

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West's Administrative Offices, including Member Services, will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.

Residents needing guest cards are asked to get them in advance from Member Services. Guest cards may be purchased July 4 from the Sports Pavilion if necessary. The Sports Pavilion will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 4.

The association's recreation centers and seven golf courses will be open their regular schedules on on the holiday.

The library and Village Store will be closed July 4. The library will be open regular hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 5.

The Village Store is closed on Saturdays in July.

Fitness Center at Beardsley close

STAFF REPORT

The Fitness Center at Beardsley Recreation Center will close today so work can begin on a new \$755,000 fitness center that will double the size of the existing facility.

The rest of the recreation center at 12755 W. Beardsley Road, including the Aquatics Building and Arts and Crafts Building, will remain open for now. The Aquatics Building is expected to close at a later date as construction moves forward.

A new 3,000 square-foot fitness center is being built as part of the fourth and final phase of the Beardsley renovation project. Other phases included renovating the Arts and Crafts Building and the Aquatics Building.

Construction of the fitness center is expected to last about six months, and residents are encouraged to use any of the other three fitness centers (Kuentz, R.H. Johnson and Palm Ridge) during construction.

Recreation centers to be smoke-free

SCW board
OKs new policy

By **Matt Loeschman**
Independent Newspapers

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West are in line with the Smoke Free Arizona Act.

At its April 24 regular meeting, the RCSCW governing board approved Policy Fa5, establishing a smoke-free environment inside all RCSCW facilities and other areas.

"We had always had a policy prohibiting indoor smoking, but what this did was clarify some issues and also add stipulations," explained RCSCW Board President Ronni Hoover. "This gets us in compliance with the act that took

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effect at midnight on May 1."

According to RCSCW documentation, the policy's purpose was to ensure the association is in compliance with the Smoke Free Arizona Act (ARS 36-601.01). The act took effect last week and bans smoking in most public places across the state.

"You will notice that no smoking signs are up in all the facilities," Ms. Hoover added. "We are following the new law."

The policy contains three main subsections:

- Smoking is not permitted in any indoor area of any building

owned, operated or maintained by the RCSCW;

- Smoking is not allowed within any fenced outside areas adjacent to the association's swimming pools;

- Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of any major entrance to or exit from any RCSCW facilities or fenced outside areas adjacent to swimming pools.

In addition, smoking rules were created relating to the association's softball and racquet facilities. The policy can be viewed at www.rcscw.com.

When the item was first reviewed three months ago, Director Marty Bell said the goal was compliance with state laws and catering to member's health.

"A lot of people have raised the

question about how smoking is negatively affecting their health," Mr. Bell told the board.

Documentation states "the association desires to provide as healthy and pleasant an environment as possible for the residents and staff."

Mr. Bell said the new policy would also help keep RCSCW buildings clean.

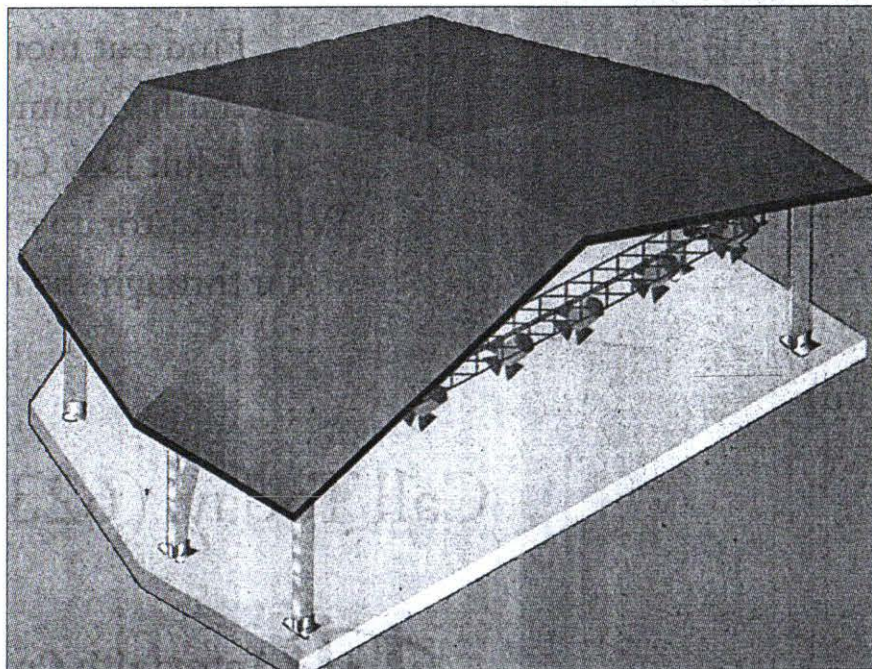
Resident Jim Wise believes the board is taking a positive step.

"I've never really been too bothered by the smoking, but it's good to have a firm policy in place," he said. "We should be allowed to breathe freely at the rec centers."

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Stage set for new pavilion at Beardsley



Artist's rendering of the performance pavilion to be built at Beardsley Recreation Center in Sun City West.

STAFF REPORT

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West will debut a new performance pavilion at Beardsley Recreation Center later this year.

The large pavilion will replace the older and much smaller gazebo that has seen little use in recent years because its railings obstruct the audience's view and the small size is prohibitive for most acts.

The old gazebo will be torn down in the next few weeks and a concrete pad for the new pavilion will be poured. The new structure should be completed before the year's end.

The pavilion will be 36 feet across, 28 feet deep and 18 feet tall at the peak. There is an option to add a light bar at the front to eliminate the need for temporary lighting.

The new pavilion will be at ground level, so it will not require safety railings and will provide a better sightline for all audiences.

The pavilion also will eliminate the need for temporary stages to accommodate acts such as the Four Freshmen.

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Leakage issues damages Beardsley ponds

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Residents can say goodbye to the pond at the Beardsley Recreation Center.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West board voted unanimously Thursday to replace the pond with desert landscaping, citing increasing problems with the structure.

Board member Randy Fuller said the Properties Committee met March 8 and voted 4-3 to fill in the pond at Beardsley due to "problems associated with the area." These problems include a cracked base, water leakage and a pumping apparatus in disrepair, said Board President Ray Caldwell.

Additionally, Caldwell said, the location and depth of the

pond violates county ordinances. For bodies of water deeper than 18 inches, which Beardsley pond is, the county requires a fence surrounding it.

"We would have to rebuild the whole thing," said Caldwell, adding that would cost "a lot of money."

The work will be performed in-house, said Fuller, by recreation center employees. The exact date of the renovation is undetermined.

One resident at Thursday's meeting spoke out against the board's decision, saying that there was "entirely too much desert landscaping" as it was.

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The Beardsley Recreation Center ponds will be filled in and replaced with desert landscaping after leakage problems and cracked bases were found.

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Beardsley renovation on track

RCSCW anticipates more work at center

By Cecilia Chan

Independent Newspapers

Come September there will be a lot more elbow room at the Beardsley Recreation Center for club members like John Erbach.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West is renovating the 17,959-square-foot facility on Beardsley Drive to the tune of \$1.2 million. The project includes the addition of two, 1,800-square-foot rooms to the Arts and Crafts building and mechanical upgrades to the aquatics area such as a new filter system.

"I think it's necessary," said Mr. Erbach, a retired carpenter and Clay Club member for 14 years. "There's not enough room for everybody. We needed it for a long time."

At times, members arriving to

the two rooms set aside for the Clay Club would find it packed and have to turn around and go home, he said.

The project has been on the drawing board since 1999, according to General Manager Mike Whiting in an update to the RCSCW Governing Board meeting last week.

"The Beardsley Center is getting older and needed to be fix," he said. "Most of the \$1.2 million is going for the refurbishing of the existing facility."

Construction, which began in April, is expected to be completed by early September.

The club, with about 234 members, will move from its cramped quarters into one of the new rooms and the remaining room will be a generic room for future expansion, said Larry Griffith, RCSCW project manager.

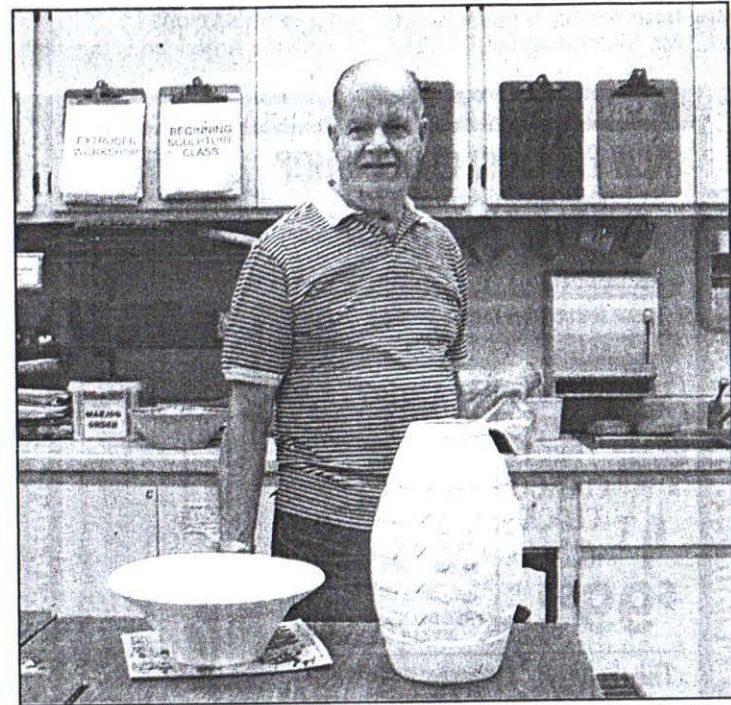
The construction has so far caused little disruption to members but the entire recreation center will be shut down for about two weeks beginning Aug. 2 while workers make plumbing connections and add two new handicapped bathrooms, he said.

Beardsley is the second oldest of the four recreation centers at Sun City West and is heavily utilized by senior citizens with disabilities, Mr. Griffith said.

"We are set up for it," he said. "We have extra long ladders, long ramps into the pool and handicapped railing."

Mr. Griffith said a fourth phase is planned for Beardsley, which includes the addition of two new fitness rooms to the aquatics area, work on the pool deck,

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Independent Newspapers/Cecilia Chan
Clay Club member John Erbach comes to the Beardsley Recreation Center four days a week to work on his art pieces. The club will move to a much-needed larger room when renovations are completed this fall.

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new carpet and exterior aesthetics to the building.

The three-month project will start once funding is in place, he said. The cost for the last leg of the project is estimated at between

\$450,000 and \$475,000.

No other major construction projects are on the books for the 2004-05 year, Mr. Griffith said.

But there is talk in the future about adding two more racquetball courts and building a larger pro shop at the Stardust Golf Course, he said.

