line marking. Environmental concerns of a vocal minority in town are overblown, Walnut infill such as at Wheeler school works well, I even have an artificial turf in a portion of my backyard specifically to play field hockey.

It is wonderful! Most towns have turf fields. It is surprising to me that Barrington doesn't have it.

It would be a phenomenally wonderful idea.

It would be great, provided it is constructed with non-hazardous materials (no rubber pellets)

It's a good idea

It's a waste of money

It's a ridiculous move on already. Totally hazardous and unnecessary

It's so badly needed and long overdue

Just install it at Victory - simple solution. Already have lights and stands.

Lights for evening sports would be great. Not sure about artificial turf.

Love it

Love lights. Hate artificial turf

Love the idea!!!!!! I moved here from a community in San Francisco that also struggled with this debate with many opposing installing turf in public parks. The city went through with it and these new turf fields were used morning, noon and night by all ages. Before that, use was sparing as weather closed fields for days and their condition was often not playable. Turf increased access so much for so many that it was such a clear win for turf.

Maybe for youth soccer?

Might work

more injuries so mixed on it

No artificial turf!!!! chemicals are bad for kids, see the many examples and studies where colleges and towns are pulling out artificial turf - Boston Public radio did an entire show dedicated to pulling out turf - better to build field like European soccer field with built up sub grading and drainage / hardy grass that are designed for natural structure

No artificial turf: too many toxic materials and hard on joints. Should go with grass.

no opinion

No turf, but we really need lights at some fields

No way. PFAS concerns for our water table and riverways

No way to dispose - recycling is non existent. Poisonous and dangerous for athletes - breathing and injuries.,

NO. NEVER will i support this idea! I worked at a top international design firm in Boston before having childrenâ€™. You can make a great natural turf field without using artificial (which would be WAY more costly than a one time installation over time and how would you dispose of it?)! Great turf is all about the quality of the soil to sand ratio and then WATER! Also having enough field to rest the ONE in use! Check out the golf course if you don't believe this can happen! Talk to people who know about turf at URI!!! They have a master gardeners program for a reason. Also John Amato, PE has perfected the ratio of soil needed! It's irresponsible to put on artificial turf from a financial standpoint, an environmental standpoint and with all the health/injuries that are being reported it just doesn't make sense! Oh and it is NOT Year roundâ€™. Talk to anyone who has been on one in the heat.

Nope.

Not a fan - keep grass growing and dirt absorbing water. Stay natural

Not interested

NOT INTERESTED. It is TOXIC for users.

Not necessary, curious to know the off gazing of the artificial turf and how often it would have to be replaced

Not sure at this time

ONLY if more cost effective than remediating current grass fields

Please no artificial turf! It's dangerous, expensive, and environmentally problematic.

Prob a good idea

Seems reaso

Sounds great.

Support

Support 100%

TERRIBLE IDEA

That would be amazing. Then build a rink!

They are toxic and terrible for the environment, and should never be allowed.

This is not the time to put in an artificial field. Many major sports players associations are now saying that they only want to play on natural fields for health and safety reasons. At a time when we are banning plastic bags and straws in town, we should not rip out an existing natural field and put in a plastic field that will have to be replaced and sent to the Johnston Landfill in 8 years.

Turf fields are beautiful, possibly easier to maintain, however, there are more injuries during contact sports on these fields. I think a grass field with proper drainage, irrigation etc at BHS may be better for the safety of the kids. Aside from BHS, I think a separate turf field located elsewhere in town would be great for minimal/non contact sports and other events.

Unsure

Very supportive. We should have done it years ago.

We need both. Turf fields at BHS and a town turf field

While I am not a proponent of artificial turf fields, in this case it would deal with the poor field conditions which occurred during the season often from lack of watering and maintenance. We also need a way to extend the usage times to accommodate the needs of townspeople so the lights would extend the usage times and deal with this to some degree.

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes - this would be great

Yes because there are teams that are at a disadvantage without it.

Yes if needed

Yes much needed. Priority should be for high school athletes

Yes needed more than anything else

Yes on turf field

Yes please!!!! The High School is where they need it most.

Yes would like that

YES!

Yes!

Yes! Much needed

Yes, definitely needed!!

Yes, I am in full support. Victory Field is the smart, obvious choice.

Yes, on town property.?

Yes

60-69: 42 Surveys Responded to Question

Absolutely NOT. We voted this down several years ago and I would still vote NO

Artificial turf at the high school is a necessity.

Awful even the NFL are going back to grass! To many injury's reported .

Bad idea. Higher rates of injury, cost, environmental concerns

Bad idea. More surface area which will not absorb water and buffer storms.

DO NOT !!!!

DON'T do it!

Fully support. Long overdue

Great idea

Great idea, long overdue. An artificial turf field with lights will greatly reduce the financial burden associated with maintenance of natural grass fields, way overdue in the town.

High School football field should be turf

I am against installing an artificial turf field.

I am for it, but I do have concerns about what fill is used and where it may go when it leaves the potential field.

I am for it.

I like it, as long as one can play pickle ball on that turf field.

I think any addition to lighting that is visible to homes in neighborhoods adjacent to fields is a gross intrusion, horribly unsightly, and thoughtless installation to those residents. They are usually installed too high, too bright, and stay on too long.

If done, only at the high school is appropriate, where such lighting already exists. Such a facility is not appropriate in or near any residential properties.

If used by all it would be great.

It's an awful idea. The cost, injuries caused by turf, life span of max 10 years, environmental issues of replacing in 10 years and the cost of replacing in 10 years. I dont want my taxes going to this. Si many other needs that are better. Lets work on maintaining what we have at a top level first.

My family is not in favor of artificial turf for environmental reasons. Lights are fine and field upgrades, yes.

