

Frankfort Community Resource Center Survey

As of 10-21-18

473 responses (All comments are not edited)

1. Please rate how important you feel that each category of POTENTIAL uses of the community center is for the Frankfort-Elberta area.

	1 (Not At All Important)	2	3 (Somewhat Important)	4	5 (Extremely Important)
Conference Center/Rental	79	92	143	82	62
Place for Kids	21	34	70	106	232
Culinary Space	96	92	140	67	60
Professional Spaces (For Rent)	124	102	127	70	30
Community Resources/Support	25	47	83	131	173
Senior Citizens	18	44	104	119	175
Entertainment	55	59	106	134	99
Recreation & Information	40	49	97	127	143

2. Do you think a Community Resource Center is needed?

462 responses

Yes 81.4% 376
No 18.6% 86

Additional comments for Question 2.

115 responses

We sorely need a community gathering space that also offers a one-stop-shop for many of the resources that support working families and help all of us to enjoy successful lives.

We already have Grow Benzie, how would this be different or compliment each other's efforts?

It would augment the Library as a place for educational programs. Mills House in Benzonia serves the purpose of a Community Resource Center well, and Frankfort should take the positives from that operation.

Need local visible gathering place

We have rental space at Grow Benzie and Oliver Art Center and culinary space at Grow Benzie. No need to duplicate. Training and adult Ed could also be valuable.

I think we should utilize Grow Benzie which is already established.

I believe that many of the above listed categories are already available elsewhere and we should aim to collaborate with those vs. creating space that might compete.

Low priority vs. other needs

The library building is inadequate.

Yes, Big need.. I would be great to have a conference facility and a place to host events, all year around.

area business can meet most of the needs-why does the city need to compete-we have both the elementary and high school that have available space.Use some of the money for new restroom facilities at mineral springs,the beach,market square park and 7th street park

Theatre seats auditorium with loop system for hearing aid people.

No other place in Frankfort adequately provides information

To comment on the "Conference Center/Rental"- I think that a COMMUNITY SPACE like a conference hall is much needed- a place for an indoor farmer's market, somewhere to host larger events and larger groups... but I do not think our Community Center should be a wedding venue; it should be available for the community/public- especially kids/young families, and seniors- to use and not closed for private functions.- available to all, not rentable by those who can afford to do so! I think the need that the locals have most strongly is a place to help with cabin fever in the winter. I would love to see a tasteful indoor playscape for little kids, with a small indoor track around it so those who can't walk outside in the winter can get a few steps in if the weather is nasty. I think Culinary Space is cool- but we have that with Grow Benzie.

Resource center! Coordination for citizen to contact resource

If you can rent out for weddings & events

The Resource Center will help the community come together and will support many needs in Frankfort.

The community resource center could be a wonderful place to bring in people ranging in ages to create an even more right community.

Childcare, preschool and summer daycare vital. Indoor hang-out for teens needed.

A place for families to go for activities year 'round would be wonderful for the community!

For year-around adult education

Unless for child care, reasonably priced

Unless it provides daycare, no. All the other services exist here now.

Year-round activities ie. adult education/children & intergenerational activities are important

It would be a good asset for the community.

I believe we need a place, other than schools, where people can come together.

This would be a vital resource for year-round residents

This is what a community is all about - local!

All of these categories are already covered either in Frankfort or very near by. We need to support what is already being done, not add to the congestion in town.

Expand resources from current Paul Oliver, library, art center

Culinary space @ Grow Benzie

But only if done with significant input from those who would be using the space. Too many centers are built for kids... without input from kids. Allow the intended clients to participate and have an ownership stake in the center's success.

How will it be supported on a year around basis?

We have nothing in our area to keep young families here

A resource center will help bring the community even closer together.

cooking and shopping for food to cook with /kids need to learn this

Not sure what you mean by resource center, but much info is available.

With indoor play space for kids available in the winter

There is a huge need to move our community in this direction! We need a place for all ages, that should provide community care, support and employment opportunities.

Fitness center

I hope it will not be geared to kids as that will overshadow, or crowd out all other potential value.

More culinary space

I think we need one big meeting place where all kinds of events and classes can be held during the winter and summer.

The homeless or the lower class— or even anyone at all—could really use this. The first step to bettering your life whether financially, socially, or for your health all starts with finding resources and a lot of people do not know where to go or trust the available options.

Neutral position, stay frequently with relatives during summer months only.

I'm just unsure if there wouldn't be better uses for city resources elsewhere. If it happens I hope it really has programming that supports the entire community and doesn't become exclusive 'touristy' type place. It needs to be something where everyone can benefit not just a select few.

Churches could be the resource for seniors and culinary., schools could be used after-hours for kids programs. Rec and entertainment already available, plus Chamber covers info about that. Some professional spaces empty already.

Yes, the younger population here needs resources for winter and summer. Our children need a space that they can play basketball, swim, and come together.

Why should my tax dollars be spent competing with private enterprise?

Most of the list is now or should be county functions

Nearly all these categories are already available or not needed.

If such a facility is built, I hope it's not single purpose (e.g., lots of tiny sinks and toilets for young kids) and hope that we're not committing to significant long-term operating expenses.

When the Senior Center was in Frankfort, seniors in our area used it more. I don't know how many now drive to Honor...especially in the winter. Maybe there could be a cooperative effort with Benzie Senior Resources to do some satellite activities in Frankfort...card parties, exercise programs etc. And we REALLY need activities for school-age kids...maybe mentoring programs after school.

We need more day care option for children in Benzie county

A very low cost for local professionals to present well being presentations. Most rentals are prohibitive. Community healing spaces.

We are in favor, but do not believe that there should be duplicative efforts that could negatively impact other, existing facilities and services. Why replicate what can and is being done at Grow Benzie, or Oliver Art Center, or Benzie Senior Resources. And please don't cannibalize those and other, retail efforts. I believe that we should not be building meeting space that exceeds the capability of the existing hotel/motel space to accommodate visitors.

As a summer resident I personally do not especially need a Community Center but I believe the local residents very much need one.

I see an aquatics center isn't part of the plan but I want to note my support of such a facility. I'm driving to the Y in tc to swim laps and have swim classes for my kids.

