



## MONTGOMERY PARKS

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

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# Montgomery Parks Updates- June 2025

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## Montgomery Parks FY26 Budget Approved

The Montgomery County Council has officially approved the FY26 budget for Montgomery Parks, following significant community advocacy and support from the Council.

- Included in the FY26 Operating Budget:
  - Restored base budget to preserve staff compensation and critical services like maintenance, restrooms, trash collection, and field lighting.
  - Funding to support operations at newly opened and renovated parks, ensuring high-quality experiences for visitors.
  - A new Parks Cleanup Assistant position to expand volunteer cleanup events and remove more than 130,000 pounds of trash annually.
  - \$100,000 for the Park Facelifts Program, which delivers high-impact improvements at a low cost.
- Items included in the FY26 Capital Budget:
  - Restoration of \$2 million in capital funds, including essential updates at Wheaton Regional Parks.

## Sligo Creek Fest

Montgomery Parks hosted its annual Sligo Creek Festival on May 4, 2025, attracting over 10,000 attendees, a significant increase from last year's 4,000. Nearly 20 parks and community groups participated in the event. The festival featured seven musical performers and entertainers across three stages, accompanied by a variety of local food options and selections from local breweries.



Numerous elected officials attended, including Council President Kate Stewart and Councilmember Natali Fani-Gonzalez, along with Montgomery County Planning Board Commissioners Josh Linden and Mitra Pedoeem. Also in attendance were Montgomery Parks Director Miti Figueredo, Deputy Directors Gary Burnett and Darren Flusche, and former Parks Director Mike Riley.

## Bottle Works Urban Park

Previously, Silver Spring Urban Park was renamed Bottleworks Land Urban Park. Over 500 people participated in the naming contest, with 71% of the vote in favor of Bottleworks Lane Urban Park. It is currently under construction and expected to open in the spring of 2026.



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Bottleworks Lane Urban Park references the park's industrial roots while honoring the former Coca-Cola Bottling Works plant on the site and the nearby former Canada Dry Bottling Works plant.

The one-acre, newly named Bottleworks Lane Urban Park will serve as an active, urban, recreational space featuring a promenade, a playground, a fitness area, a multi-sport court, a dog run, and a picnic area, among other amenities.

### National Gold Medal Award

- Montgomery Parks is a finalist in the 2025 [National Gold Medal Award](#) for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).
- Montgomery Parks is the only six-time national Gold Medal winner for excellence in parks and recreation management in the nation.
- The NRPA 2025 Conference will take place in Orlando, FL on September 16-18, 2025.
- Other Park and Recreation agencies competing for the Class I Gold Medal include:
  - City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation
  - Johnson County Park & Recreation District in Shawnee Mission, KS.
  - Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services in Leesburg, VA.



### Upcoming Events

- Pride Comedy Show [Pride Comedy Show - Montgomery Parks](#)
  - Date: June 4, 2025
  - Time: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
  - Location: Brookside Gardens
- MudFest - [MudFest - Montgomery Parks](#)
  - Date: June 14, 2025
  - Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
  - Location: 20207 Darnestown Road, Beallsville, MD 20842
- Summer Twilight Concert Series - [Calendar of Events - Montgomery Parks](#)
  - Date: Each Tuesday in June
  - Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
  - Location: Brookside Gardens
- The Butterfly Experience - [The Butterfly Experience at Brookside Gardens - Montgomery Parks](#)
  - Date(s): April 10, 2025, to September 21, 2025
  - Time(s): 10 am to 4 pm daily
  - Location: Brookside Gardens

<https://montgomeryparks.org/special-events-festivals/>