

Sally's Y right on schedule; January opening planned

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Landscaping crews were busy planting trees and shrubbery last week outside Sally's Y while other workmen inside hung sheetrock, laid tile and installed windows as the scheduled January opening date gets closer for the new facility.

"Construction is going great. We're still on target," said Katie Geringer, Y-Community Membership Development Director. "We are anticipating being able to move furniture and equipment into the building in late December with member access beginning in early to mid January," she said. Sally's Y is being built on Forney Creek Parkway off Optimist Club Road near CMC's East Lincoln facility.

"Hardwoods and tile are on schedule to go in throughout December. The athletic field has been in place since August so it would be full and ready for January. It is beautiful, high-quality, fully irrigated, Bermuda sod, We are very excited about sharing it with the community," she said.

"We have been selling founding memberships since the middle of September and we are receiving a great response from the Denver community. We are excited about the great mix of individuals, seniors, and families that will be joining us as we open the branch in January."

Geringer said that several key staff members including the operations director, membership lead, and fitness lead are already in place, but the Y is still interviewing for other positions. "We are encouraging those who may be interested in employment with Sally's Y to check out our website at www.SallysY.org for job postings."

Sally's Y has been offering Hard Hat Tours to the public in recent weeks, which Beringer said is a great way to learn more not only about the facility itself but also how to become a founding member and to find out about programs planned at Sally's Y.

Hard Hat Tours are scheduled this Saturday (Dec. 4) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and next Saturday (Dec. 11) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Construction of the 22,000 square foot, \$7 million facility began last spring. It is on a 20-acre site that adjoins biking, walking and jogging trails protected by the Catawba Lands Conservancy.

The Y is named after Sally McKenzie Clark, who died April 4, 2004 when a drunk driver in Huntersville killed Sally and her cousin, Anna Grace Jordan. Sally's parents, David and Jo Clark, have been major benefactors of the Y.

"Denver has been anticipating the Sally's Y for years now, but many people don't realize just how close we are. January is right around the corner," said Beringer.

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