

# City: Senior programs to resume

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HIGH POINT — Coronavirus pandemic restrictions have led to long disruptions of city of High Point senior programming, but officials say things soon will be back on track.

Exercise and art classes will be among the offerings at the High Point University Community Center at the former Oak Hollow Mall, which will serve as a temporary senior center while the city searches for a permanent location.

The space until Wednesday served as a Guilford County COVID-19 vaccination site.

“We’re looking to resume full operations in July at that location,” said city Parks and Recreation Director Lee Tillery. “There’s so much

space, and that’s what we need. They have a lot of different classrooms, so we can do about whatever we want there.”

The city had to halt most of its indoor programming at the onset of the pandemic last year. Then, in March of

this year, the city sold the Culler senior center building as part of a plan to replace it with a new facility.

HPU is providing its space to the city for free for up to five years.

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“Our rec centers are open, just like they were before,” said Tillery. “So they’re on a full schedule now, and that’s what we anticipate happening

with the senior center now that the vaccination clinic is moving out of there.”

Voters in 2019 approved a \$12 million replacement for the 70-year-old Culler center as part of a bond package.

Tillery said it’s possi-

ble the city could renovate an existing building or build a new facility. A site has not been identified.

Another bond project, the \$23 million renovation of City Lake Park, recently started construction, and he said it will get most of the

focus in order to meet a deadline of Memorial Day 2022.

“My general thought is, we’ll try to get City Lake done, and then be able to move on to the senior center,” he said.

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