

Fairbank Community Center website update

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We're in the homestretch now folks! The old Fairbank Community Center is no more, and the new one will soon look complete on the exterior. You can now see the Park & Recreation entry taking shape, and the new doors into the pool viewing area have been installed in what is now an exterior wall. Siding will follow soon.

Underground sitework is largely completed, and light post bases and basketball poles installation has begun. Plans to address the site drainage along Fairbank Road have been drawn up and are under negotiation.

Inside, the pool viewing room, aquatics office, and lobby/reception area work is progressing, with the mechanical and plumbing systems complete, electrical and fire protection progressing, and drywall almost complete. Painting has now begun. New restrooms accessible from the outside have been constructed and are ready for interior work.

While the exterior of the building will soon appear finished, work on the interior has hit a few delays and is now projected to be completed late April or early May. However, ongoing site work isn't scheduled for completion until the end of May, which will keep the Park & Recreation entrance/lobby and pool viewing room inaccessible until that work is completed due to egress requirements.

The photos below show the demolition of the old community center as well as construction of the new Park & Recreation spaces taking shape.

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After remediation of asbestos and other materials was completed at the end of January, the school wing was a shell of its former self, and the Senior Center demolition began.







As the building came down, debris was separated into piles for recycling (scrap metals) vs. landfill materials.





Next it was time to tackle the gym demolition.







Special equipment was brought in to remove the large steel beams.



With the old building down and debris hauled away, the first glimpse of the Park and Recreation side of the new building became visible.



Work began with the steel framing at the entry canopy.





The exterior wall of the pool viewing room was previously an interior wall. Framing was added to allow for insulation.





Exterior sheathing was completed and new glass doors and sidelights were installed to allow light to penetrate the pool viewing room.



The masonry base was recently installed.



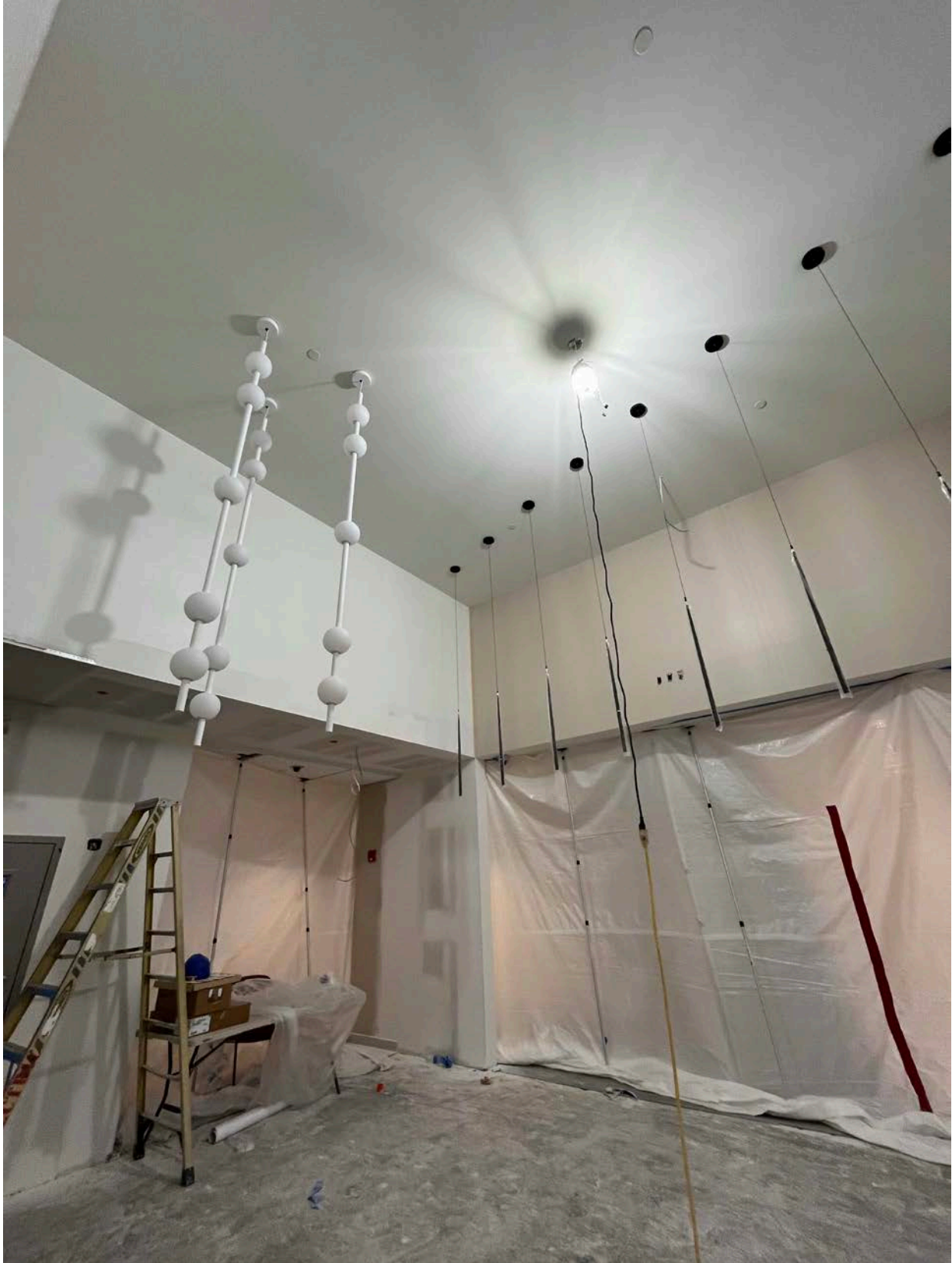
Inside the pool viewing room there are views into the pool (through the existing windows on the left) and to the outside.



Looking from the other direction, the pool is to the right.



Walls have been boarded and taped in the two-story Park and Recreation lobby. The entrance vestibule is to the far left. The vestibule to the pool viewing room is the open area in the middle. This is where vending machines will be located. The opening to the right is the aquatics office, which will be filled in with a glass wall.



Lights are hung in the lobby – the reception desk will be beneath the row in front of the tan wall.

Sitework began with the installation of basketball poles and drainage structures.



The base for a basketball pole is substantial!



Installing a basketball pole.



Drainage system structures were installed below the new parking lot.









Light pole bases are going in and the electricians are running power to them this week.



And the drainage structures for the solution to the flooding on Fairbank Road have just arrived!
Onward!