



## NEWS RELEASE

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### THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CELEBRATES THE NEW COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER WITH GROUNDBREAKING EVENT

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. May 6, 2024** – The City of Grand Junction will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the Community Recreation Center on Saturday, June 1 at Matchett Park at 10 a.m. with activities to follow from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

“The groundbreaking is the exciting first step in the construction of the new Grand Junction Community Recreation Center,” stated Mayor Abram Herman. “This new facility was made possible due to the hard work and dedication of city staff, city council, and most importantly, our community members.”

“Thanks to our successful partnership with Intermountain Health St. Mary's Regional Hospital and grants like those from the Department of Local Affairs, the city has been able to overdeliver on the community recreation center, far beyond what was promised to the voters who passed the ballot initiative in 2023. The new recreation center will offer something for everyone at every age in our community to enjoy,” Herman continued.

The event will feature a variety of activities including:

- 5K Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Grand Junction Sports Commission [Registration](#)  
Proceeds will go to the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation youth program scholarship fund
- Disc Golf Tournament at 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by Grand Valley Disc Golf Club. [Registration](#)
- Groundbreaking Ceremony 10 a.m.
- Activities from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
  - Virtual tour of the community center using QR codes
  - Bump-n-jumps sponsored by Grand Valley Power, kids activities, games provided by St. Mary's
  - Music by Ryan Gris
  - BBQ lunch from Colorado Q for the first 450 people will be provided in the space of the future community rooms courtesy of FCI Construction
- Parking provided on an adjacent lot owned by Mesa County (map attached)

[Entire schedule of events](#) Sturdy shoes are recommended as event takes place in a dirt field.

City Council adopted the final plan for the Grand Junction Community Recreation Center in November of 2022. This became the basis for an April 2023 ballot initiative approved by voters that included a 0.14% sales tax increase and the debt necessary to build the facility. Community engagement over the course of several decades has included meetings, presentations, focus groups, and online opportunities for input and resulted in the final design of the new Grand Junction Community Recreation Center.

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*Please note the date and time on the City's Summer Activity Guide is incorrect.*

Event Map:

