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Gibbstown Sports Complex is about to open this replacement ball hockey rink, paid for with a Flyers Charities grant. A May 19 ribbon-cutting is set. PHOTOS BY JOSEPH P. SMITH/CHERRY HILL COURIER-POST

Flyers Charities pays for new ball hockey rink

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GREENWICH TWP. — Hockey is making a return here in 2026, courtesy of a grant from Flyers Charities in Philadelphia.

The grant, part of the “Rink Revive” initiative, directed \$230,000 to Greenwich Township for a replacement ball hockey rink at the Gibbstown Sports Complex. A ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, May 19 is to officially dedicate the rink.

Mayor Vince Giovannitti said the project is an example of a grant opportunity searching out Greenwich out of the blue and just when it was needed. Renovations have been pending at the complex, including at the old rink.

“I was literally just going through my emails at the municipal building,” Giovannitti said this week. “And this email just popped up from Flyers Charities Rink Revive program.”

At first, Giovannitti said, he thought the grant might be enough to cover new benches or nets. But Flyers Charities staff let him know that their goal was for some community to receive an entirely new hockey rink.

The mayor said the application was easy to complete.

“And I said, ‘Would you guys like to see pictures of our rink? They’re like, ‘Yeah. That would probably help.’ So, I went out, took some pictures (and) emailed the pictures,” Giovannitti said.

The application was submitted in October 2024, and Flyers Charities staff let township officials know in March 2025 it was receiving a grant.

They already knew that a new rink would cost \$200,000 or more, the mayor said. Flyers Charities ended up sending \$230,000 to cover all expenses.

Greenwich handled the site plan procedure and conducted the construction preparation, tearing down the old rink and resurfacing the site.



A Philadelphia Flyers Charities grant paid for this replacement ball hockey rink at Gibbstown Sports Complex, 61 N. School St. A May 19 ribbon-cutting is set.

The old scoreboard is staying, touched up with new labeling.

“And they came in with the new rink, new boards, new deck,” the mayor said. “They bought two sets of bleachers for us. So, yeah, it was pretty impressive.”

According to township officials, Gibbstown Youth Hockey Organization members will use the rink this summer for a hockey clinic designed for those who want to learn how to play.

The clinic is to start May 30 and end June 20. It’s open to boys and girls, ages 4-9. Registration is open.

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ANALYSIS

Trump leaves China with stalemate

Summit yields modest economic deals, little else

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s visit to Beijing may have produced modest results by the standards of U.S.-China summits but it highlighted a clear benefit for China: After the extremes of last year’s trade war, the countries have reverted to their familiar economic and strategic standoff.

Two days of talks between Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping underscored that even after Trump’s “Liberation Day” tariffs and the ensuing trade detente the two sides reached late last year, Washington and Beijing are still locked in the contest

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NJ detective found guilty in fatal off-duty high-speed chase

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After a multi-day trial, a New Jersey State Police detective has been convicted for his role in a high-speed chase that resulted in a death.

On June 20, 2023, Det. Mark Campagna of Mays Landing followed Omar Kebbabi from New York on Route 206 in Springfield Township. Both were traveling at high speeds, reaching more than 100 mph.

After following Kebbabi — who was on a motorcycle — for approximately 3 miles, another driver turned into Kebbabi’s path, causing a crash and Kebbabi’s death.

Campagna was off duty at the time of the incident. He was also driving an unmarked car, didn’t activate any lights or sirens, and didn’t contact authorities for help.

On May 14, Campagna was found guilty of endangering another person by members of a Camden County jury.

Despite claiming that he was only trying to see Kebbabi’s license plate number, the jury members decided that Campagna knowingly engaged in conduct which created a substantial risk.

“There is no evidence showing any lawful objective behind this pursuit,” New Jersey Attorney General Jennifer Davenport said in a news release. “The

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