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Brewster Sports Center sold, to be turned into storage space

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Brewster Sports Center (Photo: Carrie Yale/The Journal News)

The sounds of sneakers squeaking and balls bouncing at the Brewster Sports Center are no more, soon to be replaced by the hum of warehouse work and storage activity.

The property that houses the popular sports facility near Interstate 684 in Southeast was sold this week, said real estate broker Michael Rao, president of Harrison-based New York Commercial Realty Group, which brokered the deal.

Rao, who declined to identify the buyer or the sale price, said the property will be repurposed for warehouse or storage use.

A message on the sports center's website said it shut down as of Thursday, Sept. 5.

"For over 15 years we at Brewster have tried hard to provide the best environment for all athletes, young and old, to enjoy team sports and competition," the message read. "At this point in time, circumstances compel us to move on with the closure of the Center.

"With heartfelt gratitude we thank all our customers, teams, coaches, players and parents who helped us create a special place for sports competition. We wish you all the best of health and success for the future."

The sports center is located at 19 Sutton Place in Southeast, just north of the North Salem border near Interstate 684. Its neighbor is the Brewster Ice Arena, which is a separate facility under different ownership.

The sports center included three indoor basketball courts and a turf field, as well as an outdoor field. It had been a busy hub for basketball, including youth travel and AAU teams, high school leagues and adult leagues. The turf field was frequently used for field hockey, lacrosse and soccer.

The property had been on the market for a little while and was bought by someone from New York City, Rao said.

"I think the trend right now in this marketplace with the warehouse and industrial market being so strong, people are starting to come more north to secure buildings like this," he said. "There's really no inventory south, so they start coming more north."