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VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HOSTS COMMUNITY CENTER GROUND BREAKING EVENT

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Michigan, January 19, 2023 – Van Buren Township is excited to announce the Ground Breaking Ceremony for our upcoming Community Center on January 31, 2023 at 3:00 pm at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

The event will be attended by the Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, Commissioner Al Haidous, and by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and Downtown Development Authority. The event is open to the public.

The scope of the project is a renovation of the current Center while adding an additional 21,763 sq. ft. It is expected to be completed by Spring of 2024.

The Community Center is the result of the combined financial efforts of Wayne County, the DDA, Van Buren Township, and the Van Buren Civic Fund.

“My team has worked endlessly to identify partnership projects that best align with our vision of creating a healthier, happier, and more sustainable county. To say that I am extremely pleased to be a partner in creating such a multifaceted space for county residents to receive much needed services, would be an understatement,” said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. “Not only will the renovated senior and community center provide more opportunities for economic mobility but the inclusiveness of services to be offered will ensure that our communities are healthy physically, financially and mentally.”

"We are proud to be building a space where our community can come together and share in the joys of healthy living, sports, arts and culture," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "The new Community Center will be home to a gym with an elevated walking track, a Black Box Theater, group and individual fitness areas, teen space, multipurpose rooms, spaces dedicated just to our Senior Center members, an outdoor plaza and more. We will also offer a variety of classes and programs for all ages and abilities. We are committed to provide a safe and welcoming space for our community, and we look forward to seeing how the facility will continue to enrich our lives for many years to come." Additionally, the space will include a child watch area, lounge area, gift shop, and full-sized gymnasium.

"I am ecstatic to finally see the ground breaking of our new community center, after 14 years of being the Township board liaison for the Parks & Recreation Committee," said Clerk Leon Wright. "We took an idea and created something amazing that Van Buren Township residents will be able to enjoy for years to come."

"I'm really very proud of our relationship with Van Buren Township Trustees and Supervisors," said Commissioner Al Haidous during a Board of Trustees Meeting. "We have been working together for many years, and it has been a very successful relationship to serve the people of Van Buren." He added, "I think it's not only good for Van Buren Township, it's also good for the region."

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