



**March 2014-** Cedar Creek this fall could provide what many New Havenites have been wishing the community could offer for many years -- a site for handling large crowds.

The Cedar Creek Events Center is projected to be ready for weddings, receptions, banquets and other gatherings by late September, according to Cedar Creek General Manager Patrick Vatterott.

Vatterott Wednesday outlined the development adjacent to Cedar Creek's Western Town after a ground-breaking ceremony and luncheon in the Town Hall.

The project is part of Cedar Creek's evolution from strictly a conference center to more family-friendly, public use facility located on Olive Road about a mile north of Highway 100.

The family owned center was built on hosting conferences and professional gatherings. But with such gatherings falling from favor among businesses -- a result in recent years of the recession and technological advances regarding teleconferences -- Cedar Creek decided to shift its focus to offer a resort-like setting to families.

Cedar Creek offers a large outdoor pool, a 9-hole golf course and a 7-acre lake.

Vatterott Wednesday told a gathering of local government officials, business representatives and area Chamber of Commerce officials that he's wanting to make Cedar Creek a key part of the New Haven community.

"We've got 30 years to make up for being kind of reclusive," he said, adding that Cedar Creek is "evolving into something new."

In addition to the Events Center, Cedar Creek is expanding its kitchen facility.

The events center will contain about 6,000 square feet of space contained in a main building and an annex.