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Open house scheduled for municipal complex in Forks **Event to complement Community Days, burial of time capsule.**

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Forks Township will hold an official open house for its new municipal complex Sept. 16-17 during the Community Days celebration in the adjacent township park.

Supervisors agreed to hold a ceremony at 11 a.m. on Sept. 16, when local officials will deliver remarks about the project.

As part of the same ceremony, a time capsule containing items collected in 2004 during the township's 250th anniversary celebration, will be buried near the township office building.

An open house will be held both days noon to 4 p.m. in all three buildings of the complex.

The new complex, off Sullivan Trail, is on the same land as the old municipal building, which was razed after new municipal offices were occupied early this year.

Forks spent about \$10 million on the complex, which includes a new municipal building, new fire station and expanded police station. Project manager Alex Gale told supervisors Thursday he will continue to supervise the completion of remaining minor items that include landscaping completion and addressing some heating and air-conditioning glitches.

In other business Thursday, Township Manager Cathy Kichline said the township received a \$53,782 recycling grant from the state for the township's performance in 2004. "We're diverting a lot from the landfill," Kichline said, adding residents deserved a "pat on the back." She said the township's recycling grants from the state have been increasing annually.

Supervisors also agreed Thursday to hold a joint meeting June 15 with the township Recreation Board to discuss recreation issues in the township. The 6:30 p.m. session could provide direction for the recreation component of the township's comprehensive plan, which is scheduled to be updated.

In a related matter, Supervisor Donald Miller said a recreation survey for township residents should be included in the new township newsletter due out in late summer.

The township's last recreation survey, in which residents were asked what kind of recreational opportunities they wanted to see, was conducted in 1986.

At that time, the township had a population of about 5,000. That number has grown to an estimated 13,000.

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