

Here's a first look at Des Moines' Reichardt recreation center.

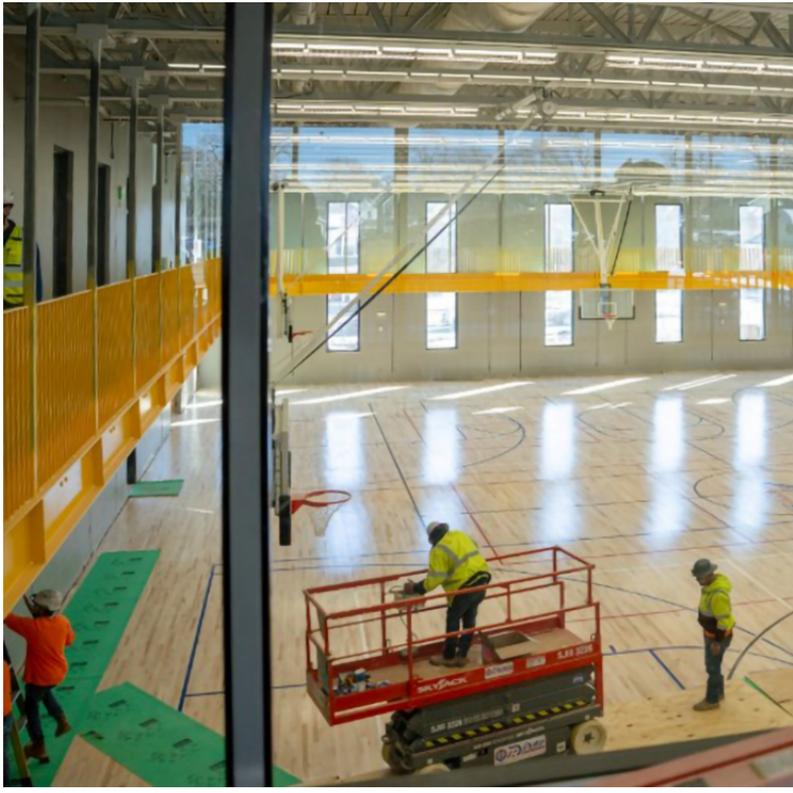


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In the works for several years, Des Moines leaders are on the brink of unveiling the city's newest recreation center on the north side.

Plans for the Reichardt Community Recreation Center have been in progress since at least 2021, when community members [shared their vision](#) for what would replace the aging [John R. Grubb Community YMCA](#). Construction crews are putting the final touches on the estimated \$22 million recreation center, 915 College Ave., with plans for a grand opening sometime in May.



Des Moines Parks and Recreation Director Ben Page said the center will be the heart of the community — a place where anyone of any background can recreate together.



Highlights of the center include a basketball court, which also can be used for other sports like pickleball and volleyball. A sunny yellow elevated track circles above the court, with space for a workout area that will be filled with weights, treadmills and other gym equipment.



On the other side of the lobby, the center will have an innovation lab with computers, video game equipment, as well as music and sound equipment. Page said the city is proud of its pool, one of the features that was high on community members' priority list during the early planning stages. The pool will have lap lanes, a shallow end with a play area and a diving board. Locker rooms will lead into the pool area.



The building also includes a community room with a kitchen. Page said the space could be the “hub” of the rec center, hosting everything from birthday parties to neighborhood meetings.