

ORION TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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Athletic Club Advancements

Orion Township acquired ownership of Great Lakes Athletic Club on December 21st, 2023. Some may say our plan to transfer ownership, revise rates, onboard employees, adopt a new software system, all while continuing to operate the club as all were accustomed to, was an ambitious one-- two months later, we are happy to report we've done this and more in our short time as GLAC's new owners. Read on for a full recap!

Facility Improvements

Since the turn of the year, our Facilities team has been working behind the scenes to give the facility some much needed improvements. In the Fitness department, they have repaired 5 treadmills, 3 bikes, 1 elliptical, 2 benches, 1 calf machine, and 1 main floor tower cable. Other broken equipment has been sent off site for repair and those marked "out of order" are awaiting replacement parts, which are on the way!

In the *Aquatics* department, Facilities has replaced indoor pool lighting, lighting in the pump/mechanical room, repaired the backup chlorine feeder, and performed preventive maintenance on the primary salt/chlorine feeder. We are also demoing a pool robot cleaner and secured 5 new certified pool operators to ensure less maintenance-related closures.



Things are looking much brighter for Athletic Club swimmers!

Both the men's and women's locker room have seen significant repairs, including the saunas and steam rooms, and the general facility is in the midst of a full makeover, which has thus far included 16 mended roof holes, full-facility wallpaper repairs, and ensured code compliance of the boiler, elevator, and backflow preventers, and more.



Facility team member, Cody, hard at work repairing selectorized workout equipment in the upstairs weight room.

More improvements, additions, and reinstitutions are in the works that we hope to announce soon (such as the rock wall!).

To read the full list of facility improvements so far, [click here](#).



Reinstituting the Rock Wall is a peak priority!

Programs & Partnerships

We've enjoyed cultivating relationships with previous GLAC partners and hearing your input on the services you most value.

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Programs & Partnerships (continued)

As part of our continued collaboration with the people and programs this community loves:

Standard & Co. Cafe will take a brief pause in operations starting this Monday 2/26. In the words of our esteemed partners, *"Fret not, this is not a farewell; it's merely a strategic intermission as our beloved township embarks on some much-needed changes to enhance all of our collective experiences..."* ([read the Cafe's full message here!](#)). A revitalized Standard & Co. will reopen in time for summer! In the meantime, the cafe space will remain open for use and the fire place ablaze.



We look forward to toasting Standard & Co. Cafe's return with poolside smoothies all summer long!

Summer Day Camp will return: June 17th–August 9th! Registration opens next week and we'll announce resident discounts and an early bird registration special soon! In the meantime, save those dates!



Summer Day Camp will keep kids active with gym games, swimming, arts & crafts, and more!

We've had a blast learning about all of the fitness fun this community enjoys and we look forward to continuing to offer the things that most excite and energize you, such as your classes, adult and youth training programs, Myzone technology (we can't wait for the upcoming competition!), and other community-wide fitness events like our New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day ones. We also look forward to connecting the dots between the Orion Center and broader Township and Athletic Club offerings and identifying where we can team up to best serve the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of the entire Orion and Orion-area community.

Next Steps

Orion Township is "where living is a vacation" and we hope to evolve this property into a space that supports the various interests of as many "vacationers" as possible!

We are excited to announce we will begin our feasibility study with TMP Architects next week! To best understand how we can operate, improve, and maintain a space that will support and serve this whole community your feedback will be integral. The first piece of input we need from every member is the [Community Survey](#). If you haven't already done so, please make sure to scan the QR code and have your voice be heard!