I think we have a lot of "helping" places already and great venue spaces. We have amazing communities of faith, and senior resources. But, like many things in this country, these things are not coordinating or even communicating with one another. We have TWO chambers, two food pantries, THREE libraries, TWO high schools. If anything....I think we need some resources on community organizing and building support systems. Lack of Childcare though, and affordable housing, are going to be constant deterrents in young families moving here. So maybe more senior citizen resources is the long term vision. I hope not. Multigenerational communities seem like a more sustainable future.

All the above services are already offered with the exception of childcare

Frankfort is expanding, especially in the summer. This would serve the year round residents first.

Having a problem with the idea. Platte River School is searching for some of the same things. We have schools and church halls. Not sure what the demand is.

Community needs are different than individual or special interest wants

Whether it is "needed" or not, the open space bldg. should be utilized.

Potential uses compete with excellent existing opportunities

Most of these areas are already being covered

If these spaces are really needed, aren't there other venues already in the community?

I am torn---it can't possibly do all of the things suggested. I do know that there aren't adequate daycare facilities in Benzie County in general, and the cost is often a huge barrier to young families, besides a single mother that may only be able to get a minimum wage job. State regulations make it difficult for providers from the private sector to step up, so I think this is one specific area that community support could make a huge difference. However, being located in the Frankfort/Elberta area would make it inconvenient for access to many of the counties residents. Do we know how many families in the immediate Fkft/Elb area are in need of this service? Are there any plans for feasibility studies to address this and narrow the broad spectrum of suggestions, or will it be driven by opinion surveys?

I answered "no" because I believe there are other sites in the County (e.g. Grow Benzie, Oliver Art Center) that meet some of the needs. I've taken culinary classes this summer at the Oliver Art Center and Grow Benzie. I also wonder if we can be more efficient in utilizing sites we have to meet some of the areas of need (e.g. adult ed, skilled trades) by having rooms in the school available in the evening. Back in the 80's adult ed classes were offered at the high school--I took a culinary class. As for a light fitness center, we have the Betsie Hosick Fitness Center. Perhaps a fitness center in another location of the County would be better.

We are frequent visitors to the area and plan to relocate in the foreseeable future. We are active and would volunteer for many things. Do not underestimate the value of community connectedness to travelers and seasonal visitors. A community center is an asset for growing relationships across all generations and as a recruitment tool for new residents looking for services.

Benzie Senior Resources provides many services to seniors

I think that would be great for Frankfort. It's awesome to see so many people making Frankfort even better.

Particularly useful during non-tourist season.

I'm a seasonal visitor so I don't know really if the Resource Center is needed.

Kids and elderly, especially.

I am not sure that it is needed as a separate building. Why cannot a school be available for meetings and support services?

I have to admit that, as a visitor, I'm not sure. But it seems like it would be a great amenity and resource for both visitors and year-round residents.

Surprised there is not a category for extended education opportunities, especially in the area of technical literacy. It would be nice but not essential.....

Meeting space for regular and occasional meetings, e.g. Lions, Rotary, and other weekly meetings.

I've visited Frankfort and needed a space to do work in a quiet professional space with good internet. I called everywhere and no space was to be found. Making a co-working like space would provide professionals visiting Frankfort on Holiday the availability to stay longer!

Anytime you can create a community resource like this, it benefits everyone!

For culinary space

Look to finding ways the Frankfort Library and Senior center can function to fulfill these objectives. Both are located on prime real estate and consideration to sell one, utilize the funds from the sale to expand the other. Most small communities use the Library as a hub for these types of activity. Also Elberta already has an amphitheater and we would not want duplication of venues that might impact the other to fail for lack of participation.

I personally think that involving the community (especially our youth and elderly) in a small area is very important. If given a proper space, all generations can come together to help each other; sharing knowledge, community projects, making friends. Just a few ideas that can come from a gathering place.

A space for gathering, discussions and diverse fun isn't needed, but would be wonderful.

In times of diverse and seemingly unconnected events we need a center to share the commonalities of our community. It would be great for all of the kids who need help to have a place they can ask, and most importantly have their needs going to qualified people to be helped with.

Grow Benzie is already a great community center. It would make sense to collaborate with them on expanding some of these ideas so as not to duplicate/compete with each other. After all, we are a small community and spreading the resources(donations) could mean that only one community center will thrive or survive.

the more reasons we have for our local families to stay here, the better it is for the entire community.

Not sure it's NEEDED, but it might be nice.

It would be wonderful to have one place that people could visit to get all of the resource information for things like emergency housing, childcare and other major issues we have in our community.

A place for people to go for social, recreational, and athletic pursuits.

Would the city be competing with other businesses and not-for-profit venues who are offering these same services?

Are these venues exceeding their capacity? Is there any data supporting a demonstrated need for these services? I would like to see statistics on a demonstrated need. Do we need bricks and mortar? For example, the city might spend less money and access USDA grant dollars by improving the infrastructure, parking and restroom facilities for the farmer's market - which would also serve other 'pop up' events, including weddings. For example, a gazebo could be augmented with rented tents for an outdoor wedding, not obstruct the view of the bay and add aesthetic value to the open space. Professional office space and adult ed or trades programs would be nice but I'm wondering if there are some existing spaces that are under-utilized spaces at churches, schools, Grow Benzie, etc. Frankfort doesn't need its own if a neighboring village or township has it. Frankfort needs to provide more space for parking. I would like to see an asset inventory and survey on the capacity of existing venues providing the above services that provides clear evidence of a demonstrated need before the city starts spending money on building a community center. It would be more prudent to do improve the infrastructure for pop up events and let that and supporting data drive the demand for a bricks and mortar building. Focus on facts not feelings.

We already have a successful community center that is able and equipped to take on more if people request it--Grow Benzie.

I am not sure - I think that we have a very good program in the county for senior citizens and we draw a lot of visitors to this area for our recreational/outdoor opportunities. Do we need to become a destination for business (i.e.

Conferences, rental space) - I personally don't think so. Therefore, I think that a community resource center in Frankfort/Elberta would be best utilized for area children and for community resources.

