



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dawn Baumhover
Community Center Coordinator
Date: May 2014
Re: Staff report

The Community Center staff and volunteers are grateful to finally be operating out of the renovated space on the lower level of the facility. Both patrons and volunteers agree it is much more welcoming and functional for our purposes. Public Works has been a great support in helping us with the finishing touches as we prepare for the Grand Re-opening this weekend. The Backdoor Theater has moved into the



concession stand once more and the conference room is now functional again. Saturday, May 17 will be the Grand Re-opening. The facilities will be free of charge all day and folks can enjoy cake as we say thank you to those who have stuck with us through the months of waiting and welcome all newcomers. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to give tours and answer questions or promote their community activity or class.

The reorganized weight room has also been well-received. At a time of year when there is usually a decline in participation, the usership of the Fitness Place has been steady. Pickleball is ever-increasing in popularity as more folks discover this fun hybrid activity.

The Shelter Training held by the Red Cross was well-attended, and I feel that we as a community have a very solid structure to draw from the next time our facility is activated. The Community Preparedness Workshop was cancelled for weather-

related reasons and has been rescheduled for Monday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. This is also a Red Cross Training.

The Community Center kitchen is a busy place with five active tenants. We are currently preparing for a Health Department inspection, as one of our tenants switches her license from wholesale to retail. Although unplanned, it has afforded the opportunity for all users to work together on a 'spring cleaning' of the shared space. Minor reorganization of equipment and scheduling guidelines will result in more efficient operations for all.

The 9Health Fair was held at the Community Center on May 3. This is the sixth year the Community Center has hosted the annual event since the facility's reopening. Attendance was 230 participants plus volunteers, and the Fair's coordinators report that all went well. Many thanks to Janette Taylor and Kathy Morrison for their hard work in organizing the Fair and congratulations to them for a successful event.

After school offerings at the Community Center will be concluding for the season at the end of the month. The staff is looking forward to the lull in activity to focus on our goals. The priority will be a wrap-up of any incidental flood-related work, reorganization within our office, as well as budgeted facility repairs and improvements.