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Ricketts Center Schedules Feb. 13 Open House

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POTTSTOWN PA – With initial improvements completed at the [Richard J. Ricketts Community Center, 658 Beech St.](#), and its late January re-opening a success, the Boyertown Area Multi-Service non-profit agency that now operates the center is looking ahead to an open house promoting its programs and activities. It's scheduled for Feb. 13 (2020; Thursday) from 2-6 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Pottstown Ministerium, is open to the public and free to attend.

Ricketts has for years been home to sports, fitness, health and wellness, homework support, tutoring, art, and music activities, all offered free of charge. It will continue to focus on providing programs to youths, their families, and the community, and serve as a youth safe space with positive role models to help them become community stewards, Multi-Service Board of Directors' [President Matthew Hovey said](#).

Multi-Center workers so far have refreshed Ricketts with new paint, new flooring, furniture, features to increase the safety of the facility, and other enhancements. Other improvements are planned. The facility currently operates Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Its weight room is also open, with [fitness programming and boot camp](#) being offered. Additional weekend programming is expected to start in March.

The agency also will work with and refer local individuals and families to case management, behavioral health, food pantries, and senior service programs that already exist in Pottstown. It praised the organizations offering those and other services as “valuable, essential community partners who are already providing ... successful and much-needed programs.”

“We are truly grateful to be granted the opportunity to realize the Ricketts Center’s potential, and to honor its legacy and storied history,” Hovey added. Multi-Service was selected by Pottstown Borough Council last October to operate the center for a two-year period beginning Jan. 1.

To complete its goals, Multi-Service Executive Director Lydia Messinger added, the center will rely on volunteer help. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Multi-Service at the Ricketts Center, 484-524-8241, or send an e-mail to Heather Lewis at hlewis@boyertownareamulti-service.org.

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