

# Eureka Recreation Center-Frequently Asked Questions

We are excited about our Recreation Center and we know our residents are as well. As we continue to move forward on the project, we want to answer some of the questions you have and encourage you to keep asking more about this exciting addition to our City.

## Where will the Recreation Center be located?

The Recreation Center is going to be built behind the Legends Corporate Center. Travel South on Hwy. 109 from I-44 and turn left on Legends Pkwy. Follow the road between Creative Expressions Day-care and Legends Terrace Apartments. The road will dead-end into the building site; there is a sign for reference.



## How is the Recreation Center being financed?

Ten years ago, residents approved a 1/2 cent park sales tax. These funds can only be used for eligible expenditures such as the Recreation Center. This tax revenue will continue to support the Recreation Center even after it is built along with membership and program fees.

## What will the Recreation Center include?

This is a great question and we are still working through it. We have just hired a finance expert with an extensive background in projects of this size and type. We will provide the firm with recommendations compiled by a committee of residents, City staff and recreation experts. They will assign a dollar amount to each feature on our recommendation list and we will have to work backward from there. We will take every measure to ensure the Recreation Center that is developed will not financially over extend the City. The construction management service as well as the design and engineering firm are expected to be selected within the next two months.

## Why did the City change the original location?

The original site was going to be part of the proposed Allenton development a few years ago. This development was going to require heavy blasting of a hilltop to provide fill for the retail portion of the development. The developer was going to provide the City with a pad ready site as a result of this blasting.

Since that development has stalled, due to the economic downturn and coupled with the reality that the revised and updated development that may be proposed on the site will most likely be significantly different, the City made a conscientious decision to move forward with the project at a different location.

## When will the Recreation Center be built and open for business?

We have purchased the land and put together a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design of the facility. We are now reviewing the RFQ for the Construction Management Service to oversee the project. They will be instrumental in assisting us with choosing a design.

After the building design is finalized the City will begin its search for a construction firm. All of this will be done in 2011. Construction will commence in 2012 and the Recreation Center will be open to the public based on the time it takes to construct the facility.



## Who can use the Recreation Center?

We are still working through how the fee structure will be framed, but no one will be denied access to the facility. We will take a look at other centers run by Municipalities to identify "best practices" and then make the best decision for our City and its residents. Of course, Eureka residents will pay the lowest rates and have priority when registering for classes.

Do you have more questions? Contact Missy Rathmann at 636-938-6775 or [mrathmann@eureka.mo.us](mailto:mrathmann@eureka.mo.us) for more information and answers to your questions.