"We are pretty much built out here," he said. "We are mainly

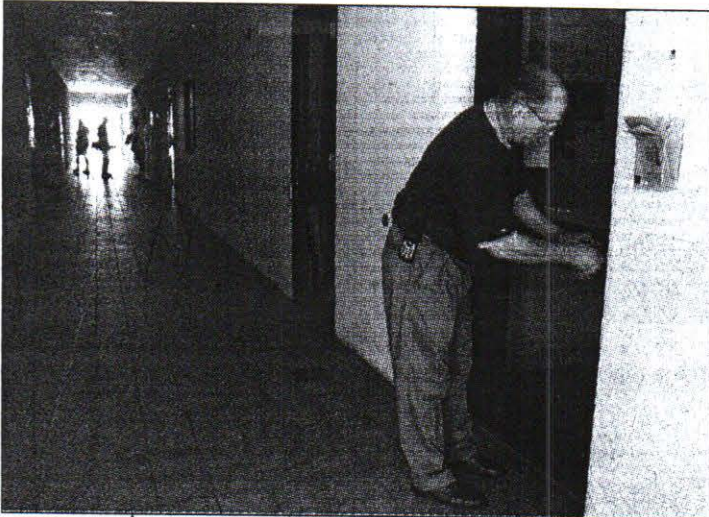
keeping up with the facilities we now have."

The development of Sun City West was complete in 1997 and boasts 31,000 residents.

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BEARDSLEY: Renovations embrace Spanish theme



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Larry Griffith, project manager for the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, tries to unlock the door to the China Painters club room at the north end of Beardsley Park Recreation Center. When renovations are done, a wall and courtyard at the south end are expected to reduce what Griffith calls a "wind-tunnel effect" when strong winds blow in the breezeways.

Renovation theme to alter looks of Beardsley Rec Center

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Future visitors to Beardsley Park Recreation Center will be greeted by a Spanish facade and more than \$1 million in renovations and expansions, possibly within a year.

Improvements are planned for Beardsley's arts-and-crafts building and aquatics center over the next couple of years.

"We started kicking this project around back in August 2001," said Larry Griffith, the centers' project manager. "In this whole process we've been through, there's maybe been three board changes and three properties-committee changes. Every time you go through

a change, you have delays."

The project also started three general managers ago, under R.G. Andersen-Wyckoff. With construction costs rising an average of 5 percent to 7 percent a year, Griffith said he hopes there are no more delays in moving forward.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West governing board has approved \$800,000 for the arts-and-crafts phase, which will be completed before the aquatics center, where the work is about two years off.

The board has indicated it will approve a total of \$1.2 million out of the reserve account for both

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phases, Griffith said, but he expects the aquatic center work alone to cost \$1.2 million, most of which will go toward new equipment such as boilers and air conditioners.

Griffith, who holds general contractor licenses in Arizona and California, said he expects to have a final set of plans for the arts-and-crafts building by Aug. 18. He will run them by members of clubs housed in Beardsley for any changes they propose.

"I involved the membership: 'You tell me how you want your club because I'm not going to be in there,'" Griffith said.

The plans will be forwarded to Maricopa County, which takes about 10 weeks for approval. Construction can begin after that and will take about eight months to a year, Griffith said. Work on the exterior will begin first and likely will continue into next summer, during which time the building can more easily be closed to members as interior work is completed.

When all is said and done, residents approaching Beardsley's main entrance will find a Spanish-architecture theme

said.

A portion of the back patio will be covered by the lean-to roof, and the centers may eventually add parking behind the wall.

The cramped Clay Club, with about 230 members, will move into one of those expanded rooms, switching places with the China Painting Club and adding two new kilns.

"Usually they're elbow to elbow in here," Griffith said.

"The mobility becomes limited when you want to go one way and people are in the way," said Clay Club member John Knox, working on a large pot Tuesday in a room full of other members' work in various stages of completion.

The second expanded room will be labeled a generic room and can be used by a club that wishes to move in the future, possibly one of the computer clubs that currently share a divided room.

The arts-and-crafts building already is getting a new roof, which will save on the renovation project, just as the new pebble tech finish in the pool will save on that phase of the work.

At the aquatic center,

carrying through on two-tone trim, recessed lighting, red-tiled lean-to roofs, a tower and an iron gate flanked by a false wall where people can walk around or cut through the gate.

The wall should eliminate or at least reduce the noisy wind-tunnel effect plaguing the current entrance area, Griffith said. A kiosk inside the walled area will direct visitors to the various club rooms.

"We're trying to give each facility its own identity," Griffith said.

Beyond the identity will be functionality, including the transformation of two storage rooms into Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant dressing rooms and restrooms that couples can use to assist one another.

Two club rooms on the back side will be expanded by about 1,800 square feet each, requiring the elimination of some trees and the pond behind the building. The green house in back will remain. A flower bed likely will be added instead, and the back wall will conform with the Spanish theme.

"We'll cut the wall to give it that Aztec feel to it," Griffith

future work will include adding the Spanish theme; reducing the number of doors leading to the front patio from more than 10 to three, with the others being just windows; and possibly enclosing the entry way and turning the monitor's station around.

Most of the other work at the aquatic center is less about aesthetics and more about equipment.

"Eighty percent of this project is mechanical," Griffith said.

New boilers and a hot-water heater will be purchased so the spa, pool and faucet water can be on different systems. Air conditioners also will be installed to allow centers officials' to cool and dehumidify air in the pool and spa areas.

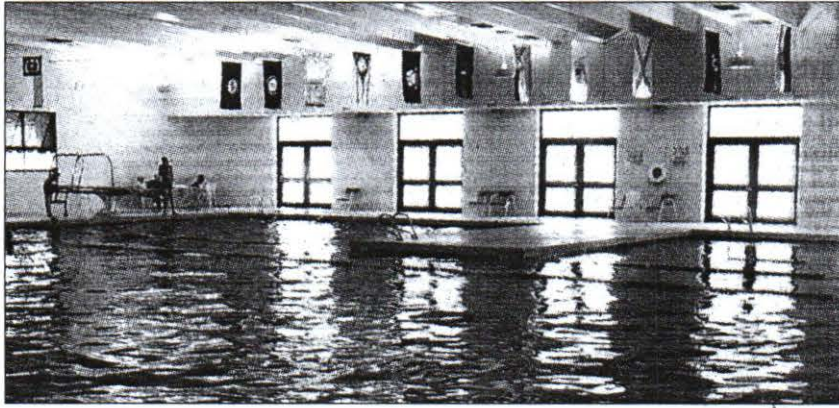
The exercise room, the smallest among those in Sun City West, will be expanded and relocated to a portion of the current deck, although much of the deck area will be preserved.

"We'll update all of our (exercise) equipment as we go along," Griffith said.

Beardsley, the community's second recreation center, opened June 3, 1985, at a cost of \$5 million.

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Most of the doors at Beardsley Park Recreation Center pool will be replaced with windows.

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John Knox works on a vase at the Clay Club at Beardsley Park Recreation Center in Sun City West. The Clay Club will swap rooms with the China Painters when renovations are completed.

Rec Board OKs Phase I plans for Beardsley Center renovayion

Unanimous vote follows lengthy debate with photography club

By Jack Hawn

Listed on last Thursday's business meeting agenda merely as "Beardsley Strategy," the complex issue developed into a lengthy, emotional debate before the Sun City West Recreation Centers' Governing Board unanimously approved a recommendation to proceed with Phase I planning of the renovation. Dee Hjermstad, chairman of the Properties Committee, other directors and Gen. Mgr. R.G. Andersen-Wyckoff squared off with members of the chartered Photography West Club for more than half an hour about the members' needs and possible room relocation. Ultimately, nothing was decided.

The "strategy" refers to how the Board intends to proceed

with an ambitious four-phase project estimated to cost about \$1.6 million to upgrade the Beardsley Recreation Center's two buildings—Arts & Crafts and Aquatics.

An 18-item "facts and findings" memo from Sam Graziano, Senior Manager of Leisure Services, was sent to the Board through the general manager. It recommended that work on the Arts & Crafts building begin

this summer and the Aquatics building the following summer. Management hopes to complete work during the summer months.

Management believes an additional 1,800 square feet of club space is necessary in the Arts & Crafts building and also has recommended adding 1,800 square feet to the Aquatics building to accommodate a new fitness facility.

"This would replace the inade-

quate current facility and make that space available to meet the unserved need for handicapable assisted shower and dressing facilities," the fact sheet added.

Funding will come from the

Asset Preservation fees and "a small amount of Facility Reserve funds," the memo stated. "The renovations would not require any special assessment of members and does not require a vote of the membership."

"The purpose of the Beardsley

Strategy is not to lock in either the improvements or the funding," the fact sheet continued, "but to indicate that the project is doable and to have a plan by

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which to accomplish the work.

"Management is asking the Governing Board to approve the concept of the financing and improvements and specifically authorize proceeding with the architectural and engineering work necessary to implement the renovation of the Arts & Crafts building..."

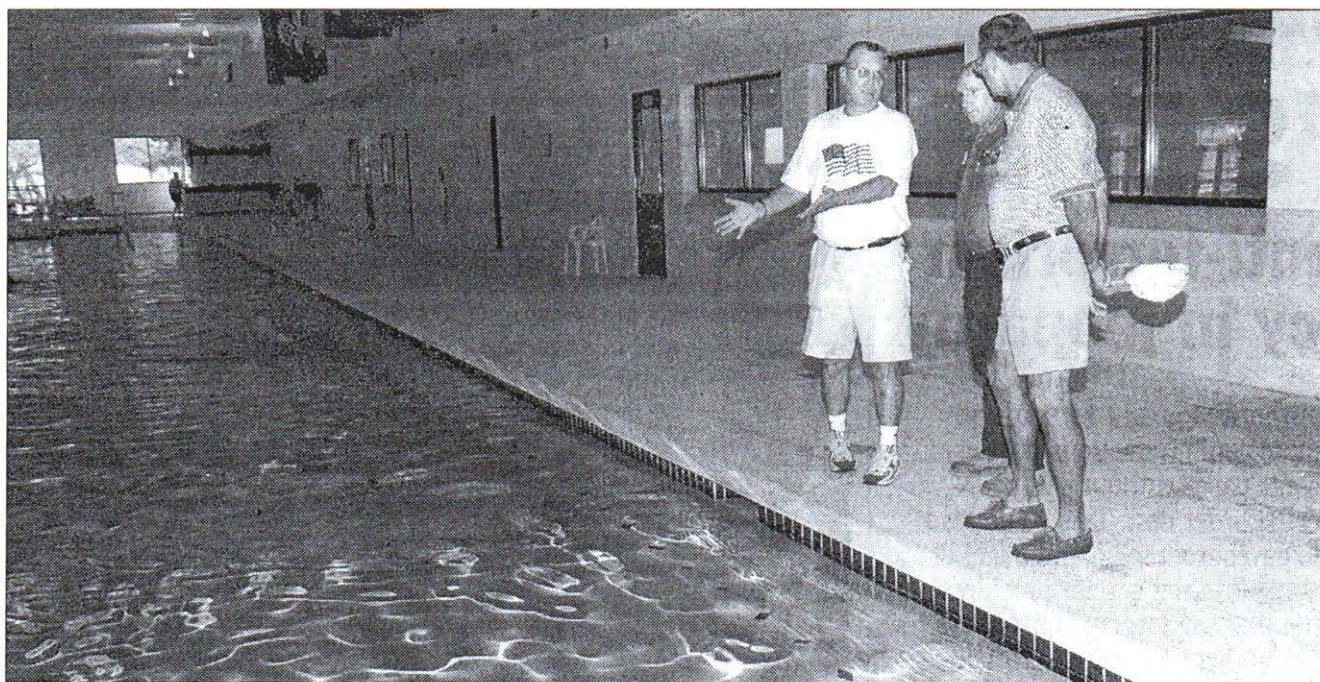
In January, the Durant Co. prepared and submitted an architectural and systems audit at a cost of \$13,000. Hjermstad, a former Board president, said the next expenditure will be about \$20,000 for engineering and ar-

chitectural experts to "get the plans in place."

