



August 2, 2017

Dear South End Fitness Center Members, Neighbors and Partnering Agencies,

As we continue to lay the groundwork for maintenance and repairs to the pool and pool room windows at South End Fitness Center (SEFC), which is operated by the Boston Public Health Commission, the pool will remain open through the summer. We will provide a month notice prior to closure and will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

As reported at the two community meetings held in May, we had anticipated a late August start date for the construction portion of the project. However, the Boston Property and Construction Management Department has informed us that the project will be going back out to bid to ensure that we receive a minimum number of bids for a competitive process.

Funds for maintenance and repairs, allocated by the City under the leadership of Mayor Martin J. Walsh, will cover the costs of the rehabilitation project, with construction expected to begin in the fall and take approximately 5 months to complete.

While the pool will be closed during construction, SEFC members will continue to enjoy the basketball court, strength training and cardiovascular equipment, exercise studio, fitness classes, daily-use rental lockers, as well as validated parking at the garage, with the first two hours complimentary.

As a courtesy to existing members, once the pool reopens, swimmer memberships will be extended to match the number of months that the pool was closed for construction. If for any reason a swimming member will not be able to use the membership in the future, he or she may request a refund by completing a membership reimbursement form. The form can be downloaded from the website, or members may call the SEFC and we will mail you a copy. Please note that reimbursements can take several weeks to process. We are also working to identify alternate low-cost swimming pools in the area and will post information on our website.

While BPHC and the SEFC staff understand that the temporary closure of the pool may be an inconvenience to our members, we hope members understand that the maintenance will improve the pool facility in the long term. BPHC will continue to provide as much information as possible regarding the pool closure. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Members may contact the SEFC at (617) 534-5822 or visit the website at <http://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/health-access/south-end-fitness-center/Pages/South-End-Fitness-Center.aspx>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Valdes Lupi".

Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH
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