



MONTGOMERY PARKS

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

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Montgomery Parks Updates- May 2025

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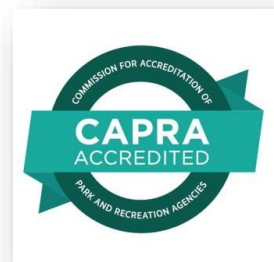
Montgomery Parks – State Funding

Montgomery Parks received \$ 5 million in capital funding for five park projects from the State of Maryland during the 2025 legislative session. The funding will be used to renovate parks and playgrounds in various legislative districts throughout Montgomery County.

- Wheaton Regional Park - \$3,000,000 will be allocated for the development of the Wheaton Action Sports Park within the Rubini Athletic Complex at Wheaton Regional Park. *This project was sponsored by Senator Ben Kramer and Delegates Charlotte A. Crutchfield, Bonnie L. Cullison, and Vaughn M. Stewart III (District 19).*
- New Hampshire Estates Neighborhood Park - \$828,000 will go toward park redevelopment due to the impacts of the Maryland Purple Line construction. *This project was sponsored by Senator William Smith and Delegates Lorig Charkoudian, David Moon, and Jheanelle Wilkins (District 20).*
- Centerway Local Park - \$500,000 will be used for the construction of a new skatepark. *This project was sponsored by Senator Nancy King and Delegates Gabriel Acevero, Lesley Lopez, and Gregory Wims (District 39).*
- Dalewood Drive Neighborhood Park Playground: An allocation of \$400,000 will fund the replacement of the aging playground owned by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. *This project was sponsored by Senator Jeff Waldstreicher and Delegates Aaron Kaufman, Emily Shetty, and Jared Solomon (District 18).*
- \$275,000 will be allocated to design and renovate the playground at Calverton Galway Local Park. *This project was sponsored by Senator Craig Zucker and Delegates Anne Kaiser, Bernice Mireku-North, and Pam Queen (District 14).*

CAPRA Tour

- Every 5 years we have to get reaccredited through the NRPA, it's an involved process that requires meeting over 150 standards and culminates with a site visit.
- Last week we reached that stage of process and Prince George's DPR and Montgomery Parks hosted a joint tour for CAPRA visitors (Commission of Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies).
- Toured: Wheaton Regional, Brookside Gardend and Pope Farm Nursey





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50th Annual Public Safety Parks Park

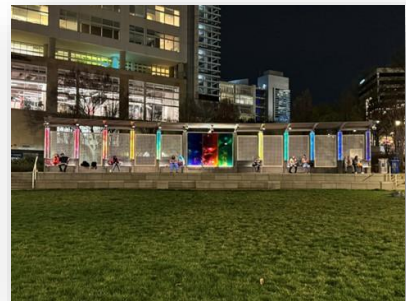
Planning Board Chair Artie Harris, Planning Director Jason S, and Parks Director Miti Figueredo attended the 50th Annual Public Safety Awards hosted by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) .

Park Police Officer Alexander Huelbig was recognized for his exceptional dedication to public service through the creation and success of the Domestic Animal Resource Operations (DARO) Program. Officer Huelbig's efforts included creating educational materials, conducting regular site surveys, and partnering with Montgomery County Animal Services to enhance training. This initiative reduced animal-related complaints in Montgomery County parks by 19% in its first year.



Gene Lynch UP Art Installation

Montgomery Parks installed a new artwork at Gene Lynch UP called **Synesthesia**, by Baltimore based artist Becky Borian. This sculpture features stainless-steel framed glass panels with kaleidoscopic-colored effects and LED lighting. **Synesthesia** was selected through public voting process from over 100 submissions.



Upcoming Events

- Acoustics and Ales - [Acoustics & Ales - May 22 - Montgomery Parks](#)
 - Date: May 22, 2025
 - Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
 - Location: Flower Avenue Urban Park
- WaterFest - [WaterFest - Montgomery Parks](#)
 - Date: May 17, 2025
 - Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 - Location: Maydale Nature Classroom
- History Tour - [History Hour: Researching your Historic House- "If these walls could talk..." - Montgomery Parks](#)
 - Date: May 17, 2025
 - Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - Location: Josiah Henson Museum and Park
- 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

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