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City Explores Senior Center/Commons Renovation Plans

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, September 29, 2010 – The City will host a public meeting at the Senior Community Center/Commons at 7 pm Tuesday, October 5 to explore proposed renovations to the facility. Tours of the facility will be offered beginning at 6 pm.

Opportunities for improvements that have been identified include restoring the building with new paint and flooring, renovating bathrooms and kitchens, reconfiguring space to improve flexibility and function, and improving accessibility and lighting, according to Chris Wierzbicki, deputy director of planning. “Given current budget constraints, the goal of the remodel is to make the facility a more welcoming place that is updated, cleaner and safer, rather than significantly expanding the existing space,” Wierzbicki said.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the scope of the project and discuss potential physical improvements and possible expansion of programs and uses. “We expect opportunities for additional programming to be limited, as the building is already close to capacity, but this is a chance for members of the public – as well as the Senior Center staff, board and users – to exchange ideas about the community’s needs and interest in programs,” Wierzbicki said.

The meeting will be hosted by a joint task group that has been working since last spring to shepherd plans for improvements at the facility. The task group includes representatives from the City Council, Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District Board Commissioners, Bainbridge Island Senior Center Board of Directors and city and parks staff.

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