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Chris Jacobs

## Jacobs Delivers Funding For Orchard Park Community Center

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The new facility at Brush Mountain Park will consist of a brand new senior citizens center that will improve access and safety for the more than 20,000 visits that occur annually, as well as enhanced programming enabled by a wide array of multi-purpose rooms. The community center component will consist of flexible game, activity and portable classrooms, as well as a multi-sport gymnasium that can be subdivided for concurrent uses.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$16,000,000 and in addition to the state investment secured by Jacobs will be supported by a capital campaign goal of \$2,000,000. Town officials are estimating that revenues generated from new programs and rentals combined with savings in capital and maintenance costs, will exceed the operational costs of the facility by approximately \$26,000 annually.

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