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Anderson Park District Leases the Beech Acres Recreation & Arts Center

Lease Allows Park District to Offer More to the Community

Beech Acres – and its 155 years of caring and stewardship to the Greater Cincinnati community - has entered into an exciting new partnership with the Anderson Park District involving a lease for the Beech Acres Indoor Recreation & Arts Center. Beech Acres was looking for a viable community partnership that would serve their mission of “Strengthening Families for Children” while providing necessary income for their ongoing programs.

The Anderson Park District was the natural fit. The APD leased the gym portion of the building for over 14 years for youth basketball and volleyball programs primarily. When the opportunity presented itself to lease the entire building, the APD jumped at the opportunity. With the lease of this indoor center, the APD can offer community event space for rent and different types of programs that we had previously been unable to provide.

Since the APD’s budget is entirely committed and over 40% of the budget is already derived from sources outside of taxes, the indoor recreation center must be operated on a 100% cost-recovery basis. Sponsorships and creative fundraising combined with collecting fees for programs, events, meeting rentals and other uses will go toward covering the cost of the lease.

We believe in our hearts it is the right thing to do for our community and we will work hard to earn the revenue needed to make ends meet.

We are grateful that Beech Acres has offered this pivotal opportunity to the Anderson Park District. Our facilities and activities are designed to enrich the quality of leisure time as well as provide a balance of social, cultural, recreational, wellness and educational opportunities for all area residents. This is an opportunity to balance our offerings, better reach across the generations in the provision of recreational services, and create new partnerships – critical to our growth and success.

In addition to the new slate of programs and the enhancement of existing ones, the Beech Acres Recreation Center will be a tremendous support facility to the re-developed Beech Acres Park (owned by the Anderson Park District) due to its close proximity to the park. The indoor center will also provide the APD with a facility to host rained-out outdoor events and will complement the Greater Anderson Days Celebration.

So, it is with great excitement that I make this announcement. Throughout the year, new recreational opportunities will be added. We invite you to visit the APD’s website on regular basis at AndersonParks.com, for the most up-to-date comprehensive information. Better yet, add your name to the Email News List on the site and receive new program and event information firsthand.

We also invite you to contact our recreation staff with any ideas you might have for potential programming or if you have a particular talent and are looking for a place to offer a class or a recreational experience. The Anderson Park District is always open to new ideas. Come on out and play Anderson!

For more information on the full slate of Beech Acres programs and services, please visit their web site at BeechAcres.org or pick up information at the Rec. Center in the Beech Acres display.