



Recreation Updates for the CWRPAB – November 2025

Everyone had a spook-tacular time celebrating Halloween as our aquatics team hosted five floating pumpkin patch events and the Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center had a frightfully good turnout for their Monster Mash Halloween Bash.

The Recreation Team also hosted Haunted Houses at Clara Barton and Long Branch Recreation Centers as well as Fall Festivals at Jane E. Lawton CRC, Potomac CRC and Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac CRC.

North Potomac Senior Center hosted the Active Aging Week Signature Event on Oct. 6 with 255 participants in attendance throughout the day. Staff and instructors came to help lead and support sessions throughout the day.

All Youth Development programs are up and running with a current enrollment of 6,334 students participating in a variety of afterschool programs throughout the County. Some highlights:

- Magruder HS RecZone offered a rock climbing program afterschool for the first time, connecting high school students to resources within our recreation centers and giving them the instruction to try a new experience.
- Kennedy HS RecZone and Sligo MS RecXtra are collaborating to offer a Soccer4Goals program where high school students serve as coaches and mentors for middle school students.
- Excel Beyond the Bell Elementary partnered with MCFRS for Fire Safety Month, hosting presentations at all 16 EBBE locations. The presentation included engaging educational activities, career exploration, fire truck and ambulance visits and videos.

Winter Youth Basketball registration is underway and continues to generate strong participation across all divisions. Registration for 3rd–8th grade leagues has closed of Nov. 9. Registration for instructional (K-2) and High School divisions remains open through Nov. 30.

The Countywide Programs team is actively planning and building the Spring 2026 and Summer Camp 2026 seasons, focusing on program variety, wide-spread community appeal, and alignment with departmental priorities.

Winter program registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 a.m. for most classes, programs and activities, 9 a.m. for all senior programs.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Nov. 14: Soccer4Change Fall Season Finale (Northwest Branch Recreational Park)

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Health and Human Services Mobile Health Unit with Dental Services and ADRU Resource unit will be at Damascus Community Recreation Center to provide basic routine dental check-ups, routine medical checkups, Mental Health Services and connect to Aging and Disability Resource programs.

Senior Centers luncheons for Thanksgiving in the Month of November:

- Damascus: Thursday, Nov. 20 from noon – 2 p.m.
- Wheaton: Friday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Long Branch: Wednesday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Holiday Craft Shows in December:

- Bauer Drive CRC: Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Clara Barton CRC: Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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