

# Livonia plans to break ground on new senior wellness center in June



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LIVONIA — The city's anticipated new senior center is expected to break ground in a few weeks.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan announced Tuesday, May 14, she expects to break ground on the new center in June and start construction in July. The new facility will be part of the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Street, and the current center at 15218 Farmington Road will be torn down.

The \$22 million project, officials say, will create space at Civic Center Park, at the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads, for [a downtown-like development](#). Brosnan has said creating a downtown is [the main focus](#) of her second term, which began this year.

Once the new senior center opens, the city will tear down the old senior center, office building, courthouse and the Sam's Place restaurant at Five Mile and Farmington, creating about 10 acres of developable land.

At the same time, officials will search for private partners to [create mixed-use development at the corner](#) that officials hope will become a central gathering space for residents and visitors. Brosnan has said transformation of Civic Center Park could also include relocation of the Livonia Police Department and Livonia City Hall.



"This is truly a transformative project," Brosnan said in a release. "Building a new Livonia Senior Wellness Center opens the existing space at Five Mile and Farmington and paves the way for a new walkable city center with mixed-use residential, restaurants and active community spaces, creating a functional downtown."

The new center will be 25,000 square feet and include space for gathering, classes, dining and more. The addition of a senior center wing, Brosnan said, will result in some updates to the Kirksey Recreation Center as well.

Though the senior center will be attached to the Kirksey Recreation Center, it will have a dedicated entrance and parking.

Construction will take place in three phases and could be completed as early as December 2025. Throughout construction, various areas of the Kirksey Recreation Center, including the gymnasium, weights area and walking track will be temporarily relocated or unavailable.

Bentley Field, located next to the Kirksey Recreation Center, will remain open and is expected to be unaffected by construction.

The city plans to keep residents updated on closures and the project's progress on its [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

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