Opportunities Realized
The Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center will provide:

• a new facility to house and showcase Johnson County Museum’s valuable artifacts

• a public space to highlight the community’s many talented people, works of art, and cultural opportunities

• reinforcement of the Regional Arts Plan, “KC at the Creative Crossroads,” while promoting entrepreneurship

• preservation of an iconic landmark in Johnson County

• advancement of Johnson County Park & Recreation District’s MAP 2020 strategic plan

• a permanent location for advance voting and election worker training

• additional enhancement to a community where people want to live, visit, work, and raise a family

Overview

Johnson County originally purchased the former King Louie bowling alley and ice skating rink at 8788 Metcalf in 2011 as a replacement home for the Johnson County Museum. This architectural icon in the heart of Overland Park — and the County — will now be carefully preserved and given new life as the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center (JCAHC).

The JCAHC will not only house the Johnson County Museum, but will also be a place where the Johnson County Park & Recreation District can expand many of its programs, including The Theatre in the Park. Many different types of arts classes and cultural learning opportunities are planned for the space as well.

The third major use for the JCAHC will be the Community Gathering Space, where the Johnson County Election Office will host advance voting and conduct election worker training. This space will also be available for rental by the public and community groups for a number of different functions and activities.

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The new Johnson County Museum facility allows us to preserve our history. The space will provide room for larger exhibits and more exhibits to support a strong sense of community identity and enable people to discover their own place in the stories of their families, communities, and nation.

It is fitting that the facility will preserve a community landmark for future generations, as many local icons from the era, such as White Haven Motor Lodge and Glenwood Theatre, are now gone. The JCAHC's location also looks to the future as part of Vision Metcalf, reinforcing the cultural vitality of downtown Overland Park.

Our museum, like all major history museums in the Kansas City region, relies on support from government and patrons.