To number 2. Yes if done right (which using tax dollars I assume will not be done right), I think it could be needed for the right things. We do NOT need to be using tax dollars to compete against private businesses. We do not need tax

dollars to be going to a wedding center or conference center to compete with tax paying businesses! What makes communities survive are taxes. If you take revenue away from the businesses (by competing with them!) that pay your taxes then you have those businesses possibly going out of business. I understand that money being brought in will go to city, but that will be after the initial cost is paid off AND after all the upkeep and paying any staff (which would be MANY years)..... But maybe a resource center would be ok... still do not know if the tax dollars would be justified, but at least you are not taking business away from tax payers with a community resource center... We have the chamber for the recreation and information... Unless you move the chamber there so any rent can go to the building....

Especially as a gathering place for teens and children

Primarily for teens and children

The "rec center" is falling apart.

3. How likely would you be to use the facility for the purposes identified above?

	1 (Would Not Use)	2	3 (Somewhat Likely)	4	5 (Extremely Likely)
Conference Center/Rental	194	104	89	58	28
Place for Kids	156	49	80	72	116
Culinary Space	212	91	82	48	40
Professional Spaces (For Rent)	256	90	65	43	19
Community Resources/Support	80	60	139	105	89
Senior Citizens	154	57	86	82	94
Entertainment	91	56	110	106	110
Recreation & Information	71	53	105	121	123

4. How often do you think you or your immediate family would use the Community Resource Center?

468 responses

Daily	11
Weekly	105
Monthly	92
Year-round	58
Seasonally	83
Rarely	90
Never	29

5. How likely would you be to pay and support the Community Center through one or more of the following means? (Please rate each one)

	1 (Not At All Likely)	2	3 (Somewhat Likely)	4	5 (Extremely Likely)
Competitive rental rates, based on usage (daily, weekly)	127	57	101	87	87
Annual membership fee	154	76	104	68	50
Recreation tax millage	156	50	88	82	77
Direct, tax-deductible donation	129	66	111	86	61

6. How would you rate the current quality of life in the Frankfort-Elberta community?

468 responses

Excellent	124
Good	273
Fair	64
Poor	7

Additional comments for Question 6.

104 responses

Need more things to do, places to go for local year-round residents. Need to attract more young people as local year-round residents.

For many year-around residents, the quality of life is often a struggle. Child care, affordable housing, transportation, affordable healthcare, local retail offerings can often be a struggle or out of reach. Too many very part time residents 10 months or more each year. We boom in July and die in January.

Nice park system and always getting better, great elementary school, relatively vibrant downtown, need more year round jobs

This is highly dependent on particular circumstances. For some, quality of life is excellent. For others it is a struggle or even impossible to make ends meet.

Very difficult to find housing and childcare

It would be nice to have Senior resources and activities close. Honor id a long way to go daily

I would like it to be more of a community again. I dislike the fact that many of our homes are vacant most of the year denying the homes to year around residents and families.

It is excellent for us, but we are seasonal residents. I am sure there are things that could be done for others in the community.

Is feeling more like everything is geared towards tourists and locals are treated second class.

We must control, regulate (yes!) growth to maintain the quality of life. We are in danger of losing the character and ecological integrity of this area with unlimited development.

for non-seasonal community

My quality of life is excellent, but I feel that community-wide the convenient availability of these resources would enhance many lives.

People are caring and want to help others as much as they can.

Family support - childcare, preschool & summer daycare extremely deficient. Local activities for seniors needed (and info)

We have a wonderful community with good people and good businesses

Tourism has become too much

The more absentee owners who rent short term, the worse the ambiance.

Frankfort needs to be open & flexible for positive change

It seems set up for wealthy holiday makers and not workers or their families.

Love the people - although know we need more for young families

It will be excellent when there is a community center.

Not enough rental properties for average working people to live. Address that before building a facility that the summer people want, and that the local folks will rarely use. Also, event space only works if you have places for people to stay, which are very few.

Except for the congestion in the summer.

There aren't enough activities for children in the winter.

childcare and affordable housing make life difficult

Very challenging in winter but wonderful in summer.

My quality of life is pretty good, but the cost of housing and lower paying jobs available make it hard for most young families to be able to afford to live here.

Too many summer tourists these days.

Not enough affordable housing and day care facilities.

Summers are great as we have a beautiful beach and shops in town. Without those we do not offer much

Finding ways to stimulate the local economy in the winter would be one aspect that needs help.

Frankfort would benefit from more shuttle services on the weekends. This would benefit Elberta citizens as well! The community building will not benefit citizens if they cannot get there.

Nobody plants roots in Frankfort anymore it's all seasonal residents who don't contribute to jobs or Our children.

Lack of daycare. Lack of affordable housing-subsidized housing not available to many residents who work for A living but still can't afford the outrageous rents that are out there.

1) update outhouses to be odor-free and preferably nicer to look at 2) The open space behind Marquette park be used as open space for the town (beautiful panoramic harbor view) great location for farmers market and weddings. 3) more attention paid to downtown period-charm to maintain tourist desirability. That new Frannies Follies bldg is unattractive, cheap looking and a wart on an otherwise charming Main Street. Stormcloud is an attractive asset.

Thinking of year round residents, not seasonal!

Not a lot of houses for sale

All people really do is go to the beach.

The cost of living is very high compared to wages (and despite my husband and I both having college degrees)

I do not live in the area, but from an outsiders point of view that visits frequently, the quality seems great and any friends who live there love it.

Excellent during summer, nothing to draw tourists in winter, and I have free room and board and never come in the winter.

Need to attract young families in Frankfort area. Need childcare and preschool programs in Frankfort.

Seems like the community has a lot of resources for the size. Has there been a needs assessment done as to if this type of facility is wanted by the community?

Much of quality of life would depend on your age and stage. Mine is better because I no longer have young kid, my income is adequate for what I want to do and I have reliable transportation. If any of these things were different, life (not just in Frankfort but any rural area) would be way more difficult.

The community is amazing! I really wish that Frankfort and Elberta would just come together and be one. Our families, homes and jobs are so intertwined.

We have a beach that is not maintained (trash, dogs, lack of adequate restrooms, etc). Why create an additional burden on our financial resources?

Love our Frankfort ❤️👍

We have not awakened to the fact that we are a retirement - 2nd home community.

We feel fortunate to live here. It gets crowded in the summer, but people are friendly and it's only for a few weeks.

Frankfort-Elberta is a pretty darned nice place to live. The snow and winter weather gets a little brutal at times. I sometimes miss the shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities that exist in a big city (e.g., Detroit or Chicago), but fortunately, both of them are a reasonable drive from here.

