

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
CUPF Updates
February 13, 2023

OPEN REGISTRATION PERIODS

CUPF has open registration of permitted events on fields occurring for all Natural Grass Athletic Fields at Local Parks, elementary schools, and middle schools opens March 1 for use between March 15 and August 15. Request reservation online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org.

The reservation of Montgomery County Public Schools Synthetic Turf Fields opens March 1 for use between March 15 and August 15. Request reservation of school Synthetic Turf Field by submitting the Priority, High-Volume and Other Bulk Use Form to CUPF.

FACILITIES NOW UNAVAILABLE FOR USE

The Gaithersburg High School Auditorium video projection system has been out of service for more than a year, the audio system also recently stopped working, and a sizable portion of stage lighting has been out-of-service for several weeks. Community groups have had to supply their own equipment, which has been at the cost of several thousand dollars for some, in order to hold their events which had already been scheduled and advertised. The school has advised CUPF that despite their efforts to have repairs made, none have occurred. For those reasons, CUPF has temporarily closed the Gaithersburg High School auditorium for community use permitting.

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS

Community Access Program (CAP) for Silver Spring Civic Building

The CAP program is a grant fund utilized to reduce the cost of permitting the Silver Spring Civic Building and Plaza. It is budgeted for \$150,000 for FY23 and it is a popular grant fund actively utilized by the community. At this time, the remaining balance for CAP awards is \$54,143.50. If you know of anyone who would like to apply please let them know to act soon as we expect to fully utilize the entire remaining amount in the upcoming weeks.

Facility Fee Assistance Program (FFAP)

The FFAP grant fund is designated to cover the cost of utilizing MCPS facilities such as fields and school buildings. Funding for this year is \$75,000 with an additional one time grant of \$125,000 appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the County Council.

The FFAP is used to provide assistance to programming that is provided in Title 1 or Focus communities to members of challenged communities. The remaining balance for the traditional \$75,000 funding is \$1,600, which we expect to fully utilize in the coming weeks. The ARPA funds are intended for youth sports and are also being used in Title 1 and Focus Group communities. Those funds are still largely available but are expected to be fully utilized in the coming weeks.

Fee Study Update

CUPF's Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Fee Study has now closed as of January 25th. The QSC will be working closely with Procurement to go through all the submitted proposals. Our hope is to choose an appropriate vendor and start contract negotiations in the next several weeks.