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Exciting Times for The Rinx at Hidden Pond Park

After 30 years of continuous operation, major infrastructure renovation is mandatory to keep our beloved North and South rink functional. This involves a complete replacement of The Rinx infrastructure that will take place between February 20, 2023 and June 17 2023. We have carefully planned these major improvements so the impact to our customer is as minimal as possible. What may seem like an eternity will go by quickly. When we reopen our North and South rink doors, it may look the same, but there will be a whole new infrastructure in place!

You may ask yourself, why now? The subfloor heating system under the South rink has become compromised and the cement floor that the ice is built upon is now heaving due to the frost that has been growing under the floor for many years now.

The other major upgrade to the infrastructure will be a new refrigeration plant. We are currently using R-22 refrigerant which is no longer being manufactured. Since both rinks use R-22, now is the time to replace the outdated refrigeration system to a newer and more efficient and available refrigerant.

So, The Rinx is embarking on a FULL infrastructure renovation:

New Boards

New Benches

New Rink Floors

New Refrigeration Compressors

New Cooling Towers

New Desiccant Dehumidifier

And if we are fortunate to have enough money – New Ice Resurfacers, Scoreboards and STAND HEATERS!

We are not doing this project alone. We have the support of Citibank, which has been our bank for the past 19 years. They have always been by our side and continue to do so. We are also getting help and support from the Town of Islip that owns the building and property. Without their support towards a long-term 20+ year lease extension, these mandatory renovations could not be possible.

So spread the good news! We will keep everyone updated with more posts including pictures to help document our progress.