Frankfort has become a zoo in summer and a ghost town in winter. I hate that it has become a city of short-term rentals and six-week residents. I liked it better when we were a community that supported our businesses, our schools, and each other year-round.

This center would make it even better.

Depends on who you are. Seems like there is little for kids to do, teens especially.

I would rate it as excellent except for the lack of child care and workforce housing. Support services are generally quite good though they rely heavily on the time and financial generosity of local community members.

As a summer resident I don't necessarily have the same perspective a local resident would have.

Childcare in Benzie county is making it nearly impossible for my young family to stay in the area. We're considering a move closer to tc but we love it here.

There aren't a lot of year-round, family-friendly offerings. I think it's an excellent place for retired folks and summer visitors.

Frankfort is a great place to live I think we have plenty of community resources private and public.

Remove junk cars, enforce weed cutting (over sidewalk on Forest)

Neighborhoods are disappearing due to weekly rentals. Too many junky yards

Fair-Good

Impossible to answer - poor question how will answer be interpreted?

Good people, good schools, low crime

We have a lot of needy families and not a lot of resources to share.

Love love life be Frankfort!

Our community has many assets, and a lot going on for those that have the interest and time to participate.

With The retirement of baby boomers there will be more call for recreational facilities for elderly citizens. This could impact the health and well being of seniors. The kids, of all ages always need a safe place to gather.

Excellent environment and nearness of Traverse City for items not available locally. Very good roads. Friendly atmosphere and residents. Small town feel. Very good local restaurants. Very good availability of bus service. Excellent recycling facilities.

I'm aware of a group working on a Betsie Valley Community Center and another group working on re-purposing the former Platte River Elementary. I'd like to see all three groups work more collaboratively so that we don't strain the limited resources available in the County. Also, I see good resources within or close to Frankfort (Oliver Art Center, Grow Benzie, Betsie Hosick Fitness Center, Garden Theater, pavilions at Elberta's & Frankfort's parks, etc.) and believe that if we work collaboratively across the County, we can be strategic with our funds.

Business can't find people willing to work. Have to stop paying people not to work. Drugs are a serious problem.

We do not live in Frankfort, so it's hard to comment upon year-round living. We have visited during all seasons. I suspect winter months are hard and summer months are disruptive to a peaceful existence. There is no shortage of things to do in the area.

Poor during summer months. Over-crowded, far too many seasonal short term rentals.

I don't live there anymore, but it seems like everybody I know is super involved with improving life in Frankfort, so that's cool.

Not easy for young adults/young families to live in this area

I'm only there in the summer so it's hard for me to say but I think a community resource center would greatly improve quality of life in fall/winter/spring

It would be nice to have a full time area for out full time residence

Not a lot of things to do other than eat, shop, or go to the beach

More children activities such as the skateboard park, or a place for all kids to go after school throughout the school year

I do not live in Frankfort/Elberta so not 100% sure on this

I think the quality of life could improve if there was a place for the generation gaps to find common ground.

A cross generational space where youth who aren't of legal drinking age can gather with 20s-80s folks to explore, plan, organize, thrive. Hours limited only by the availability of trained volunteers.

Having been a "townie"-laker for 80-odd years and part of a 5th generation family I support this endeavor.

Can't complain :)

I have a great life, but I know there are a lot of families that need help.

Its hard for working class families to make ends meet, let alone advance through hard work. Work ethic must be able to pay off, or hope is lost.

Quality of life between Frankfort and Elberta varies wildly between the two communities and can also vary somewhat within.

I have no answer.

You didn't provide a response called "I don't know" on Questions 4 or 5. I can't answer that until I know what the use will be. I use the farmer's market a couple of times a month. I might take adult ed classes, depending on what's offered and the schedule.

Would be nice to see something done with the current community center. We have enjoyed using the community center during the Fall Fest in years past and would love to see something done to improve the facility. Seems like it would be a great place to have events all year round, not just in the fall. We spend a lot of time here in Frankfort during the summer months and never see anything going on at the community center all summer which seems to be Frankfort's busiest time of year.

Need affordable housing, need daycare

No reasonable housing

What is lacking in the Frankfort-Elberta area are activities and a place for young people from teenagers to low 30's. Too much power in the hands of the aging (and sometimes wealthy) population who just want everything to stay the same forever. There's not much of interest for young people and no place for them to gather and hang out. I'm in my 60's and even I can see that Frankfort-Elberta is in danger of dying out because of this. I haven't yet seen anything, however, that would convince me that a community center would serve that part of the population.

I do not live in that area . Just filling out it be nice and responding to what is applicable

As senior citizens, we have what we need.

Currently distressed by the corruption of city politicians

Great area and community. Rotten government and lack of apreacation of our areas unique qualities.

I think there are many resources available and it is important to avoid redundancy

A community center would not positively affect wuality of lufe.

We have a fabulous Art Center in Frankfort which the City seems not to appreciate.

We need indoor gathering space. Especially bored kids and teenagers. They need activity!

Other (4)

7. Please list three things that would enhance the quality of life in the Frankfort-Elberta community:

285 responses

Affordable housing, community rec center, (3)

Affordable, available childcare Affordable Family Housing Private employers who care

More year-round young families; more year-round businesses; more things to do in the "off season".

Year around living wage jobs, affordable decent housing, childcare for working families

senior activities and space

More TRANSPARENCY, More OPENNESS to new ideas/new people/new businesses, More DISCUSSION of what kind of community we wish to see

High quality daycare/preschool, updated sports complex and summer sports programming sponsored by school coaches, downtown fitness center for all ages

Affordable housing; Affordable life-long learning and employment retraining classes; available, affordable childcare -More parking for Summer -Affordable housing for low income workers -Better enforcement of speed laws for traffic entering City limits (both directions).

Affordable housing, job opportunities for younger workers and graduates, Senior Center that could be walked to.

Easier access to river by boat, Winter tourism, more downtown shops open Winter

Consistency of practices, affordable housing, community gathering place

Affordable housing. Employment opportunities. Job training.

