

The four-lane indoor track circles the upper level of the recreation area. Thirteen laps are the equivalent of one mile.

The main gymnasium has two high school regulation basketball courts and a volleyball area. The auxiliary gym is a utility gymnasium which can be used as one high school regulation basketball court, volleyball, indoor soccer, and tennis.

The cardio conditioning area on the upper level is equipped with treadmills, stair stepers, bikes, ski machines, rowing machines, Gravitron and AB trainers.

The strength training center on the complex's lowest level offers Nautilus ZST resistance training equipment, plate loading equipment, free weights, and accessories.

A popular spot for teens will be the game area on the main level which is equipped with billiard tables, air hockey and foosball machines, video/arcade games and snack, soft drink and juice/water vending machines.

The Recreation Center also features two wood floor aerobics and activity studios (1,400-square-foot each), meeting and conference rooms, a tot room for morning and evening child care services and two sets of locker rooms for men and women.

The center, which has ten full-time employees and 75 part-time employees, will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

SENIOR CENTER

The spacious Senior Center located at the west end of the complex is designed to promote the physical, emotional, social and intellectual well-being of all seniors in the community.

A major attraction is the Community Room which has a casual and comfortable atmosphere where people can relax, read a book, watch TV, visit and hold meetings.

The back porch off the Community Room is equipped with benches where guests can relax and enjoy the view of the city park.

The center also has a woodworking room which will be used for classes and open shop time; a craft room for quilting, knitting, sewing, needlepoint and other projects; two meeting rooms for seminars, lectures and club meetings; an art room for all types of projects, and a wellness clinic which will be operated in partnership with community health care providers.

A wide variety of activities will be offered for seniors. Including arts and crafts, line dancing, card games, bingo, physical fitness programs and many types of educational and fun classes.

More information on the senior programs can be obtained by calling the center at 238-7111.

CULTURAL CENTER

The Cultural Center on the complex's main floor is a common area which will be shared by users of both the recreation and senior centers. It seats 400 at tables and chairs and has an area of entertainment.

The center will be open to the public for breakfast from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and for discounted lunches for seniors each weekday at noon.

The dining area and many of the other facilities in the recreation/senior center will be available for rental by the public for nominal fees.

GRAND OPENING

Everyone in Strongsville is invited to come and join the fun and excitement during the Community Open House Monday, March 16, through Saturday, March 28, and for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies on Sunday, March 29.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce joins with Mayor Walter F. Ehrnfelt and

other city officials in welcoming the opening of this state-of-the-art facility and encourages everyone to join the Strongsville Recreation and Senior Complex . . . Just for the "Fun of it."

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE CLAWSON

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Geraldine Clawson, of Chester, South Carolina.

Geraldine Clawson, a former nurse, has spent countless hours as a volunteer in her community, working to help those struggling with homelessness, spousal abuse, alcoholism, and drug dependency. The organization she founded, "The Turning Point," offers counseling, an emergency food bank, a 60-day treatment program for drugs and alcohol, a women's shelter, and a program for abused or homeless women.

Because of her selfless dedication to those in need, Geraldine Clawson received the Jefferson Pilot Award for Public Service in 1993 and the Delta Sigma Phi Sorority Community Service Award in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the outstanding volunteer work of Geraldine Clawson.

TRIBUTE TO THE U.S. VIETNAM VETERANS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF HOSTILITIES OF THE VIETNAM CONFLICT

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the men and women who faithfully served our nation during the Vietnam Conflict, 1954–1973, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the end of hostilities in the Vietnam Conflict.

On Sunday, March 29, 1998, the U.S. Vietnam Veterans of Southern California, Montebello Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2317, and the City of Montebello will host a special ceremony at the Montebello City Memorial Park in observance of the patriotic service of our Vietnam veterans. At this special event, local veteran's organizations, including the Montebello VFW Post 2317, Brother's of Vietnam, Vietnam Veterans Association, Disabled American veterans, Hispanic Airborne Association, and the American Legion Post 323, will come together with the community and local elected and military officials to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the end of hostilities in the Vietnam Conflict.

I commend the members of the U.S. Vietnam Veterans of Southern California for bringing together this patriotic salute to the brave men and women who answered our nations call during the Vietnam Conflict. I proudly salute the membership of the local chapter of the U.S. Vietnam Veterans of Southern California:

President Michael Delgado (USMC), Vice President Gale Hulett (USAF), Secretary Gilbert Perez (USA), Treasurer Augustine Auggie Galaviz (USA), Champlain Lance Campbell (USMC), and Color Guard Jose Garcia (USA).

Members who served in the United States Army: Tom Aki, Robert Barrientos, Manny Calazada, Bernie Castaneda, Rudy Espinoza, Henry Galindo, Frank Garza, John Gomez, Mel Henfenfeld, Barry Hardy, Bill Harrell, Lou Hernandez, Marty Intergrand, Ed Kwan, Ed Lara, Romero Lopez, Robert Mejia, Carlos Mendez, John Nay, Frank Nieto, Oscar Ornelas, John Paniagua, Robert Preciado, Manny Ramos, Miguel Reyes, Russ Rivera, Rob Robinson, Ed Rodriguez, Bobby Rodriguez, John Williams, Ignacio Zararte, David Cardenas, Richard Gallego, Louis Guillen, Norman Hagelstorm, Michael Hambelton, Michael Montalvo, Henry Morales, Jr., Albert Rodriguez, Tony Rodriguez, Rudy Rubio, John Sanchez, Leonard Xiochiva, Salvador Pinon, and Ralph De La Torre, Jr.

Members who served in the United States Marine Corps: Carlos Aldona, Ted Barragan, Dave Castillo, David De La Cruz, John Leisure, Rudy Loera, Guillermo Gonzales, Leroy Martinez, Tony Morris, Don Usery, Richard J. Acuna, Robert A. Galis, Javier Gallardo, Henry Garcia, Arthur J. Hurtado, Roger Ortega, and Donald Snyder.

Members who served in the United States Navy: Pete Aragon, Rod Cargonell, John Schembari, Mich Sileck, Pete Walker, Carlos Gomez, Charles A. Holling, and Joe V. Ugarte.

Members who served in the United States Air Force: Joe Balli, Memo Munoz, and William Aguilar.

Mr. Speaker, at this special event ceremonial recognition will be given to our nation's POW/MIA's and to the thousands of men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our grateful nation. It is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting and paying tribute to our American Vietnam Veterans and their families for their selfless sacrifice in service to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES HATCH STODDARD

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my condolences to the family of Charles Hatch Stoddard, a former and courageous Interior Department official who made a significant contribution to the quality of life of his fellow Minnesotans and all Americans.

In the late 1960's Mr. Stoddard, then a top regional official at the U.S. Department of the Interior, coordinated a study of taconite wastes that a company was dumping into Lake Superior. He found that these asbestos fibers were harmful to human health, but was savagely attacked by opponents who claimed his report was biased and unsubstantiated. Stoddard's health findings, however, were ultimately upheld by federal courts and applauded by the Secretary of the Interior and all the public.

Mr. Stoddard served the United States in several other respects. He was a Naval Reserve officer in World War II, worked as an