Representatives of the Photography Club, which was said to have grown from an initial membership of 50 to 440, were assured their space concerns will be addressed specifically later—that Thursday's vote was merely to gain concept approval.

"The Governing Board will need to give specific approval to proceed on each of the construction phases as those plans are ready for review," the fact sheet stated.

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The 17-year-old Beardsley Recreation Center is slated for renovations in the upcoming year. Supervisor Bill Schabel, left, talks with Larry Griffith, project manager and Dudley Gibson of the Sun City West Governing Board about the pool Friday.

Mulling a makeover

SUN CITY WEST: Beardsley Recreation Center, RCSCW staff ponder renovations

MICHAEL MARESH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Beardsley Recreation Center in Sun City West may be getting a major face-lift in the near future.

Seventeen years have taken their toll on Beardsley, 12755 Beardsley Drive, the second-oldest center in Sun City West. The R.H. Johnson Recreation Center at nearly 20 years is the oldest center in Sun City West.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West governing board is examining the center to see what types of improvements and repairs are needed, said Director Dudley Gibson.

"Before going in we want an engineering assessment," Gibson said. The Durrant Group has been hired to do the assessment, which Gibson said will take three weeks to complete.

"This is just the preliminary study," he said. "If we decide to proceed, I can foresee closing portions of the buildings at certain times. It could be closed for several months."

Fortunately, three other recreation centers are nearby so residents would still have a place to go, said Larry Griffith, project manager for all the Sun City West recreation centers.

Gibson said the overall cost to remodel and upgrade could range from \$500,000 to \$1 million, with members bearing the cost through their annual dues.

Some in the community, however, think the center has outlived its usefulness.

"It has been suggested by some that we should

simply bulldoze it and start over," Gibson said. "That is not totally realistic."

Gibson said the top priorities will be the heating/air-conditioning system, mechanical systems, pool upgrades and roof repairs.

But the structure of the building, he said, is still sound so members do not have to be concerned about their safety.

"Safety is not so much of a concern, but considering the age group that uses the center, the building is as safe as possible," Gibson said.

Griffith said centers officials want to proceed with caution before implementing any changes.

"It depends on the audit," he said. "My main concern is if the roof goes, other things will follow suit." Griffith said indoor recreation equipment could be damaged if it's not protected from the elements.

"The doctors are coming in to tell us what shape our building is in," Griffith said. "By the end of November, we should have something concrete to go by."

Members need to let their voices be heard, Griffith said, because they are the ones who know what is lacking or needing repair.

"I am not using the building so I can't tell you what they want," Griffith said.

Bill Schabel, facility supervisor for the Beardsley Recreation Center, said members ask him every day about the possible remodel.

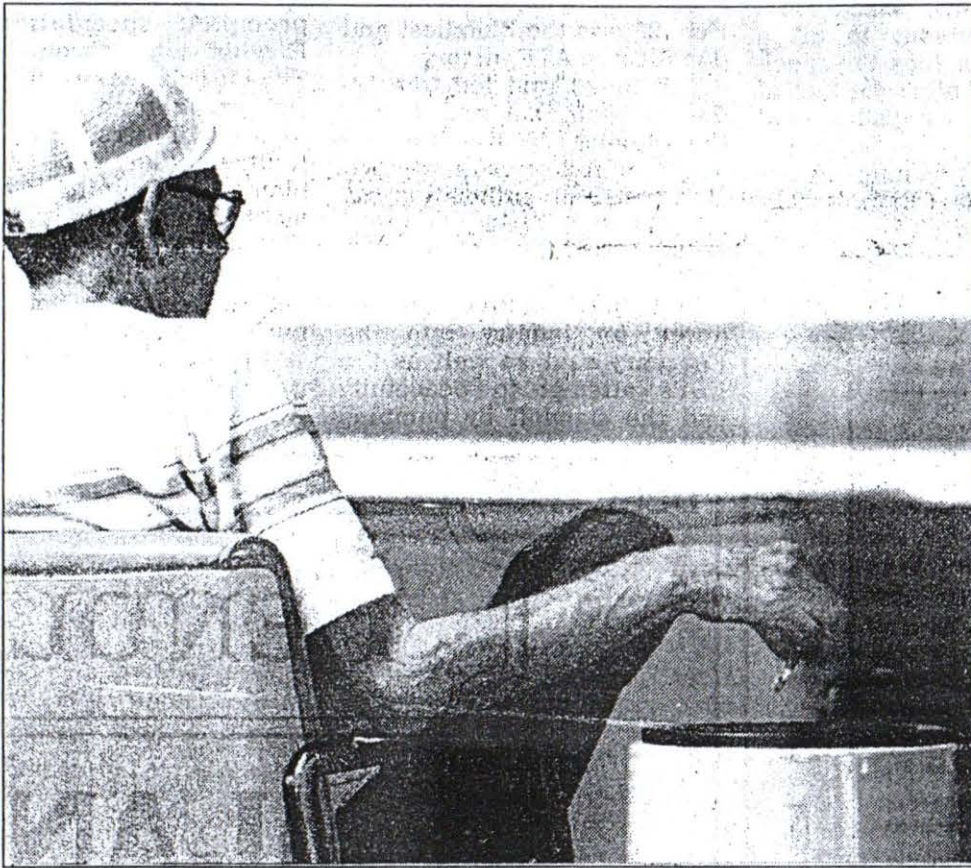
"I tell them what I know," Schabel said. "I do know we have an older following. They think since they are the older age group, they should be served first, and I don't disagree with that."

Gibson said all repairs and remodels to the centers are done as needed.

"It's kind of an ongoing thing," he said.

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An unidentified smoker flicks an ash in the R.H. Johnson Sports Pavilion on Thursday night. A smoking ban will begin Saturday in Sun City West recreation centers.

Ban on smoking includes pavilion

By ROSA De SIMONE
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — E.E. Lewis enjoyed what is to be her last cigarette smoked in the R.H. Johnson Sports Pavilion.

It was time to bowl her next frame Thursday, but Lewis was savoring the moment. Come Saturday, smoking will no longer be permitted in the sports pavilion nor any other building owned by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West Inc.

Although smoking is not permitted in all rec centers facilities, smokers could take refuge in places such as the pavilion and the snack shops at Grandview, Pebblebrook and Trail Ridge golf courses.

Signs alerting patrons to the change in policy, which was unanimously approved by the rec centers Governing Board Feb. 18, will be immediately posted Saturday — with a few maybe even going up today — said Ron Randles, director of maintenance for the rec centers.

Although smokers indulging in the habit while in buildings owned by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West Inc. will become a sight of the past, a few will likely be spotted smoking outdoors.

The no-smoking policy reserves the Governing Board's right to designate outside areas where smoking will not be permitted.

Many bowlers, who as a group was the most vocally opposed to the ban, say that the new policy will not discourage them from participating in leagues — although they most likely will not spend any more time than they already do in areas where smoking is not allowed.

"If that's what the people want, that's what you've got to do," Lewis said of complying with the ban. "I haven't heard anyone say they're going to quit because they can't smoke in here."

But Lewis said that smoking was never a hot topic of disagreement

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among those who use the pavilion to bowl or play pool.

"I never had anyone ask me to stop smoking," she said.

Sun City West resident Ed Mueller, also a bowler, never had any confrontations with his non-smoking counterparts either, he said.

Mueller, who was actively involved in protesting the ban before it was approved by the board, is still upset with the decision to prohibit all smoking.

"All of the other bowling alleys (except Sun City's) in the greater Phoenix area still allow smoking in the general concourse where it wouldn't bother anyone," he said. "I know smoking is bad for your

health, we all know that, but with the proper ventilation (it's not a problem)."

Implementing a ban was more a reaction to current trends against smoking, rather than a move to solve any disagreements that may have existed between smokers and nonsmokers, Mueller said.

"Now there is a big push all around the country and that's basically what influenced the board, they just went along with the thing," he said.

While Mueller may be against the ban, he will continue to bowl each week, he said.

"You win some, you lose some," Mueller said.

Art Mitchell, who bowls in

the Sports Pavilion about three times weekly is happy to see a ban on smoking.

"I'm kind of in favor of a ban on smoking in public places — because if everything you read about second-hand smoke is true, let's believe it. Now if they're psyching us out, that's another thing," Mitchell said.

Mitchell, too, doesn't believe the ban will drastically reduce the number of bowlers participating in leagues, therefore resulting in financial woes for the bowling division.

"All you're doing is telling them that you can't smoke for two hours. I don't think it's that bad," he said. "More people are going to be happy with it than unhappy."

Board approves expansion projects

SC West Rec Centers to spend \$475,000 at Beardsley

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc. will spend almost half a million dollars this year to expand facilities at two centers in order to accommodate anticipated growth caused by the community's expansion.

The Rec Centers Governing Board last week approved spending \$475,000 on projects at Beardsley Park Recreation Center.

The work will be paid by the Rec

Centers from the corporation's Asset Replacement Fund.

During the meeting, held March 24 in the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, Director Allan Grossman outlined expansion "priorities" for both Beardsley Park and Kuentz recreation centers. He says a growing population — caused primarily by the expansion of Sun City West — has put a strain on available space at both facilities.

Mr. Grossman, chairman of the properties committee, outlined several areas which the properties committee suggested need immediate expansion:

■ At Beardsley Park Recreation Center: **Build a separate free-standing facility for the Men's Club,** expand the card rooms and rooms for the Clay Club, China Painting Club and Photography West's video facility. Additional parking is also

needed.

■ At Kuentz Recreation Center: **Expand the Sun City West Women's Social Club facility,** the woodworking room and Theatre West's facility at Stardust Theatre.

The total cost of all nine projects was estimated at \$800,000 to \$900,000.

The Del Webb Corp., says Mr. Grossman, is providing additional golf courses and recreation center

facilities in order to accommodate future growth within the community.

The community's expansion, however, along with the formation of new clubs and a greater interest in club activities, has caused some of the community's clubrooms to become overcrowded.

"Even without the expansion (we can see that we're overcrowding the clubrooms)," says

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Grossman.

Mr. Grossman proposed the board move ahead with only three projects, all at Beardsley Park Recreation Center: building a free-standing Men's Club, expanding the card rooms and adding more parking. The total cost for the three projects is estimated at \$475,000.

Although the majority of the board voted to move ahead with the projects, some directors felt such a large expenditure of funds should be put before the entire membership for a vote.

