

SNEAK PEEK: LARKSPUR COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION



The front entrance of Larkspur Community Center, located on Reed Market Road and 15th Street in Bend, on Wednesday.

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The new Larkspur Community Center includes a 5,000-square-foot warm-water pool with a current channel, bubble benches, soft walk bottom and an adjacent hot tub.

The Bend Park & Recreation District's newly expanded Larkspur Community Center includes a 5,000-square-foot warm-water pool with a current channel, bubble benches, soft walk bottom, and an adjacent hot tub.

Due to COVID restrictions, reservations are recommended for most activities. Patrons can register up to seven days in ad-

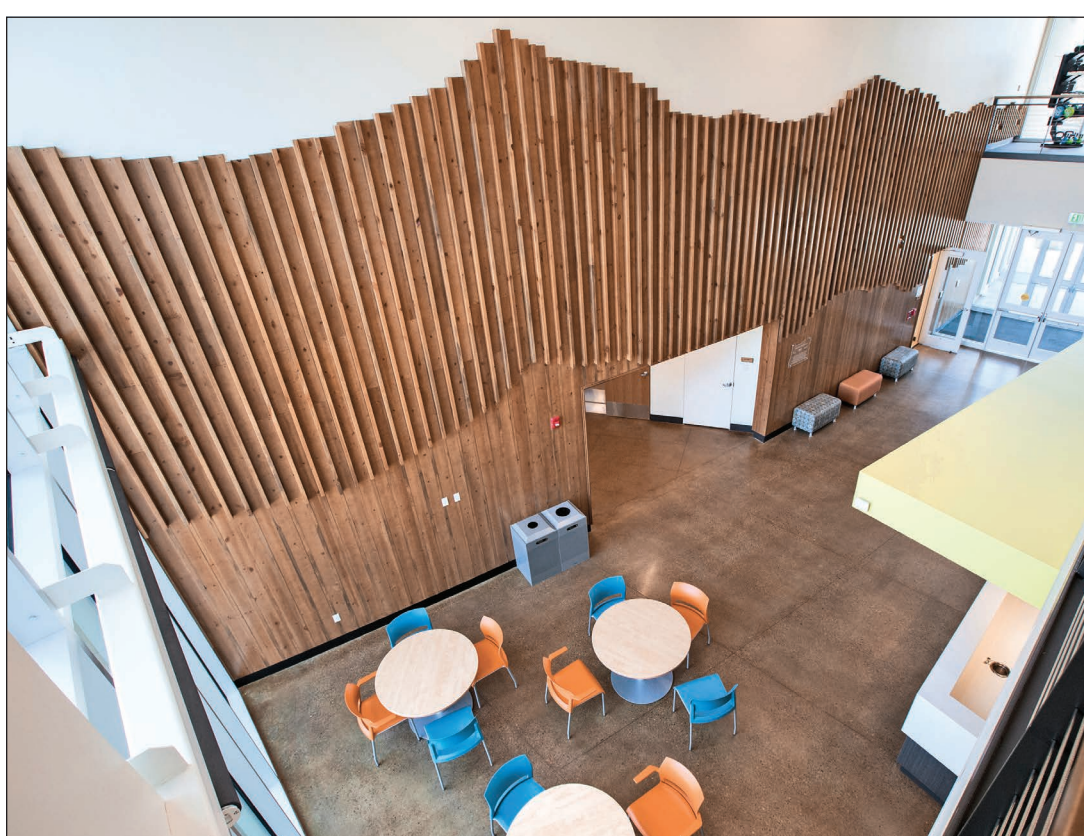
vance. Drop-in use will depend on space availability.

Starting April 5, Larkspur will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

It is located at 1600 Reed Market Road and can be reached for reservation by calling 541-388-1133.



The indoor track and workout area at Larkspur.



A portion of the lobby area near the main entrance of the Larkspur Community Center.

GEORGIA SHOOTINGS

Man charged with killing 8

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A white gunman was charged Wednesday with killing eight people at three Atlanta-area massage parlors in an attack that sent terror through the Asian American community, which has increasingly been targeted during the coronavirus pandemic.

A day after the shootings, investigators were trying to unravel what might have compelled 21-year-old Robert Aaron Long to commit the worst mass killing in the U.S. in almost two years.

Long told police that Tuesday's attack was not racially motivated. He claimed to have a "sex addiction," and authorities said he apparently lashed out at what he saw as sources of temptation. But those statements spurred outrage and widespread skepticism given the locations and that six of the eight victims were women of Asian descent.

The shootings appear to be at the "intersection of gender-based violence, misogyny and xenophobia," said state Rep. Bee Nguyen, the first Vietnamese American to serve in the Georgia House and a frequent advocate for women and

communities of color.

Authorities said they didn't know if Long ever went to the massage parlors where the shootings occurred but that he was heading to Florida to attack "some type of porn industry."

"He apparently has an issue, what he considers a sex addiction, and sees these locations as something that allows him to go to these places, and it's a temptation for him that he wanted to eliminate," Cherokee County sheriff's Capt. Jay Baker told reporters.

Baker drew criticism for saying Long had "a really bad day" and "this is what he did." A Facebook page appearing to belong to Baker promoted a T-shirt with racist language about China and the coronavirus last year. The account was deleted Wednesday night.

The attack was the sixth mass killing this year in the U.S., and the deadliest since the August 2019 Dayton, Ohio, shooting that left nine people dead, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.



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