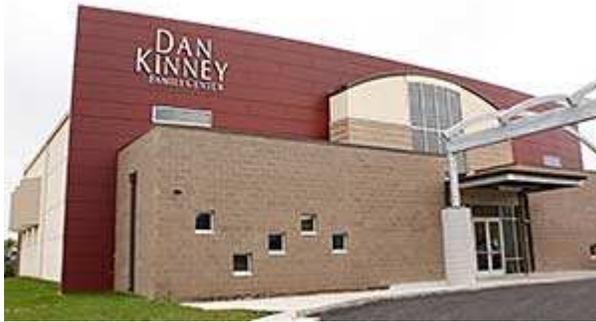


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Kinney Family Center Grand Opening Jan. 12



The Springfield-Greene County Park Board invites the community to the grand opening of the Dan Kinney Family Center Saturday, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m. at 2701 S. Blackman Road, Springfield. Grand opening activities include a dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting, with facility tours, equipment demonstrations, open gym and kids' activities available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Named for long-time Parks Director Dan Kinney, the facility is the Park Board's third Family Center, expanding family fitness and recreation opportunities to eastern Springfield and Greene County.

The two-level 35,279-square-foot facility includes a full-size gymnasium, indoor 1/16-mile walking/running track, fitness center and weight room, aerobics room, game room, childcare, community room and locker rooms. The building is designed to meet LEED Silver Certification and could accommodate future construction of an aquatics addition. The Family Center is located in the 18-acre Dan Kinney Park, home of the Betty and Bobby Allison Miracle League Ball Field, Springfield's first universal playground, a multifunctional pavilion and a 7/10-mile paved recreation trail.

"We're very proud to honor the legacy of Dan Kinney and his contributions to the parks system with this beautiful facility and park," said Bob Belote, Parks Director. "This Family Center is something residents in this area have wanted for a long time. It's great to be able to deliver this facility to them."

The Dan Kinney Family Center will offer fitness and dance classes, sports programs, access to personal trainers, childcare, health assessments, seminars, the Healthways Silver Sneakers fitness program and Fitness on Demand, a new interactive group fitness video module with a limitless variety of programs.

The \$5.2 million building project was made possible through the county-wide voter-approved Parks Sales Tax and bonding arrangements with Greene County. The facility was designed by Hood-Rich, Inc., with mechanical and electrical engineering by Smith-Goth Engineers, Inc. The general contractor was Branco Enterprises, Inc. City Utilities of Springfield provided the land for development of Dan Kinney Park and Family Center through a long-term lease with the Park Board.

Individual, family and corporate memberships are available now. For membership information, call the Dan Kinney Family Center at 417-891-1500 or visit parkboard.org/dkfc.

A special media preview of the facility will be offered Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.