



Updates for the CWRPAB – April 2025

Damascus Senior Programs have moved to Damascus Recreation Center and are back to its full complement of programs for older adults.

The Youth Development team hosted an **Afterschool Programs Mini Conference** on March 8 with more than 100 department staff members (both seasonal and full-time) in attendance.



The **Fashion Boot Camp Finale** was held on Friday, March 28 and had a great turnout. This year 26 Seniors participants were also able to join in the fun.



TeenWorks staff supported the **Twinbrook Community Cares Day** on March 31 helping beautify school grounds and engaged youth and families through community service.

The Communications and Public Outreach team worked with they Countywide Programs team to produce a **Therapeutic Recreation video feature**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11nPtQFNFPw>



The teams are also working together to survey the community to get feedback on what programs they would like offered for individuals with disabilities and their families.

The **Prom Couture Closet Giveaway Event** was held at Marilyn J. Praisner CRC. The event aims to eliminate the financial barrier many students face in attending prom. Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mocorec/albums/72177720324974924>



In coordination with TEBS (Countywide IT) with support from a Maryland Emergency Education Relief (MEER) grant, REC IT will be able to loan out laptops to patrons of community centers during their visits.

Countywide Programs launched the **Women's Adult Basketball League** at Wood Middle School, tipping off with over 60 players on the court! From fast breaks to fierce competition, the energy was electric all throughout. This program is a powerful example of how the Countywide Programs Team continues to innovate and respond to the growing demand for inclusive, competitive adult sports opportunities—particularly for women athletes seeking community and recreation.

Cricket Expansion Welcomes Girls to the Field: Building on the success of our growing youth cricket program, the Countywide Programs Team introduced a dedicated girls' component this spring. On opening weekend, 10 girls came to participate—marking a meaningful step toward gender equity in emerging sports. The enthusiastic turnout highlights the importance of representation and access, and sets the stage for future recruitment, skill development and expanded programming.

Key Upcoming Dates:

April 15-16: The MCR Facilities Team is hosting the annual spring break basketball tournament at Gwendolyn E. Coffield CRC, with 18 teams across Varsity, JV and middle school divisions.

April 17, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.: TeenWorks Networking Event at East County CRC

May 3, Noon – 3 p.m.: Rec Regatta at Olney Swim Center

May 4, 3 p.m.: Recreation partners with the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame to host their annual induction ceremony at the Silver Spring Civic Center. This year, the ceremony will also feature the presentation of the Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee's inaugural Unsung Sports Hero Awards.

May 5, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Long Branch Recreation Center is hosting a Community Resource Day

May 13, 6:30 a.m.: Summer Program Registration begins for County residents, 9 a.m. for senior programs.

May 18, Noon - 2:30 p.m.: Lawton Recreation Center is partnering with the Town of Chevy Chase to host their Spring Festival

May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend): Outdoor pools open for the summer