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MEDIA ADVISORY: PRESS WALK THROUGH OF NEW ADA UPGRADES AT VETERANS STADIUM IN NEW BRITAIN

- WHAT:** Mayor Erin Stewart, along with staff from the City's Parks and Recreation Department, will hold a guided tour of the \$774,000 worth of Americans With Disabilities Act renovations at Veteran's Stadium.
- WHEN:** 2 p.m. - Tuesday, July 18, 2017
- WHERE:** Veteran's Stadium – 230 John Karbonic Way, New Britain, CT
- WHO:** Mayor Erin E. Stewart
Parks and Recreation Director Erik Barbieri
Members of the New Britain Commission on Disabilities

BACKGROUND:

Veterans Stadium was recently upgraded to meet all accessibility requirements under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). In total, the project cost approximately \$774,000 and gives the stadium a much needed facelift and puts the stadium up to code. The following is a list of upgrades and improvements made to the stadium as part of this project:

- 4 new wheelchair ramps added at each corner of the stadium for bleacher access
- 3 new aluminum step stairways added to each entrance/exit on both home and visiting side (6 in total)
- New aluminum riser widened walkways across bleachers on both home and visiting side – includes new meshing fencing, handrails, more wheelchair parking areas, more handicapped seats, and additional companion seating
- 4 newly-renovated concession stands including lower serving windows to accommodate persons with disabilities
- 2 renovated locker rooms including, new antimicrobial laminate floors, spacious lockers, and handicapped accessible bathroom and shower facilities
- Updated handicapped bathroom stalls in men's and women's bathrooms on visitors side

The architectural and engineering firm that designed the project was Kaestle Boos, Inc out of New Britain. M&M Incorporated/Aresco Construction out of Middletown, CT was the general contractor who successfully completed the project. The facility is now fully accessible and up to code for both federal and state ADA standards.

“New Britain prides itself on being a welcoming community to individuals of all backgrounds and abilities. We are grateful that these renovations have been completed in order to make Veteran's Stadium a friendly arena for all the athletes and attendees who visit,” said Mayor Erin Stewart.

Funding for the renovations came from Citywide Park ADA Improvement local bonding.

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