N/A

N/A

No -\ .real grass only

No artificial turf: harmful and a waste of money

No comment

No comment

No interest

No opinion

no opinion

No opinion

No. Not necessary and too expensive to build and maintain.

Please do

Support the idea, though drainage is a concern.

That would be great

There should be a turf field at the high school

This is contrary to Barrington's general philosophy. Many of us living in this beautiful town living on the water can't even pave our driveway, now acres being layered with plastic. Plastic separates and can end up in local waters

This would be a huge waste of money

Uncertain - some medical sources advise against it

Who would use it and how much are they willing to pay for it

would need to see information on sports injuries associated with artificial turf

Yes

Yes, install 1 artificial field at BHS with lights. Existing field conditions are sub-standard after limited playing time and expose players to potential injury

• **70+:** 23 Surveys Responded to Question

An ideal facility

Artificial will fit the use pattern better.

Artificial turf does not seem to be practical or cost effective.

Artificial turf is linked to many sport injuries

Excellent idea

Good idea

Good idea

I am in favor of turf fields at the high school

I am strongly opposed. Surface is not as safe on bodies for playing. The scientific evidence is overwhelming. In addition there are environmental hazards: artificial turf has been show to contaminate our water, landfills, and so on. No recycling of artificial turf. And it contains PFAS, which are known to be toxic to humans.

I dont think this is a good time to be adding more plastics and chemical to the environment. I have concerns about under age kids inhaling these particles. Lights are ok as long as the nearby homeowners can live with it. Living near a field, I can tell u there should b a bathroom facility.

I favor artificial turf for playing fields.

If the present facilities are properly maintained, no need for artificial turf.

It sounds like it would be a good long term solution - it will provide more playing time for sports while requiring a more manageable maintenance efforts

no artificial turf

no knowledge of issues

No opinion; one way or the other.

Not a big fan of artificial turf. Would not be much in favor

not a fan of artificial turf, town should invest in more playing fields

Possibly on school property it would be good for soccer, football or lacrosse....etc

Should have been installed years ago. Much needed and is safe!

Sounds of interest to those playing football, soccer, etc.

Unnecessary

Waste of money in ten years they need to be replaced

- **Age Not Specified:** 27 Surveys Responded to Question

100% - Yes! Yes! Yes!

1000% a good thing for everyone

Artificial turf would increase injuries

dont do it. not only is grass better to play on, but those fields need to be replaced every so often and theyre terrible for the environment. i think the rubber bits also contain latex" not a huge deal but something to consider (some people might be allergic). in my opinion these fields are completely unnecessary. geoff

Great idea and much needed.

I am firmly against artificial turf in Barrington as it has been shown to be a health hazard to sports people using it. With Lights are no problem.

I am Not In Favor of artificial turf.

I am in Support

I personally would not make use of the facilities.

I think it's unnecessary and expensive

I think this a fantastic idea, and we would welcome it.

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Letter: I would love to see artificial turf on Victory Field

Posted Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:25 am

To the editor:

I have been reading the recent articles in the Barrington Times on plans to install artificial turf on fields in town, and I would like to offer a high school athlete's " specifically a soccer player's " perspective on its advantages.

This season especially, I felt like our team was disadvantaged by not having a Turf Field. I remember our first varsity game this fall. It was an Injury Fund match at Cranston Stadium " a beautiful Turf Field. I remember warming up on the sidelines, buzzing with excitement and eager to play. However, our gameplay didn't quite live up to our expectations. Until this game, we had been practicing only on the BHS varsity and library fields (all grass). At this first game, I could tell from the very first pass that we were not accustomed to the ball moving so fast. Passes splitting the defense that would have stayed within bounds on grass rolled straight off the goal line or right to the goalkeeper. Balls in the air were much harder to control. The faster speed of the ball made the pace of the game in general very fast, as well, and we had trouble defending as a result.

I could not help but think, if we had had more practice playing beforehand on a turf surface, we would have been much better prepared for this game " in short, we were at a competitive disadvantage. I could feel the effects of the lack of Turf Field later in the

season, as well. La Salle Academy, one of Barrington's main rivals " their field is turf, along with North Kingstown and Cumberland, other rivals from this season. Cranston Stadium hosted the state final this year and in 2019, and last year, the final took place at Johnston High School, yet another Turf Field. Wouldn't it make sense to have a surface where we could train for these important games and get accustomed to the turf?

In addition to these advantages in games, turf provides a consistent surface for practice, as well. I don't know how many times my teammates and I have kicked balls in a straight line during a passing drill only to see them bounce and roll all over the place because of holes, bare patches, and lumps in the grass. It's extremely frustrating. It's hard to be a possession-oriented team (a team that aims to connect passes around our opponents and control the flow of the game), like we aim to be, and to practice accurate passing when, in fact, the trajectory of each pass will be decided by the arbitrary topography of grass fields. Of course, one could argue that this handicap forces us to make more precise touches and control the ball with more accuracy. I would argue the opposite " grass has the effect of cushioning the ball so we don't have to try nearly as hard to bring the ball down. This gives us the illusion that we're better than we actually are: an illusion that is crushed the second we step on to turf, which is not nearly as forgiving.

Grass fields encourage the type of low-quality soccer that Coach Pickford affectionately calls a kick and run all-star, where the ball is simply booted down the field and forwards try to outrun the defense, because long passes are so easy to control and are likely to stay in bounds.

I am aware that there is debate on where the turf should be installed. Personally " and I'm sure many soccer players would agree with me " I would love to see it on Victory Field. I'm not sure how well this is known but Victory is notorious for sloping upwards towards the track, leading to balls that look like they're going out of bounds rolling back in and corner kicks being extremely hard to take. Artificial turf would definitely resolve both these issues.

