



Recreation Updates for the CWRPAB – May 2025

Montgomery County Recreation partnered with the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame to organize the **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** on Sunday, May 4. This year's event included a lifetime achievement award presented to Eunice Shriver and the inaugural **Unsung Sports Hero Awards** presented by the Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee.

A yellow banner for the 'Unsung Sports Hero Award'. At the top left is the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame logo. In the center, the text 'UNSUNG SPORTS HERO AWARD' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. To the right of the text are two logos: the Montgomery County Recreation logo and the Montgomery County Sports Advisory Committee logo. Below the text are three portrait photos of the award recipients. Under each photo is the recipient's name in black text.

**UNSUNG SPORTS
HERO AWARD**

Caprina Pipion-Williams

Brett Riley

Muhammad Arif Wali

Arif Wali recently appeared on Montgomery County Recreation's [Inside Recreation podcast](#) to discuss his youth cricket program and the growing popularity of the sport in the County.

Listen: [Inside Recreation](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Summer Program Registration Begins May 13 at 6:30 a.m. for County residents (9 a.m. for senior programs).

50th Anniversary Celebration for the Clarksburg Super Seniors, May 14 at 11 a.m. at Damascus CRC

Flag Football Games are taking place on Sundays, typically in the timeframe below:

- Damascus Recreation Center Fields, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Wheaton High School, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TeenWorks Graduation, Friday, May 16 at Mid-County CRC, 5:30 p.m.

The Youth Development team is supporting the Watkins Mill Rock the Block and Kennedy 60th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday, May 17.

Outdoor Pools Open Memorial Day Weekend

The **Soccer4Change Spring Season** is underway with 16 Middle and 16 High School teams, about 528 youth participating. Games are played on Thursday and Fridays at Northwest Regional Branch Park, starting around 4 p.m. The **Soccer4Change Culminating Finale** will take place Friday, May 30, at MLK Turf Field starting around 4 p.m.

Preparation is underway for the **Annual White Oak Day, June 7** at White Oak CRC. Join us for family, fun and food starting from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Afterschool Banquet, Thursday, June 12 at North Potomac CRC

April Highlights:

The annual MCR **Spring Break Basketball Tournament** was held at Gwendolyn E. Coffield CRC. Teens representing several recreation centers and youth development's Rec Zone program participate. An estimated 200 participants for both middle and high school divisions played some great games.

Check out the **Senior Fashion Boot Camp Feature Video** produced by the Communications and Public Outreach Team: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvImVHHLoIc&t=11s>



Our Youth Development team intentionally creates programs to connect students at all programs, increasing the likelihood that as they progress from elementary to middle to high school, they are aware of recreation opportunities available to them and providing opportunities for them to give back to the next generation. An example in progress is the **Kennedy HS RecZone and Sligo MS RecXtra collaboration** on Tuesdays from April 8 – May 13, where seven HS volunteers lead and assist with the Soccer4Goals program at Sligo MS.

The E-Sports classes of all 10 Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB) Middle sites took a **field trip to Howard University**, where they met the university's e-sports gaming team and took a tour of the historical campus.