Rec Center bylaws require a membership vote on any capital expenditure over \$500,000. By choosing only three projects at a cost of \$475,000, the board, says Mr. Scolastico, was deliberately "circumventing the rule" in order to avoid a membership vote.

Although he supports expansion of the facilities, Mr. Scolastico objected to it being done "piecemeal." He says there are no assurances that work done now will be sufficient to accommodate future growth.

"The residents should have the opportunity to express themselves," he says.

Mr. Scolastico feels the Del E. Webb Corp. should contribute more toward the cost of the project since the additional population is the result of the company's expansion of Sun City West.

"But not for the expansion, we wouldn't be spending this money," he says.

The Del Webb Corp. has donated \$25,000 to the Asset Replacement Fund and has pledged to donate a one-acre parcel near Kuentz Recreation Center. Mr. Grossman announced during last week's meeting that the company has also pledged an additional \$150,000.

The board will use the money to pay for several projects not included in the original \$475,000 package.

Webb officials said the expansion would be at no cost to existing residents, and that's just not true," Spanjer said.

The board voted 7-2 Thursday to spend \$475,000 from the rec centers' asset replacement fund on the Beardsley center to add more parking, build a 3,600-square-foot building for the men's club and to remodel the old men's club room for card club use.

The board also voted 7-2 to use Webb's \$150,000 at Beardsley, 12755 Beardsley Drive, to build two small meeting rooms, expand the clay club and renovate the stained-glass room. Also, some of the money will be used to expand the women's social club room at the Kuentz center.

Board members John Scolastico and Fred Mortensen voted against both proposals.

Scolastico said he believes that Webb should pay the costs, not the residents. He also said he believes that rec centers members should have a chance to vote on whether the money should be spent by the rec centers.

But the rec centers policy for the asset replacement fund only calls for a vote of members if a project were to cost more than \$500,000.

Sun City West resident Phil Vision questioned the use of money from the asset replacement fund to build the new men's club building. "This fund is to replace assets, not to build new buildings," Vision said.

But Al Grossman, a board member and chairman of the properties committee, said he believes that the asset replacement fund can be

used to build new facilities.

The rec centers' policy guidelines say that the asset replacement fund may be used for a "major purchase, construction, replacement or repair to any buildings or land improvements owned by the recreation centers."

The board took no action on Grossman's other proposals for the Kuentz center, 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd. The suggestions were to spend about \$350,000 to expand the woodworking shop by relocating the metal shop into a 4,000-square-foot facility. Grossman said that the proposal would come up at the April meeting.

Some residents asked about the need for expanding the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center to include more administrative offices and clubs such as weavers and sewing. Grossman said those proposals are being reviewed.

In other business, the board approved a request from Theater West to expand its building at the Kuentz center. A small addition to the Stardust Theater building will be constructed to provide workshop space to build and store sets and props. The theater company will pay its own costs.

Also, Grossman announced that there had been discussions about Webb paying \$750,000, plus membership fees, to allow residents in the planned Webb development in Surprise to use the Sun City West recreation centers.

But Webb dropped the idea after a Webb attorney discovered that such a proposal would require approval from a majority of Sun City West residents in each of the

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Board approves \$475,000 outlay

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

SUN CITY WEST — Despite opposition by some residents, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West board approved spending \$475,000 to expand the Beardsley Park Recreation Center.

Residents at Thursday's meeting did not question the need for more facilities. They disagreed with the way the improvements will be financed. More than 400 people attended.

Del Webb Corp. has offered to provide \$150,000 to help pay for

rec center expansions and to donate one acre of land, which Webb officials value at \$100,000, near the Fred P. Kuentz Recreation Center.

Former board member Al Spanjer said he thinks Webb should have to pay more than \$150,000 toward facility construction.

He said that Webb should pay more to compensate for the expansion of Sun City West north of Deer Valley Drive. That will increase Sun City West's population by about 6,000.

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Panel to continue planning for Del Webb's eventual exit

By Connie Cone Sexton
Staff writer

SUN CITY WEST — Although Del Webb Corp. might extend its stay in the community, a committee will continue to plan for the company's eventual exit.

It's business as usual, say members of the group, which is studying how management of the community's recreation facilities will one day transfer from Webb to the residents.

A committee — appointed by the Sun City West Recreation Centers Inc. advisory board to study the transition — has been meeting since January.

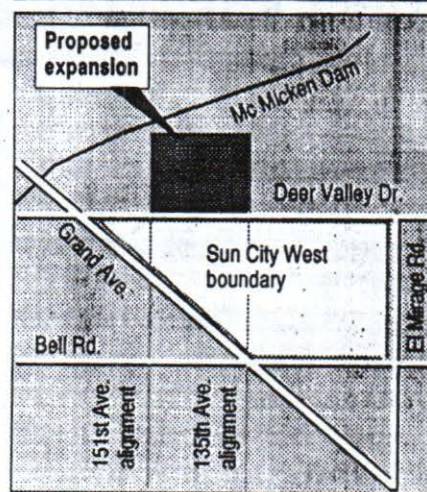
Virginia Ritson, committee chairman, said her group will continue to meet, but said there are questions as to what impact Webb's proposal to add more dwellings in the community will have.

On Monday, Webb officials announced they are considering expanding their building program in Sun City West, with the possibility of adding between 1,500 and 3,000 more houses.

A meeting to explain the proposal is scheduled for 9 a.m. Nov. 19 in the Sundome, 19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Webb, which has about 2,000 lots left to develop, was expected to complete Sun City West by the mid-1990s. Adding the

Proposed Sun City West expansion



SOURCE: Del Webb Corp.

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additional houses could extend the company's stay from three to six years, said Chuck Roach, Webb's general manager of Sun City West.

Roach said the company is negotiating
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to buy a 640-acre parcel between the 135th and 151st avenue alignments just north of Deer Valley Drive. Deer Valley now serves as the northern boundary of the community.

Webb will not move ahead on the project, however, unless residents approve of the plan, Roach said Monday. The company has mailed letters to residents, advising them of the proposal.

Ritson is not sure how residents will react to the proposal.

She does understand Webb's rationale, however. "They are almost finished building here. I think it's probably a logical step for them to look here for possible expansion. It's their business," she said.

Whatever the outcome of Webb's venture, the transition committee won't go on hiatus, she said.

"I really don't know how this is going to affect our work," Ritson said. "But there are a lot of things that need to be resolved before we give the welcome, the go-ahead, to Del Webb," she said. "Not only one of these is the transition part of it. But at this point in time, I can't say how exactly it will be resolved. There are a lot of loose ends that need attention before we can give our approval."

Those loose ends may include what impact more houses would have on recreation facilities.

Roach said Webb could build another recreation center in the expansion area. The company also

"There are a lot of things that need to be resolved before we give the welcome, the go-ahead, to Del Webb."

Virginia Ritson
Committee chairman,
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will consider expanding existing facilities to meet the increased demand, he added.

Other concerns that residents may have about the expansion include whether there will be a sufficient water supply for the new area and what impact additional residents would have on traffic.

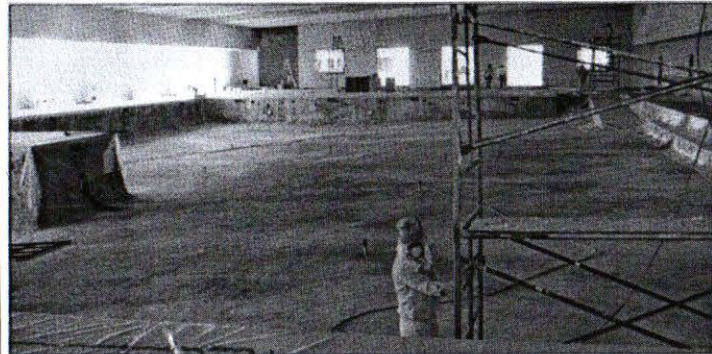
Ritson said her committee will review Webb's proposal. "But what they're planning can't hurt the work we've done. I'm sure we'll finish what we have started," she said.

The committee has been reviewing the following issues:

- Buildings and properties — the condition and cost of operating the recreation centers and facilities.

- Legal aspects — residents may or may not want to keep the same companies that Webb has been using, such as the equipment supplier or insurance carrier.

- Human resources, including Webb's policies and procedures for those employed at the recreation facilities.



The Beardsley Park pool receives the finishing touches which will make it one of the most impressive in the Sun Cities. The pool will not only be the largest in the two communities, but it will also boast a unique indoor-outdoor design. Large doors along one side will facilitate year-round use.



The rear area of the center is already revealing its oasis design. The area will feature a bandstand for outdoor concerts and will provide a lush and almost tropical setting for picnics and other enjoyable outdoor activities.

BEARDSLEY PARK OPENING TO RING IN SUMMER

Entertainment, refreshments and plenty of fun are the ingredients sure to make the grand opening of Sun City West's second recreation center, Beardsley Park, a summer highlight.

Scheduled for Monday, June 3 from 9 AM to 12 PM, the opening will feature performances by such local favorites as the Nani Komohana Tutus, those delightful Hawaiian dancers; the Sun City West Musicians Club with your favorite lively tunes; the Sun City West Synchronettes, with their magical water ballet exhibition; and the Westernaires with a special choral celebration.

In addition to entertainment, there will be complimentary refreshments, as well as an opportunity to tour the community's newest addition.

The \$5 million Beardsley Park Recreation Center includes a unique indoor-outdoor pool which is the largest in the Sun Cities. The center also features craft rooms for copper enameling, stained glass, china painting and pottery, a fully-equipped photography studio, a music room, card room, and large meeting areas.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the center includes a miniature golf course, horseshoe pit and a large picnic area with bandstand for enjoyable outdoor concerts.

The center is located at Beardsley Road and 128th Avenue.

Grand opening Monday draws hundreds to sip, munch, listen, watch, dance, play



Inside the Sun Cities' largest pool, hundreds sat in chairs or on the deck.

