



Make sure to check out the website, www.mocorec.com, and follow Montgomery County Recreation on social media for the latest updates from the Department.

Department Updates – November 2024

Aquatics

The aquatics team manages five indoor pools and seven outdoor pools. Indoor pools are open year-round, and outdoor pools are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. All pools have accessibility features such as ADA stairs, pool lifts and zero depth entry. Whether you're looking to swim a few laps, participate in a water exercise class, take swimming lessons or just enjoy the water, MCR pools have it all.

Events:

Aquatics celebrated Halloween with our Floating Pumpkin Patch event. Each pool held an event for kids up to the age of 12 where they swam with and decorated pumpkins. MLK held an extra event for Individuals with Disabilities and their families.

Construction:

MLK Outdoor Pool has begun construction for the ADA deck improvement and the slide replacement.

Glenmont Outdoor Pool's bathhouse project has been completed. This involved installing heaters and dampers to allow for longer winter use with the heated main pool.

KSAC renovation is underway.



MISC:

HS swimming practices will begin on November 15. Swim meets follow beginning November 30.

Facilities will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and closed all day on Thursday, November 28.

Business Services

The Business Services Team contributes to the achievement of Recreation's mission of high quality, diverse and accessible programs, services, and facilities from an administrative business perspective. Services are directed toward the management and support of the department through ensuring sound business practices in the areas of budget, finance, risk management, contracts and procurement and human resources management.

Updates:

Budget: First Quarter review for FY25 was completed November 14th. FY26 Budget Planning Phase is underway. Departmental budget targets were provided in September; our original submission for FY26 was completed on October 23. The next phase is budget review with OMB Department Head.

Finance: FY25 close process is completed and abandoned property process has been closed out.

Contracts: Developing new internal workflow plan for contract monitoring, maintenance and vendor onboarding process.

Team: Developing updated training schedule for business practices within the county

Hiring Update: 1 Vacant Fiscal Assistant position in interview stage (plan to complete interviews by Nov 22nd)

Capital Improvement Plans (CIP)

FY25-30 Biennial CIP Budget Review Meeting with the County Executive was held on October 30, 2024. The County executive is still reviewing and considering the departmental requests.

Community Recreation Centers (Facilities)

Montgomery County Recreation has 22 Recreation Centers located throughout the County that offer a wide range of activities for children, teens and adults, and may include programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Activities typically include classes, workshops, clinics, drop-in programs, supervised play, sports, open gym, crafts and special events. Our centers have diverse amenities that may include fitness rooms, social halls, meeting spaces, classrooms, billiards and game rooms. We have a wide array of rooms available for your use, from social halls to meeting rooms.

Updates:

Bauer	Nov 5-26, 2204 (Tuesdays)	4-5 pm	Volleyball Basics (boys ages 11-17)
East County	Nov 5, 2024	10a –11 a	55+ Move and Groove low impact dance fitness
	Nov 8, 2024	11 a- 12n	55+ Line Dancing
	Nov, 2024 (Tuesdays)	6:30 – 8:30 p	Cornole for all ages
Germantown	Nov 16, 2024	12:30 pm	Wheel
	Nov 21, 2024	10 a- 11a	Ageing Well Together (55+) connections
Good Hope:	Nov 9, 2024	5 - 6:30 pm	Bloom Concert Cristian Perez and the Guitar
			Renegades Performance
Lawton	Nov 17, 2024	12N-2:30 pm	Chevy Chase Fall Festival
Long Branch	Nov 17, 2024	7 - 9 pm	Movie Night
Plum Gar	Nov 8, 2024	7 – 9 pm	Z-Tag and Karaoke Teens Night Out Series, with snacks; 14-21 years of age)

Nov 15, 2024	7 – 9 pm	Movie Night for Teens Night Out Series with snacks; 14-21 years of age)
Paisner	Nov 11, 2024	9:30 – 10:30 Move and Groove Dance Fitness Classes 6 weeks
	Nov 21, 2024	10:15 – 11:15a Fitness Center Circuit
	Nov 26, 2024	6:30 – 7:30 p Tai Chi with Master Lee. 4 weeks (55+ working seniors)
(Saturdays)	Nov 2 – 23, 2024	10:00a – 12:00n Morning Yoga
Ross Boddy	Nov 1, 2024	5 – 8 pm Empty Bowls (Soups, breads, and desserts and more)
Wheaton	Nov, 2024 (Mondays)	5:30 – 6:30 p Zumba with Sonia (18+)
White Oak	Nov 7 and 21, 2024	5:30 – 7:30 p “Rock” Climbing Wall Drop- In ages 13-18
Wisconsin Place	Nov 1, 2024	5:30 – 8:30 pm NextGen Gaming Program (Free series to provide excitement, education, entertainment and more. Includes guest speakers and snacks.)
Nov 27, 2024	10:30 –11:30 a	Walking Club (Meet your neighbors and get in shape. Walks are weather permitting)
Club Fridays (grades 3-6):	7 – 9 pm	Club Friday (Games, crafts, movies, sports, DJ/Dancing, special events, prizes, snack bar, raffles & more!)
Clara Barton:	Nov 22, 2024	
Longwood	Nov 8 & 15, 2024	
Lawton:	Nov 15, 2024	
N. Potomac	Nov 8 & 22, 2024	
Potomac	Nov 8 & 15, 2024	

