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PROGRAMS UTILIZING NEW EXPANSION
AT CENTRAL PARK RECREATION CENTER

Expansion to facility offers more space for classes, events, meetings

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – Programs are taking advantage of the new expansion to the Forsyth County Central Park Recreation Center since the official ribbon cutting was held in September. Now, officials say the new 15,000 square-foot facility has quickly become a welcome additional space for existing programs as well as a popular meeting location for local organizations.

Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Program Supervisor Laura Pate said the new facility has three classrooms that can also be utilized for programs and a banquet hall that includes a catering kitchen as well as a projector with a sound system for meetings, parties or expos.

“We have been able to move programs into the new facility and that has been wonderful,” Pate said. “Our popular classes like Zumba and senior adult fitness classes needed more room and the expansion has provided that.”

An open grassy field is perfectly situated next to the Recreation Center expansion. Pate said this will be important during camp season.

“I believe this will be a fantastic opportunity to move camps outside on a beautiful day and back inside again,” she said. “We could also have simultaneous indoor and outdoor events.”

Other programs, such as the summer camp previously held at Coal Mountain Park, will move to utilize the more adequate space provided by the Central Park Recreation Center expansion.

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A flooring known as Granwood has been utilized within the program rooms. Officials say this tough flooring was chosen because it is cost-effective and easy-to-clean as well as maintain.

“We liked Granwood because it is a hardy material that will last for a long time,” said Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Kinsey. “Even with the high traffic expected on these program room floors, we expect to see this flooring in the same condition decades from now.”

The program rooms also have special one-way windows that allow spectators to watch the classes without interrupting or distracting the participants or the instructors.

“Parents have told us they love how they can watch their children take part in the gymnastics class without actually entering the room,” Pate said. “There are also restrooms between the program rooms, which is a convenience for class participants.”

Pate said the community feedback regarding the expansion’s banquet room has been overwhelmingly positive. The banquet hall, which can hold approximately 200 people while seated at tables and boasts a projector system, has already seen demand from the community.

“A larger meeting space was certainly needed within the community,” Pate said. “We have already experienced great interest for events to take place in the banquet room. With the adjacent catering kitchen, we see a great deal of opportunity with this much-needed space.”

Pate said some possible future events include dances for local adults and possibly a kids and parents night out.

The expansion to the Recreation Center was funded by the \$100 million Parks, Recreation and Green Space bond approved by voters in February 2008.

“We are very happy to hear the public has been pleased with the opening of this facility,” Kinsey said. “The Central Park Recreation Center expansion will help continue to make Forsyth County Central Park a premier facility in the region. We certainly want to thank voters for approving the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond in 2008 to make this project a reality.”

To receive additional information about the Central Park Recreation Center, call 678.455.8540.

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