







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Brian Loughmiller: Spring is the time to enjoy McKinney's recreation facilities

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Spring is a great time to enjoy the many recreational parks and facilities in McKinney. Gabe Nesbitt Community Park is known as the center of sports and recreation in McKinney. It already boasts the skate park, The Courts tennis complex and several ball fields. By the end of this year, it also will be home to the PSA McKinney indoor recreational facility.

Last month, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the 90,000-square-foot building, which is now already under construction. The building will serve the 10,000 youth currently participating in PSA sports in other cities, and we expect that number to grow. PSA McKinney will accommodate a wide variety of sports for our young athletes, and PSA offers scholarships for youths so no one is turned away.

A partnership with the McKinney Community Development Corporation board made this facility possible. Successful public-private partnerships and partnerships within the city like this one with MCDC help us in our efforts to bring high quality, economically sound projects that add to our quality of life.

The MCDC is also working on the aquatic center, which will be built adjacent to the PSA McKinney in Gabe Nesbitt Community Park. Working with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department, MCDC has taken the next step in the process by choosing the architecture and engineering firm for the facility. With this project and upcoming aquatic center, it's an exciting time as quality of life advances.

While we look forward to the growth and future of facilities in McKinney, be sure to explore the Wilson Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Towne Lake Park, Bonnie Wenk Park, The Courts, the skate park, Old Settler's Recreation Center, Finch Park or one of the dozens of other parks in neighborhoods across McKinney.

Brian Loughmiller is the mayor of McKinney.

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