Communications and Public Outreach

The Communications and Public Outreach Team manages marketing for the Department, including social media, graphics, website maintenance and advertising. This branch also includes the customer service team housed at the administrative offices in Wheaton and the community outreach specialists who attend dozens of events every month to promote recreation programs and services.

Updates:

- New Podcast Episode: October: [Inside Recreation: Therapeutic Recreation with MoCoRec](#)
- Press Releases Issued: [Registration for Montgomery County Recreation’s Winter Programs Begins Wednesday, Nov. 13](#)
- Videos Produced:
 - [Inside Recreation - Therapeutic Recreation with MoCoRec](#)
 - [The Rec Insider - November 2024](#)
- The graphics team received and began working on 40 requests for digital graphics, flyers, posters, GUIDEs and more. (year to date, 413 requests).

- Winter Program GUIDE: [Montgomery County GUIDE: Winter 2025 by Montgomery County Recreation - Issuu](#)

Social Media/Newsletter Growth:

Facebook – 17,428; +122 Followers – [Join the Team](#)

Instagram – 5,758; +118 Followers – [Under the Lights](#), 4.78% Engagement Rate, 66 Likes

X (Formerly Twitter) – 7,419; +26 Followers – [TeenWorks](#), 9/92% Engagement Rate

Outreach Events:

- 10/2 East County Advisory Board Meeting
- 10/5 GFNCA Fall Art and Harvest Block Party
- 10/5 Glenmont Civic Association Glenmont Park
- 10/6 Latino Heritage Event Wheaton
- 10/12 The Park Goes Pink
- 10/12 Bloom Concert at Good Hope
- 10/15 - Brazilian Congregation Gaithersburg
- 10/16 Silver Spring Community Conversation
- 10/18 Tabling at Springbrook Football Game
- 10/20 Damascus Placemaking Festival
- 10/20 Damascus Placemaking Festival
- 10/21 Senior Adult Community Conversations
- 10/24 Tabling at Blake Football Game
- 10/26 Fall Harvest Festival and Health and Wellness Fair
- 10/26 Saturday School Tabling Event Wheaton HS
- 10/27 Trick or Treat in the Square
- 10/28 Mi Pueblo Catholic Charity Field Trip
- 10/29 SOECA Wellness Meeting
- 10/30 Black/African American Community Conversations

The Rec Insider - Current number of subscribers – 49,794; +2,832 Subscribers

[November Newsletter](#)

Countywide Programming

Countywide Programs offers essential and universally accessible recreation and leisure services to all residents across the region. Program staff generates partnerships with local small businesses and nonprofit organizations to activate key public and private spaces and to offer culturally responsive programs, activities

and services such as classes, performing arts, camps, sports, workshops, therapeutic recreation, inclusion services and special events which provide a wide range of economic, health and social benefits.

Updates:

- Fall registration began on August 12, and currently has 10,216 enrollments in 810 sections. Fall season will run from end of August to end of December.

Type	As of 9/9/2024		As of 10/11/2024		As of 11/14/2024	
	Enrollment	Number of Sections	Enrollment	Number of Sections	Enrollment	Number of Sections
Art	376	47	395	46	402	47
Break Camps	23	6	34	6	77	6
Cooking	30	3	33	3	33	5
CPR and First Aid	21	4	28	4	34	4
Dance	273	40	264	37	259	38
Educational	4	10	7	10	22	12
Fitness	513	51	579	51	616	51
Health and Wellness	178	16	213	16	213	16
Martial Arts	772	59	989	58	1048	58
Music	139	20	142	18	151	18
School Break Programs	693	45	960	45	1082	45
Sports	4021	421	4360	391	5426	456
STEAM	70	20	80	15	67	13
Therapeutic Recreation	335	36	653	39	786	41
Total	7448	778	8737	739	10216	810

- Winter Youth Basketball registration and team forming is underway. Instructional (K-2nd) and High School registration ends on 11/29/2024. It is important to note that we are currently working on Free Agent placement (543 free agents) and plan to re-open grades 3-8 for preformed teams to fill out their rosters.

