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Hi Council members,

As the weather is heating up, I wanted to pass along a new resident's perspective on the city of Green's Parks & Rec amenities along with some other observations.

My family has lived in Green for four years. We relocated from Twinsburg to Green for a job relocation. When we left Twinsburg, I was heart-broken. I had learned to truly love and enjoy the strong sense of community as well as the services and offerings of that city. We picked Green because I saw some similarities in the two fast-growing communities - especially around the beautiful parks in both cities.

Below are some things that I truly miss about the city of Twinsburg and I am writing to see if you would consider reviewing these items for consideration in Green:

1) **Community swimming pool/water park** - We have the splash pad, which is a great amenity. But it only really satisfies kids up to a certain age. Having a community pool would allow kids of all ages and adults to have an affordable place to cool off during the warm months, create summer job opportunities and give us a better sense of community as we would have a place to come together as neighbors. Check this out: <https://www.mytwinsburg.com/269/Aquatics>

2) **Branch and Leaf Pick Up** - this is one city service that I truly miss the most... We live in a development where we can't burn our yard waste. Republic trash service rules around yard waste can be restrictive with the size they will take, etc. And the Green Recycling center hours are *not friendly* to those of us who work during the week, plus you need to have access to a truck to haul large amounts of yard waste. We recently cut down some large bushes in our yard - they were too big for our standard trash service and we had no truck to get them to the recycling center. Please, please consider making this a service offering of the city...it doesn't have to be all year long. Check this schedule out: <https://www.mytwinsburg.com/150/Branch-Leaf-Pickup>

3) **More youth recreation programs** - we need affordable dance lessons, kid and adult recreation sports, arts and crafts programming, tennis/golf, running clubs, etc. Unfortunately, our local YMCA has very limited offerings for family and kid recreation programs and our alternative for classes such as "tumbling" or "music" is to go to a private club or business and pay upwards of \$200 *a month* to enroll two children. A comprehensive and active recreation program would give *all* Green families and adults a way to meet and interact with our neighbors - again bringing a real sense of community to the city.

If you made it this far, thanks for reading and have a great summer!

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