The reality of the situation is, unless the grass is extremely high quality, turf results in faster, cleaner, all-around-better soccer. Turf improves the speed of play and forces us to make better touches and exercise more control over the ball.

I'm glad that this long-standing problem is finally getting attention, and I ask that the residents of Barrington consider investing in something that will benefit the community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Marie Choi-Schattle (frustrated soccer player who wishes this had been done years ago)

Barrington

Love It

Love the Idea

Love the Idea. Need fields that can take regular use year round. Also to prep our athletes to conditions at other towns.

Depends on cost of artificial vs. natural

No Opinion

No Opinion either way. Pros and Cons on both sides and I will probably not even use it.

Unnecessary

We don't need more plastic in the environment. We don't need more With Lights brightening our night sky. Didn't we settle this years ago?

We absolutely need a Turf Field

Worth exploring and putting to a town vote. A cost / benefit analysis should be completed to understand initial investment and long-term maintenance. It would also be helpful to better understand the safety/environmental implications. I do think that having at least one Turf Field in town would be beneficial.

Would be great

Yes, I support this idea

Yes. Especially with Lights

Yes all sports should have turf

RESPONSES: Please share any additional comments you have related to this topic. (Synthetic field(s) at a Town or school site)

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- **Overall:** 235 Surveys Responded to Question

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- **Under 18:** 26 Surveys Responded to Question

ADD THE TURF FIELD

As a three sport student athlete and BHS, a turf field is needed for athletic success.

go eagles

I am a high school student in town

I am a member of the field hockey team and during our 2021 season, my fellow teammates got into an incredibly dangerous car accident that left the team shaken up. The reason they were in the car in the first place was a result of traveling to a turf field (which we rented with our fundraising money), just so we can offset the disadvantage between us and other teams who have turf fields on their facility. If we get a turf field installed on-site or even in town, it will drastically improve our practicing conditions and potentially protect us from another hazardous accident from occurring again in the future.

I see many other neighboring towns with either artificial turf or at least better kept and level grass fields. I think Barrington stands below the average playing conditions compared to other towns, and I think they need to rise up to this new standard.

I think it would be good to not waist so much water on sports fields.

"I think that it is ridiculous the school refuses to implement a turf field at the high school. If the school really cares about our success, they need to recognize that success includes those of athletes on the field, court, and wherever. In order to maintain the athletic excellence of our fall and spring sports teams, we need to match the effort and time they put into improving themselves to that of the quality of our facilities. That means constructing a turf field. There have been multiple opportunities for the school board to act upon this issue, yet somehow, there is always an excuse. It costs too much . Many individuals have offered to pay the full price of the field. And to be honest, let's not pretend we don't have the resources available to use to our advantage. We were able to spend 64 million dollars on a state of the art middle school, I think there's enough money at our disposal to build a 850,000 dollar turf field. Besides, investing in a low-maintenance, environmentally friendly turf field will save lots of money that is spent every year on preserving and maintaining the grass on our outdoor fields. It's detrimental

to the environment. Biotech companies have developed new and improved infill for turf fields that are eco friendly and more durable than the typical and controversial crumb rubber infill. Some of these include Safeshell turf infill made from walnut shells and Envirofill turf infill made from primarily sand. Both of these options have been proven to not harm the surrounding environment nor the athletes competing on those fields and either would be a great option when considering what type of turf field to build.

Being able to practice and play on a turf field would have so many benefits for our sports teams. We wouldn't have to worry if the field would be safe to play on after a bit of rain, we wouldn't have to worry about sustaining injuries from divots and pipes in the middle of our fields. At this rate with the conditions of our fields now, this won't even be a matter of preference, it will become a matter of our safety. The football team, the soccer teams, the field hockey team, the lacrosse teams would all benefit from the installation of one or two turf fields. I can't recall the amount of problems we have run into concerning our current fields. Almost every month somebody gets injured from rolling their ankle. Practices over the summer are constantly getting cancelled because we aren't able to use our fields due to preservation issues. Just last year our field hockey team was threatened to be kicked out of the league because our field was barely playable.

Not only this, but having a couple of turf fields in the town would be great opportunities for younger athletes in youth programs to be able to practice on a higher quality field. I know from personal experience just how bad some of the town fields are, with their bumps and uneven slopes and lack of grass. Over the years it has gotten progressively harder to practice as a team in the town, and many teams are forced to travel to indoor playing spaces just so they can have a good field to play on. This can be a big deterrent to the youth in our community, as individuals are more prone to injuries that hinder their ability to play as well as their enjoyment of their sport. No one should have to worry about the condition of the field they are playing on just so they are able to enjoy youth sports."

If the concern about turf fields in the rubber, there are other solutions

It shouldnt be about money it should be about player safety

It's ridiculous that we dont have a turf field

Need turf

Need turf!!

No.

Nothing else to say.

Please get a turf field

There are many alternatives to rubber turd fields that should also be considered

This is a necessary change

THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE AGES AGO. DO BETTER BARRINGTON. for the love of God and the safety of our children MAKE TURF FIELDS!!!!

turf causes much more damage to young athletes

We need to have a turf baseball field especially at the high school.

we need turf

We would have to get people to cut and reline the fields, it's a disadvantage for our athletes because all school they play against have turf

What is the cost and what are the impacts on the environment?

When we travel to play other teams on turf they have extreme advantages and we are at a disadvantage.

You should meet with the field hockey team to learn more about our struggles. Anne Gasbarro is our coach.

- **18-29:** 4 Surveys Responded to Question

I think that non-cancerous alternatives similar to wood chip turf like in North Kingstown are great alternatives if cancerous materials are the issue

I'd love to play and organize pickup sports on the existing fields. Is there a schedule somewhere where I could find out when the fields are available?