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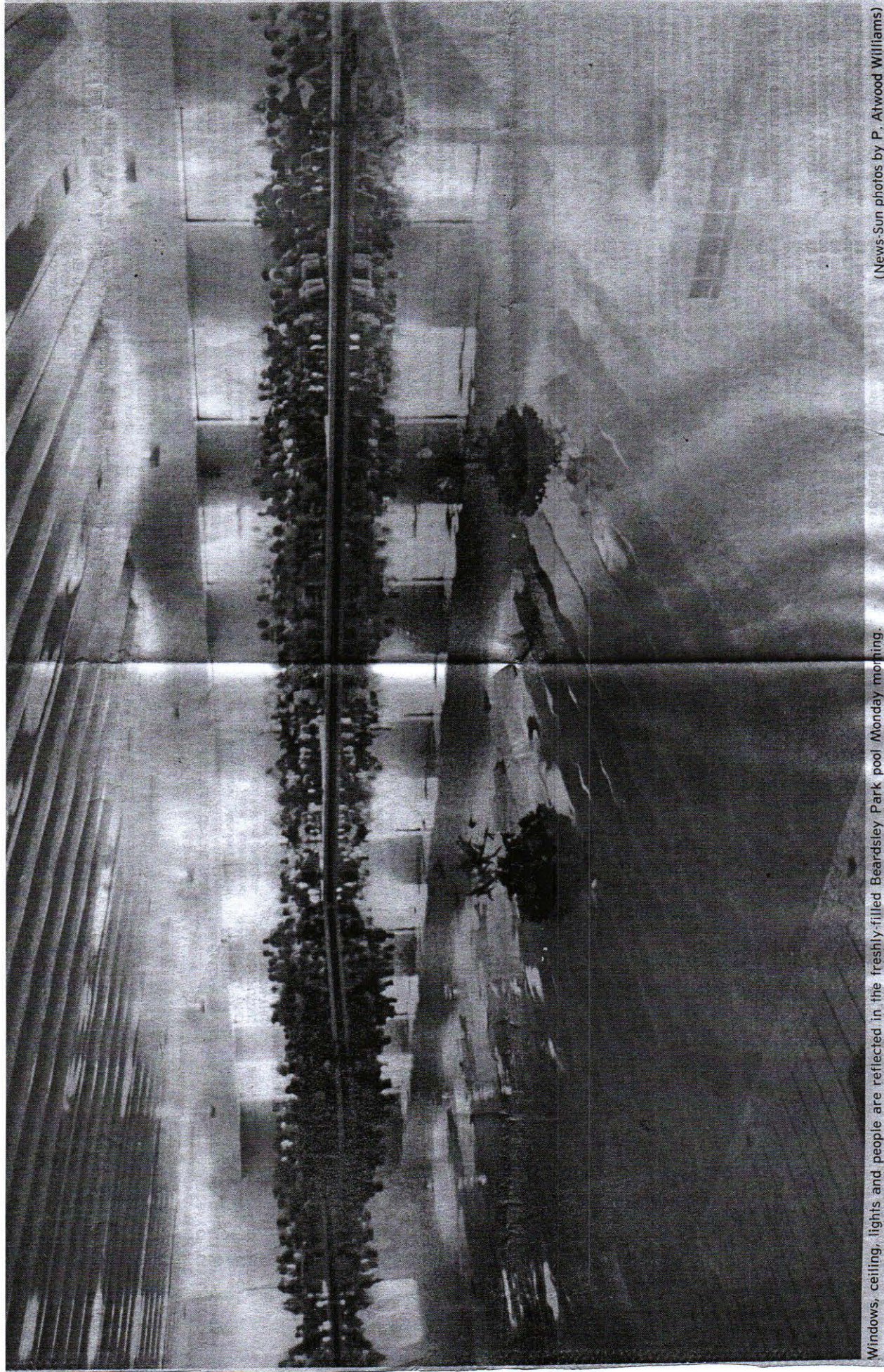
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Seated at a picnic ramada near the pond and waterfall are Rose Oberman, left, Robert and Grace Currie, Polly Hecky, Wilma and Francis Weddell. They are listening to the Dixieland music of the Paf Trapani band and watching those who danced.

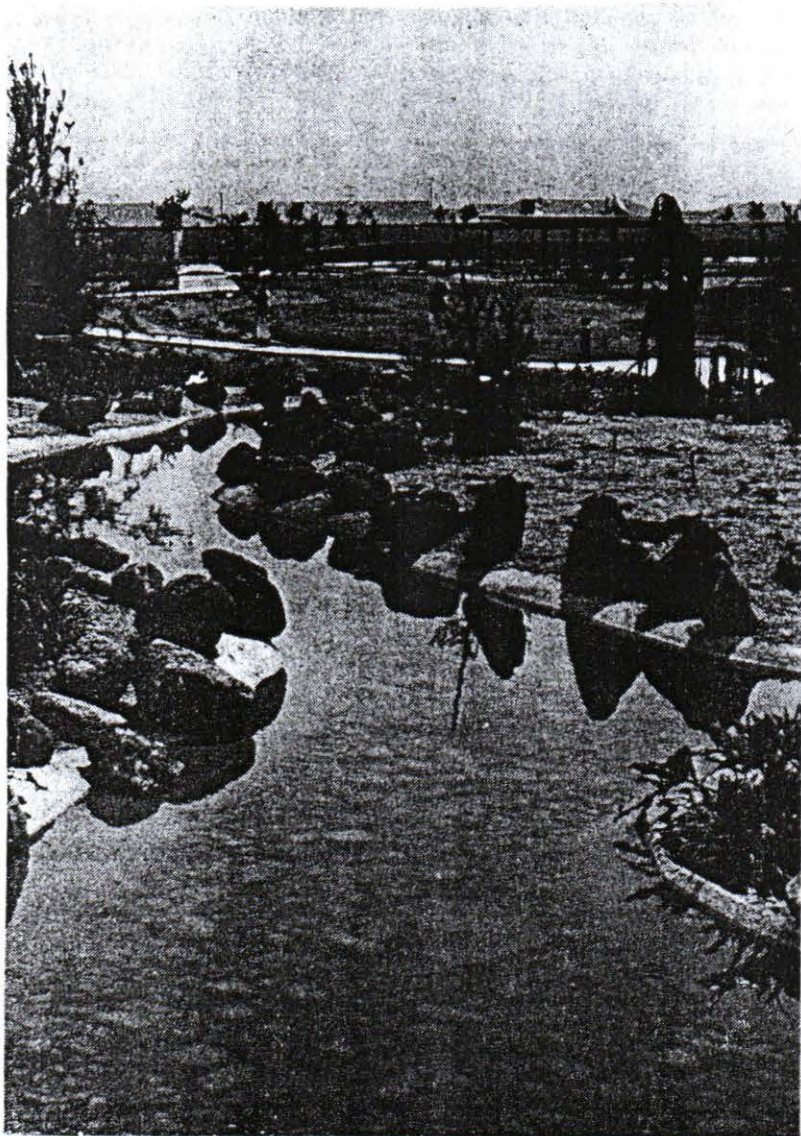


Leo and Helen Kully drink red punch from a gurgling fountain and ponder the selection of cookies at one of the reception tables.



Windows, ceiling, lights and people are reflected in the freshly-filled Beardsley Park pool Monday morning.

(News-Sun photos by P. Atwood Williams)



STILL WATERS. The Beardsley Park Recreation Center, Sun City West's newest recreation center, is surrounded by picturesque landscaping. The center is scheduled to officially open June 3. For a preview of the center, see page 2.

Beardsley Park officially opens

Calling it a "product of cooperation," Del E. Webb Development Co. has finished construction on Beardsley Park and plans its official opening for June 3.

The facility, Sun City West's second recreation center, is located on the southeast corner of Beardsley Road and 128th Avenue. It cost \$5 million and took almost a year to build.

Tom Ryan, DEVCO's senior vice president, says the goal in building the park was to create a center that would satisfy Sun City West residents and meet their specific recreational needs. He says DEVCO officials worked together for three years with a committee of residents in designing Beardsley Park.

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"We learned a great deal about the kinds of activities Sun City West residents enjoy," says Ryan. "I think Beardsley Park is going to offer many new recreational opportunities for the people of this community."

The center has studios for many new arts and crafts activities, including professionally equipped studios for stained glass, pottery, china painting, copper enameling and photography. Other facilities include a 100-seat music room, greenhouse and 4,500 square feet of multi-purpose room space.

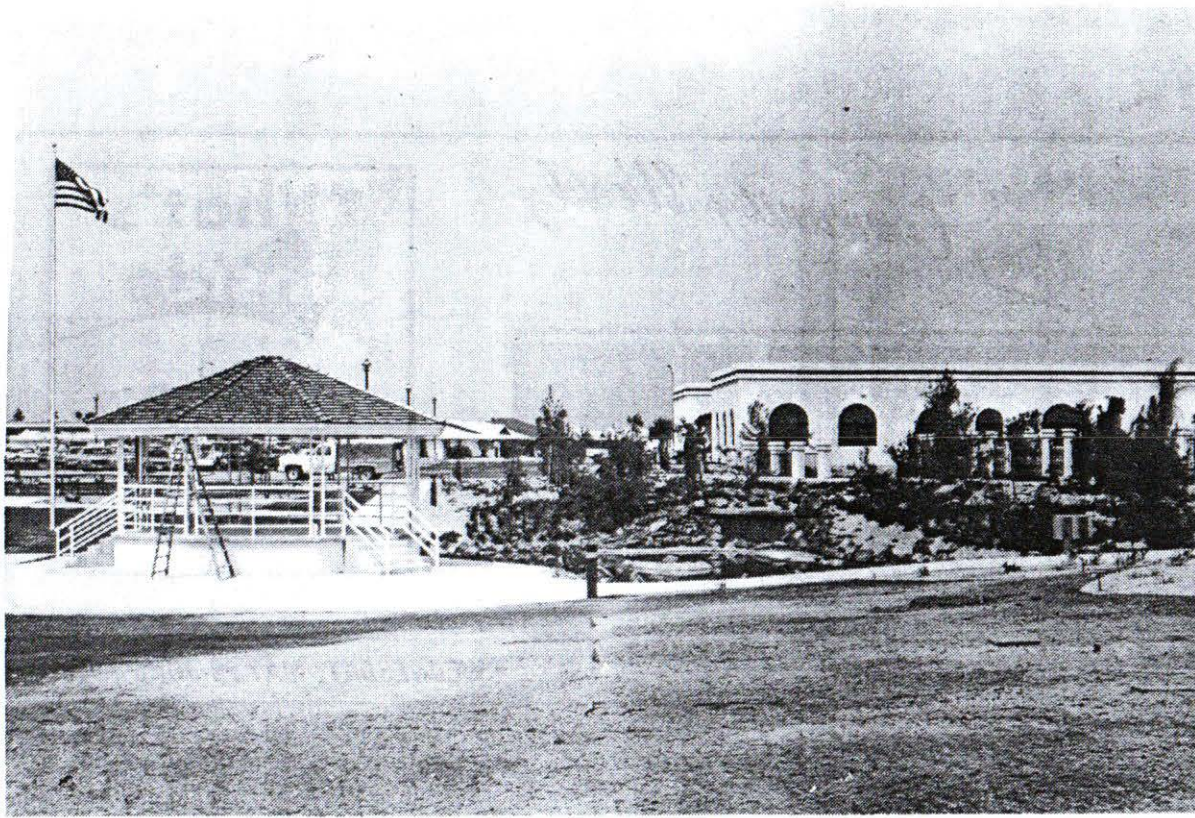
The highlight of Beardsley Park is the 11,000 square-foot

indoor-outdoor pool, the largest pool in the Sun Cities. The pool is equipped with a hoist ramp for easy access by the handicapped, a therapy pool, fully-equipped exercise room and men's and women's locker facilities.

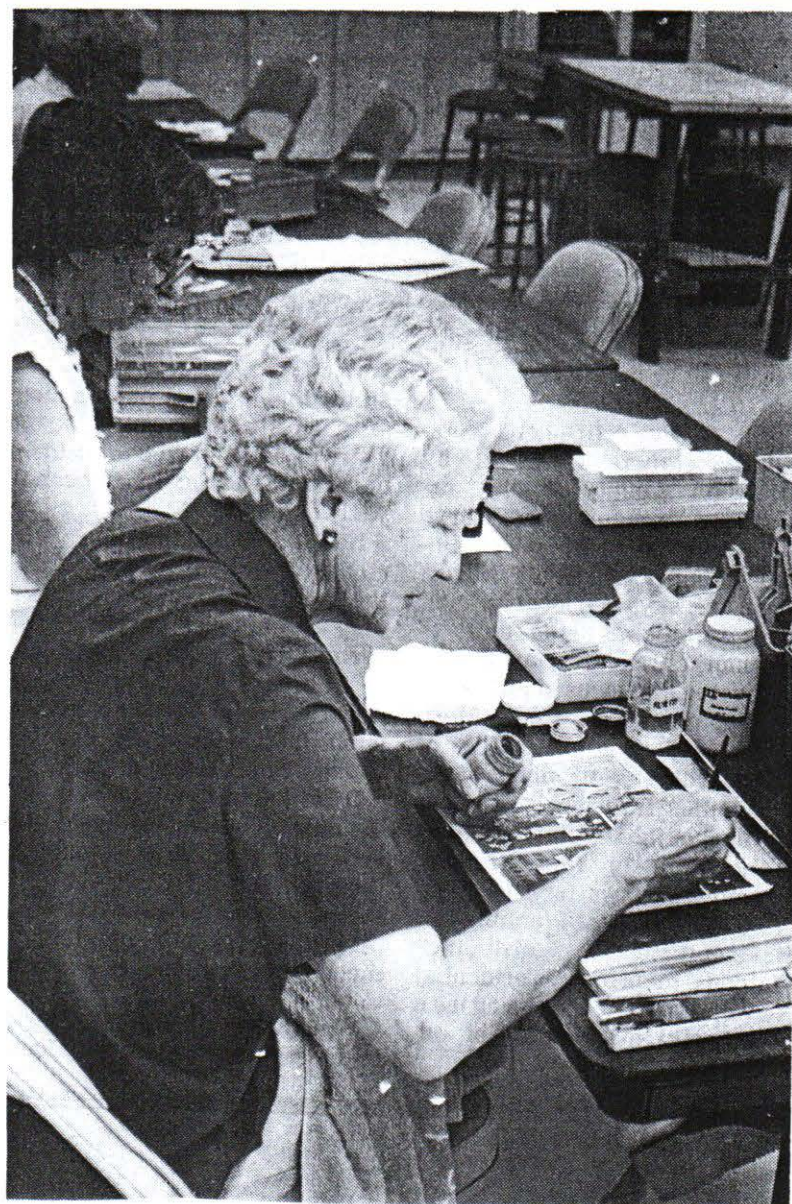
Outside, there is an outdoor picnic area complete with a bandstand, picnic tables, ramadas and barbeque grills. The park resembles an amphitheatre and will accommodate approximately 2,000 people.

The center also includes an 18-hole miniature golf course and four tournament horseshoe pits.

OVER



THE BEARDSLEY PARK Recreation Center will officially open to Sun City West residents June 3. Constructed by Del E. Webb Development Co., the center took nearly a year to build at a cost of \$5 million. The center includes outdoor picnic areas (upper left); large social and card rooms (upper right); the largest indoor/outdoor pool in the area (middle left); and numerous arts and crafts activities (bottom left).



by Joyce L. Salfingere
Staff Writer

The news media was treated to a "sneak-preview-walk-through." of the new 49,995 sq. ft. Beardsley Park Recreation Center last Wednesday, May 22. This was all in preparation for the Grand Opening on June 3 from 9 to 12 which Devco will sponsor with refreshments and entertainment for residents of Sun City West. Ken Plonski of Devco described it as going to be "a gala event."

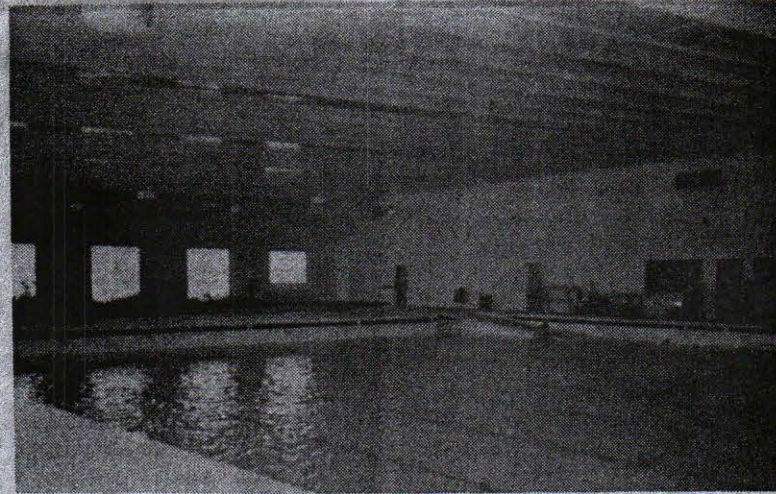
Tom Ryan, Devco's senior vice president of planning and construction, narrated the tour of the facilities along with Devco's Ken Plonski, Deborah Carver and Laurel Hodges.

As the tour began at the swimming pool area, the 77 foot by 144 foot pool was being filled with water. Ryan indicated this would be completed by late afternoon, having some 300,000 gallons of water being put into the pool. Ryan also mentioned the fact that this process has to be coordinator with the water companies because, "it is a significant amount of water, and a pretty big drain at one time."

Beardsley pool is the largest of the Sun Cities. There are 22 doors at the south end of the pool which can be opened in summer or closed in winter for convenience and cost efficiency. This indoor-outdoor pool is the highlight of the new center. There is a covered patio area outside the doors at the south end of the pool.

A hoist and ramp for easy access to the pool is available for the handicapped. Also available in the area is a large therapy pool, fully-equipped exercise room and men's and women's locker room facilities. The therapy room is air-conditioned. In the pool area, construction has made it such that the air is circulated in a manner to keep the facility comfortable.

Ryan commented on the ease of parking. The south parking lot will serve the arts and crafts center as well as the miniature golf and other outside activities. The Beardsley Road entrance will provide space for those using the pool and



Poolside at Beardsley Park.



"Solo Whist" being played in one of the Card Rooms at new Beardsley Park. Left to Right: Alice Michalak, Bev Weston, Marie Adickes and Bobbie Hill, Teacher for group.

View of the Bandstand and Flag Pole at the new Beardsley Park. Concerts will be held here in the future.

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in this area is located the greenhouse where the "Growing Under Glass" Club meets. "There was a need for a small area for exotic plants," Ryan pointed out.

Laurel Hodges of Devco said that each of the clubs gave her a list of what equipment was needed for their particular club; and they were given all they requested.

The Copper Enameling Club as already busy at work in their new room. Virginia Day, a member of the club, was enthusiastic about their new home. "There's a lot more room here, and it's much handier; we're just thrilled." With a smile on her face she continued, "and it's much closer to home as well."

In the stained glass room, Lucille Hager was busy putting items away and getting ready for an afternoon class. "We just love it here," she said. "There's lots to do; we've been in since May 9 and with classes three times a week...it's busy. If anybody is interested in Sun West Stained Glass Crafters, they can call me at 584-4043," she said.

Bobbie Hill was teaching a group of students "Solo Whist" in one of the card rooms. The Women's Social Club was meeting that day. "It's our card room for the day," commented member Ethel Barker. Anyone

interested in learning how to play "Solo Whist" was invited to contact Ms. Hill at 584-0847.

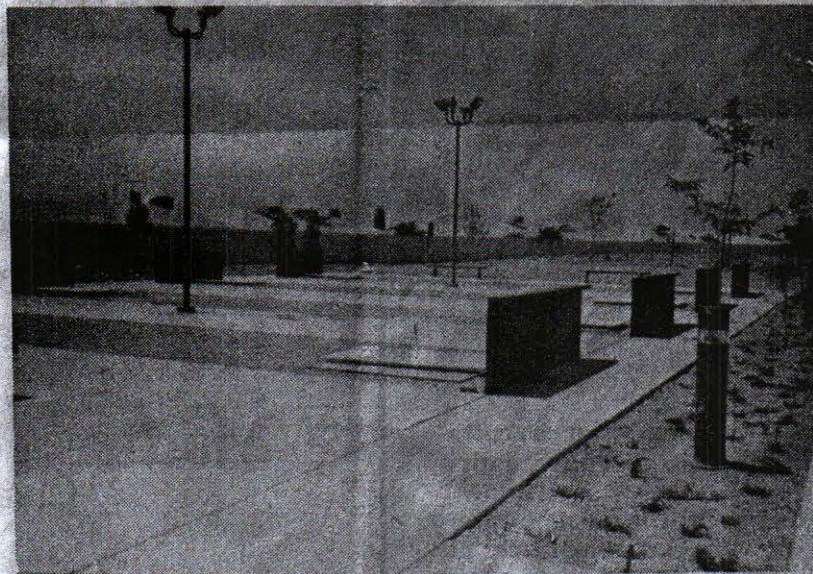
Arthur Bender, Vice President of the Photography Club, was finishing up with one of his photos when he was asked if perhaps the photography classes would be available in the evening. "If there is a demand, probably we will have classes," He felt if eight or ten people requested an evening class there might be the possibility of starting one since the facility itself is open until 10 p.m. At present the photography room hours are eight to four on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. For further information, Bender requested he be contacted at 584-2235.

The outdoor facilities encompass a picnic area with a bandstand, picnic tables, ramadas and barbeque grills. The park will accommodate approximately 2,000 people. Ryan indicated that starting in a month or so there would be band concerts free of charge to Sun City West residents.

Also included at the center is an 18-hole miniature golf course and four tournament quality horseshoe pits.

