



Press Release West Bloomfield Parks

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West Bloomfield Parks' senior center, Connect, has found a new home

Senior services will transition to Abbott Middle School thanks to a partnership with the West Bloomfield School District.

West Bloomfield, MI: West Bloomfield Parks (WB Parks) has found a new temporary home for its senior center, Connect, thanks to a partnership with the West Bloomfield School District. Once the current school year ends, Connect will begin moving to the former grounds of Abbott Middle School. Students will begin their next school year in the new West Bloomfield Middle School, leaving the Abbott property available for senior programs and events.

Connect, which is currently located in the northwest corner of the Orchard Lake Mall, closed its current location on May 20, 2022. Most senior activities will briefly move to the Recreation Activities Center, before Connect reopens sometime this summer. WB Parks has signed a one year agreement for use of a portion of the building with the West Bloomfield School District, at no cost other than sharing utility expenses.

Of the impact this new space will have, Jennifer Tucker, Executive Director of WB Parks said, "We are so excited to be partnering with the West Bloomfield School District on the use of the Abbott School property to be the location for Senior Services until a permanent location can be determined, designed and funded. We thank West Bloomfield School District for helping us support our community's seniors."

"The West Bloomfield School District is honored to assist WB Parks during this time of transition," stated Dr. Gerald Hill, Superintendent for the West Bloomfield School District.

"We are thrilled that we can provide our community members space in one of our buildings."

Prior to 2019, West Bloomfield did not have a dedicated space for senior services or activities but offered programs throughout the park system at various locations. The 7,000 sq. ft. space at Orchard Mall was intended to be a temporary location to evaluate the demand for senior services. Following a completed needs assessment of the Recreation Activities Center site, WB Parks hopes to develop its senior services even further in coming years at the West Bloomfield Civic Center Complex.

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About West Bloomfield Parks - The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission, established by voter mandate in 1970, is committed to the residents of West Bloomfield. Our mission is to meet the community's recreation, leisure and social needs by acquiring and enhancing public parkland and supporting year-round facilities and programs for youth, teens, adults, families and seniors. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing facilities, programs and natural settings for the enjoyment of residents. More information can be found at www.wbparks.org.

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