It's safe, efficient, and common practice at the collegiate level

Would really like this

- **30-39:** 28 Surveys Responded to Question

athletic facility at the Zion property would be a good use of that area

Barrington HS churns out great athletes using subpar facilities. We can do better.

Barrington needs to repair the field at Haines along with scoreboards for games it really is terrible trying to keep scores

Barrington's facilities should be the envy of every other city and town in Rhode Island. We have the tax base to support a strong facilities program and proper maintenance.

Haines Park should absolutely not be a possible location for a field house/lights or turf. Too much nature to ruin in a town that already lacks usable hiking trails and natural space. Audubon (who also owns land near Haines Park) says they will get involved if lights would ever be considered.

I realize this is a heated topic but the reality is that artificial turf of today is not the same as it was 20 years ago and would greatly benefit the town.

I think the town could use an indoor facility but, there's not really a spot for it along with parking. I also think the town could use an outdoor pool just for the town residents like so many other towns have. Even if you want to charge residents a small yearly fee for it that would be fine but an outdoor pool would be a great addition / perk for the town. I also think you should offer a full slate of outdoor sports at BMS. It's a public school and all kids should be able to easily access and participate in sports at public school while not relying on outside organizations.

I travel most of the year (with three children), have lived in more than 30 different towns and cities, and have been to hundreds of playgrounds, parks, and fields. Unfortunately Barrington has some of the worst I've seen. I know there is reasoning behind the trash in/trash out policy, but it does not seem to be working. Barrington is such a beautiful town, so it's sad to see all the trash everywhere.

It seems like never-ending exploration. Maybe people just want to complain, and we don't actually have to spend a lot more money.

It's about it to get this done!

Just because there are no studies about the specific harms of artificial fields does not mean they are fully safe - just that no good studies have been done. It is very difficult to study the long term impacts of all these chemical exposures and there is probably not too much money to fund it. Our kids and the town environment don't need an additional source of exposure in their life.

Maintenance will prevent the need for new. Development and maintenance can provide new conditions with a structured game plan.

Need more trash cans around town at rec, areas, beach and elsewhere. There is a disturbing amount of litter on our streets and in our waters. Given the town we live in, this should NOT be the case.

NO ARTIFICIAL TURF!!!!

please have trash cans.

Please just build a big enough field house that can support the public weather it be baseball or any other sport .

Please make the investment this town is in desperate need!

Sports fields and equipment are heavily used by the many students in our town. Investing in better infrastructure is an investment in our towns youth.

Thank you for your continued commitment to make this happen.

The trash guys. Come on now. Figure that one out.

this is a NO BRAINER. of course we need this. i watched those pop warner boys practice 5 nights a week under some DPW hanging lights.

This is honestly some of the most pathetic sports facilities we've ever seen. It's embarrassing. It's shameful to have mansions sitting on that river while kids are tripping in pot holes and have to pay ridiculous fees to play in crap facilities with leaky roofs all winter and/or travel far to find anything decent. The city should be ashamed of what it has provided for its young in a first world country in one of the wealthiest cities. I use that term wealth soooo loosely because people seem to hold wealth in their money and status and not in what brings a community together!

Turf fields have been needed for at least 25 years in this town

Turf has proven to be a great option that holds up. I'm also okay with building grass but it needs more infrastructure to keep it green and not a field of lumpy weeds or just dirt

We could use more consistent maintenance and also general care. I appreciate trash in/out but having nice barrels that are emptied would help. when we reference fields this should include not just the playing area but also surrounding areas for spectators and parking.

We have the money and we have the space to build an amazing facility like longplex in tiverton. This could also be a great source of income to the town.

We need a new track. It's worn out, patched together, and frankly just embarrassing.

Would love an indoor facility

- **40-49:** 108 Surveys Responded to Question

a field house and better fields are great ideas. kids should be playing more. its better for their physical and mental health. my kids don't play hockey but I'm sure a nice rink would get tons of use

An artificial turf field is an unneeded expense in an already expensive town.

An indoor facility could also potentially house pre/post school programs and serve as a true community center for our town by offering activity to any town resident across age spectrum.

"Athletics are about more than child athletes. It teaches physical fitness and health, helps build self-confidence, communication, and teamwork. And creating LIT fields and TURF would mean less rescheduling and longer hours--creating more opportunity for ADULT leagues which would foster adult health, community engagement, etc.

Also, bathrooms--i.e. effective sanitation, PUBLIC HEALTH-- are critical. Seeing children urinate in the trees is disgusting. And it happens at every soccer field all over town. What are parents supposed to do when there is no bathroom? Leave their 5 year old alone so they can take their 4 year old back home to pee? Nope...they walk them into the woods. Middle school, St. Andrews, Chianese--I have seen children urinating EVERYWHERE. It is like the dark ages. Barrington is their bathroom. "

"Barrington prides itself on our athletes yet we do not offer them the facilities (for game day or training) to adequately play or prepare to play. We are kidding ourselves if we think

We offer a distinguished caliber of sports spaces/training. Luckily the parents are begrudgingly willing and able to schlep their kids all across the state and into Massachusetts to provide them adequate fields/space and competition. "

Barrington recreation and field facilities are grossly underwhelming to considering surrounding towns and other school options. Locally East Providence, Seekonk, Moses Brown, East Greenwich, Brown University, Providence College, Classical High School, Conley Stadium all have artificial turf fields. Most are on their second or third fields.

baseball fields are tough... there is more than just mowing grass required and the maintenance is better done by companies who specialize. some coaches rake, but even that is not enough with the fill and topsoil that's there. grass "lips" develop and need to be recut and sodded regularly. mounds need to be reshaped and properly elevated. turf would also allow for faster drainage and less downtime after weather events.

