

Open Invitation to the Essex Skating Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

After months of renovation and construction, the Essex Skating Facility will officially open during a ribbon cutting ceremony in December. All community members are invited to attend this free event, scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. on December 12 at the Essex Skating Facility (2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction).

The event, which will occur between two Essex High School (EHS) hockey games, will highlight the EHS 2007 boy's and girl's hockey championship teams, recognize youth skaters, and celebrate the opening of the new facility.

Admission to the evening's hockey games and the ceremony will be free. Additionally, community members will have the opportunity to participate in a raffle, featuring autographed NHL memorabilia.

The opening of the Essex Skating Facility marks the completion of the voter-approved "ONECAMPUS" project. The renovated skating facility features all new locker rooms, concession area, lobby area, dashboards, refrigeration system, bleachers, and an expanded vending area.

In addition to the skating facility renovations, the project consolidated all instruction under the stewardship of the Union #46 School District, with the exception of its Alternative Center for Education, on the campus of the Essex Community Educational Center. This was done through renovation of the library ground floor and added program space within the building for both the Center for Technology, Essex and EHS.

The skating facility is used by various groups, from hockey teams to figure skaters to those just learning how to skate. For information about skating facility events and community skate hours, call 878-1394. For additional information about the December 12 ribbon cutting ceremony, contact Cindy Remy (857-7000 x4018 or cremy@ccsuvt.org).