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FAQ for Y at Gaviidae

Why is the Downtown Minneapolis Y moving?

The YMCA is building a new facility in the Gaviidae building at South 6th St and Nicollet Mall that allows us to better serve residents and the community. Our current Y is too large for today's members and is very inefficient to operate. In addition, to serving as our new downtown site, the Y at Gaviidae will provide gathering space for community partners, nonprofits and social-good entrepreneurs and a collaborative workspace for the Y team.

How long will the construction last?

We are estimating 12 months of construction. Project is scheduled to be complete in early 2018.

Will employees' jobs be affected?

Current staff's jobs will not be affected. We anticipate there will be new jobs created as we expand our mission and serve more people at the new Y.

Will there be a sauna and whirlpool?

Yes, for the safety of all members and guests, the decision was made to locate these amenities on the pool deck where Y team members can properly monitor them. These amenities will accommodate both male and female members. Since these will be co-ed, proper clothing will be required (t-shirt and shorts or bathing suit).

Will a Family Locker Room be added?

Yes, we will be adding a family locker room to accommodate parents with youth of the opposite sex, or that have multiple children of both genders. It will also be there for more accessible options for those with any special needs.

Will there be lockers to rent?

Yes, we will have kit and half lockers to rent in the new Y. Free day lockers with new lock systems so no need for locks as well as free towels. We will also add small security lockers located within the facility.

What kind of equipment will you have in the new Y?

All of the cardio equipment will be Matrix as it is today. Our strength equipment will be a combination of our current Matrix selectorized pieces and all of our free weight equipment will be replaced.

Will there be racquetball courts?

We had to make several decisions on best use of space based on member and participant demand. We were not able to accommodate using the space for racquetball courts. However, members can use courts at near-by Midway, St. Paul Downtown and Southdale locations.

Will there be public/community meeting space?

The new Y will have dedicated meeting space for rent and community meetings. Pricing and availability will be determined upon grand opening.

Is there any change in the parking situation?

Since we are not the owners of the parking structure across the street nor any adjacent lots, parking will remain the same as it is currently. We will continue to work with adjacent lots and the city to find best solutions for all parties involved.

Will the new facility be “green’ and LEED certified?

The Y, as a good steward of our planet, always strives to achieve the eco-friendliest building as possible.

Will there be onsite licensed childcare?

The YMCA will continue to offer childcare for the Downtown Minneapolis area in the current location for the foreseeable future. We will not offer licensed care at the Gaviidae location.

FAQs QUESTIONS?

Have questions about the renovation? You can contact:

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