



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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Dear Mount Vernon Rec Center Customer,

We wanted to provide an update on the Mount Vernon Rec Center Renovation and Expansion project that has run into significant delays due to COVID-19 supply chain issues, as well as market pressures that have resulted in substantial cost increases reflected in recent bid openings.

To put this into context, current trends indicate a 20-to-30% increase in pricing, a substantial obstacle considering an original construction budget topping \$30 million. These pricing jumps are influenced in large measure by manufacturing shutdowns, shipping availability, raw material costs and availability, and a shortage of skilled labor in the building trades. In response to and in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, which manages this construction project, we rejected all bids and plan to monitor the market and rebid when supply and pricing stabilize. We are hopeful this will occur in early 2022.

At this point, we ask your patience and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented market conditions. It is too early to tell how these delays will impact our phased construction sequencing, but we do recognize the importance of our ice rink in this community as well as the potential to accommodate customers at nearby Park Authority facilities for fitness and swim opportunities. As we proceed, we will be seeking ways to reduce costs and shorten our construction schedule.

Look for quarterly updates about this project via email, at the Rec Center and on the project webpage at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/mount-vernon-recenter>. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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