

**The Baird Community Center**

**PROJECT FACT SHEET**

**May 2022**



 The Biber Partnership ATA

5 Mead Street, South Orange, New Jersey 07079

**Building Renovation and Additions Project**

**PROJECT SCOPE:**

The Baird Community Center was originally constructed in three phases: the first in 1895, the second in 1930 and the third in 1973. The project scope includes the renovation of all existing rooms and porches, replacing the existing roof and adding on a new multi-purpose field house gymnasium.

In addition to the field house, the project will include major renovations to the existing building so it may better serve the community. New arts classrooms will integrate with a new art gallery on the first floor. New dance classrooms are more accessible to children and parents. Numerous multi-purpose spaces will provide valuable community meeting spaces, as well as space for recreation classes and programs for all ages. A performance space and large meeting space on the third floor will support all types of recitals, ensembles and performances and provide a valuable meeting space for town committees and community groups.

As demolition progressed, we uncovered a few historic elements that will be incorporated into the completed project. These features include; 4 fireplaces, original timber beams and columns, roof trusses and the original brick chimney. Improvements will include making the building 100% ADA accessible, new heating and air conditioning throughout, additional restrooms, new elevators, restoring the second-floor porch and adding additional outdoor space for gathering and events. Life safety upgrades include a new fire alarm system and fire sprinkler system along with new fire stairs to replace the aging fire escapes. The exterior will be renovated with a new roof, siding, windows and doors that will make the building more energy efficient and will rejuvenate the Baird's appearance.

**PROJECT TEAM:**

**Trustees of South Orange Village:**

Sheena C. Collum - Village President, Bill Haskins, Donna Coallier, Karen Hartshorn Hilton, Summer Jones, Bobby Brown, and Bob Zuckerman

**Village Administrator:**

Adam Loehner

**Town Engineer:**

Van Cleef Engineering

**Purchasing Agent:**

Ellen Foye-Malgieri

**Director of Recreation:**

Peter Travers

**Director of Code Enforcement:**

Anthony Greci

**Architects:**

The Biber Partnership

**Construction Managers:**

Jay Shapiro & Associates, Inc.

**Construction Contractor:**

Frankoski Construction

**MAJOR MILESTONES:**

- Awarded to Frankoski Construction 12/04/2020
- Exterior improvements completed 11/17/2022
- New addition completed 11/25/2022
- Interior Renovations Completed 12/01/2022
- Final Inspections 12/01/2022
- Certificate of Occupancy Issue 12/02/2022

**PROGRESS THIS MONTH:**

- General Work Progress: Project is approximately 65% complete including change orders. Better weather has allowed more crew members on-site and more production.
- Exterior Work: New soffits are complete and new roofing started in mid-May. While investigating for the chimney re-pointing work it was determined that the chimney was in very poor condition and has been removed. New windows have been installed and glass has been completed in the new gym. Some trim has been installed on the addition and siding will start in June. The delivery of some items has been delayed such as the siding and trim.
- Interior Work: Framing of interior walls on all three floors is completed. Electrical, HVAC, sprinkler pipes and plumbing are all nearing completion. Sheet rock of walls will start once all AV and IT wiring and cabling are installed in the walls.