



City to Open Foothills Activity Center in Mall on March 28, Free Entry through April 17

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The City of Fort Collins will open its newest recreation center – the Foothills Activity Center – on Monday, March 28 as part of the public investment made in the redeveloped Foothills mall.

The \$5.8 million center, which is just inside the mall across from the new parking garage on the mall's southeast side, replaces the Youth Activity Center formerly located on Monroe Avenue. Child development, youth and adult sports, fitness and dance programs will be offered in the facility.

Recreation staff will offer the community a chance to explore the new facility without fees through Sunday, April 17. Tours of the new center and some special fitness classes and programs will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

“We are thrilled to be opening this new facility and look forward to connecting with more of our residents in Midtown,” said Bob Adams, Recreation director. “This is a fitting tribute to our 50 years providing parks and recreation services in the Fort Collins community. We are dedicated to serving the community with quality recreational opportunities.”

The City is pursuing LEED Gold standard certification for the building. Inside the 24,000-square-foot facility:

- A full-size gymnasium
- Two fitness/dance studios
- A weight-cardio room
- Locker rooms
- Multi-purpose space
- Classrooms
- Conference room

The Foothills Activity Center is part of the \$53 million in public improvements funded by the Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority for the \$313 million mall redevelopment. The public funding supports new sidewalks, improved pedestrian and bicycle access, improved safety and a new underpass under College Avenue that will connect the mall to MAX Bus Rapid Transit.

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