

WELCOME TO THE NEW CITY WIDE COMMUNITY CENTER



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History: The “New” Harriet P. Dame School, which opened at this site in 1942, replaced a 1904 four-room school house of the same name. Both facilities were named for Concord resident Harriet Patience Dame, a battle field nurse and Civil War hero. To accommodate the baby-boom generation, the School underwent several additions during 1953 – 1965.

In 2004, the City began studying the potential of developing a Community Center on the Heights in order to 1) replace the 1977 “Heights” gymnasium, as well as 2) expand the quality of recreational programming for the community. For years, the Dame School property had been viewed as an ideal location for such a facility.

In 2010, the Concord School District embarked on its ambitious Elementary School Consolidation Project. That project resulted in the closure and replacement of former Dame School. Recognizing Concord residents’ strong desire for improved and expanded community center services, the Concord School District agreed to sell the shuttered school to the City for \$1. The sale closed on January 10, 2013. In May 2013, the city opened the former 45,000 square Dame School as an interim community center.

Following acquisition of the property, the City accelerated its efforts to develop a new community center. Public forums, feasibility studies, and preliminary designs for approximately 18 different building concepts soon followed. Ultimately, the final design was selected, in part, because it met the community’s current and future needs, preserved / reused portions of the original elementary school constructed in 1941 and 1965, and was fiscally responsible. Construction began in June 2017.

Our new Community Center opened on June 11, 2018, on time and on budget. Recognizing the community’s affection for the former elementary school which once occupied this site, as well as the heroic contributions of its namesake, the City has proudly named the Center’s new auditorium in honor of Harriet Patience Dame.

Building Size: 30,743 Square Feet

- 13,817SF adaptive re-use of former school building (circa 1941 & 1965)
- 16,926SF new construction (2018)

Acreage:

- Community Center: 5.4+/- Acres
- Keach Park: 11+/- Acres

Budget: \$7.64 million (\$248.50 / sq. ft.). This includes final design, permitting, construction, furnishings, fit-up, and equipment. Including the \$7.64 million construction budget, the City has appropriated a total of \$8 million for this project since 2010. The remaining \$360,500 funded a variety of pre-construction activities including needs assessment studies and feasibility studies, as well as preliminary design and analysis of numerous design concepts.

Building Amenities:

- Part-time Heights Branch Library Services:
15 hours/week (Tuesday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
Thurs. 2-8 p.m. & Sat. 9 a.m.-Noon)
- High School Gymnasium
 - 1 Regulation High School Basket
Ball Court
 - 2 Basket Ball “Cross Courts”
 - 1 Volleyball Court
 - 4 Pickle Ball Courts
 - Locker Rooms with Showers
- 5 Multi-Purpose Program Rooms
- 2 Group Exercise Rooms
- Senior Lounge
- Auditorium with Stage & teaching /prep
Kitchen
- Exterior patios
- Accessible from Canterbury Road and
Keach Park
- Parks & Recreation Department Offices
- 77 Parking Spaces
- Security camera

Programming Offered:

- This summer, the Community Center and Parks & Rec Department offices will be open total of total of 62 hours per week:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Thursdays: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- New Programs added as result of new center include:
 - New format for traditional all day summer camps; 13 of the 20 weeks of the traditional all day camps are already full (as of June 15, 2018)
 - Drop in programs for youth and adults
 - More than 35 new adult programs starting in September:
 - Language, music, cooking, and exercise
- The Library will offer story times, craft programs, how-to tech workshops, eBook trainings and much more

Energy Efficiency:

- 45% of the building is comprised of portions of the former school building
- Spray foam insulation was added in the historic portions of the building
- Supplemental roof insulation was added in historic sections of the building
- Energy efficient windows throughout, including new, low-e insulated windows in the historic portions of the building
- “Low flow” plumbing fixtures
- LED lighting throughout
- High efficiency heating / air conditioning / ventilation systems
- White, heat reflective roofing membranes to reduce building temperatures in the summer and air conditioning costs

