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Upcoming Events:

Feb. 5-8: The 60th Annual METROS Swim Meet featuring public and private high school teams will be held at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center.

Feb. 7: White Oak Recreation Center is hosting a Valentine's Day Family Ice Skating Night from 5:30-8:30pm.

Feb. 8: Senior Neighborhood Programs from several recreation centers are co-hosting Casino Royale at Gwendolyn Coffield Recreation Center, from 12pm-3pm.

Feb. 19: Registration opens for all Spring programs at 6:30 am. Senior program registration begins at 9:00 am. Summer camp registration is currently open, and many programs are filling fast.

Feb. 22: Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center is hosting their annual Community Black History Event from 2pm-5pm. The event brings together members of historically black communities across Montgomery County to share stories of their rich histories.

Feb. and March: Donations are being collected at various locations for the Prom Couture Closet Special Collection providing gently used and new prom dresses, shoes, suits, and accessories for high school students.

Feb. 28: County Cup Futsal Finale at Wheaton Community Recreation Center.

March 2-3: The Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatics Center will host MerMagic Con, the world's largest mermaid convention. There will be free activities for kids and adults and a craft fair throughout the weekend.

Department Updates

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.

Updates:

- February marks one year of the opening of the Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center.
- 389 new sessions of programming began in January with 4,371 enrolled participants.
- MCPS athletics swimming concludes in February. Our facilities held divisional meets on February 1.
- Germantown Indoor Swim Center will be holding a Therapeutic Recreation Swim Event on February 22 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. There will be water safety activities throughout the event and outreach to the community.
- Construction at MLK Outdoor and KSAC continue.

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:

- FY26 budget is in the development stage, and we are preparing for the department's County Executive meeting next. Council questions and hearings will begin in March.

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:

- On Saturday, February 1, East County Recreation Center hosted a stop for the Birdland Caravan, the annual fan event hosted by the Baltimore Orioles. Fans had the opportunity to meet and get photos with players Jackson Holliday and Albert Suarez and received giveaways from the team.
- Facility holiday closing schedule for 2025 has been updated and now includes additional open days to serve the public. Recreation centers will be open on Martin Luther King Jr Day and Presidents' Day holidays, and all recreation centers will have open hours between Christmas and New Years holidays. Previously centers were closed on those holidays and only a small number of centers were open between the winter holidays.
- We are overhauling the annual cleaning and wood floor maintenance schedule for facilities, resulting in greater efficiency and more access for the public to gymnasiums and social halls.

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:

- Black History Month
 - Recreation is working with the Office of Public Information to recognize staff on social media.
 - A special event will be held at Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center.
- National Girls and Women in Sports Day – Feb. 5
 - We celebrated with three special video highlights on social media.
 - [National Girls and Women in Sports Day- Allie Coyle, Soccer Coach at Montgomery Blair High School](#)
 - [National Girls and Women in Sports Day - Alexa Escobar, Soccer4Change Staffer, Former Player](#)
 - [National Girls and Women in Sports Day - Sarah Berardo, Recreation Coordinator](#)

- Newsletter: [February Happenings with Montgomery County Recreation](#)

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:

- Winter Program Highlights:
 - **Adaptive Sports Success** – On Sunday, February 2, we successfully launched our Pickleball and Bocce programs for youth with disabilities at Bauer Community Center, expanding recreation opportunities for youth with disabilities.
 - **Cricket Meets Baseball** – Players from the Baltimore Orioles, Jackson Holliday and Albert Suarez, visited our Youth Cricket Academy, where participants had the unique opportunity to demonstrate batting and bowling techniques. See the highlights: [Facebook Post](#).
 - **National Recognition** – Our rock climbing program was prominently featured in the National Recreation and Parks Association’s (NRPA) post for National Girls & Women in Sports Day, showcasing our commitment to empowering girls in athletics. [Read more on X](#).
- **Camp Registration Milestone** – Summer camp registration opened with 5,866 enrollments on the first day—an increase of nearly 500 more than last year! Don’t miss out—view the Montgomery County Recreation Guide for available programs.
- **Spring Planning Underway** – The Countywide Programs team is actively preparing for the Spring season, with registration opening Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 AM.
- **New & Improved Sports Webpages** – We have revamped our sports webpages, including new landing pages for our latest lacrosse programs. Visit the Sports Home page for details: [Montgomery County Recreation Sports](#).

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:

- The Damascus Senior Center is set to close for major renovations on Friday, February 28th. During this time, Senior Programs will relocate to the Damascus Community Recreation Center, with a soft launch beginning the week of March 17th. This will include the start of congregative meals and two volunteer-led classes. The full class schedule will be available starting the week of March 24th.

- 85 seniors joined our recent Seniors Day Out Bowling Trip at Bowl America in Gaithersburg.

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 currently operating across 47 locations. Enrollment stands at 7,599, reflecting a growth of 915 since January, and we are continuing to enroll new participants each week.
- **RecXtra:** The boys' and girls' basketball teams at Sligo are performing well in the MCR winter league. The Rosa Parks Garden Club launched in January, and Takoma Park's KolorMeDance group took part in a Kennedy Center dance event. Additionally, the Sligo Cheer group is preparing for a performance at Wheaton Futsal on 2/7.
- **RecZone:** Fifty youth from all six RecZones enjoyed an ice skating trip at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, while 24 participants visited the People's Museum in DC to learn about American government. The Watkins Mill RecZone's boys' basketball team is competing in the MCR Winter Basketball League. New winter programming will begin in February, including RecMode boxing, Create Calm yoga, Drum Circle, Zam Dance TR, and the Game Room Club.
- **Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB) Middle:** The Spring session began on 1/27, and two new locations were launched at Eastern and Banneker Middle Schools, offering 208 activities across 10 sites.
- **TeenWorks:** The program hosted four information sessions in collaboration with MCPL Advisory Boards at Wheaton, Davis, Potomac, and Rockville Libraries. TeenWorks also supported 16 department and community events, such as MCR Camp Fairs, Club Friday programming, and TR Winter Basketball. The training program is growing, with TeenWorks participating in Workplace Etiquette, Resume/Interview Skills, and a revamped new hire onboarding orientation.
- **Bienvenidos:** Ten participants from Blair and Kennedy High Schools are taking part in the Epic4Everyone snowboarding program.