Type	2024 Season		As of 11/5/2024		As of 11/14/2024	
	Enrollment	Number of Teams	Enrollment	Number of Teams	Enrollment	Number of Teams

High School	1075	147	396	103	504	94
Instructional	1251	155	862	122	1073	115
Mid East	413	73	378	71	489	67
North	576	85	197	84	253	80
West Saturdays	1190	133	1068	138	1230	137
West Sundays	955	120	692	110	842	101
Total	5460	713	3593	628	4391	594

- CWP welcomes Mark Comer as the new Recreation Supervisor over the Sports and Camp unit.
- We are currently building Summer Camps for 2025.

IT /Automation Team

The IT Team administers the primary recreation management software RecTrac, branded as ActiveMONTGOMERY, that facilitates customer activity registrations, facility event reservations within recreation centers, pass memberships, and admissions entry sales. Senior members of team provide regularly scheduled training classes and develop training materials to more than 250 career staff and over 500 part-time staff for navigating the software system. Rec IT works in close collaboration with the county’s Finance Department to ensure financial interfaces and reconciliations are accurately integrated and reported daily to the county’s financial systems. The team is also responsible for Recreation’s IT infrastructure, hardware, and software needs for all teams and the facilities within the Department, ensuring the Department’s use of information technology resources comply and align to the county’s Administrative Procedures and information data security best practices.

Updates:

- Provided 90 training classes within the calendar year for 394 career and part-time staff.
- Resolved 2,417 support requests.
- Implemented direct booking online for recreation meeting rooms.

Senior Facilities/Programs

Montgomery County Recreation has many ways for independent adults, 55 and older, to stay active and healthy. Whether you are working, semi-retired, or fully retired, our eight senior centers offer many programs, activities, classes and events for you to choose from. Our centers have diverse amenities that may include fitness rooms, social halls, meeting spaces, classrooms, billiards and game rooms.

Updates:

- We have wrapped up Farmer's Market Coupon distribution and issued a total of 1217 cards at \$50 each to older adults in Montgomery County via a lottery distribution system. The card system allows for more user flexibility to spend what they need when visiting a farmer's market compared to the old coupon booklets which limits users to 1 coupon per visit.
- Our Montgomery County Recreation's Senior Programs Team was awarded the Maryland Recreation and Park Association's Maryland, My Maryland Award during their annual showcase for our Centenarian Celebration Program. The Maryland, My Maryland Award is the best programs or event in the state that best represents showcasing our residents in the best Maryland way.
- Damascus Senior Center is working with a participant (Don Cooke) who wanted to share their firsthand experience as an Iran Hostage. Thursday, November 21st at 11AM.
- Damascus Senior Center is still working with the Project Manager on the center refresh that is projected to start in April 2025, which a projected end of February move-out date.
- We met with Arts on the Block and Friends of White Oak to discuss a potential Mural on the retaining wall in the parking lot at White Oak Recreation and Senior Center.
- Holiday Park has been holding re-watch parties of the video skits of common scams and they have been a huge hit with participants getting to see their friends on the screen. This week we rewatched the Social Security Scam Skit and the Tax Scam Skit and each rewatching party is followed by a group discussion.
- Seniors Centers are in the process of transitioning all of our external rental requests and partnership rental request to the centralized booking process. While we work through the transition, we hope this will help improve the customer experience when looking for space to rent in our centers.
- Our Stand-a-lone Senior Centers will be closed in-between Christmas and New Years for cleaning and facility maintenance. North Potomac, White Oak and Wheaton Senior Centers will remain open.

Youth Development

Montgomery County Recreation's Youth Development Team uses a variety of means to reach the County's diverse young people. Our recreation activities and services allow children and teens to make the most of their time outside of school.

Updates:

- All Youth Development afterschool programs in partnership with MCPS are up and running. We are currently at 46 locations elementary to high and have **5690** registrations. Enrollments are ongoing and staff work to continue to register new families and provide new programming.

-Staffing – Currently continuing to interview for 1 vacancy at Specialist level for EBB Elementary program. Welcomed and onboarding new Recreation Specialist that started 11/4.

-Special Programs – Coordinated with Shepperd Pratt to offer QPR training and Mental Health First Aid training for department staff. Working with the department for the implementation of the Montgomery Village Community Meeting scheduled for 11/14.

-Elementary Programs- All 16 sites started in October with welcome orientations and registration events. Academic and recreation programming is being offered and parent engagement and fun Friday events are starting this month.

-Middle Programs- RecXtra held its annual ASAC training meeting with leadership of all sites for this school year. Team is beginning to meet with Banneker & Eastern Middle Schools to discuss launch of EBB Middle in January. EBB Middle is

beginning to plan for spring session of programming and brochure builds. Both EBB Middle & RecXtra programs have sites that are participating in the Fall Soccer4Change league and teams are enjoying themselves.