Affordable housing, career support for students, competitive wage jobs

Bathroom facilities inCanon Park

Affordable childcare & housing

More affordable housing

Bigger library, more picnic spots, more benches on Main Street

more affordable housing community spot like the one in old school in Arcadia

Community center, Housing for area workers, swimming facility, nice bathrooms at the beach

Tiny houses allowed in Frankfort for seasonal hires and year round hires for the area. Indoor Olympic size swimming pool to use year round; with swimmer's itch and e coli outbreaks a swimming pool is a great option. Great for lap swimming exercise; aquafit classes; swimming lessons; senior water walking program. A transer station that handles all or some of the following: SCALE HOUSE – issues and checks Dump Permit Stickers and receives waste oil in disposable containers RECYCLING AREA – bottles, cans, newspapers, mixed paper, phone books, Styrofoam, and corrugated cardboard Allow high school cardboard trailer on site; so it is one stop for people. TRASH BUILDING – MATTRESSES and BOX SPRINGS, FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS, plastic toys, and non-recyclable waste.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY CONTAINER – (Nickel Cadmium) from cell phones, laptops, camcorders, cordless power tools, etc. REGULAR HOUSEHOLD BATTERY CONTAINER BRUSH LOGS, LEAVES AND YARD WASTE DEMOLITION DEBRIS ELECTRONICS DEAD ANIMALS USED CAR BATTERIES PAINT – Latex paint must be removed from the can. (Alternatively, it can be dried in kitty litter, and then discarded in the regular garbage).

AMERICAN FLAG DEPOSIT – sponsored by AMERICAN LEGION – GREENWICH POST 29 GOODWILL TRAILER – Staffed: MON-FRI, 8-3 SALVATION ARMY DEPOSIT – Unmanned – SAT, 8-Noon USED BOOK EXCHANGE / SWAP – FRI & SAT, 7 am – Noon – Books in good condition, excluding text books, business and self-help. Records, CD's and DVD's in good condition. CHRISTMAS TREES – undecorated, De-tinseled trees may be dropped off here during regular hours in the yard waste area until JAN 31st, after which time wood chips will be available. HAZARDOUS WASTE disposal per a schedule.

Parking facility---street repair---modernized restrooms

Bath house, flush toilets for the beautiful public beach. Remove the unacceptable restrooms on the beach now. Odors and dirty should not be there. Make the entrance to Main Street more attractive.

lap swimming

Living wage jobs, affordable housing, available child care for families who can still afford to live here.

More businesses open year-round, affordable child care and affordable housing.

greater community action around a common purpose, a community center, a place where seniors might interact with youngsters

Good, dependable, reputable childcare starting with infants; more parking; a rec-center that is clean and accessible to young families.

By encouraging businesses to stay open longer than 3 "tourist" months. Having owners be responsible for snow removal, even if they're not here (kids shouldn't have to walk to school in the street!). Encouraging businesses that are NOT the same ones you see in every town along the coast (Frankfort's losing its quaintness and turning into a junky town).

Senior Center, Teen Center, More Doctors

Exercise, Pool, Public Hall

Strictly enforce homestead exemption, lower property tax rate

allowing change, expanding marina

Community center, more child friendly areas, more parking

Availability of educational and health resources, a vital senior citizen program with services and activities, a vital program from children with educational and recreational opportunities.

Additional educational resources, summer rec (help with child care during summer), resources to help the elderly

More after school for kids, senior meals, indoor farm market

Childcare, summer dayschool, teen center

Year-round events, open businesses, more handicap parking for our senior residents & people in need, more resources for veterans, seniors, addicts and mental health services.

Environmentally sustainable, more year around activities, small aquatic center

A youth center, senior citizen activities, life skills classes for our teens so they succeed outside Frankfort

No fireworks - enforced, parking lots near beach, move Cannon Park to west end of Betsie Lake. Replace Cannon Park with parking & restroom

Don't "overpromote" Frankfort, enforce laws on streets & beach, short term rentals in residential zones permitted only with owner on site

Low-income housing, community center, winter activities

More year round cultural & educational opportunities, enforcement of environmental standards to protect our air and water, small aquatic center

youth center

Entertainment venue

na

Improved parking availability downtown; Functional Community Center; clean up and rehab properties such as the old Bayview Party Store and lumber yard.

Affordable housing, less clothes shops and restaurants and more for young teens to do safely

Affordable housing, Year around employment (dream!), Options/opportunities for young families.

More parity between Frankfort & Elberta

Indoor pool w/deep well, rock climbing, indoor track

Monthly or bi-weekly dance (all ages), workshops - seminars - etc., classes

More housing for non low income family's and individuals. Less focus on funds for athletics and more focus on funds earmarked for academics and trade and skill building for students. Promoting large hotel chain to locate here or near by to give people a place to stay when visiting.

splash pad; organized activities for 3-5 year olds; community swimming pool

24-7 affordable childcare, affordable housing & updating of current low cost housing, resident access to low cost boating i.e. skulling and/or dragon boating, table tennis, pickle ball and other group sports for all ages.

Enforcement of traffic law, ordinance enforcement, create & enforce rental rules

Retail businesses open all year. Affordable housing/workforce. Create rental rules.

Day care Affordable housing Kid/adult recreation

Quality childcare, youth support, special needs family support.

More income based affordable housing, senior housing, community center

1. Commitment to offering affordable single family homes to draw young families here. 2. More child care providers for families in that stage of life. 3. More handicap accessible entrances to local businesses.

Affordable housing, availability of daycare,

Senior Citizen activities & resources, Space for Community gatherings & events,

More things for kids to do, less taxes to encourage more families to come here and live and less retirees

1. Functioning flush public toilets at the beach in Frankfort. 2. Better and more downtown parking. 3. More stores, restaurants, and businesses open all year long, Frankfort should be a year round destination...not just summer tourists anymore. The beauty of Frankfort is here all year long...

More transportation options through the Benzie Bus, affordable housing options, extended hours day care.

More things for people to do in the winter and places for 10+ year old kids to hang out

More resources for children in the winter. More affordable housing. Summer discounts for locals.

