

Auditorium Renovation and Community Center Expansion Update – July 2026

The following announcement is the **twelfth** in a series of monthly updates intended to provide the citizens of Fountain City and surrounding areas with information on the progress of planned enhancements to the Fountain City Auditorium and Community Center. This important work is related to the \$1.7 million grant awarded to Fountain City as part of the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Flexible Facilities Program (FFP). The original announcement of the award and related information may be found on the City's website, here: <https://www.fountaincitywi.gov/fountain-city-awarded-1-7-million-grant-for-auditorium-renovation-and-community-center-expansion/>

We are FINALLY here.

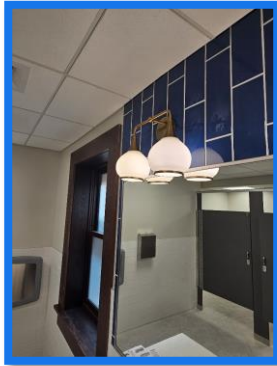
I think it is appropriate that this final edition of our monthly auditorium updates also marks a full year since they began. It was even more than a year ago when the process of exploring grant opportunities, and the writing and submitting (and winning 😊) of our flexible facilities grant was engaged. It is with appreciation of these efforts that I wish to recognize and celebrate all of the fine folks who devoted their valuable time and energy to serve on our grant writing committee. It is with particular esteem that I wish to recognize the efforts of Rosemary Binkley and Marjorie Kammueler for their leadership and advocacy throughout this process. Your efforts, those of the committee, the council and city staff, contractors, and all who have supported these activities have been instrumental in leaving a legacy for Fountain City that will be enjoyed, appreciated, and celebrated for many generations to come. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

This month's update, while far from the flashiest, includes the little things. It includes the little touches and accents that complete and personalize a monumental undertaking of this kind. These include the installation of our water bottle filling stations and the hanging of a cork bulletin board in the entrance to our library, just to highlight a few.





Additional touches include the lighting in our nearly finished restrooms and meeting rooms, the door locks on our reservable and private spaces, and even our emergency lighting units (that appear very happy to see you).



While this update represents the last of its kind for this particular project, it is far from the last of our communication efforts. It is in this spirit of ongoing communication and continued transparency with our residents that I am pleased to announce the soon-to-be published, first edition of the **Monthly Bubbler!** Fountain City's new monthly newsletter of city-sponsored events, Common Council insights, citizen engagement, and other community scuttlebutt. Please watch for the first edition of this new, monthly bulletin to arrive sometime in August of 2026.

I also invite you to stay tuned for a series of planned community micro-events to be held in our newly renovated spaces, beginning in August and culminating in "the big reveal" at a special (yet-to-be-announced) grand opening gala planned for late October of 2026. Please keep an eye peeled on our city website, social media, and the regular hard-copy posting locations for notice of these coming events. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns via our City Hall email at info@fountaincitywisconsin.com, or by attending a future meeting of our Common Council <https://www.fountaincitywi.gov/city-calendar/>.

Thank you again for your engagement and support throughout this process. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our coming events. In the meantime, a pleasant balance of July to you and remember to practice grill safety!!