Bathrooms, bathrooms, bathrooms! Crazy we don't have them. Families need them. Teams travel from far away and can't find bathrooms.

Bicknell is also a terrible playing field.

Build a multi-level new high school with a field house, lighted turf field, and a new track. Repurpose to keep multiple grass fields for softball, baseball, soccer. Approach St. Andrews School about shared access to facilities in return for use of the extensive area of field space across from the high school.

Byba spends approx \$25K year renting space for youth bball teams to practice inside and outside town. We have huge need for more space to keep up with other communities who have the gym space and can allow for longer practices and more per week and throughout the year

Competitive sports are lacking in this town. All money is allocated towards the schools but the sports are subpar

Consider an indoor field house. This facility could be used by multiple sports and be a revenue source for the town.

Cost and environmental factors are the unknowns that would sway my support.

Desperately needed !!!

Do not fall for the trick of no maintenance for artificial turf. It will be extremely dangerous if poorly maintained.

"DPW employees are not a solution to maintaining athletic fields. They are helpful in some aspects of maintenance, but a real maintenance division needs to be created. Not sure if there is a town committee/group of volunteers who in responsible for athletic field oversight.

The porta potties have been a great addition, but may not be the best long term plan. If larger field complexes are created, real bathroom options need to be explored. Even though we have sewer infrastructure, septic systems are a great solution for athletic fields. "

Equality among girls and boys

Everyone else is doing it so might as well

For a town that prides itself on residential living and youth academics/athletics the current facility situation is disappointing. Please upgrade!

For a town that prides itself on strong athletics the fields we provide our athletes are an embarrassment. Having grown up in the town I can say this has been an issue for both me as a child and my children

For the amount of taxes, money in town, it's surprising we don't have top tier athletic facilities for students and adults.

Girls facilities (softball) need to be added at the same amount and caliber as boys fields.

Go to South Kingstown and see what they built for a recreation center in Wakefield. That's what we need!

How did we get screwed out of a new turf field at the newly completed middle school? The grass field had little use until recently due to sod issues and turf would alleviate the drainage issues. We could have turf fields at the middle school AND High school. Get it done

I appreciate very much town administration focuses on this issue and moving us towards action. At the forefront of my concerns as to the tradeoffs with such an investment are (1) environmental considerations and (2) traffic/noise neighboring residential impact

I do like the idea of more lights at fields, but turf seems to have more disadvantages than advantages from my small amount of research.

I do not believe Barrington needs a recreational facility 1) Because I do not feel we need a dedicated recreational space compared to the size of our town, and 2) convers over where it would be built. No matter where you decide, neighbors will push back and have concerns (i.e. in Nayatt on the monastery property or on Middle Highway near College Lane). Haines Park or the Belton Court property seem ideal, but Haines is state owned and Belton Court is being held hostage by a foreign entity with no vested interest in this town.

I feel that Barrington should have superior athletic fields to towns like Portsmouth and Newport, which we don't. It's a shame. Would also love confession stands.

I fully support the creation of and year round maintenance of organic grass fields.

I highly recommend for indoor turf field multiple sports.

"I recommend engaging with professionals who can support creating organic grass fields.

I especially oppose adding any artificial turf or lighting to fields in Haines Park. It would destroy the natural beauty of the park which is enjoyed by many. "

I support anything to help children and adults to be more active in a safe environment. Something like Longplex in Tiverton would be amazing!

I support the construction of a new artificial turf field and field house

I think Barrington sports facilities are seriously lacking and need a major upgrade as soon as possible

I think it's very important that if the town is asked to invest in such an expensive facility that it offer benefits to all residents, not just families with young athletes, or adult athletes. Senior options, arts and crafts, etc. are equally important.

I understand the push back from certain community members around raising taxes for things they won't use, but when you look at Barrington on a macro level, it's a town that is oriented for families, and the town should invest in activities and resources that make it the best community it can be for its target demographic of families and a family-led community. Same as investing in the schools. These investments will serve the community as a whole while also enhancing it as a destination for families in the future. It's an investment in today and tomorrow.

I wonder how it'll be maintained and managed. I worry about people taking their dogs on it. I also am concerned about damage.

I would like the town to pursue recreational options at the Zion Bible School property. Use zoning leverage to negotiate a mixed use plan for a public/private partnership consisting of elderly housing, affordable housing, and recreation space (paths, fields, rec center).

If children are going to play competitively at the college level they need to regularly play on turf.

If the former Zion property is a consideration for the Recreation facility and the price tag from Shineharmony is greater than \$3million then the town should position themselves to purchase from Shineharmony the entire Zion property and control the last largest parcel of land in town. Sell 25 Watson ave and use the proceeds towards the purchase of Zion. Do not pay Shineharmony anything close to the 2011 purchase price!

If we want our kids to be able compete with other towns, we need turf fields and better facilities. We have the resources, let's do it!

If you're going to tear down that I ask that you please maintain control of that property and turn it into a much needed indoor venue for our winters. Most of us cannot afford YMCA memberships and such .

In the event of inclement weather, how will the turf field be appropriated?

It does not make sense to make a significant investment in artificial turf at any school owned property until their construction plans are determined and I struggle to think of a good town owned property as a location given the lighting needs, etc.

It's a decade behind schedule.

it's disappointing that a town with amazing sports D1 at the hs level we have no turf and pay to use other schools or towns turf

I've also heard, in my few years in town, that some of the town's better athletes are going to private high school because of the state of our town athletic fields and facilities. Not that "winning" is the reason to do any of these upgrades, but we're not "competing" with other top quality school districts in Rhode Island, New England, and across the US. I grew up on Long Island in a good school district. Our fields were all bad grass fields (mostly rocks, dirt, broken glass, goose feces, etc.) and when I recently went home ALL of those fields are now beautiful turf facilities. It's time we catch up!!

