

CIVIC CENTER RENOVATIONS SUMMARY

In September of 2011, contractors descended on the Asheville Civic Center to begin major renovations in preparation of the 2012 Southern Conference Basketball tournament. The scope of the renovations will have benefits not only for the sporting events but also for all of the music acts, trade shows and various other events hosted by the Civic Center.

The areas of renovation include:

- Banquet Hall
- Arena Level Seating & Concessions
- Locker Rooms
- Unused space under the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium for meeting and pre-function space
- Concourse Area
- Concourse Concession Areas
- New elevator for passage to the Banquet Hall, the Concourse and the Arena



The **Banquet Hall** renovations include a state of the art, energy efficient HVAC unit. This modern and appealing area will have a definitive pre-function area and a meeting area with updated audio-visual capabilities. It will be an attractive offering to folks wanting to have any kind of social or business gathering in the downtown area.



The **arena seating** was a major focus of concern for the Southern Conference Tournament and it is being addressed accordingly. All new seating risers will be installed on the North, South and West side of the arena with new, more comfortable chairs on those risers. The arena will be brighter with a fresh coat of paint. The arena will feature state-of-the-art sound reinforcement system, new scoreboards and video boards and the addition of acoustical treatments to help soften the noise levels during musical and sporting events.



The **locker rooms** are being renovated with all new lockers and shower facilities, HVAC units and new paint and carpet. Two officials' locker rooms and a training room will be added. One of the current larger locker rooms was divided to make efficient use of the space.



The **"Museum"** area under the Thomas Wolf Auditorium has been used as storage space over the last several years. With a need for more meeting space and improved concessions that area has been completely re-purposed. There will be a larger concessions counter with more points of sale. There will be a larger pre-function area, two large meeting rooms, office space and storage.



Included in the need for improved concessions was a re-design of two **concession stands** on the concourse level. Both will include cooking stations and additional points of sale. One of those concession stands will be re-purposed to showcase some of the finest local brewers from our community, recently being named "Beer City USA" for the second consecutive year.

The concourse is being repainted and up-fitted with improved life safety features.

By March of 2012, we will be putting the finishing touches on this facility and unveiling the new and improved Civic Center. The efforts put forth by the staff, the design team and the local contractors will be self evident the first time you visit the new and improved Civic Center.