



November 8, 2017

Dear Instructor and Participants:

The Concord School District has been reviewing our Community Enrichment Program, known as "Community Ed." This program has been around since the late 1970's, and has offered a variety of quality programs by both independent community and non-community vendors, and district staff. These programs have included archery, cooking, sewing, computer, art, music, world languages and more.

During this review process, the district approached the City of Concord's Parks and Recreation Department about transitioning the Community Ed program to its new multi-generational community center scheduled to open in June, 2018, as this transition would seemingly support the development of their programming.

We are excited to announce that the district will be transitioning the diverse program offerings of Community Ed to the Parks and Recreation Department. David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director, indicated, *"This will be a new beginning and is an exciting time for everyone as the classes will now be located in Concord's new multi-generational community center that is scheduled to open June of 2018. Department staff will be scheduling meetings with instructors after the New Year."*

The new 31,000 square foot facility is to be located at the former Dame School site and will feature the following amenities:

- Five multi-purpose programming rooms, one of which will be used for part-time public library services
- Two rooms for exercise, dance and aerobics
- Dedicated space for senior citizen programming
- A large multipurpose room featuring a small stage
- Teaching/Catering Kitchen
- 8,000 square foot, multi-purpose size gymnasium (basketball courts, pickleball courts, volleyball court and much more)
- Locker rooms
- Offices for the Parks and Recreation Department

In order to support a smooth transition, the district and city want to highlight some important information:

District

- The district will not be offering any Community Ed programming for the upcoming winter and spring 2018 terms.

- A district representative, Jack Dunn or Matt Cashman, will be available Mon-Thu, November 13-16, in the Concord TV offices from 5pm – 8:30pm to answer questions and address concerns. You may also contact him directly to set up an appointment at a different time by calling 603.225.0811 or by email at jdunn@sau8.org.

Parks and Recreation

- Over the next several months Parks and Recreation staff will focus on meeting with Community Ed instructors to create new programs that may be housed in the new community center.
- It is anticipated the full schedule of classes for the new Community Center will be available next May with the center opening in June, 2018.
- For more information on the new community center, please visit the following [web site](#). If you have questions about the transition or the new community center please contact David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director for the City at dgill@concordnh.gov.

Finally, we would like to host a transition celebration on December 13th from 4:30pm to 6pm in the student center at Concord High School. This will be opportunity for us to thank all of those who have participated in the Community Ed program as well as an opportunity to thank Kathy Vincent, the administrative assistant of the program since its inception.

Thank you!



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