

**The Baird Community Center**

**PROJECT FACT SHEET**

**January 2023**



 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 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:**

Julie Doran, Acting

**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 Spring 2023
- New addition completed Spring 2023
- Interior Renovations Completed Spring 2023
- Final Inspections Spring 2023
- Certificate of Occupancy Issue Spring 2023

**PROGRESS THIS MONTH:**

- **General Work Progress:** Project is approximately 80% complete. Many structural issues corrected. Exterior wall insulation and sheetrock complete. Permanent power was established on 2/3/23. Porch waterproofing will start complete in March. Manpower has increased and needs to remain so to complete.
- **Exterior Work:** Installation of stucco siding panels will complete once better weather returns. Sitework structures have been installed. Various roofing issues are to be completed in February.
- **Interior Work:** Exterior walls on all floors have been insulated and sheetrocked. Bathrooms are tiled and ceiling grids installed. Interior heat and humidity control will be available in February. Light fixtures being installed.