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Beede Swim & Fitness Center Announces Changes, Open House Event

CONCORD, MA—The Town recently made changes to the Beede Swim & Fitness Center in an effort to maintain current levels of programs and offerings to members. Among other modifications, the Beede Center made the tough decision to lay off two full-time staff members to address the budgetary shortfall. The Beede Center, a division of Concord Recreation, is not tax subsidized and is solely dependent on revenue from memberships. Beede Center staff would like to invite the public to an open house on Sunday, October 30 from 4-6 pm to answer questions and offer tours of the facility to those interested.

“This was a difficult, but necessary decision that had to be made in order to address a budgetary gap and avoid any impact on member services” said Assistant Town Manager Kate Hodges.

The decision created approximately \$230,000 in annual savings, which will help bring the budget back in line. The Beede Center abides by a policy from the Town of Concord, requiring they carry 6 months of operating expenses in its fund balance. Currently the fund balance stands at \$1,200,000, keeping the Beede Center financially stable. The recent decisions were made to improve upon the long term goal of keeping the Beede Center as a great option for the residents of Concord and surrounding communities to stay healthy.

The open house will be held in conjunction with the Concord Recreation “Trunk or Treat” event from 5-7 pm, to be held in the Beede Center parking lot at 498 Walden Street. Come with your child to enjoy a free gift from the Beede Center and a tour of the facility. Dress in your costume and enjoy the great Trunk or Treat event that follows. For more information, please visit our new website at <http://www.concordrec.com/>

Concord’s Beede Swim & Fitness Center has been offering quality services and programming to residents of Concord and the surrounding communities for the last decade. The Beede Center is home to a wide array of weight and cardio equipment, a variety of pools and a number of experienced personal trainers to assist members in leading healthy lifestyles.

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