

East Millcreek Community Center



Frequently Asked Questions About This Project:

You may have noticed a variety of activity at the site of the East Millcreek Library, Recreation Center and Evergreen Park. Construction is finally underway for the new Millcreek Community Center.

Salt Lake County has contracted with Big-D Construction for the building of the new Millcreek Community Center. They are currently on site, have installed their perimeter fencing and have started demolition activities.

Q: Will Evergreen Park be closed during construction?

A: Yes. Evergreen Park will be closed during construction. The entire area will be a construction zone with heavy equipment and construction materials, making it unsafe for recreational activities. The County will work with the contractor to open up the park as soon as possible. Please do not enter the site without checking in at the job trailer and signing in with the superintendent. Inside the fence, safety gear is required for all visitors including closed toed shoes, hard hats and safety glasses.

Q: Any projected opening date/dates?

A: We anticipate opening the Community Center and Park near the beginning of 2012.

Q: Which county facilities will be hosted on site?

A: Three major Salt Lake County agencies will have state of the art facilities in the Millcreek Center: Salt Lake County Library Services, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation and Salt Lake County Aging Services.

Q: Will the new library, recreation and senior centers open at the same time?

A: The project is designed as a single building that houses all three agencies and their services. At this time, we anticipate that all services and agencies will open their doors on the same day.

Q: What will the project cost?

A: Funding is provided from proceeds through the voter-approved Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts and Parks program and County bonds. The current project budget is \$18,230,000. ZAP funds make up \$1,000,000 for a portion of the recreation center and the park renovation. The additional funds come from the bonds. The County's AAA bond rating provides the lowest borrowing rate available to public agencies. The project budget covers construction costs, design, management, permits and costs associated with the development and completion of the Community Center.

Q: Will the park become smaller? Will the pavilion remain?

A: The Park will be slightly smaller in order to accommodate the public's desire for more parking. For the most part parking remains in the existing locations with a new pavilion and rest room structure built where the current concrete tunnel play feature exists. The playground area, picnic table area, and the multipurpose field will be redeveloped but remain at their existing sizes.

Q: It sounds like parking will be a problem for such a large facility. Will there be ample parking?

A: The design team has worked hard to increase the number of stalls as well as the efficiency and layout of the parking. Parking adjacent to specific services at the center should be more convenient for patrons. The number of stalls will meet the planning and zoning requirements for the building. While the very large special events that occur infrequently may result in limited parking, the day to day parking needs will be sufficient.

Q: Will the center feature energy efficiencies like the other new county buildings?

A: The building will meet the Mayor's initiative to have all new facilities built to a LEED Gold standard. This standard is set by the United States Green Building Council to produce buildings that are environmentally and energy sustainable. Some of the elements included in the Community Center are solar panels, a geothermal heating system, energy efficient systems and equipment, daylighting and many other features. These attributes will reduce the overall operating costs of the building, as well as aid in minimizing maintenance efforts while prolonging the useful life of the building. This is a team effort that requires careful coordination and efforts by the owner, the architect and the contractor. There will also be opportunities within the building for the public to learn more about LEED and some of the features included in the Community Center.

Q: How will the library and recreation center compare, size wise, to the old facilities?

A: The library will increase to about 20,000 square feet, nearly doubling the size of the old East Millcreek Library. The gym will be a little larger than the old one: the fitness and weight rooms will increase significantly and mesh nicely with the additions of a running track and multi-purpose room.

Q: If I have questions during construction, where can I get information?

A: Bev Uipi will be available to answer or redirect your call. Her contact information is 801-468-2608 or email BUipi@slco.org. For additional information, please visit the projects web site <http://www.slco.org/millcreekcenter/>.

Q: What services are available for older adults prior to completion of the new building?

A: All normal services are available that Aging Services regularly offers such as Meals on Wheels, Volunteer opportunities, Case Management, Caregiver support, Employment services and Senior Centers. The closest centers to the East Millcreek area are Columbus, 2531 S. 500 E., Mt. Olympus 1635 E. Murray Holladay Rd. and Friendly Neighborhood Center, 1992 S. 200 E.

Q: Who is eligible to join the Senior Center at East Millcreek and how much does it cost?

A: Any person over 60 and spouse. No membership fee is charged.

Q: Where do I go for recreation services while the Center is under construction?

A: Childcare services are being provided at:	Recreation and Aquatic Programs are available at:
Millcreek Activity Center 1045 E. 4400 S. Phone: 801-559-1530	Holladay-Lions Recreation Center 1661 E. Murray-Holladay Blvd. Phone: 801-424-0621

Q: Where do I go for library services while the center is under construction?

A: Other County Libraries are available to meet your needs during construction including Holladay (2150 E. Murray-Holladay Rd.), Smith (810 E. 3300 S.), Columbus (2530 S. 500 E.) and Whitmore (2197 E. Ft. Union Blvd.).

Q: What is happening with the trees on site?

A: Salt Lake County is removing some trees around the site to accommodate

additional parking, the new building footprint and renovation of the park. Great strides were taken to minimize the removal of existing trees. The County purchased additional land to enable the shifting of some parking stalls to save a couple of large trees. Over 100 new trees will be planted around the site. Extra effort is also being made to improve the health and life of all the trees on the site including pruning, re-shaping and removal of dead or dying material. Rocky Mountain Power, in order to meet their requirements and specifications, may remove or prune back existing trees. This can include tree removal, branch removal and pruning to clear a path for their power lines. That will be at the discretion of Rocky Mountain Power. This project is an opportunity to extend the life of the site another eighty years by increasing the services available, constructing a beautiful sustainable building and planting new trees that will be able to fill in and take over when the existing trees reach the end of their existence. There are a couple of trees along the fence line of the Baldwin property that we will try to save by adjusting the fence line as best as possible. That issue will be addressed with the contractor, in the field, as we approach that specific activity.

Q: What will be done with the old playground equipment that has been removed and placed in the corner of the park?

A: There will be an online auction beginning June 14, 2010 and will end on June 25th. The web site is www.publicsurplus.com. The bid numbers are as follows:

Frog & Bee Teeter Totter #450131
Castle & Slide combination #449998
Climbing Dome #450124
Cannon #450130
Horse Teeter Totter #450134

The closing date for these auctions are: 6/25/10 at 9:00 p.m.
The viewing date for this equipment is June 22, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Each bid winner will be responsible for removing the playground equipment from its current location at the park. All funds from the auction will go back to the project.

Q: Will there be a groundbreaking ceremony?

A: Yes. The groundbreaking will be held on July 21st from noon - 1:00 p.m. on site.

Q: What work is being done on the park grounds?

A: Starting on June 14, 2010, there will be approximately 75 holes dug about 300 feet into the ground for a new geothermal system. This process will take up to eight weeks. The park will be re-graded and new sod will be installed throughout the park and play fields.