Ryan indicated that cooperation was the key to the success of the Beardsley Park Recreation project. Cooperation be-

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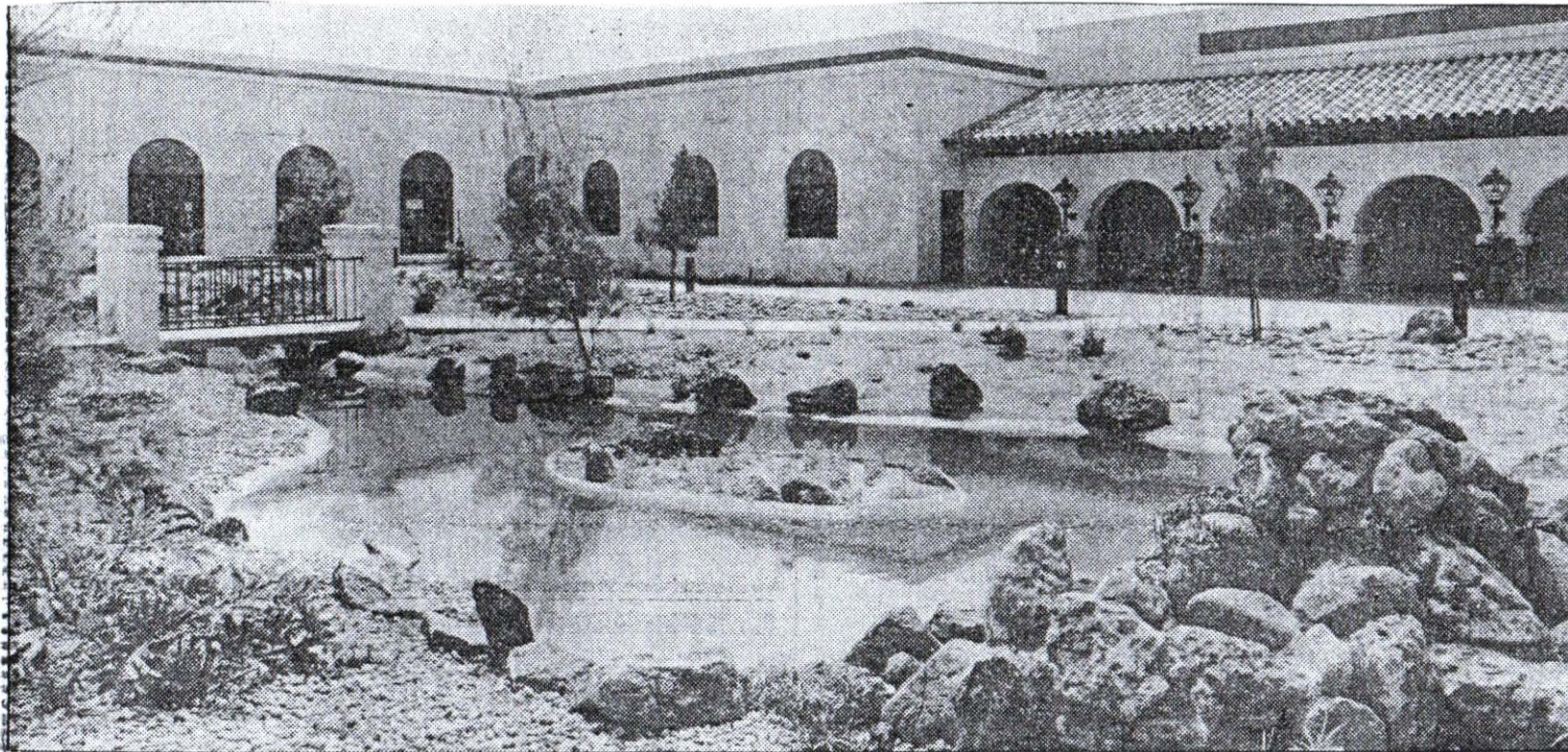


Horseshoe Area ready for Grand Opening scheduled for June 3 at Beardsley Park. (photos by Joyce L. Salfingere)

This five million dollar recreation center also includes many new arts and crafts activities. Beardsley Rec Center has professionally equipped studios for stained glass, pottery, china painting, copper enameling and photography. Ryan mentioned the fact that the copper enameling club had not had a room by themselves until now. They even "decorated their own building." Having been responsible for the two beautiful murals adorning the front entrance to the Arts and Crafts Building "They were done before we were." Ryan added.

Browsing through the club rooms, Ryan pointed out that three of these rooms have the capability of being converted into one large room with the ability of handling 300-400 people. This is the only center with a music room, as well as, the first room for the Men's Club, card rooms, Photography Club, Copper Enameling and Stained Glass Club.

There is an area outside adjacent to the club rooms which lends itself to be considered somewhat of a "Quiet Area" with plants in bloom and a pond nearby. Also



The Beardsley Park arts and craft center is richly landscaped with rock and a pool, offering visitors a quiet place for reflection and rest.

Meeting demand for play, recreation

SUN CITY WEST — The pool at the new Beardsley Park Recreation Center could be mistaken for a small lake or large pond if it wasn't indoors.

The center's photography studio, with three photo enlargers, easily could satisfy a professional photographer's requirements.

And the clay for the horseshoes pits at the center was "imported" from Tucson to satisfy competitive residents, who also got a scoreboard at the \$5 million center.

Still, the seemingly insatiable appetite of

residents for recreational facilities in this "active retirement community" has not been quelled by Sun City West's second recreation center, scheduled for a June 3 grand opening.

R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, the community's first recreation facility, opened in 1979.

Some have asked for a gymnasium for basketball games and others want more tennis courts, said Paul Tatz, president and chief operating officer of the Del E. Webb Development Co.

However, the design for Beardsley — complete with the 300,000-gallon, 10,700-square-foot pool — was based more on suggestions from residents than any other recreation center in Sun City or Sun City West, said Tom Ryan, senior vice president of planning and construction.

"It was complete involvement by a large number of knowledgeable residents from day one," Ryan said.

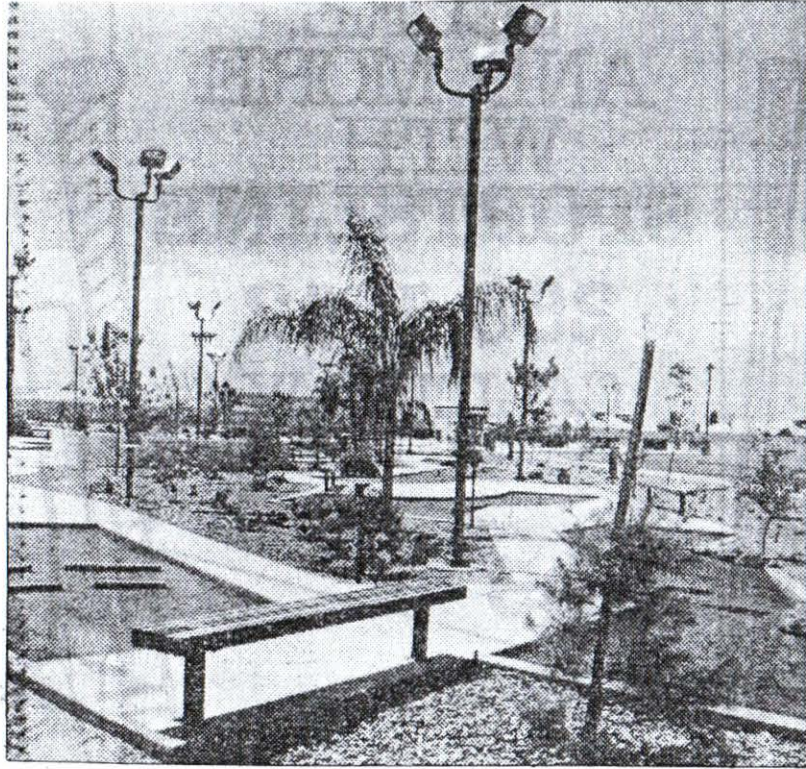
As a result, the facility at Beardsley Road and 128th Drive has numerous features,

including a park with a bandshell, ramadas and grills.

It also has a "Men's Club" with card tables reminiscent of a casino and a television lounge where the ladies are not welcome.

The June 3 grand opening will feature a party, sponsored by Webb, from 9 a.m. to noon, with entertainment by popular Sun City West groups.

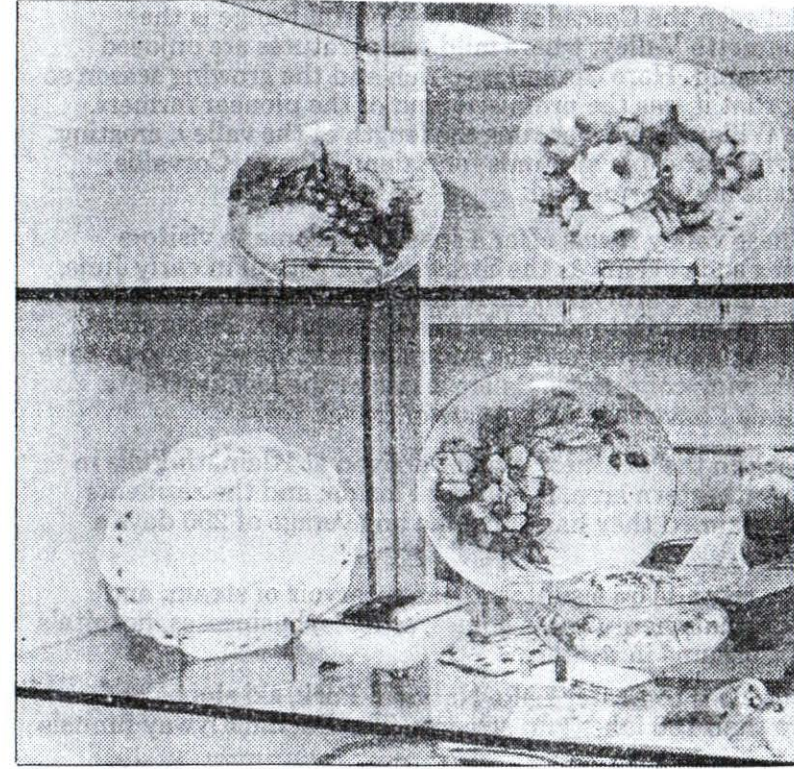
A third recreation center is planned for the retirement community, which has about 12,000 residents.



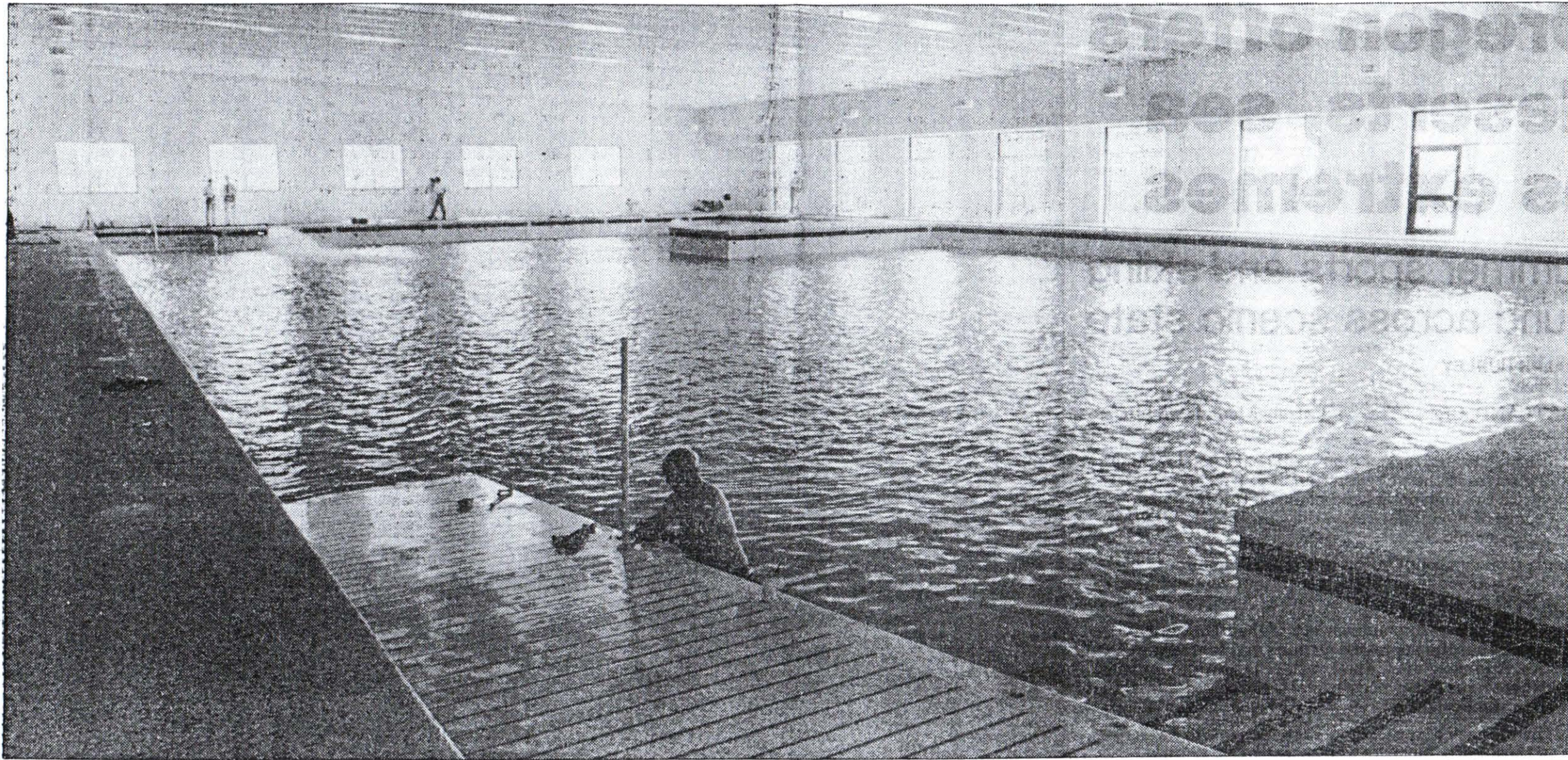
The park offers an 18-hole miniature-golf course for outdoor play.



