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## Upcoming Events



### Halloween Eye Spy Trains

*October Weekends, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at Cabin John Regional Park*

Take a Halloween-themed ride aboard the miniature trains in Cabin John and Wheaton Regional Parks. Each rider is given an “Eye Spy” card with seasonal items to look for along the tracks during the ride. Great for families of all ages. **Ticketed.**

### Past and Present Exhibit

*Wednesdays and Saturdays, noon - 4:00 pm at the Damascus Heritage Museum*

The museum has just opened a new exhibit titled “Past and Present” featuring maps and old and new comparison photos in their small museum located behind the Damascus Library. **Free.**

### Fundraiser for Fiona, featuring Los Hijo 'e Plena

*October 21st, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Sandy Spring Museum and Virtual*

Join us for an evening of music by Los Hijo 'e Plena, food by Chef Raul Santos (available for purchase), and drinks from Puerto Rico Distillery (available for purchase) to support victims of Hurricane Fiona in

Puerto Rico. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Centro Cunyabe, an organization that offers guitar, art, and *bomba* classes in the southern town of Salinas. **Ticketed.** Learn more about the Museum [here](#).

### **Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine**

***October 22nd, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm from Montgomery History***

Have you ever wondered what it would've been like to receive medical care during the Civil War? to be operated on before the germ theory was discovered? to know the nearest doctor was four hours away by horse and buggy? Such was life in Montgomery County 150 years ago. Join Dr. Stonestreet, Rockville's 19th-century country doctor, as he shares these tales and much more. **Free.**

### **Street Car Rides at the National Capital Trolley Museum!**

***October 22nd, noon - 5:00 pm at the National Capital Trolley Museum***

All aboard every Saturday at the National Capital Trolley Museum! Learn about a century of DC street car service from 1862 - 1962, enjoy our model railway, and take a scenic ride on our collection of antique street cars on a two-mile stretch of woodland track. Fun for all! **Ticketed.** Learn more about the Museum [here](#).

### **Casey's Halloween Boo Bash**

***October 22nd, 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the Casey Community Center***

Calling all little ghouls and goblins! Come in costume for a frighteningly fun family Halloween event. Enjoy activities, trick or treating, crafts, a costume parade, photo opportunities, and a special performance. This is the perfect, not-so-scary way to celebrate Halloween with little ones. Our special guest performer is no "nightmare" and will leave you in stitches! **Ticketed.**

### **Fall Family Festival**

***October 22nd, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Coffield Community Center***

Ghouls and goblins come dressed in your Halloween costume to win a prize! Enjoy games, face painting, candy & more! Come check out the Halloween-themed decorated cars and get a treat. Music, Fun, and You! **Free to Montgomery County Residents.**

### **Montgomery Parks Spooktacular**

***October 23rd, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Adventure Playground at South Germantown Recreational Park***

This free kids' Halloween event features several attractions and performers to get your little ones in the Halloween spirit! Check out some magic tricks at the magician's corner, add to your costume at the face painting area, and create a Halloween art project at the craft station. **Free.**

### **Walking Tour of C&O Canal's Seneca Section**

***October 23rd, 1:30 pm at the C&O Canal Seneca Section***

Popular Local historian Ralph Buglass will take us along the C&O canal to see Violette's Lock and the adjacent inlet lock, the Seneca stone cutting mill ruins, and the Seneca aqueduct & lock combination. Ralph will provide historical context for these important historic structures and share interesting and unique facts about their past! **Free.**

### **United Nations Day Transcribe-a-Thon**

***October 24th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Sandy Spring Museum or Virtual***

Explore the history of Sandy Spring through transcription! Transcribe original archival documents, helping to make these fascinating and important artifacts searchable and accessible to all. For the October transcribe-a-thon, we are honoring United Nations Day by featuring essays and works by local historical figure Allan Farquhar (1853-1944), a prolific writer and an advocate for global peace. **Free.** Learn more about the Museum [here](#).

## Freedom's Footsteps

***October 28th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Josiah Henson Museum & Park***

On October 28, 1830, the Henson family reached Canadian shores embarking on a new life of freedom. We will have activities for all ages to reflect on the past and consider ways to build a better future for generations to come. **Free.**

## Zombie Ball

***October 28th, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Old Towne Plaza***

Bring your best Monster moves to the first Zombie Ball in Olde Towne Plaza. We will thrill to the tunes of the best Halloween dance music as we shake, rattle, and roll. Come MASH it up with us! The dancing begins at 7:30 & goes to 8:30, but grab a bite to eat & a drink from the food trucks & beverage vendors before or afterward. **Free.**

## Maryland Emancipation Celebration

***October 29th, Noon - 3:00 pm at the Button Farm Living History Center***

Celebrate the day in 1864 when Maryland changed its constitution to abolish slavery six months before the end of the Civil War. This outdoor, open-air, event includes an emancipation-themed self-guided tour of the farm and Slave Cemetery which is accessible by your phone through the organization's QR portal. Scavenger hunts, presentations, farm animals, and hands-on history will help to round out the day. Susan Soderberg will be making a presentation on her forthcoming book, *The Real Josiah Henson* **Free.** Learn more about the Center [here.](#)

