

LIFE TIME FITNESS INC

Form 8-K

October 26, 2006

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 26, 2006

Life Time Fitness, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

001-32230

41-1689746

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**6442 City West Parkway
Eden Prairie, Minnesota**

55344

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(952) 947-0000**

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. **Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 26, 2006, the Company reported its financial results for its fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2006. See the Company's press release dated October 26, 2006, which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference in this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and certain information the Company intends to disclose on the conference call scheduled for 10:00 a.m. eastern time on October 26, 2006 include certain non-GAAP financial measures. The reconciliations of these measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are included in the earnings release. In addition to the information in the press release under the heading "Non-GAAP Financial Measures," the Company provides the following additional information about the Company's use of the non-GAAP financial measures presented in the press release.

EBITDA. The Company believes EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating the Company's operating performance and liquidity because:

it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company's ability to service its debt and the Company is required to comply with certain covenants and borrowing limitations that are based on variations of EBITDA in certain of the Company's financing documents;

it is widely used to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items such as depreciation and amortization, which can vary depending upon accounting methods and the book value of assets, and to present a meaningful measure of corporate performance exclusive of the Company's capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired; and

it helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of the Company's operations from period to period by removing from the Company's operating results the impact of its capital structure, primarily interest expense from the Company's outstanding debt, and asset base, primarily depreciation and amortization of the Company's properties.

The Company's management uses EBITDA:

as a measurement of operating performance because it assists the Company in comparing its performance on a consistent basis, as it removes from the Company's operating results the impact of the Company's capital structure, which includes interest expense from the Company's outstanding debt, and the Company's asset base, which includes depreciation and amortization of the Company's properties;

in presentations to the members of the Company's board of directors to enable the board to have the same consistent measurement basis of operating performance used by management; and

as the basis for incentive bonuses paid to selected members of senior and center-level management.

Financial Measures Excluding the Impact of Share-Based Compensation Expense. The Company provides certain financial measures for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, as well as guidance for fiscal 2006 with respect to net income and diluted earnings per common share, excluding the impact of share-based compensation expense. The Company's management uses these measures to monitor and evaluate operating results and trends and to gain an understanding of the comparative operating performance of the Company. The Company believes these measures enable investors to assess the Company's performance on the same basis applied by management and to ease comparisons of the Company's operating performance from period to period and among other companies that separately identify share-based compensation expenses.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release Announcing Third Quarter 2006 Financial Results dated October 26, 2006.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

LIFE TIME FITNESS, INC.

Date: October 26, 2006

By /s/ Michael R. Robinson

Michael R. Robinson
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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No.	Exhibit	Manner of Filing
99.1	Press Release Announcing Third Quarter 2006 Financial Results dated October 26, 2006.	Filed Electronically