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BRUCE BLOOD PLAYGROUND COURT AT YMCA REFURBISHED

The basketball court at Methuen’s Bruce Blood playground has undergone a facelift. Thanks to donations of paint and labor from Sport Court New England, the once cracked and faded surface now shines in a bright red and green.

The court is located on the grounds of the Methuen YMCA at 129 Haverhill Street in Methuen. Andover-based Sport Court New England, owned by Jim Arnold, offered its services at no cost to the city to benefit those youngsters who use the court.

“It is such a wonderful thing when a private business steps forward to improve the quality of life in our city,” says Mayor Steve Zanni. “I truly appreciate the generosity of Jim Arnold and his colleagues at Sport Court New England, who did an amazing job bringing this much-needed court back to vibrant life.”

Arnold, a former resident of Methuen who established the popular Hoops for Hope program in the area, believes that a partnership between business and community is essential. He states, “It’s great to see this court at the YMCA. Hoops for Hope and Sport Court New England worked Labor Day weekend to make this upgrade gift happen.

Special thanks to John Molori in the Mayor’s Office, Recreation Director Bill Pare, and Anne Whalen and Dave Riccio at the YMCA for bringing it all together.” Please contact the Mayor’s Office at 978-983-8505 for more information.