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Sports*Com Closing in March and April to Complete Renovations by May

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Sports*Com, located at 2310 Memorial Blvd., will be closing during the months of March and April to complete interior renovations and expansion of the facility. The scheduled re-opening is anticipated for May 1, 2015.

“We realize that closing for two months is an inconvenience for our loyal customers,” said City Parks and Recreation Director Lanny Goodwin. “With a bit of patience these upgrades are going to improve the amenities of Sports*Com and provide expanded recreation for the residents of Murfreesboro. We encourage patrons to utilize the Patterson Park Community Center and McFadden Community Center during the two-month closure.”

Interior electrical work in March and April will require shutting down the Heating Ventilation and Air-conditioning system and installing an elevator. Not having air-conditioning, lighting and the amount of building disturbance required to install an elevator are safety issues that require restricted access to construction workers-only.

The 3000 square foot expansion to the existing Sports*Com building and renovation includes a newly expanded wellness and fitness area at the front of the facility, resurfacing of the basketball court and track area, upgrades to locker rooms and restrooms, improved lighting, and a new roof and Heating Ventilation and Air-conditioning system. Sports*Com was built in 1987.

A 4-minute video featuring Bart Fite, Superintendent of Sports*Com, on the renovations can be viewed on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIBsXW_BtJ0.

The Murfreesboro City Council voted unanimously Oct. 2, 2014, to approve a \$2.7 million dollar plan to expand and renovate Sports*Com. Baron Construction, LLC was authorized to perform the work after submitting the low bid. Alternate renovations were added to the initial base bid of \$2.4 million dollars, including refinishing the gym floor (\$28,990), resurfacing the indoor track (\$50,221), and revisions to the outdoor pool concession area (\$72,165), replacing air ducts to the indoor pool (\$23,458), and installation of a new water line to McKnight Park (\$109,288).

Bids for the renovation to Sports*Com were opened September 11, 2014. The low bid of five bids was received from Baron Construction with Johnson & Bailey Architects, P.C recommending acceptance.

Patterson Community Center, located at 521 Mercury Blvd., is open Mon. – Fri., 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sat., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 1- 5 p.m. and McFadden Community Center, located at 211 Bridge Ave., is open Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Photo attached captions: Photos by Jim Davis, City Parks & Rec.

1. *Artist rendition of Sports*Com exterior expansion.jpg*
2. *Construction on Exterior Expansion for new weight training room.jpg*
3. *Construction on Exterior front of Sports*Com.jpg*

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