Affordable rental space(s) for performances (similar to opera house in tc and ramsdell in manistee), more hotels, becoming a "gateway" to sleeping bear national lake shore and the heritage trail connecting to betsie valley trail.

youth activities outside of sports, housing, year round jobs

Better housing for working families with kids

Family rec center, having a dollar general store and affordable housing

Winter activities, dog friendly things, rustic forested campgrounds

More shops, lakeside access, sense of community

Increase entertainment (non summer activities), community education, child resources (something to do other than sports)

1. Having a central place to go for community involvement 2. and socialization 3. having more options for local history and culturally relevant activities

more small shops at reasonable price /to wonder in/ food trucks/ and seating all along the walks

A place for locals to gather. We need a place to be inspired...

Daycare, activities for families, pool

Place for kids/teens Resource Center Community Education Programs

Resources for young families.

Membership to tho facility makes more sense for locals. Once the community floods with visitors in the summer it'll be overrun. That would be very frustrating.

Student non-athletic activities and all age miscellaneous classes.

Indoor olympic size swimming pool with aquafit classes. Parking downtown is very tight in the summer; maybe have pay for parking with limited timed parking. Paint numbers on each parking space and have a pay station for the summer season. Use the money to improve downtown and the community center.

First, more public transportation opportunities between Elberta and Frankfort. Second, beautification projects in Elberta to revive downtown and get rid of dilapidated buildings. Third, a huge injection of children's activities and classes.

Affordable housing, less VRBO, access to Elberta beach

Child care for working class families

Clean elberta side up

Real affordable housing, more friendly to younger people/families, more year around commerce

CHILD CARE, affordable housing, year round kids entertainment

Childcare, affordable housing

More jobs, daycare, affordable housing

1) A Dollar Tree store over by Family Fare 2) another sunset beach parking area in alberta where the sandpiles use to be stored.....and cut down that sad row of trees that blocks the southern view from the art center. 3) level or grind the sidewalk trip hazards on Main, Forest and Leelanau.

Improvements to Marquette Park and maintaining the Bay view Removal of sick looking trees blocking southward view from the Art Center Improvement of sideways along Forest and Leelanau Streets

Affordable living downtown Rec center Rent to use kitchen

Affordable housing, lower taxes, more family related services

More activities, clean sites once and awhile, and variety of shops.

1.) more events like concerts, flea markets, workshops (ceramics/art, gardening, cooking) and other fun events.

Kids/teenagers need something entertaining because all we really do is work. Just a place to let loose for a little bit.

8. Select Your Current Age Group

473 responses

0-10	2
15-19	20
20-35	74
36-50	105
51-65	154
66+	118

9. Sex:

464 responses

Male	158
Female	305

I probably one of the above, but mystery is fun!

10. Current family status

460 responses

Married	70.9%	326
Single	29.1%	134

Number of children under age 19 living at home:

366 responses

	Count
0	216
1	60
2	60
3	20
4	8
6	2
More than 2	1

	Count
You 0	1

11. Select what best describes your employment status:

467 responses

Student	18
Employed in Frankfort-Elberta	63
Employed in Benzie County	74
Self Employed	93
Retired	125
Employed outside of Benzie County	75
Semi-retired	1
East Lansing	1
Saginaw County	1
Unemployed	1
Self supported	1
Disabled veteran	1
Live in Benzie work all over state and	1
Funemployed. Living on a prior. Investment.	1
Employed in Benzie and in Traverse City	1
Employed in Frankfort and outside Benzie Co.	1
Employed with home office in Frankfort	1
Self Employed outside of Benzie as there isn't good professional support in our county :(1
Sahm	1
Charter boat Captain	1
self employed in Beulah	1
Employed both inside and outside Benzie County.	1
I am employed by one company but work in both Benzie and Leelanau Counties	1
volunteer in Benzie County	1
Primary residence in Boston	1

(Question 11 Continued) If you selected (outside of Benzie County) please specify:

70 responses

Traverse City (6)
TC (2)
Grand Traverse County (2)
Oakland County (2)
Grand Traverse (2)
Virginia (2)
Manistee

We reside in another state. We hope to retire in Benzie county at some point (summer months only). However, our out of state property tax is already excessive. Summer only residences carry a huge tax obligation already and one that seems out of proportion.

second job is in Emmet Co

Leelanau

GT

Employed full time in Traverse City

Milwaukee

marketing consultant living in Frankfort in summer

Full time employed near Cleveland, OH

Midland County

I work remotely from my main office in Chicago. Live in Frankfort

Traveling RN, commute to Cadillac and surrounding areas in Wexford, Manistee and Missaukee counties.

Ferndale

Work from home

Oakland

Adrian, MI

Livingston

CASMAN Alternative Academy in Manistee MI

Leelanau County

Seasonal visitor with employment downstate

Teacher-Wexford County

Munson medical center

Teacher, living in other county, plan to move into Frankfort in a year

Work remotely. Report to New York.

See above. I would love to have private practice in Benzie.

School Administrator in Colorado

Summer resident

We currently are visitors and live and work in SE Michigan

out west

I live in Ypsilanti and Work in Ann Arbor. Should I even be taking this survey?

Currently living in Chicago, but spend time in the summer in Frankfort

Manistee

Antrim County

Seasonal

Employed in Indianapolis, Indiana

Indiana University

self employed, living in Colorado, seasonally visiting Benzie

teacher

Counselor in Traverse City

Kingsley

Chicago

Remote worker downstate

Calhoun county

Boston

Retired, seasonal. Summer person.

Traverse City

Employed in Ottawa County (we are summer visitors)

Arcadia

I'm employed many counties

Moving to Frankfort next year.

Kent County, MI

Washtenaw county

Consult downstate several times a month

seasonal

Would you like to be employed in Frankfort-Elberta?

384 responses

Yes 37.5% 144
No 62.1% 240

12. Which best describes your residency status?

463 responses

Full-time Frankfort-Elberta Resident	182
Full-time Benzie County Resident (not Frankfort-Elberta)	154
Seasonal Resident in Frankfort-Elberta	52
Seasonal Resident in Benzie County (not Frankfort-Elberta)	14
Visitor	33
I have an Arcadia mailing address but for all purposes I am like a Frankfort resident..school library etc	1
cruising sailor	1
Work here- live in Lake Ann	1
Live in Empire but I own a business in Honor.	1
year round home owner living in 2 Michigan homes, but vote in Frankfort.	1
Part-time resident	1
Manistee County	1
Resident in Frankfort-elberta and benzie county	1
Live here year round in manistee county	1
I have family that lives in the area and visit often.	1
Frankfort Homeowner-Taxpayer	1
Seasonal Arcadia	1
Plan to reside in a year	1
Live just outside Benzie County	1
Former resident of 18 years.	1
No	1
Former Frankforter	1
resident in Grand Traverse County	1
Property owner with plans to retire in area, currently seasonal resident	1
Time in Frankfort and benzie year round	1
Outside of Benzie	1
Motor-Voter principal residence in Frankfort-Elberta	1
Full time Manistee County Resident	1
Bear Lake	1
live in Wexford county	1
Moving to Frankfort next year as full-time resident	1
Part-time year-around Frankfort resident	1
We own a home in Frankfort and are there as much as we can be.	1

Additional Comments for survey

63 responses

There is a vast blockheaded myopia when it comes to issues related to keeping the Frankfort/Elberta area a viable community. Supporting successful families should be the mission of each member of the community. Without successful families this community will simply evaporate. The crisis is real.

Nice to live here. Summer is overwhelming and parking needs to be addressed. Consider a shuttle service that is more advertised. I hate going downtown in the summer but have to get scripts, groceries etc...

A thorough market analysis should be done before creating a community center that duplicates and competes with existing organizations. Serve the underserved first and foremost.

I really like the idea of a community center & the things that could be offered there. We are lacking a large meeting space/conference space/event space on the West side of the county. A central location for an appropriate/high quality child development center is also needed.

Most of the locals I know avoid town in the summer. Sometimes it turns into a real project trying to pick up a prescription, or get into the post office. Seems like there should be some benefit for the locals, but everything closes down 9 months of the year. I've been thinking of moving closer to Frankfort, but lately I'm not sure.

As a 3rd generation summer resident, my husband and I have been dismayed at the touristy, unappealing shops opening replacing quality shops. We realize there is a serious housing shortage for a good work force and it is very hard to get even our small yard taken care of. I know the Dollar Store provides an important service, but the location entering our wonderful town seems to be an unfortunate spot.

And - we need to do as much as possible to include those in our community who are struggling - housing, jobs.

I am a retired English professor. I could give talks on various authors/works. (No prior reading required.) I am also a professional musician and could provide music from time to time.

In the master plan adopted in 2010 the City of Frankfort committed to provide a remarkable quality of life for a diverse group of residents and businesses and to create a city that is economically, environmentally and culturally sustainable. Some of these ideas could be realized with the new design of a community resource center, an example, solar PV and geothermal heating.

Cut 4th of July fireworks show in half - saving costs. Enforce parking laws. City law - no u turns on Main Street. Get ruthless with opiod distribution

A. Don't "overpromote" Frankfort: When every Frankfort store front has a help wanted sign, the city cannot hope to accommodate both locals & tourists; long lines - no happiness. B. Law enforcement: Don't allow U-turns on Main Street; post more pedestrian crosswalk signs; enforce, enforce, enforce! C. Short term rentals by absentee owners in residential zones: No. No. No. This is not the same as when the owners moved to the small house in back & rented the big house in front. Lack of on-site owners has been proven to compromise the condition of housing stock & reduce summer employee pool.

The community center cannot be everything to everybody. Many of the ideas listed are covered by other organizations ie. tech help at the library, skilled trades through schools, business conference at Crystal Mtn., tutoring at the library, etc. There can be a history wall display with brochures. The center should serve as many needs on a year-round basis. Educational & recreational (ie. dancing, culinary, fitness) should be offered all year. A culinary space serves many purposes. (A meals-on-wheels center would be a great resource). It should serve seniors, youth & children who live here all year and provide space that will serve many functions, but not all. And why not a small aquatic center to serve the community?

Need licensed development center for children

#12: Residency: Could change to year round in future.

Inform the community of the findings of their survey. Promote the survey as widely as possible. Are there supervised park activities evenings, weekends and summers? Are there supervised water sports, boating, swimming, volleyball? (Evenings, daily, weekends?) Are there after school and summer programs for children/youth of employed parents? I love Frankfort and the Benzie County area. I own a small resale shop and I would much prefer to live in this area instead of Empire where I am now.

You should check out the little River community center. It is beautiful and would be a beautiful addition to our town. It's by the casino off of m-22

I don't see a particular need for our family at this point, but I would support needs for families that aren't being met by BACN or other nonprofits.

I think this is great, and although it may not benefit me personally, I really hope for more opportunities for the kids/teens in the area to grow

I'm a freelance graphic designer and would love to help in this.

No entry level job pays well enough to afford to live in Frankfort area.

Bringing in tourists on larger boats to shop for the day, etc., would be very beneficial for store owners. More restaurants that serve breakfast.

Take this feedback with a grain of salt, as it's from someone who was a frequent visitor to the area for over 15 years before moving here (waited till all my kids graduated from college). So the community already offers what I wanted or I would not have moved here. That said, I can see where a younger family may want more. But the reality is this is a sparsely populated area, only with the capacity to support so much. If I still had kids at home I would have gone to Traverse City. Also, I only say I don't want to work in the Frankfort/Elberta area because I like the job I have elsewhere. If that one disappears of course I would seek employment in Frankfort/Elberta if anything were available.

I would be interested Other than financial. Thornwoodcher@yahoo.com

Thank you for doing this and taking the time to get community input.

Most of this brain-stormed list are existing county functions, not city functions. If the "substantial offers to help fund" can be rerouted to the county, we could then improve The Gathering in Honor and Grow Benzie for example which have geographic advantages and experience advantages.

Recreation: 1) We have an historical museum in Benzonia. 2) We have a fitness center and multiple yoga studios. 3) Field trips?? - paid staff would be needed - local trails, etc. are already well marked. Comm. Resources: 1) Adult ed already at BACN, counseling too. 2) Emergency services available at DHS. 3) Skilled trades already being done w/ABC group. 4) Meals? Already done at Grow Benzie & Sr. Resources. Professional Services: Plenty of that already available. Culinary: Grow Benzie & Art Ctr. already doing this. Why take things away from them??? Conference Center: Where would more cars park? We already have 3 wedding venues on the bay and another 7-8 in the county. Educational programs? - Grow Benzie already does these & art ctr., too. Senior Citizens: Benzie Sr. Resources already does all of this. Entertainment: Who will staff all of this?? Teens don't go to "teen club" anymore. Grow Benzie already has an after-school program. Place for Kids: City has no business running a child care ctr. Summer camp & after school care already offered at area schools. While this center sounds in theory like a good idea - it is a duplication of what we already have or do not have \$ or/and staff to care for.

