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The new Y building, next to the old Y, opened three weeks ago, but organizers wanted to wait until after the holidays before hosting its grand-opening celebration. The formal dedication of the new building will start at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 and will be attended by Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, South Shore YMCA leaders, project donors and members of the public.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception and building tours at 7 p.m. The new Y has the same address as the old PHOTO/ GREG DERR/THE PATRIOT LEDGER building - 79 Coddington St.

The new two-story, 118,000-square-foot Y branch opened Dec. 23, ending a nearly four-month stretch in which the city

didn't have an operational Y. In early September, the old Y closed after a broken pipe flooded the its basement.

The new Quincy YMCA opened just in time for members to start of the New Year on a healthy note. The new pools on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013, one of which is a shallow pool for children.

Among the new building's features are a 30,000-square-foot field house with two basketball courts and an artificial-turf field, a spacious aquatics center, and a second floor almost entirely devoted to health and fitness.

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