-High School Programs – RecZones took 52 youth from the 6 sites to experience Markoffs Haunted Forest as a field trip on Halloween. Programming highlights include financial literacy activities for Finance Fridays, mental wellbeing with the Vibe Checkup program, SSL opportunities and some adventure programming with skateboarding and rockclimbing. Soccer4Change fall season wrapping up this month with 30 teams and around 440 participants. All Star Game was a success on 11/6 at MLK Turf field with great engagement and lots of family and friend spectators in attendance. TeenWorks new webpage is published. 2 Inclusion trainings and 2 information sessions held at local community centers. TeenWorks supported 11 community events including the departments Floating Pumpkin Patch & the Countys Heritage Month Festival. Bienvenidos programming for newcomers underway with 18 participants at Blair High School currently. The 6 week curriculum was finalized and will rotate through all 6 RecZones this school year.

Upcoming Events/Visit Opportunities:

11/15 - Soccer4Change Fall Season Culminating Event @ Ridge Road Park

11/16 – RecZone trip to UMD football game

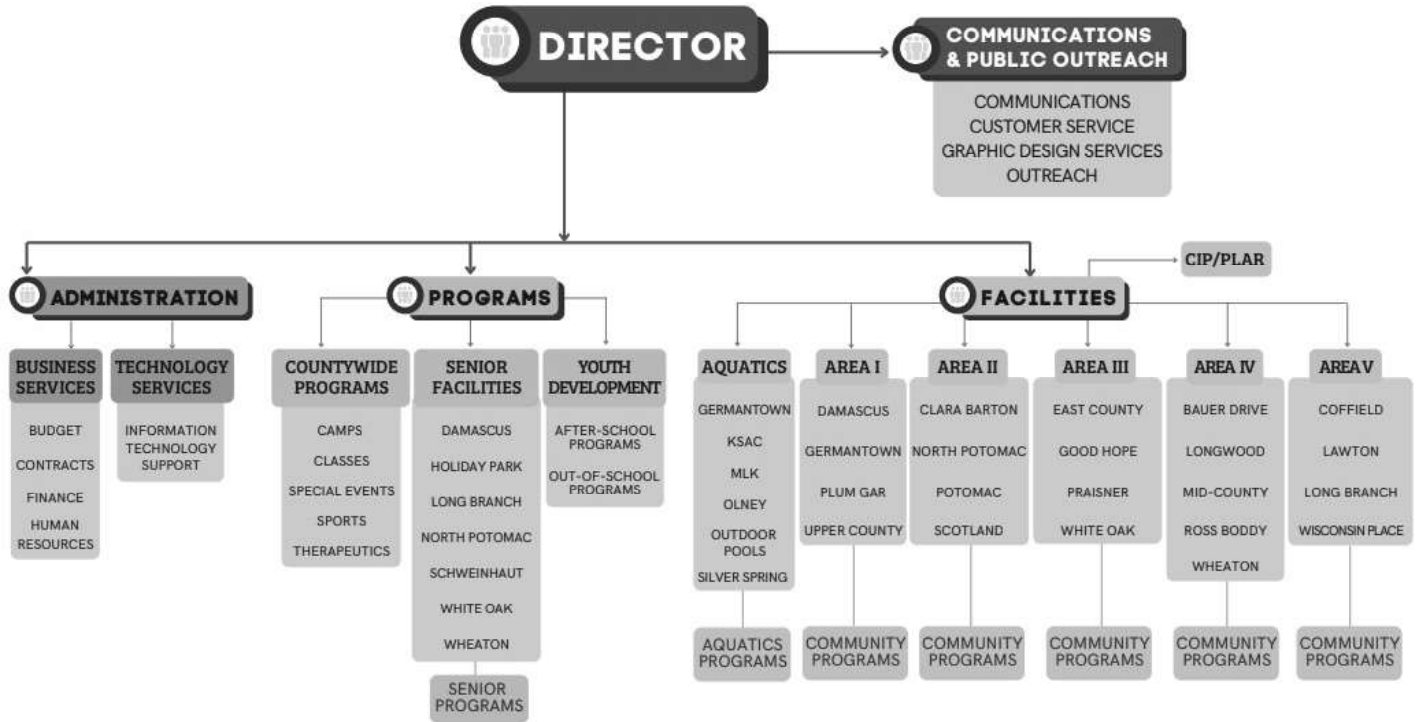
11/16 – Afterschool Committee Training at Holiday Park 10-2 for seasonal staff with focus on behavior management

11/17- TeenWorks supporting the Chevy Chase Fall Festival @ Lawton CRC

11/20 – Youth Development program participants attending the County Councils Youth Town Hall

11/21 – TeenWorks Information Session @ Wheaton CRC 6:00pm

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION ORGANIZATION CHART



Revised August 2023

###