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**FORSYTH COUNTY'S OLD ATLANTA PARK  
RECREATION CENTER NOW OPEN**

*New center features two gymnasiums, indoor walking track and more*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – The ribbon was officially cut Wednesday, February 15, for Forsyth County's new Old Atlanta Park Recreation Center. The new facility was constructed with funding from Impact Fees, on land acquired through the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond approved by Forsyth County voters in February 2008.

"Today we express our thanks to the voters for their support of the Bond, and to the development community for the Impact Fee funding for this project," County Commission Chairman Jim Boff said.

"Also, I am pleased to note that construction of the center incorporated sustainable features designed to enhance the facility's operational efficiency and to help realize cost-savings," said Boff.

These measures included installing energy control systems for the facility's HVAC and lighting systems; having large, open windows to allow for natural lighting and reduce power costs; using durable, low-maintenance products throughout the entire building; and installing underground water storage tanks which will capture water from the roof to be used for irrigation.

The approximately 40,000-square foot Old Atlanta Park Recreation Center features two basketball gymnasiums, an indoor walking track, cardio/weight membership room, fitness studio, multi-purpose/art studio, dance studio, and a community room with a warming kitchen.

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The center will offer a variety of athletic programs, summer camps and recreational activities including fitness, dance, art, martial arts, gymnastics, and special interest classes. The facility will be the new location for the Parks and Recreation Department's annual Safety Town summer camp.

New programs are slated to begin at the Old Atlanta Park Recreation Center in mid-March and will include music classes, jump rope clinics, driving classes for teens, home school gymnastics and creative art programs for all ages.

"The residents living in south Forsyth County sought a recreation center where their children could participate in sports and other activities, and where they themselves could take advantage of programs and fitness opportunities," said District 2 Commissioner Brian R. Tam. "And they wanted to be able to do so closer to home than the county's existing recreation center allowed for. Now they can. I am proud to say that the county was able to build this recreation center for all of the residents of Forsyth County to enjoy."

The Old Atlanta Park Recreation Center is located at 810 Nichols Road, across from Lambert High School. Old Atlanta Park consists of a total of approximately 39 acres, with five acres housing the new recreation center and the remaining 34 acres serving as passive use green space. In October 2011, ground was broken for the green space passive use portion of the park, which is slated for completion this summer. The park will feature a natural playground, a tot-lot, a multi-use trail for pedestrians and cross-country runners, and a gated zero-depth water feature with a covered pavilion.

The county is scheduled to open a second new recreation facility - the new Fowler Park Recreation Center - with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, February 20 at 2 p.m.

Forsyth County also has a recreation center at Central Park, located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road. The county's three recreation centers will serve as the main activity registration sites for the Parks and Recreation Department.

For additional information about the recreation centers, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 770.781.2215.

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