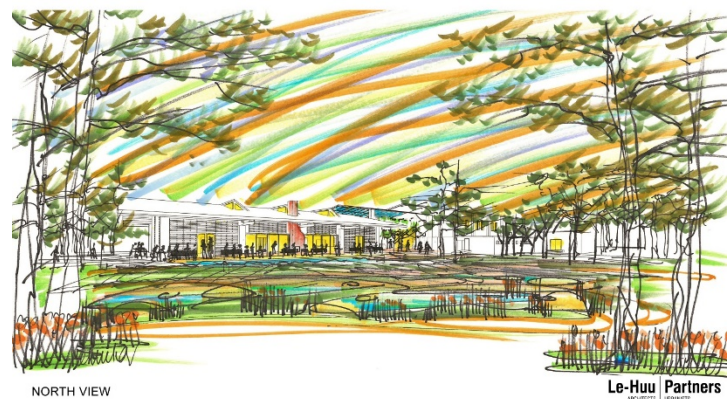


It's happening: The New Smyrna Beach Live Oak Cultural Center will offer accessible amenities and all monthly activities the C.O.A. provides!

There are 17 cities within the County of Volusia and New Smyrna Beach is one of three city partnerships with the Council on Aging that provides a facility for C.O.A. to offer Monday through Friday programming.

The city received a \$400,000 ECHO grant towards the construction of the new Cultural Center, and have partners in the grant, and in the operation of the center, including the Council on Aging (COA) and The Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA). The COA is the current operator of the Senior Center that has been supported by the city for years, in multi-locations, with the city not only providing free city facilities, but also providing a



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Architect rendering of the Live Oak Cultural Center in New Smyrna Beach

\$25,000 Annual Contribution to the COA for senior programming. In addition to the \$400,000 ECHO grant, the city is providing \$1.6 Million to support building the new center for programming and activities for seniors, as well as for their families and caregivers.

The Live Oak Cultural Center will create a new civic presence transforming the definition of a neighborhood gathering place. Solutions to multi-generational issues will come together in one place. While the majority of the use will be New Smyrna Beach seniors through the Arts & Wellness program and other programs provided by Atlantic Center for the Arts and Council on Aging; the City of New Smyrna Beach will also be able to use the facility in the evenings and on the weekend for community events.

The Live Oak Cultural Center will be accessible to all.

The multi-generational programming offered by multiple partners in the creation of the Live Oak Cultural Center includes experiences inspired by the National Center for Creative Aging (NCAA). The NCAA provides 'research-based creative caregiving exercises' and the ACA intends to incorporate these creative lessons into the programs that will be offered at the Live Oak Cultural Center.

Within the new and redesigned space, participants will find open areas incorporated into the architecture of the current 'city gym' and the future combined transition elements. One element of the new design includes an outdoor trellis inviting citizen's to a new experience.

The Live Oak Cultural Center, adjacent to the Volusia County New Smyrna Library, will be managed by the City of New Smyrna Beach Leisure Services Department and will provide multi-generational programs. Through the City's partnerships with Atlantic Center for the Arts, Council on Aging, New Smyrna Beach History Museum, Mary Harrell Black Heritage Museum, Marine Discovery Center, Little Theater, The Hub and New Smyrna Beach Artists' Workshop the City will be able to provide diverse programming for all to enjoy.

The next step in the process is advertising for construction bids mid-November. Keep an eye on the City of New Smyrna Beach Facebook page, or www.cityofnsb.com. If you want to receive city updates sign up online by clicking on the NOTIFY ME link from the homepage, inputting your email address and choosing Community Alert under the subtitle NEWSFLASH.

The city anticipates doors opening to the public late 2018.

