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Youth Hockey deal for city ice rink finalized

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GLENS FALLS — After a cooling system leak nearly closed the Glens Falls Recreation Center, the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) will now officially take over operations and maintenance of the center/ice rink located on Fire Road.

The Common Council approved the new facility use agreement last week. The deal

was previously announced earlier this past year.

The city had been spending around \$200,000 per year to operate the center and was faced with the added effort and expense of having to fix the leak. AYHA will now take on those responsibilities. The youth hockey not-for-profit also plans to expand programming and create more recreational opportunities at the center.

“Generations of local kids have learned

to skate at the recreation center,” said AYHA Vice President Nathan Brimmer at the July 28 council meeting. “They’ve played their first games there. Our high school programs have called it home. Parents have spent countless nights in those bleachers.”

“This is the result of months and months of work on behalf of AYHA and the city to come up with a solution that will remediate the environmental concerns while

maintaining the building for recreational use for hockey and for other people in our community,” said Mayor Diana Palmer. “This is such a true testament of what happens when the city reaches out to the community and asks for partnership.”

The center’s new public-private partnership is akin to The ED’s management agreement made in June.

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MAGIC FOREST HOUSING REVIEW TO GO INTO 2027



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A conceptual site map for the redevelopment of Magic Forest land into housing.

Park to remain open during planning process

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LAKE GEORGE — The major redevelopment of the Magic Forest amusement park into housing is expected to undergo a long planning review process that could go deep into 2027 or early 2028, with the current expectation that the

amusement park will remain open during that time.

“The proposed development would result in the redevelopment of the existing Magic Forest Amusement Park and would bring a new mix of housing types, including single-family, apartments and senior living, into the Town of Lake

George,” planning documents state. “The proposed site would also incorporate commercial space to serve the project residents as well as the existing town residents and the many visitors that frequent the Town of Lake George.”

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County gets \$230k to ‘modernize’ housing networks

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WARREN COUNTY — The Warren County Planning Department has received a \$230,000 state grant to develop online permitting that will modernize the housing networks for four up-county municipalities, including Horicon, Hague, Bolton, and Chester. The grant will be reimbursed through the Technical Assistance to Grow Pro-Housing Communities initiative.

Ultimately, the funding will go toward the creation of digital development review permitting systems, an essential need, particularly for towns in the northern portions of Warren County that have more antiquated housing programs, which have stifled housing development.

“This is a really excellent program that requires no [funding] match from the county. This initiative came out of our housing strategy that we developed in tandem with the comprehensive plan. We looked at ways on how to best help our municipalities address the housing issue,” Warren County planner Ethan Gaddy said. “One of the really big things was the modernization of the planning and the development review processes that are there.”

By convening a working group of planning and zoning administrators on a quarterly basis, Gaddy and his team at the Warren County Planning Department have been proactive in understanding the intricacies of the housing needs throughout the county. “One of the things that came out of [those meetings] is digital record keeping, sort of like a user-friendly interface with the application process,” Gaddy

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Grant Cottage wins bid to bring funeral flag home

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WILTON — Nearly 141 years to the day that a funerary flag was draped over the casket of Ulysses S. Grant as his body lay in repose at the Mt. McGregor cottage where he passed away, the Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage has secured the winning bid, which will bring that very flag back.

“I’m not into all that kind of superstition and everything, but it was definitely interesting that this all coincided,” Ben Kemp, operations manager at the U.S. Grant Cottage State Historic Site, conceded with a laugh in an interview with The Post-Star Monday. “We were able to obtain it basically a day or two after his casket would have arrived.”

The group first became aware of the flag when it went up for auction in March at the Alexander Historical Auction House in Chesapeake City, Md., but the price was far too high for the non-profit to absorb.

“We were intrigued but kind of intimidated immediately,” Kemp said. “The opening bid was \$75,000.”

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The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage has acquired the flag that covered the former president and Civil War hero’s casket during his funeral at Mt. McGregor on Aug. 4, 1885.

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