



September at Holt Park



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 BCPS First Day of School 	29	30 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm	31 	1 Screen on the Green (Dungeons & Dragons) 6—9:30pm* <small>*Movie at 7pm</small>	2 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
3	4 Labor Day (Offices Closed) 	5	6 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm	7	8 Creative Clay #1: Fall Tree Relief 6:30-8:00pm	9 Nature Cabin 12—3pm Campfire 7—8:30
10	11	12	13 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Butterfly Fairy 6:30-7:30pm	14	15 Flying Mammals at Night 6:30-7:30pm	16 Nature Cabin 12—3pm Monarch Migration 1—2pm
17	18	19	20 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Door Hanger 6:30-7:30pm	21 World Travelers: Invasive Species Hike 4—5pm	22 Creative Clay #2: Fall Tree Relief 6:30-8:00pm	23 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
24	25	26	27 Preschool 11am-12pm Natural Art: 6:30-7:30pm Public Input Meeting 6:30pm	28	29	30 Nature Cabin 12—3pm

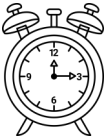

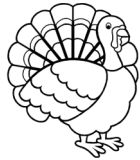
October at Holt Park



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Leaf Pillow 6:30-7:30pm	5	6 Creative Clay #1: Cat Votive 6:30-8:00pm	7 Nature Cabin 12—3pm Halloween Fairy Houses 1—3pm
8 Campfire 7—8:30pm	9 Indigenous Peoples Day (Offices Closed) 	10	11 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Leaf Frame 6:30-7:30pm	12	13 Birch Trees Paint Night 6—8pm 	14 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
15	16	17	18 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Toadstools 6:30-7:30pm	19	20 Creative Clay #2: Cat Votive 6:30-8:00pm	21 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
22  HOLT HARVEST DAY 12—4pm	23	24	25 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Spooky Tree 6:30-7:30pm	26	27	28 Nature Cabin 12—3pm Holt Haunted Hike 6—8:30pm
29 B.Y.O. Pumpkin Carving Workshop 1—4:30pm 	30	31 Halloween 	1 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Seed Necklace 6:30-7:30pm	2	3	4 Nature Cabin 12—3pm

To See Details and Pre-register for Programs, please visit: www.overleafrc.com/programs/holtpark. Pre-registration is required. Payment is accepted in cash or check. Should you require special accommodations (American sign language interpreter, large print, etc.) please call the Therapeutic Office at 410-887-5370. TTY users call via Maryland Relay 711.

November at Holt Park

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Seed Necklace 6:30-7:30pm	2	3 Creative Clay #1: Holiday Tree 6:30-8:00pm	4 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	6	7	8 Preschool Nature Hour 11am-12pm Natural Art: Dreamcatcher 6:30-7:30pm	9	10 Veterans Day (Offices Closed) 	11 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
12 Fall Scavenger Hunt 2—3pm	13	14	15 Natural Art: Corn Husk Flowers 6:30-7:30pm	16	17 Creative Clay #2: Holiday Tree 6:30-8:00pm	18 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving 	24	25 Nature Cabin 12—3pm
26 Falling Behind Hike 1—2pm 	27	28	29 Natural Art: 6:30-7:30pm Preschool Nature is back in March!	30	1	2 Nature Cabin 12—3pm

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Around the Pond: Fall 2023

HOLT PARK & CENTER FOR THE ARTS MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

THIS SEASON’S HIGHLIGHTS AT HOLT

On Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30pm, a Public Input Meeting will be held to discuss future enhancement projects for the park. The meeting will take place in the Gymnasium at Elmwood Elementary School Recreation Center, 531 Dale Avenue, in Baltimore. All are welcome to attend. Questions about the meeting can be emailed to: recparks@baltimorecountymd.gov.

The annual Holt Harvest Day takes place on October 22nd! Join us for seasonal crafts, games, refreshments, and activities throughout the afternoon. Parking and entry to the festival will be free, while some activities will require the purchase of tickets.



A concert at the amphitheater in the 1970s. Also known as “The Gazebo,” it has been host to a variety of artists from military bands to bluegrass.

A WALK IN THE PARK OF YEARS PAST

In mid-August, a Holt Naturalist sat down with two longtime neighborhood residents, Fran Burkhead and Carolyn Smith, to hear their recollections of the park prior to its donation to Baltimore County in 1974.

“It was all woods,” said Fran of the park land. Many of the houses in the area were built during her childhood in the 1940s, but the Holt property remained largely forested. McCormick Avenue and many surrounding roads were still unpaved dirt paths, with no sidewalks or streetlights. At night, the street was said to be “darker than a wolf’s mouth.” As children, Fran and Carolyn enjoyed playing in the woods near the pond where Lillian’s father Tom McCormick had placed a large old-fashioned caravan wagon. There were no paved paths, so they had to cut through the forest to reach it.

Into the 1950s, neighbors to the property helped work on the buildings and grounds. Fran’s brothers, then teenagers, assisted with the stonework of the cabin chimneys. “The stone came from several different counties,” she said.

In the 1960s, the Waltz family lived in the park and grew daffodils for sale and for donation. Many of those flowers live on, still growing in rows along the “Daffodil Trail” on the east side of the park. The pen adjacent the cabin where they kept their small pony, Sandy, still remains as well.

To the common question, “Is the park haunted?” Fran answered, “My kids growing up thought it was!” Carolyn added, “I think there’s something up there. I’ve heard noises!”

Park naturalists have also heard night-time noises in the park, although these usually turn out to be foxes and squirrels. We suspect you will have to attend the Holt Haunted Hike on October 28th to have a chance at seeing ghosts at Holt Park.