I've read that RI does not have the ability to recycle artificial turf and since it does not this shouldn't be an option.

Let's stop talking about this and make it happen. Our facilities need to be improved.

Lights would be great!!!!

Lining the fields for all sports for every game is too much for the dpw to handle. A special committee/volunteer group to focus on lining the fields

Mathewson rd is busy with walkers/runners all day long, the street has no lights or sidewalk/bike path, which is quite dangerous, especially after dark.

My children attend private school, but I am not even sure if we are allowed to access school facilities in the summer/off hours. I assumed not. As a taxpayer, I would love clarification on usage of school facilities for residents who don't have children in Barrington schools

Our facilities in town are embarrassing, we need to be competitive with other towns in terms of facilities and sports fields, the health risk and environmental concerns are not founded as every university and a lot of towns Already offer these facilities, I feel that is just an easy excuse for the opposition to these types of improvements!

Our fields are in terrible condition, it is not consistent with the rest of the town or the property taxes

Our fields, and the management of their use, are an embarrassment. For many leagues in town our kids play home games in Warren because they Arent allowed in Town fields. For the taxes we pay we should have competitive, plentiful athletic field space.

Our kids are at a disadvantage in this town without a turf field. Some sports need to be played on turf

Our kids are at a huge disadvantage in terms of athletics when compared to other towns. We put so much into so many other areas. This would enhance our town and likely make even more children want to participate

Our son plays on an artificial turf indoor field and we find many tiny plastic pellets everywhere -- I absolutely do not support an outdoor field made of this type of material, as I think it would be harmful for the ecosystem and plant and wildlife (and human life!) in town.

Our youth and high school teams are all playing on turf fields when they play away games. Our athletes are at a disadvantage not being able to practice and compete on the same surface that competitors play on.

Please invest in sidewalks and bike paths off the EAST BAY BP

Public golf options would be great.

restrooms at fields throughout town, proper garage areas, opportunity for concessions would be beneficial for easy fundraising for all sports and programs in town.

See above.

"Should have at least one or two soccer length fields as turrent to allow or high school teams to practice year round

Have grass fields for baseball and softball. No one to slide on Trudy either running after a fly ball or sliding into base"

Some concern about the chemical/health aspects of turf

Space is necessary to accommodate practices and games, lighting, bathrooms, mini field houses,

Spend some money on kids sports for once. It would be nice if fields were in a complex - less spread out, easier to maintain, fewer facilities needed, tear down sowams build a new school at Hampden meadows and do it at sowams. Simple.

Stop indulging the pearl clutching and scaremongering around the topic. Dozens of other towns and private schools have it, it's safe, we need it

Supported this years ago, however some rogue groups within the town shot it down. Annoying

Surrounding towns with, theoretically less resources, have vastly superior recreational facilities.

Thank you for finally addressing this. It's a major issue in our town- a town with so many active kids (and adults!) It's time to move forward with an improved BHS facility.

Thanks for opportunity to provide input for survey

the conditions of the Barrington fields, especially some of the youth lacrosse practice fields is terrible. Both both the amount of use that the fields and NE weather, make it impossible to maintain the quality of a field needed to prevent injury.

The current fields are in bad shape, not flat, and are always closed when it rains.

The high school facilities and athletic parts of the school are in dire need for financial support

The high school field hockey team never have an opportunity to play on victory field. This means they never start a game with the national anthem, they players are never introduced over the speaker system and there is no seating for spectators. This is unfortunate for such a successful sport.

The kids need a Gaga pit

The rate of athlete injuries is significantly higher on turf fields. The rate of burns, heat stroke and dehydration are also greater on turf fields. I also am concerned about the environmental impact of turf fields and the lack of recycling options.

The town should purchase Zion and finally make a town sports complex a reality. The conditions of our sports fields is inadequate for our needs. The lack of bathrooms is unfair to all visiting teams and spectators with small children. This is an active sports-driven town, and we don't have the facilities to support the athletic programs we have.

The youth sports community is large and in need of fields. Listen to the people.

There are a lot of hockey families in Barrington and there might be a lot more if we had an ice facility to promote hockey and overall skating. The high school hockey team has to drive all the way out to Portsmouth Abby and that's about a half hour away! We need a rink. Build the facility at that Belton Court property?

There aren't enough fields and the scheduling for sports is difficult because of this. Particularly in the fall when it gets dark early. The lack of trash cans is infuriating. Telling people to take their trash doesn't work so we need to fix that.

There should be a thoughtful collaboration of appropriate sports. A complex of softball and baseball fields with shared restrooms, concessions and parking. Collaboration with soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football due to similar field size.

These are amazing questions and really hope to see progress!

This is a no brainer - please help the amazing student athletes in barrington get in a level playing field (pun intended) with the rest of the world!

This is a topic that has been evaluated for 50 years and the finding is the same. We have a very wealthy community with high tax rates, but our athletic facilities are unacceptable. They are embarrassing. It goes to show how logjammed the town politics are that we can't even have reasonable sports fields for the children of this family community. The vocal minority is catered to and it needs to stop.

This is critical infrastructure.

To be mindful of the nearby homes as it will suck for them

Turf and lights

Turf at Victory field at bhs should be the priority. Our teams play all their away games on turf. The playing surface is safe. Barrington is so far behind other high schools in the state it's embarrassing!

"Ultimately, this topic is about the health and well being of the kids in this town.

In a progressively digital age, difficult to control for parents, sports and fitness are more important than ever.

