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# New Rec, Senior, & Theatre Building Breaks Ground

## *Snow and Cold No Damper on Community Enthusiasm*

**October 29, 2019, Northglenn, CO** – At 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28, over 150 people gathered in the chilly weather to witness the beginning of a long-awaited event, the groundbreaking for the [new Northglenn Recreation Center](#), Senior Center, and Theatre. The building is Phase I of the Northglenn [Civic Center Master Plan](#).

“Our current facility is 44 years old,” said Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Amanda Peterson. “It has served us well, but this is a very active and engaged community. Our residents expressed immense support for this new facility, and it’s so exciting to see it come to fruition.”

The 85,000 sq. ft. facility features:

- Lap & leisure pools
- 320-seat theater
- Senior center
- Preschool space & play area
- Weight and cardio area
- Indoor track
- Fitness rooms
- Gymnasium
- Multi-use classrooms
- Community room that fits up to 240 people with adjacent catering kitchen

“I’m thrilled we are able to build this great new facility for our community,” explained City Manager Heather Geyer. “Our mayor and city council were willing to use our resources creatively, so residents are not impacted with additional taxes. As we move forward, finding private partners will be key to reaching the full Civic Center plan, and this first step demonstrates our commitment to redeveloping the area.”

The expected project cost is \$54 million. The debt service (Certificates of Participation) will be repaid utilizing the 2 percent marijuana tax, ½ percent sales tax, and annual \$1.7 million general fund transfer. The project also received initial approval for a \$1.5 million grant from the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board, and \$100,000 from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District. In addition, the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) bonded \$11 million for infrastructure improvements that will support a significant portion of the Civic Center Master Plan area.

Barker Rinker Seacat is the design team for the new center, and FCI Constructors are the construction manager/general contractor. Project One is the project management partner. The construction is expected to be complete in 18 months.

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