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## **News Release**

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## City set to dedicate remodeled Murphy Activity Center Transformed facility to be officially inaugurated on June 12

MURPHY (June 1, 2021) When pressed to name a tangible, easy-to-recognize outcome of the work accomplished as part of the 2017 Capital Bond program, most residents would quickly, and accurately, point to major street repairs and accommodating park improvements.

While those infrastructure and quality of life projects are certainly highly visible, there are lesser known projects completed with bond program funds that may have just as much of an impact as the street panels and playgrounds.

On Saturday, June 12, one of these projects will be officially inaugurated with a celebratory grand opening. That morning, starting at 8:30 a.m., Mayor Scott Bradley will be joined by members of the City Council and other officials as they cut the ceremonial ribbon, symbolically opening the doors of the remodeled Murphy Activity Center, 201 North Murphy Road. The public is cordially invited to be part of the celebration.

The festive grand opening's 8:30 a.m. start will allow for a full morning of public tours of the facility conducted by Parks and Recreation staff members who will oversee and administer the scheduling of events and activities at the renovated gathering space in the same manner they do at the Murphy Community Center next door.

Acquired by the City of Murphy about ten years ago, the building previously housed a fitness center and was dominated by a cavernous main room which served as the fitness center's workout area. Lockers and showers for men and women were the only other usable spaces. The previous layout strictly limited the types of uses for the facility, even though attempts were made with portable partitions to create smaller meeting spaces within the large central room.

The remodeling work transforms the facility into one in which three mid-size conference/meeting rooms, a banquet/reception hall capable of accommodating 150 guests, a kitchenette area, an administrative office space, and renovated rest rooms reflect its conversion to a true activity center. The banquet/reception hall is outfitted with folding tables and stackable chairs, making it available for either seated or open space use. The banquet hall can also be divided into two rooms with a movable partition, each side capable of seating approximately 75 people.

Full WiFi access is available throughout the facility at no charge. Each conference/meeting room features a central table and accompanying seating. Stuffed comfort chairs with electrical and USB connections are spaced throughout the facility for individual work or gaming.

Residents and non-residents may reserve the conference/meeting rooms as well as the banquet/reception area by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department. Rules, regulations, and limitations of use along with costs and other information is available on the City of Murphy website.

The renovation, at a cost of \$600,000, was designed by the firm of Brown Reynolds Wolford, and construction was completed by the Falkenberg Construction Company.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.