

## PHOTO GALLERY: Manomet Youth Center gets a facelift

More than \$30,000 in improvements made to building

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PLYMOUTH — The old building may look about the same from the outside, but things are brand new inside the Manomet Youth Center.

The Plymouth Recreation Department celebrated more than \$30,000 in renovations to the popular youth facility Wednesday with a grand re-opening ceremony. Youth Center Director Aimee Sprague said the much-needed updating couldn't have a better time.

"The different people and groups who stepped in to help us with the renovations have been amazing," Sprague said. "We couldn't have done this without their help."

The first thing you notice when you walk into the new-look Manomet Youth Center is the shiny new floor of the basketball court. The new glass backboards at either end of the court are adjustable depending on age and skill level of the players. An electronic scoreboard mounted on the wall and the lighting system has also undergone an update.

The floor in the TV room and the office was replaced and the landscaping in front of the building was also beautified. All you just might not recognize the old place.

"It was a much-needed facelift for the building. This has been a youth center in town for years, and we needed to update things," Sprague said. "We're only open during the school year, so we started the renovations a couple months ago, and working on the final touches on everything right up until this week."

The Manomet Youth Center, located on Bartlett Road (off Route 3A), is open to all Plymouth residents ages 8-17. The new season of fun and games starts Tuesday and the doors are open every Monday to Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"People who came to this place as children are now sending their own kids here to take part in our after-school program," Sprague said. "It's a great place for kids to come with their friends and be active. It's safe and the kids can have fun playing basketball or using some of the things we have in the game room."

Among those also lending a hand during the project were state Rep. Vinny deMacedo, R-Plymouth, the Plymouth VFW Post #624, Regional Council of Carpenters, Glynn Electric, Emerald Excavating, Taylor Rental, John Alden Club, Almeida Cordeiro One Stop Painting, Egan Landscaping, True Value Hardware, Rose & Vickies, the Rotary Club, Rejuvenations, Lukes Liquor, Al's Deli, Shiretown Glass, Bill Hallisey Jr. and Eagle Scout Shawn Potter and friends.

For more information on programs at the Manomet Youth Center, call 508-830-4114.

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