

# Recreation Facilities

Through its affiliation with the National Recreation and Park Association and the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association, the District is able to keep pace with trends in the provision of leisure services. Also, by constantly evaluating participation in current activities, recording demand for new activities, surveying existing facility users and observing program offerings of other local agencies, the District is able to assess needs for programs and facilities.

The addition of The Ridge Recreation Center and the expansion of Lilley Gulch Recreation Center in 2004 has addressed the many needs of Foothills residents. Facilities are well located and require less than 10-minute drive for our residents from any direction.

## Existing Conditions

### The Peak Community and Wellness Center

The Peak opened in February 2001. Originally intended to house the District Office facility, funding became available to add much needed cardio/weight room space, as well as four multi-use rooms and a caterer's kitchen for classes, rentals, banquets/weddings and meetings.

The Peak is the hub for many fitness and wellness programs. The facility provides numerous education and leisure opportunities in fitness, health, nutrition, as well as classes for youth and adults. Room rentals include wedding receptions and socials that create revenue at times when programs are not in session.

### The Ridge Recreation Center

The Ridge Recreation Center opened in August of 2003. This 83,000 square foot facility includes three pools, two full sized gymnasiums, racquetball courts, a climbing wall, an indoor running track, a party room, two multipurpose classrooms, clay arts studio, dance/aerobics room, teen/activity room and a drop-off day care room. The facility serves many programming and drop-in uses. The lower level serves as the active use area with a focus on aquatics. The double gymnasium accommodates both drop-in use as well as league play for adults and youth.

The upper level serves as more programmable areas for adults, children and teens with a dedicated clay arts studio for pottery and wet crafts, children's programming for preschool, aerobics and dance, camps and other areas for teenagers and drop-in care. The track area includes several pieces of cardio equipment.





### Lilley Gulch Recreation Center

Built in 1980, Lilley Gulch was a 30,600 square foot facility until a major renovation occurred in 2004. The updated facility is approximately 35,000 square feet with major renovations to the locker rooms, plumbing, drainage, floor and fixture systems, and the addition of a family changing room with additional restroom facilities. The existing multipurpose room function changed to an adult fitness area with indoor cycling, yoga and other fitness-oriented programs. Relocation of the lobby and front desk improved flow and access along with additional loading and drop-off space at the front entry. A new gymnastics center allows growth of the program as well as opening up additional space in the gymnasium. Removal of two racquetball courts allowed for the addition of a cardio and weight training area for adults and teens.

### The Edge Ice Arena

The Edge opened in August 2003. The 80,000 square foot arena contains two NHL sized rinks along with a pro shop, concession stand, warming area, men's and women's locker rooms, figure skating locker room, party rooms, community meeting rooms and seating for 500.

The arena provides an array of skating programs for the region. This includes youth and adult hockey, public skating, figure skating, contract ice time, private lessons, community rentals and birthday parties. This facility will also host figure skating performances and regional and national hockey tournaments. The Foothills Hockey Association and the Colorado Select Girls Hockey Association lease space within the facility. Other related organizations use the rink during summer and off-season for rentals for schools and camps.



## Future Needs

### The Peak Community and Wellness Center

- Additional fitness space will be needed. The cardio/weight room and the aerobics room are both operating close to capacity and will need additional space as the District grows.
- Due to design and function, this facility has the potential to provide a partnership between the private sector and the District. Re-vamping existing office space to make it available to local health related industries, and/or non-profit providers, would support local community groups and create additional revenue for the District.
- Adding more mature trees and shrubbery behind the patio, would provide a more attractive and rentable space.

### The Ridge Recreation Center

- Addition of an outdoor spray ground outside the pool area
- Addition of exterior play features such as an asphalt basketball pad and volleyball court
- Construction of a fitness area should be considered to increase users and revenue potential

### Lilley Gulch Recreation Center

- Energy saving recommendations include: lighting retrofits, adding evaporative pre-cooling units to existing split system air-cooled condensing units and replacing fan motors with high efficiency motors.
- Add an auxiliary gym to the north of the existing gymnasium that programs such as martial arts and youth sports could utilize
- Addition of an outdoor spray ground adjacent to the baby pool area and a beach entry leisure pool on the west side of the pool area
- Modifying two of the existing tennis courts into a roller hockey rink
- Improvements to the exterior play features such as the asphalt basketball pad and the volleyball court
- Dance/Aerobic room
- Phase II of renovation to increase the number of classrooms

### Edge Ice Arena

- Covering for emergency stairwell on north and west side of the building
- Complete unfinished upstairs party room for future use and/or rental
- Video wall in west rink to increase participation and revenue

### Recreation Centers

- Based on community input and future funding, a small community center could be considered in the northern portion of the District in a site such as Fehringer Ranch.
- The District should consider building a recreation center in the far south portion of its boundaries (30,000-40,000 square feet). Its' features would be decided through the public process.

