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## Community News Briefs .....

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Preliminary vision of the Cain Center of the Arts as the anchor for a Cornelius arts district and regional hub for events and performances.

## Cain Center campaign passes \$15M threshold

**CORNELIUS** – During the last three months of 2019, donations of more than \$494,000 were received for the envisioned centerpiece of the town’s future arts district.

Contributions pushed the ongoing \$25 million campaign for the Cain Center for the Arts over the 60 percent threshold, according to a board of directors’ announcement.

“We are incredibly grateful for the many investors who contributed so generously to the Cain Center for the Arts in the fourth quarter of 2019,” board president Greg Wessling said. “The sum of those gifts resulted in a record-setting commitment totaling nearly half of a million dollars, a result well ahead of our aggressive projection for the quarter.”

In addition to a foundational gift of \$5 million from local philanthropists Bill and Ericka Cain in 2018, the center also received several significant contributions in 2019, including a \$2 million commitment from Kathryn Keele and her family and a \$500,000 commitment from the Cashion family.

Combined with gifts from more than 100 other community members, the center has raised \$15.5 million in just 16 months

The Cain Center for the Arts, established in 2017, will anchor the Cornelius downtown Arts District. The announcement also said buildings on the site have been vacated as a sign of pending demolition and construction, and architectural design and development for the facility is 75 percent complete. The fundraising drive is scheduled for completion this year.

The Cain Center will include a 400-seat theater, gallery space, an outdoor venue and classrooms. In addition to hosting national and regional performances, it will also be a venue for community, private and civic events.

For more details, visit [cainarts.org](http://cainarts.org).

## Lake Norman YMCA renovations begin

**CORNELIUS** – A 10-month, three-phase renovation project starts this month at the Lake Norman YMCA.

A public gathering to celebrate the project will start at 10:30 a.m Friday, Feb. 14, at the Y, 21300 Davidson St., with work on relocating and expanding training areas and creating a youth development wing scheduled as the initial phase.

Other planned changes include the development of barre and cycling studios, and construction of administrative office and conference room space. Work is scheduled for completion this fall.

The Lake Norman Y, built in 1975, serves approximately 8,000 people a year. For more details, visit [ymcacharlotte.org](http://ymcacharlotte.org).