We may have some seed money available for construction of a community resource center, which is wonderful. The building on the site currently is an eyesore. We need to realize that the Oliver Arts Center already has a nice culinary space. The Elberta Lifesaving Station is already a great wedding/event space. The new Stormcloud brewery has a ton of outdoor space available for weddings, if you're willing to put up a tent. I can't imagine 250 person weddings are going to want to schedule those events in a community center. Above all, I don't want to commit to a single-use structure or invest in a daycare or early childhood learning center without a thorough market analysis. I don't want to burden the City and its taxpayers with ongoing operational costs that don't generate adequate revenues to support those costs.

Good luck! Exciting endeavor.

Great place to live, with much potential to make even better.

I'd love to live in frankfort-elberta, but the homes I can afford are in such ill-repair or smaller than we can squeeze into, there just doesn't seem to be very much for the middle class. All of the lakes are obscured by houses or buildings, except for two beaches, and one of those beaches is mostly inaccessible due to the steep drive and terrain. Ugh. Sorry to be a downer, I really love this area but feel we have a long way to go to solve some of our plaguing, systemic, and generational inequalities.

This survey assumes that services are not currently offered. For childcare, consider utilizing the existing school structures. The community center will be expensive to operate particularly for many of the proposed uses. Funding the

acquisition of beach cleaning equipment would be better for the community overall. Have the significant businesses (Graceland, Stormcloud, Crystal Mountain) expressed that these services are needed?

I've tried my best but I can't understand how the last few questions can possibly be productively used. Are my responses more or less valuable depending upon how I describe myself? For example, what will you do if I say I would not like to be employed in Benzie County? If I have 2 children living at home? I will be interested in how this survey intervention will be used to build community.

Demographics are appalling. In 15 years - w/o change - there will be no permanent residents left alive. Recruit a permanent, under 30 workforce.

Thank you and good luck!

I am an interested party, although I don't have time to contribute to these efforts currently. I am Laura Stanwick, and can be reached at 231-620-2710 or this email address.

Born here in 1944. Left while in high school. Visited constantly until retired. Now here 5-6 months. This is home for me. I'm excited to see what you have done with the area and look forward to the future here. I would be willing to help if I'm able.

Being retired definitely influences my priorities. Very fortunate to live here year round and thoroughly enjoy the area. I appreciate the energy and passion groups are bringing to create a county that supports all families and individuals. I lived in Frankfort full-time in the 80's and saw then a division between Frankfort and the rest of the County. We need to build bridges and work collaboratively so that we appreciate the uniqueness and benefits of ALL of the Benzie County townships. We also need to be mindful that we're not duplicating our efforts and that we are being good stewards of our financial resources.

It is sad that there are so many unemployed people and so many open jobs available. Wish I knew how to fix the problem.

The area already has plenty of space available if someone needs it. Use what you have !

BSR & BACN provides many services to Benzie County residents. What we need in Benzie County, including Frankfort, is affordable housing for those employees that service our area.

Sadly, our once quaint and lovely town has become overcrowded to the point that it is almost unbearable in the summer. Our quiet residential streets are lined from one end to the other with cars, and many, many homes are now short term rentals. The city has not come up with a solution to the terrible parking situation, but instead seems to concentrate on how to cram more and more people into our town. More needs to be done for our residents and maybe a community center will help.

Good luck!!! I will support however I can from afar!

Don't discount the responses of older folks. The letter attached to this survey seemed to indicate younger respondents were wanted. Older people have more money and vote more often, typically, and have more time for community projects..and also need more services quite often.

Thank you.

I am not completely against the idea, but I also don't believe we need this. Concerning the business rental purpose, I think it should be banned. I am of the opinion that if you want to own and operate a business, you should pay all the same bills, taxes and fees that any brick and mortar store would pay.

Something I think may be a struggle in the Frankfort/Elberta area is that there are so many seasonal rentals. A seasonal payment option for a center may not work as well as a charge per visit. A lot of out of town visitors have children and a place with activities/courses could work really well. I personally have worked in a very large city in Europe holding baking/chocolatier courses and it was a great success, with every age involved. If this kind of community feel can be achieved in a large city then it can happen in Frankfort as well. I would be interested in holding baking courses for children/elderly if there was culinary space. Contact: Joelle at Joellelouisignau@gmail.com

Thanks for your dedication!

Just wanted to let you guys know that if and when the community resource center exists, Katie Larsen is a social worker and has a private practice currently- she's looking for a good space to rent to see clients. She could be a good person to get in contact with!

Thanks for your hard work.

Brian and Amy Elias, amyelias2003@yahoo.com, 6164023881

Community resource center would be a great resource for everyone.

It's not that I don't understand the potential value of a community resource center. It's just that I need more of a picture of what it would look like, WHERE it would be located and, above all, how exactly it would serve the residents of Frankfort-Elberta. What are the needs as the organizers see them? Who is behind this and why?

I believe a community pool would be beneficial to many in our region - for instruction, winter recreation and exercise, etc. Often this is situated at a school, yet be available to all. Most importantly, any new major public facilities should serve the entire county and be funded by the area not just F.

Frankfort should be looking forward not backwards. We should recognize what we do have and what will our visitors be wanting or expecting of us?

It seems to me that the priorities for year-round residents would include 1) place for kids but I know the schools serve this space in many communities, 2) combined community resource/senior citizen programming. We already have: culinary space at Grow Benzie and at the Art Center. Professional & conference center space - several places, entertainment - several places. Rec & info is the chamber

betty@llamameadows.com

Thanks for trying!

I'm a kid!

work at home in Frankfort

Funding to build such a building is one thing. Funding to properly maintain such a building is another. Maintenance funding is for the life of the building. 30yrs? 50 yrs. Has anyone analyzed maintenance costs of the building's life.

I think the local money spent on the airport is a waste and these funds should instead support a community center. The airport could be turned into a solar field with the revenue generated used for a community center. The airport could be combined with Thompsonville's airport with the Benzie Bus shuttling people into Frankfort.