

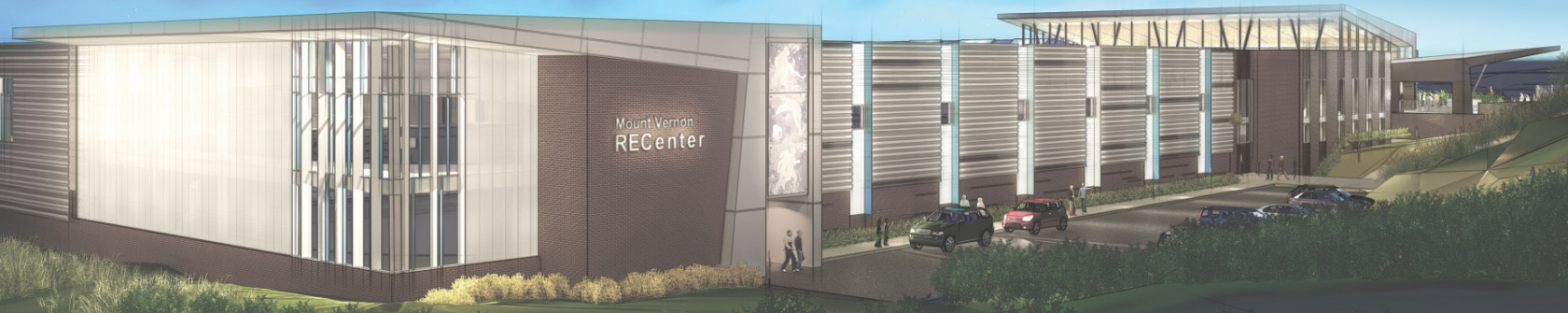
# Revitalizing for the Future

Out with the old and in with the new! Mount Vernon Rec Center is undergoing an extensive renovation and expansion project that will begin in January 2023 and is expected to last two years.

Constructed in 1974, the Mount Vernon Rec Center is one of the Park Authority's oldest and most popular facilities. The project will include the complete renovation of the existing structure and the addition of an approximately 75,000-square-foot expansion. New features include a two-story fitness center, multipurpose areas, and pool and building upgrades. As part of the expansion, a NHL-sized ice rink and indoor track is being added. The facility will be closed during construction.

"The decision to close the entire facility for two years was a tough one; but it is the best option when it comes to delivering the most desirable outcome and limiting the impact of the closure on our customers," said Fairfax County Park Authority Director Jai Cole. "We worked very hard to keep the facility open for as long as possible prior to construction and to condense the closure period as much as possible. While we understand that the temporary closing is challenging, we very much look forward to delivering a top-notch, state-of-the-art facility that will serve this community well into the future."

During the closure, customers can continue using their Park Authority membership to access all of the other Rec Centers located throughout the county. The Franconia and the George Washington Rec Centers are both less than five miles away. Additionally, beginning January 2, 2023, the George Washington Rec Center will operate with expanded hours to accommodate the closure. Call 703-222-4664 for help locating alternative programs, services and facilities during the closure or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter) or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes). For more information regarding this project, please visit the [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/mount-vernon-recenter](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/mount-vernon-recenter)



## PLAY, GET DIRTY, & LEARN AT FCPA PRESCHOOLS



Fairfax County Park Authority operates Preschools at three locations in Fairfax County. The Kids Play Preschool at Franconia Rec Center in Alexandria, the Riverbend Forest Preschool at Riverbend Park in Great Falls, and The Spring Hill Preschool at Spring Hill Rec Center in McLean. Our preschools nurture each child's emotional, social and intellectual growth in a safe and inclusive environment. We provide hands-on activities that enhance learning, promote independence and foster a positive self-image. Our goal is to help each child reach their potential with socialization and school readiness skills.



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To learn more, join us for one of our open houses:

### **Riverbend Forest Preschool Open Houses**

**Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Sunday March 12 at 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Sunday May 7 at 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Visit the Riverbend website to register and for weekday open house options or call the site.

### **Kids Play Preschool at Franconia Rec Center Open House**

**Tuesday, February 28 & Wednesday, March 1  
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Guided tours will be given by current preschool parents and preschool staff members. No registration required.

### **Open Registration**

**Monday, March 6 starting at 8 a.m.**

Registration is in person on a first come first serve basis. Space fills up quickly! COME EARLY to reserve your spot!