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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS PUBLIC FORUM FOCUSED ON PLANS FOR AN ORCHARD MESA RECREATIONAL FACILITY

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. May 24, 2023 -- The City of Grand Junction has scheduled a public forum to discuss the Orchard Mesa recreational facility on Tuesday, June 6 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Barn at 910 N. 12th Street. The forum is designed so community members can review preliminary concepts and ideas related to the current Orchard Mesa Pool facility as well as other options for creating an indoor recreation facility in Orchard Mesa. In addition to attending the event, community members can provide input online at [EngageGJ](https://engage.gjcity.org).

"Community participation is fundamental to help determine the future of the facility," stated Ken Sherbenou Parks and Recreation director. "The architectural firm, Ohlson Lavoie Corporation (OLC) is studying the existing facility and will be presenting various options during the forum for reimagining the future of the Orchard Mesa Pool."

Orchard Mesa Pool was built in 1983 as a partnership between Mesa County School District 51, Mesa County, and the City of Grand Junction. District 51 owns the land and the building and pays the utilities. The city operates the facility, and the city and the county split the annual subsidy required to run the facility. While maintenance has been conducted on a regular basis since 1983, all the mechanical, pool, and building systems are at the end of their useful life and the facility requires a full renovation.

OLC, and their sub-consultants, have worked on hundreds of similar indoor recreation facility projects. Recommendations for the Orchard Mesa facility may range from a basic renovation to modernizing the facility, to repurposing the facility for other indoor recreation uses such as creating indoor turf field space for sports like soccer, lacrosse, and baseball, as well as other possibilities.

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