

Delaney Field Clubhouse set to open

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Delaney Field Clubhouse open for the Army Family neighborhood



The Delaney Field Clubhouse,

a new community center on Carlisle Barracks, will celebrate a ribbon-cutting Feb. 5 at 10 am. The approximately \$1.3 million facility features a community room, kitchen, TV lounge, internet café, and a children's play room, totaling 6,000 square-feet of space. Photo by Kelly Schloesser.

Jan. 30, 2009 - Carlisle Barracks is welcoming a new addition this month, a community center for post residents. As a part of the post-wide project to provide better housing for Soldiers and their families on Carlisle Barracks, the Delaney Field Clubhouse is now open. The formal ribbon-cutting is scheduled for Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.

"The idea behind the clubhouse is for it to act as community center for the residents of the barracks," said Ty McPhillips, Project Director for Balfour Beatty Communities, Carlisle Barracks' partner in the Residential Communities Initiative.

"It's a place where they can just gather and hang out, or for more formal meetings and events," said McPhillips.

The approximately \$1.3 million facility features a community room, kitchen, TV lounge, internet café, and a children's play room, totaling 6,000 square-feet of space. The outdoor patio backs onto a large field where kids can play games and sports.

"They can use it for all kinds of community events. For instance, they can have a potluck dinner and use the kitchen. They can bring the kids and have them in the play room, TV lounge, or outside on the sports field," said McPhillips.

The large community room has a gas fireplace, large flat-screen television, and leather furniture. It also has an accordion door that can divide the room into two smaller spaces, if needed.

The Delaney Field Clubhouse has come a long way since this file photo was taken in late 2008. Photo by Thomas Zimmerman.



Adjoining the community room is a full kitchen furnished with modern appliances.

"Residents have the ability to reserve the community room and kitchen for use in any number of ways," said Heidi Puente, BBC Community Manager.

"I think the clubhouse will be a great place off-site to get together with my seminar and neighbors," said Lt. Col. David Jones, student.

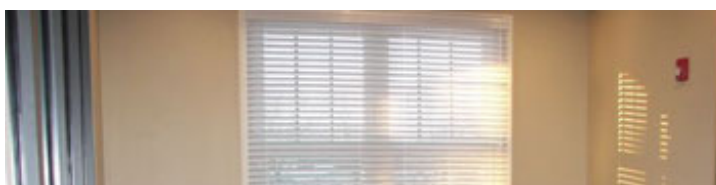
Just off the lobby is a TV lounge, equipped with a flat-screen television and overstuffed seating.

"It's great that it will be open in time for the Super Bowl. It sounds like a really good place to watch games and get to know people," said Col. Hal Lamberton, student.

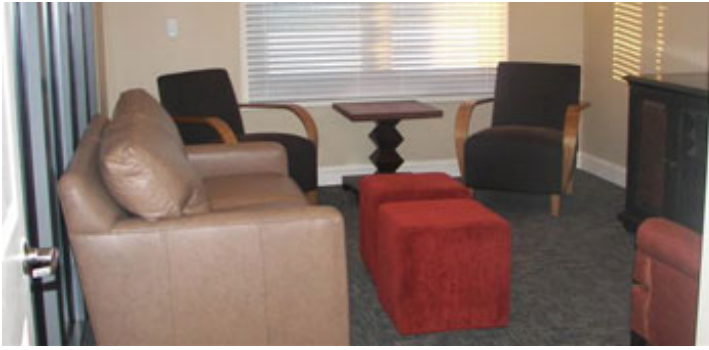
Opposite to the TV lounge is the Internet Café.

"The area has two desktop computers available for use and is equipped with wireless internet service," said Puente.

Located in the back corner of Delaney is a play room for children.



One of the lounges inside the new community



center. Courtesy photo.

"The children's room is equipped with everything children need to occupy their time, all the perfect size for them," said Puente.

Balfour Beatty said this would be a great place to have a play date, where both kids and

the parents can have an enjoyable time.

Balfour Beatty Management Office and the Army Housing Office will also relocate to the clubhouse. To reserve the facility, residents can stop by or call the management office at 243-7177.