## Walk in the Woods: let's be Smart About Winter Salt

***October 29th, 9:00 am - noon at the Izaak Walton League***

Winter brings cozy sweaters and steaming cups of hot chocolate, but it also brings piles of winter salt that could end up in our rivers and streams. Winter salt harms aquatic life, plants, infrastructure and our drinking water. Join the Izaak Walton League of America and the City of Gaithersburg on a fun and informative hike to learn more about our addiction to deicing salt and how we can all live on a low winter salt diet. **Free.**

## Trolley-ween!

***October 29th, Noon - 5:00 pm at the National Capital Trolley Museum***

Visitors are encouraged to get in the spirit of the season and wear a costume. Join us for some good October fun -- make a craft and take advantage of photo ops! **Ticketed.** Learn more about the Museum [here.](#)

## Lil' Pumpkins Festival with Mommy Daddy Beer Garten

***October 29th, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm at BlackRock Center for the Arts***

Calling all lil' pumpkins for the cutest festival you've ever seen! The 3rd Annual Lil' Pumpkin Fest at BlackRock Center for the Arts offers the Upcounty community a fun, free, and safe way to enjoy all the Fall and spooky festivities. Activities from 2 PM – 6 PM include trick-or-treating, photo booth, lil' pumpkin painting, free pumpkins for children under the age of 11, beer garden, and costume parade! Later that evening, adults can enjoy a screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show w/ live cast on our MainStage @ 6 & 9 PM! **Free.**

## Sunday Serenade

***October 30th, 10:00 am - 11:30 am at the Cabin John Regional Park***

Start your morning off right - with live music in the park! Join Montgomery Parks Sunday mornings this fall with 'Sunday Serenade' for live music from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Cabin John Regional Park's Amphitheater. Enjoy the fall foliage and crisp morning air as you lay out on the lawn and listen to jazz music performed by local artists and groups. **Free.**



## What is Ours? Juror Talk

*October 30th, Noon - 2:00 pm at the Sandy Spring Museum*

Enjoy a guided tour of our current exhibit, *What is Ours?*, a juried group exhibition by members of the Women's Caucus for Art, Greater DC Chapter. In this tour, led by exhibition juror Risikat Okedeyi, learn about the inspiration behind the show and the incredible stories represented in each work. **Free.**

Learn more about the Museum [here](#).



## Grant Opportunities

- [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#)

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting preliminary applications for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program. This process enables local governments to receive grant funding to create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors. DNR is accepting applications through November 1, 2022.

- [Miller History Fund for Museums, Archives, and State Historical Collections](#)

These collections are the foundation of public history--informing the authentic interpretation and scholarship that make our heritage sites and stories accessible to Marylanders. Our state has had no dedicated funding for collecting organizations for many years and we are so excited for the new discoveries and connections that lie ahead. The Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline on November 11th is fast approaching.

- [2023 Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants](#)

Keep Maryland Beautiful grants will be offered in two categories: Environmental Education and Community Initiatives for community groups, local governments, and nonprofits; and Land Trust Capacity, Excellence, and Stewardship for local land trusts. Keep Maryland Beautiful grants are awarded annually to support the removal of thousands of pounds of litter and the revitalization of public lands and waterways in an effort to enhance and expand local capacity to conserve the state's resources. The deadline to apply for funding is Nov. 15, 2022 . Awards will be announced in spring 2023.

- [Chesapeake Gateways and Watertrails Network Grant](#)

NPS Chesapeake Gateways welcomes grant proposals purposely focused on advancing equity, inclusion, accessibility, and community engagement across two strategic themes: Advance a Major Inclusive Interpretive Initiative with an Equity Lens and Promote Resilient Communities & Landscapes Through Tourism, Sustainability, Conservation & Local Economies. The application will open January 30, 2023.

## Partner News

### [2021 Montgomery Preservation Awards](#)

The trailer for the 2021 Montgomery Preservation Awards has been released highlighting eight



fabulous awardees. Visit the MPI website, or click on the link above, to view the trailer and learn more about the awards and the impact of the awardees on the local area.



### Welcome Aspin Hill Pet Cemetery to the Heritage Area

Founded in 1921, Aspin Hill is the 5th oldest pet cemetery in the country. The Montgomery County Humane Society, its current owner, plans to restore the site and offer veterinary services, programs, and tours of the historic cemetery.



### Harriet Tubman "Journey to Freedom" Coming to Button Farm in April and May 2023

The life size bronze will be the focal point of two months of special programs and events. To find out more [click here](#).



### Tuskegee Airmen at Sandy Spring Slave Museum

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Mr. William 'Bill' Fauntroy, and Dr. Ivan Ware, entertained and amused us with stories about their experiences as Tuskegee Airmen. The interview was recorded and will be added to the Museums Oral History Library in partnership with the American University's Humanities truck. Learn more about the museum [here](#).



### Job Opportunity at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park

Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park in Sandy Spring is hiring an Education Program Manager to lead and conduct our interpretive public programs and group tours.



Heritage Montgomery is dedicated to the mission of preserving and promoting local history, culture, and distinctive natural areas, and fostering stewardship and economic development in Montgomery County, Maryland.

The economic impact of Heritage Montgomery is \$376.1 million annually.

The employment impact of Heritage Montgomery is 5,327 jobs supported and sustained.

Heritage Montgomery is one of 13 state-certified heritage areas in Maryland.

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