



JP2 completes Color Burst Ice Rink in Merriweather District just in time for Skating Season

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Photo Credit: Merriweather District

JP2 Architects, LLC, an award-winning architecture and planning firm, is excited to see the ice rink at Merriweather District open. With the need for outdoor activities more vital than ever, JP2 Architects is thrilled to see the new Merriweather District Ice Rink in action seven days a week.

The new rink is located within 'Color Burst Park' - the centerpiece of Howard Hughes Corporation's new mixed-use development 'Merriweather District' in Columbia Maryland. JP2 Architects is the master planner and executive architect for this new mixed-use development.

The rink is just one of many year-round activities envisioned and integrated into the master plan by JP2. The park was designed and engineered to support ice skating, small concerts, outdoor movies, festivals, and fairs making it a 24/7/365 hub for the community. JP2 worked closely with Howard Hughes and Mahan Rykiel Associates Landscape Architects to incorporate the infrastructure for these activities.

The design of the park discreetly integrated components like refrigerant lines, lighting, sound systems, power, and support for the Zamboni so this and other seasonal activities can occur throughout the year.

"Our master plans always consider not only the buildings but the public realm between them and how those spaces can be activated and enlivened. By envisioning and choreographing those experiences into the plan, we create places that resonate with the community, form memories, and make places that become part of people's lives", says James Pett, founding partner at JP2 Architects.

A world -renowned master planned community by James Rouse begun in the 1960's, Columbia enjoys a preeminent place in the history of planned cities and communities. "Hughes' Merriweather District' as well as their other plans for the area are the next evolution of James Rouse's extraordinary vision for Columbia, Maryland. "JP2 Architects is honored to be a part of it", Mr. Pett further adds.

The rink is open to the public weekdays from 4:00 pm and weekends after noon. Timed entries and limited numbers of skaters are part of an overall strategy for Covid safety. For more information go to <https://bit.ly/3pCwf9t>.

About JP2 Architects:

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