A class works in the arts and crafts center's stained-glass studio.



A china-painting enthusiast works behind a display of ceramics.



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Worker Vern Carpenter finds a cool way to install a handrail at the 300,000-gallon, 10,700-square-foot indoor pool at the new Beardsley Park Recreation Center, 12755 Beardsley Road, in Sun City West.

Beardsley Park Recreation Center is scheduled for May opening



A portion of the building fronting on Beardsley Rd.

by Joyce L. Salfingere
Staff Writer

The official Grand Opening for Beardsley Park Recreation Center is scheduled for June 3, however, the new Rec Center will open in May.

According to Bill Moll, Chairman of the Recreation Centers Advisory Board, "The club room will be open on May 1. There will be a delay of about 2 to 3 weeks at the most for the open of the swimming pool area. A Grand Opening has been set for June 3," Moll continued, "with refreshments, a tour of the facility, and entertainment for the entire community."

The new indoor-outdoor pool at Beardsley will be open 6 days a week from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. On Sundays, the pool hours will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. This will also include the exercise room and therapy pool. The Beardsley Pool will be 4½ feet deep in its entirety

except for the diving area.

The Johnson pool will remain open over the summer months as well. There is to be some refurbishing to be done in the locker and shower areas. However, next January and February the Johnson pool will be closed for a period of 2 months to resurface the pool and redecking. Moll stressed, "Both pools will be open until next December 31. We will re-open Johnson pool when the need arises as people return after its refurbishing."

The following clubs will be in the new Beardsley facility: Stained Glass, Rosemaling, Clay and Pottery, Photography, Greenhouse and Flowers, Copper Enameling and Men and Women's Club and Social Rooms. With each of the social rooms there is a small kitchen facility including a microwave.

The card rooms for the men

and women will be available during the daytime from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. "However," commented Moll, "if there is no need for the rooms at 7 a.m., we won't have them open, but if someone wants to schedule to use them at that time, they will be available by contacting Lucille Johnson at the Johnson Center Office, 584-2050, and a monitor will be provided as well."

The picnic area has a number of covered pavilions. "In fact," Moll stated, "we have reservations for 5 or 6 months in advance right now."

Beardsley Park represents a \$5.5 million investment by DEVCO and it has been carefully planned to include those activities which are in the greatest demand by the residents of Sun City West," commented Mr. Kuentz, Chairman of DEVCO.



Rear view of new center with parking area

SCW rec center groundbreaking slated

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Beardsley Park Center, Sun City West's second recreation facility, will be held at 9 a.m. Monday.

The \$5 million center is to be built on a 14-acre site at Beardsley Road and 128th Avenue.

Participating in the ceremonies, which are open to the public, will be Del E. Webb Development Co. President Fred Kuentz; Bill Woodyard, general manager of Sun City West's recreational centers;

and John Roberts, chairman of the Recreation Centers Advisory Board.

"THIS IS a significant event in the progress of Sun City West," Kuentz said. "This recreation center represents long hours of planning which were necessary to make this center just what the community wanted."

The Devco chief added that he and other company officials will be on hand after the ceremonies to answer questions

about the new facility. 4-28-84

Beardsley Park, which was in the planning stage for over a year, will feature a large indoor swimming pool, a picnic area, a bandstand, a greenhouse and a miniature golf course.

THE NEW 130-by-60-foot swimming pool is to be the largest in the Sun City area and twice the size of the outdoor pool at Sun City West's Johnson Center.

A 21,500-square-foot crafts building, also included in the

plans, will house a general purpose room, a men's club, a card room, a music room, clay and photography studios, the Copper Cookers' Club, Stained Glass and China Painting Club and a general crafts room.

Construction is expected to be completed in a year.

A third recreation center is also planned for the first phase of the community and is to be built in the still undeveloped section of Stardust and Johnson boulevards.

New SCW Rec Center, golf course get names

Names have been selected for Sun City West's new recreation center and golf course.

The recreation center to be built at Beardsley Road and 128th Avenue will be known as Beardsley Park. Construction is scheduled to start next month.

The community's fifth golf course, being built along Grand Avenue, has been named Grandview.

NAMES FOR THE facilities were picked by residents through a balloting conducted by the Property Owners and Residents Association. More than 1,300 ballots were cast in the final portion of the contest.

Beardsley Park received 310 votes. Sunrise was the runner-up with 263 votes.

As Beardsley Park was suggested by several Sun City Westers for the community's second recreation center in a naming contest sponsored by the Del E. Webb Development Co., a random drawing was held to pick the winning resident—Irene Van Goethem.

HER NAME WAS drawn by John Roberts, Recreation Centers Advisory Board chairman.

As a result, Mrs. Van Goethem will receive a four-day stay at Del Webb's High Sierra Hotel in Lake Tahoe.

Grandview was selected for the golf course by an overwhelming count of 592. Second with only 161 votes was Desert View.

A DRAWING ALSO was held in this name contest as Grandview had been suggested by a large number of residents. Selected as the winner was Richard Hoben, whose name was drawn by Ken Snyder, president of the Pebblebrook Men's Golf Association.

Hoben will receive a four-day stay on a 50-foot houseboat from Del Webb's Wahweap Marina at Lake Powell.

Residents were given a choice of 10 names each for the recreation center and golf course after originally submitting about 2,000 suggestions.

Representatives of Devco, PORA and the Recreation Centers Advisory Board picked the top 10 entries from a wide field of original suggestions.

Start set 12-24-83 for new center

By HELEN ALLEN
Staff Writer

Construction of Sun City West's second recreation center, which will feature a large indoor swimming pool and picnic area, should get under way in May, according to a Del E. Webb Development Co. spokesman.

The \$4.8 million center, expected to be completed within a year, will be built on a 14-acre site at 128th Avenue and Beardsley Road.

The 130- by 60-foot swimming pool, said Devco spokesman Steve Tuttle, will be the largest in the Sun City area and twice the size of the outdoor pool at Sun City West's Johnson Center.

INCLUDED IN the proposed recreation center project will be a pool building, a crafts building, a large picnic area featuring a bandstand, concrete dance area, ramadas and cooking grills, a greenhouse, a miniature golf course and a horse shoe court.

Tuttle said the picnic area will be multi-leveled with the band stand located at the lowest point.

The 29,600-square-foot pool building is designed so that the south wall can be opened during summer months.

HOUSED IN the building, in addition to the pool, will be a therapy pool, an exercise room and men's and women's locker rooms.

Both the pool and crafts building will be of stucco with

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decorative tile near the roof.

The 21,500-square-foot crafts building will have a general purpose room with kitchen facilities, a men's club with kitchen and lounge, a card room, a music room, clay and photography studios, the Copper Cookers Club, Stained Glass and China Painting Club and a general crafts room.

TUTTLE SAID the building will provide space for crafts not available in Johnson Center.

Part of the \$4.8 million will be used to enlarge the Johnson Social Hall by about 3,700 square feet to a total of 11,750 square feet.

This project, Tuttle said, will be tackled after the second center is completed.

Plans for Sun City West's Phase I call for three recreation centers. JOHNSON CENTER,

built for \$14 million on a 40-acre site, will remain as the major recreation facility.

The third center will be built in the still undeveloped section of Stardust and Johnson Boulevards.

\$5 million on tap for recreation center, renovations

By Jim Walsh
Northwest Valley Bureau

SUN CITY WEST — Del E. Webb Development Co. will spend \$5 million to build this retirement community's second recreation center and to enlarge the R.H. Johnson Social Hall.

The company's original budget for the second center, which will be built at 128th Avenue and Beardsley Road in May, was \$2.5 million, said Fred Kuentz, the company's president.

But Robert K. Swanson, chairman of Del E. Webb Corp., the development company's parent firm, has decided to increase the budget for the projects to \$5 million, Kuentz said.

"This shows we have our house in order," Kuentz said. The development company has

sold 735 homes during 1983 in Sun City West and may eclipse the goal of 800, he added.

Swanson, addressing a meeting of about 1,500 Sun City and Sun City West residents last week with Kuentz and other Webb officials, said Webb expects to sell 1,200 homes in 1984.

About \$200,000 will be used to increase the space for meetings in the social hall. The remaining \$4.8 million will be used for the recreation center, expected to open sometime in 1985.

The new recreation center, not named yet, actually will be two separate buildings. One will house a 9,933-foot, indoor-outdoor swimming pool, the largest pool in the two communities. It also will have a locker room, exercise and therapy rooms, said Tom Ryan,

the development company's chief engineer.

He said the pool building will have 30 double doors that will be opened in the summer to eliminate the stuffiness sometimes caused by high humidity and chlorine.

The second building, Ryan said, will house arts and crafts rooms for stained glass, pottery and china painting, two meeting rooms, a photography studio and a music room. A band shell and picnic area will be available outdoors.

The increased budget "allows us to build what the people want," he said. The amenities were chosen by residents polled by the citizens advisory board to Recreation Centers of Sun City West Inc.

Ryan also told the residents that Webb is spending \$200,000 to improve drainage of storm water from streets into nearby canals.

The improvements include new catch basins and larger spillways.

Swanson objected to charges that the retirement community's drainage system is inadequate, saying he has never heard any reports of water damaging the homes of residents.

But one resident said many residents of Unit 10, near Conquistador Drive, had landscaping and other decorations washed away in the September floods.

"When you build a community, there are areas that don't come out right," Ryan said.

Although the streets have been accepted by the county for maintenance purposes, the company is correcting the drainage problems, "because we expect to be out here a long time," he said.