



Recreation Updates for the CWRPAB – October 2025

On October 9, during National Youth Sports Week, Montgomery County Recreation, in partnership with the Sports Advisory Committee and the cities of Gaithersburg, Rockville, and Takoma Park, officially endorsed the [Aspen Institute's Project Play Children's Bill of Rights in Sports](#). This collective action affirms that participation in youth sports is a fundamental right and encourages providers — including Montgomery County Recreation — to use the framework to create inclusive, child-centered, and empowering programs.



September Recap

On Sept. 20, Wheaton Senior Center held its first-ever Art Showcase to highlight all the Senior Center clubs. For their first year, they had demos of Mah Jongg, Folk Dance, Ukulele Performances, jewelry, a Knitting showcase and a superpower dance session. Ms. Hendricks, the Senior Constituent Services Liaison for Senator Van Hollen's office, and Councilmembers Friedson and Jawando attended this event.



In September, Burtonsville Day was held at the Marilyn J. Praisner Recreation Center, which provided an opportunity for the center to highlight its programs to the community.

Plum Gar Recreation Center held its annual fall festival, a community event featuring fun games, pumpkin carving/giveaways and more.

A Community Health Fair was held at the East County Recreation Center on Sept. 27, which included community health screenings in partnership with the regional services center and other community leaders.

A Therapeutic Recreation Family Swim Event was held at Germantown Indoor Pool and had more than 100 attendees.

The Washington Commanders made a special appearance at our Youth Flag Football program at Wheaton High School, bringing excitement and community pride to participants and families. Their visit highlighted the growing success and visibility of our youth sports programs.



Winter Youth Basketball registration has officially launched! This popular program continues to draw strong community interest, connecting youth to active, team-based recreation opportunities throughout the county. [Read the news release.](#)

All Youth Development programs have launched for the 2025-2026 school year, with registration ongoing at 16 EBB Elementary, 10 EBB Middle, 15 RecXtra and six RecZone locations. The Soccer4Change fall league has started with 30 teams of middle and high-school-aged youth.

MCR partnered again with Councilmember Stewart's office for the Buckets and Beats Back to School block party in Downtown Silver Spring. The Youth Development team ran the 3v3 basketball tournament, serving seven middle school teams and three high school teams. This was another successful year of engagement

Key Upcoming Events:

Oct. 17: Diwali Celebration at North Potomac Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Oct. 18: Fall Festival at Potomac Recreation Center from 1 – 3 p.m.

Oct. 22: Solaire Social Day Party at White Oak Senior Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Oct. 23: "Lights on Afterschool" day is a nationally recognized event and will celebrate out-of-school time programs and the dedicated staff that work in this space.

Oct. 24: Free Adult Line Dancing at White Oak Recreation Center from 7-9 p.m.

Oct 26: Monster Bash at the Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center from 3 - 5:30 p.m.

For those who enjoy a good fright, Clara Barton NRC is hosting their annual Haunted House on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4 – 6 p.m., and Long Branch CRC is hosting a haunted house on Friday Oct. 31, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Oct. 30: The Candy and Costume Skate Event returns to White Oak Community Recreation Center Skate Park from 4-6:30 p.m. This annual favorite offers a festive and family-friendly evening filled with skating, costumes, and community spirit. [Participant registration is required.](#)

Floating Pumpkin Patches will be held at the indoor pools.

- Oct. 17 at Olney Swim Center from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18 at Martin Luther King Jr. Swim Center from noon- 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18 at Olney Swim Center - Therapeutic Recreation Patch from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 at Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 at Germantown Indoor Swim Center from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Soccer4Change games take place each Thursday and Friday through Nov. 7 at Northwest Branch Recreational Park. The finale event is scheduled for Nov. 14.

Recreation winter registration for all programs begins on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 a.m. for most programs and activities. Senior program registration will begin at 9 a.m.

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