



Lititz recCenter **EXPANSION PROJECT FAQs**

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What features are being added to the recCenter? The second-floor expansion project is creating additional sports, fitness, and program space for seasonal and year-round activity. The lobby will be redesigned to facilitate better traffic flow, secure access to the facility, and customer service activity. Locker room facilities will be renovated and an eventual expansion of the main fitness center will take place after second-floor areas are completed.

Why a second floor? The steel structure originally built as Lititz Community Center in 1989 was intended to accommodate future second-story growth. However, changes in ADA requirements and modern codes made building upward much more intrusive than building out. Expansions to the Lititz recCenter facility in the past 20 years have instead focused on renovating spaces for multi-purpose use and growing the footprint of the facilities to the extent possible.

Will the recCenter be closed during construction? Construction is planned to occur over the next 12 months in phases to avoid a complete facility closure. Some areas will have temporary limited access, and activities might be temporarily relocated, but the goal is for the facility to remain open to Members. Specific areas which will be impacted for short times are locker rooms and family changing rooms and the lobby.

How is this project funded? The Lititz recCenter Board of Directors established a facility maintenance fund to ensure that our facilities would remain in good condition through major repair needs, particularly during unprecedented material and labor shortages and rising costs of goods and services. Thanks to dedicated service from our facilities staff, maintenance has been very carefully managed, allowing this reserve fund to grow. Unlike past major expansion and renovation projects at Lititz recCenter, this expansion will not require a separate fundraising effort among our Members and community.

Will the indoor pools be impacted by construction? The pools are not directly part of the expansion project, however locker rooms and family changing rooms will be limited during some phases of the project to accommodate renovations. Roofing replacement in a late phase of the project might limit access to the Splash Pool for a short period of time.

Will Membership fees increase due to this expansion project? Members will not experience any special fee assessment or fee increase related to this project. Lititz recCenter Member fees are adjusted annually in September based on financial outlooks, membership growth, and anticipated cost increases for utilities, goods and services, and staffing.

Will there be more space for pickleball? This popular activity, along with other indoor sports, will gain more playing time in new and existing court facilities. Newly installed multi-sport surfaces will support a variety of activities and can accommodate pickleball play.

What activities will new spaces accommodate? Added courts with multi-sport surfacing will support a variety of sports in each season, particularly benefiting the demand for indoor gym space in the winter months and evenings. A spacious new studio will accommodate a variety of fitness classes, training, and programs throughout the year.

Will facility hours change during construction? Facility hours will remain the same through the winter months.

How long will construction last? Construction is planned in three phases to minimize the interruptions to facility use. Each phase will last 3-4 months, starting in November 2023 and finishing at the end of 2024.

*Thanks for your patience during our expansion project! Please watch for construction updates.
We will be excited to share our newest facilities with you soon.*