A major upgrade to our youth recreational facilities will be a lasting investment. We should not be catching up to adjacent towns, we should be setting the example for the region. The result will be improved mental health for our children, as well as ensuring Barrington remains an attractive home for families well into the future. "

Very difficult to go for a leisurely walk or bike ride on the bike trail when people are flying by you like professional cyclists. There are not enough sidewalks to walk safely in town!

We are behind other towns and organizations that offer better playing fields and facilities. If the Town had better options, it would also provide additional revenue opportunities for the Town since outside organizations would look to rent fields for use as well.

We have a history of debating between nice grass fields and artificial turf. We don't have nice grass fields. We can pretend that will magically change, but it hasn't in the time I've been involved. COVID forced a resting period for all fields and they're still a problem. Players from a BHS team I coach would regularly bring me chunks of glass they scooped up in the middle of Library Field. It's embarrassing.

We have been welcomed into east bay since Somerset does not have lacrosse. My son learned to swim at the Barrington YMCA and we would use the bike path more if it were safer.

We have had to cancel so many sporting events due to weather

We in Barrington should be ashamed and embarrassed by our facilities. Anywhere else we travel to, other towns in the state seemed to have figured it out. And let's stop pretending we know something the rest of the world doesn't about turf—it's widely accepted across the country.

We need better fields and a artificial turf field would be a huge benefit to Barrington

We need to take better care of the fields we have. Also, all non-regulation fields needs to be brought up to regulation standards for the division they play in.

We really hope changes happen soon so our family can appreciate the updates! Thank you for considering options!

We should have a boathouse to build a world class rowing organization.

We would definitely use these new prospected facilities. We have been waiting a long time for this to happen. As a family of 4, we are all active and athletic and want somewhere to do our activities.

Whatever field upgrades we need to make to allow practice/games to be held in wet conditions. We seem to close fields far more frequently than neighboring towns, putting our kids at a disadvantage.

When we have traveled to other towns with our kids for games/tournaments or visa versa-families from other towns comment on the horrible conditions of our fields/facilities particularly given Barrington's known tax burden. I think it will not only be well used, but also reflect on our town in a much better light. If done correctly, this could also lead to hosting more tournament style events which could bring in considerable tax revenue to the town.

While I generally prefer grass to turf, we have too many families, sports and leagues and not enough room to have and maintain grass fields. Turf seems to be the logical answer. We have seen them used throughout our state, New England and the country successfully and without major health or ecological damage.

While there is a need for additional fields and improved field maintenance, there are a lot of other simple improvements to recreational facilities that could be implemented. Additional canoe and kayak racks at Walker Farm and the beach, maintaining trails in town (especially at Hampden Meadows/Sowams, and improving or making safe access to the water at public access points would improve recreational opportunities for people of all ages throughout town. Restroom access should also be provided for facilities that are used by youth or adult sports leagues.

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- **50-59:** 45 Surveys Responded to Question

As the parent of a kid with a severe tree nut allergy, the suggestion by the Barrington Times editor to use crushed walnut shell infill is the scariest thing I've heard yet. I don't care if a company claims to have removed the allergens with a patent pending process, not enough testing has been done.

Barrington could lead the charge toward sustainable turf fields by investing in an organic field service. Just because "every other town" has plastic turf does NOT mean we need one.

Expensive and bad for the environment

Fields need to not only be updated and improved, but then they have to be maintained with budgeting and planning that supports the maintenance in the future.....One time fixes are pointless without continuing to keep the fields and facilities in good shape going forward.

High school field needs care. A new turf field and track field will be appreciated.

"<https://www.grassmastersolutions.com/en/grassmaster-overview>"

I joined the Barrington Little League Board for this very reason, to help address the field situation I saw as an issue when we moved to the town in 2020.

I think barrington pop Warner football is very unfair in the way that parents who coach have their own kids throw, catch and run the ball while other kids are just pawns on the field. How can kids learn if they're not given a fair chance to play. therefore I am not in support of a facility until that changes. And that is the same for basketball and baseball. Other parents feel the same way I do hopefully they will voice their opinion. No problem in travel soccer because there's no parents involved. Parent coaching sucks!

If the Town can't even keep existing basketball courts clean and provide toilet facilities at its sports fields, how is the Town going to manage and maintain a field house?

If the town were to build a multipurpose facility it could be used year round and generate revenue in terms of court rentals or membership fees.

If we are banning plastic bags, why do we think artificial turf is okay?

If we want a turf field for all teams and more community use, it cannot be at BHS with that staff overseeing the schedule. This will lead to primary use by BHS and not other schools, much like the tennis courts which BMS tennis team was forbidden to use while awaiting new courts

"Investment in artificial turf long overdue.

Safe and environmentally friendly turf, in fill and quality playing surface adds value over time when compared to grass fields which require and have not been properly installed, irrigated and maintained.

Almost every community in size and demographic comparison to Barrington has supported and has demonstrated value and benefit from multi use athletic turf fields most commonly built on school properties "

it would prevent injuries and provide better playing conditions

Just look at what East Providence did at their new high school for their athletic fields and copy.

Kids need to have a recreational facility.

Lights in Barrington streets need a lot of improvement, the town is pitch dark at night in residential street.

Most of the fields in town are empty most of the time. Why is this a problem?

My daughter is a BHS varsity field hockey player. The BHS Field hockey field is uneven and not suitable for play.

Not every field has to be football-ideal. If football players get injured more severely on turf fields then keep THEM on natural turf. IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT FOOTBALL

People need to be re-educated about turf fields - those against it often quote outdated information

Please consider ways to minimize light pollution when installing any lights.

Please do not do this! Barrington has always been a leader in the state and physically responsible too! Do your due diligence and hire someone to take care of what we have already and manage what we have and we will have more for it!

