



Centennial Capital Campaign

A new J is on the way!

Message from Michael - Renovation Update

Dear Members and Guests,

We are in the middle of summer and the building is buzzing with campers and, again this summer, construction workers. Phase 2 of our renovation is well underway and I want to thank you for your patience and understanding through another summer of construction. In particular, I recognize the inconvenience to our fitness members and swimmers of a single set of smaller locker rooms and the unavailability of the indoor pool. I know that the family locker rooms were not designed for adults with business attire and it can be crowded at various times. As a daily user of the fitness center, I, too, have experienced these frustrations and am looking forward to moving back into the adult locker rooms which are scheduled to re-open on **Sunday, September 18th** along with the renovated indoor pool.

As with any renovation, particularly in a large building with areas that have not been addressed in 47 years, there are many surprises when one opens a wall or ceiling. We have certainly experienced our share of the unexpected. Yet, our contractor has us still tracking for an **on-time completion** and we will keep you posted of any changes to the timeline. Again, I can't thank you enough for patience.

I have received many comments expressing concern about what the new locker rooms and pool will be like and unhappiness over the loss of the whirlpools within the locker rooms. Our building task force has struggled over many trade-offs. If I've learned nothing else over the last 10 years, it's that there is no single "right" answer for everyone. For each decision made, some people will be happy and others will not. Our staff and volunteer leadership, along with our professional project team, have worked within regulatory, financial, operational and scheduling constraints to come up with a plan that we all believe will serve our overall membership well today and into the future. I think that you will agree that the team has found the right balance when the new facilities open.

The completion of the preschool renovation is also on track for the opening of school. The front staging area will be cleared in mid-August and we will begin work on a new preschool play space.

Our next phase of the renovation will involve outside areas: The outdoor pool, which will undergo a complete redesign with work beginning after the indoor pool opens, and the terrace behind the social hall and gallery. We will communicate a more detailed schedule as we get closer to the start of work on these areas.

There are still a number of projects that we hope to accomplish as part of the renovation, including the expansion of the indoor pool area with a therapy/training pool and whirlpool, replacement of the back playground, replacing the café in the lobby, and making some needed improvements to the entrance and lobby. Our campaign continues as we seek to raise the additional funds needed to complete these renovations. While the Bender family has been incredibly generous to the Center, it will take additional support from you and the community to complete the renovation of the Bender JCC and create the state-of-the-art JCC that will meet our community's needs for years to come.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions (mfeinstein@jccgw.org) and please contact Adam Tennen (atennen@jccgw.org) for ways to support the campaign.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the summer.

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