Please no astroturf

Regarding lights for night games I hope people in this town realize that by allowing a lighted turf field it will give kids extended opportunities to play throughout the day and into the night which will alleviate some of the overcrowding issues we have with field availability

See above.

Seems like the town is way behind on this topic, time to get in line with other, less well off communities

Thank you for listening to an industry expert who is also a Town resident, I defer to his decades of experience and insight.

The Carmelite monastery could be a nice Recreation center site. Or construct at Vets Field site. Add 2 story parking at the Y lot and a few fields.

The fields in Barrington are terrible and something needs to be done

The high school field is over used for many activities another one with turf etc would help

The high school fields have rocks and divets that make the field unsafe. Our kids also cannot compete with other schools that have turf fields.

The town could rent out field time and space to club soccer, AAU basketball, etc programming that would not only provide the town with revenue but also with our young athletes convenient access to higher end sport specific training and team participation.

The town promotes itself as a high performing school with great athletics - that's all done IN SPITE OF the facilities kids are forced to play on.

"The town's building and grounds dept does a great job with the tools they have to keep the fields playable, unfortunately they do not have the proper tools to keep the fields playable throughout the season.

We need a way where teams can play when conditions are wet or damp, town cancelations to protect the fields is warranted, but kids need to be able to play in all types of weather conditions. "

The village should look at a combination of public and private funding for improving the athletic/recreational facilities. Barrington has several recreational youth leagues that can fund raise additional funds to supplement the village money.

There are numerous reasons that plastic grass should be ruled out as an option (cost, environmental considerations/PFAS, heat, hardness/injury, disinfecting, maintenance, 10-year cycle of replacement, nonrecyclability).

There is no rink on the East Bay. Having a rink in Barrington would benefit the town, the local hockey team and would be a money maker as being the only rink in the East Bay.

town should build a recreation center as a new revenue source - you could rent it out for events / leagues / and social gathers to help off set the only other source of revenue in town - property tax

Unclear long term management. If one with less plastic and a more natural fill (that was containable and did not run into the local water ways) was available, then I'd consider it.

Was a 40 yr resident of Barrington before moving to Warwick for affordable waterfront property

We have never actually put resources into organic grass. Hiring real maintenance company with accountability and resources like so many Massachusetts towns and cities have

We should have 2 or 3 artificial turf fields!

What are we waiting for?... every other town has one!

You always get some people that stick to information from years ago as to the bad turf has come a long way and last 12 to 15 years

- **60-69:** 13 Surveys Responded to Question

Artificial turf fields have come a long way and are very safe. Not to mention geese will not feed on such a field.

Currently there are very few places to play pickleball indoors.

Environmental impact of artificial turf would be negative.

Grass fields at BHS can not sustain the level of activity and become dangerous. Artificial turf should be installed at BHS because older kids put more wear/tear on any field. In this town at this point in time an artificial turf field is way overdue

Health issues&€| flooding from more torrential rain

I have been teaching adult Pickleball for the Barrington Parks and Rec Dept for the last 5 years. Our programs have to stop during the winter months because there is no available indoor facilities to teach.

I played on the fields in jr. high and highschool they were fine. WE DO NOT NEED AN ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD OR REC. CENTER !!!! Use the new school's indoor facilities .

N/A

Pickleball play has exploded! Anyone from 5 to 105+ can play. I thought we were promoting kids to play? Pickleball should be a catalyst to get more kids (and adults) moving to get/stay in shape. Let's get healthy people!!! Oh...and please...more than 2 courts indoors...they're building 6 outside courts in Bristol and there are at least 50 people wanting to play every time it's offered (and it's actually capped at 45 because of lack of number of courts)!!! Finally, I drive from Newport to play pickleball in Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Narragansett and Wickford. Yes...it's a popular sport. As my mom used to say...GET WITH THE PROGRAM!!!!

Promoting health should be for life long activities. We need to also focus on older population and very young, this is suggestion for warm water pool.

"The schools should have fields appropriate for their student populations.

I am surrounded by Chianese activity and YMCA activity that is already too loud with bright lights. I do not want additional work done in either area."

We have plenty of fields with now the Haines park fields, they just need to be maintained better.

When discussing the development of recreational facilities in Barrington, please emphasize the social aspect of sports such as pickleball, especially during the isolating covid years! A great opportunity to meet people from all walks of life who you would otherwise never come across in our suburbia.

- **70+:** 11 Surveys Responded to Question

An artificial surface will hold up much better than grass. It will last about 10 years and then need to be replaced. Artificial surfaces need periodic maintenance to decompact the surface and let it remain soft. If it's too hard it will cause injuries.

Any indoor facility needs to include pickleball courts as it fought to play pickleball in the cold!

Artificial fields are safe for all.

"Due to seasonal weather conditions, there would be no advantage having artificial turf."

Empirical science, not funded by the plastics industry, supports natural turf.

New forms of artificial turf are better than older ones that caused safety/environmental concerns.

Pickleball in Barrington has exploded in popularity and participation. There are hundreds of players using BMS Chanese and Kent

Pickleball is experiencing explosive growth, all ages, genders. It is certain to continue.

The survey seems to be oriented towards some particular kinds of athletic activities- with a focus on fields. It is too narrow. If the town is to spend money on improving athletic/recreational facilities, this survey seems to be running in a direction to satisfy only one set of stakeholders. Sorry, it is not a good survey, if the interests of the whole town are to be measured.

"We currently think all that is important are the children....this town is made up of all ages
Our children get many great things here but we need to address all ages for activities and socialization."

we should be concerned with letting the kids have a safe place to compete and a place they can take pride in. That doesn't mean it needs to have artificial turf or grass that is loaded with chemicals. These kids are not old enough to decide what is safe. It's up to the adults to look after their best interests.