



December 2025 Auxiliary Outreach

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary – Department of Maryland
Kathy Williams Chairman



Hello Department of Maryland, I'm continuing to accompany our Jedi leader, President Bill, on his district visits. It's great to meet everyone and review the



Auxiliary Outreach program in person. (The food has been great, too!)

Just remember the program is about volunteering **WITH** another organization and donating your time not goods or money. While you're out in your

community remember to be a Positive Force as you represent the auxiliary. Those who might not know about us can learn from you – and this could be a great recruitment opportunity also.

Thanks for all the great pictures you've been sending. Don't forget to post them on social media using #AuxiliaryOutreach.

Keep up the good work and don't forget to report, report, report!

December Volunteer Recognition Dates

- ✓ **Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, 12/4, and promotes giving back to the community not just monetarily but by volunteering as well.**
- ✓ **International Volunteer Day, 12/5, is promoted by the United Nations to globally celebrate and promote volunteerism.**





What Counts

1. Working with volunteers cleaning up hurricane debris on downtown streets.
2. Helping to set up and man the sign-up tables for a Ronald McDonald House fun run
3. Assisting with sign-ins at the door during a Girl Scout Troop Pledge event.
4. Volunteering with the chamber of commerce at their Community Fun Day by serving drinks.



What Doesn't Count

1. Collecting donations and walking in a Walk for Cancer event.
2. Making pillows and blankets to donate to the VA
3. Sending toiletries and supplies to a homeless shelter
4. Hosting a Christmas dinner for families of deployed servicemen and women.

Howard County	Organization Name	Organization address	Organization Phone#
	American Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.	10440 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 300, Columbia, Maryland, 21044	410-730-5105
	Angel House Services, Inc.	5305 Village Center Drive, 133, Columbia, Maryland, 21044	443-718-0884
	Animal Advocates of Howard County	14238 Rover Mill Road, West Friendship, Maryland, 21794	410-880-2488

Upcoming Events in Howard County

- ❖ Frozen Fest – Robinson Nature Center Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, 9 AM – 2:30 PM. A winter-themed celebration with a puppet show, frozen science experiments, planetarium shows, marshmallows by the fire, and Santa photo ops (10 AM – 12 PM)
- ❖ NOVEMBER 28, 2025 - JANUARY 3, 2026 MERRIWEATHER SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS, Celebrate the magic of the season at Symphony of Lights — a Howard County tradition for over 25 years! Drive through a sparkling wonderland of 300,000+ lights and larger-than-life holiday scenes that twinkle, dance, and dazzle. Each year brings something new — and a night you won't forget.
- ❖ Jan 2, 2026 –January 2, 2027 CHESTERTOWN FARMERS MARKET - Located on the 300 and 200 Blocks of High Street, in downtown Chestertown, Maryland 21620. Runs Year-Round, every Saturday, from 8am to Noon. The Market began in 1981 and has grown tremendously over the years.

<u>Kent County</u>	Organization Name	Organization address	Organization Phone#
	Foundation for the Kent County Public Library, Inc.	408 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland, 21620	804-512-7365
	Historical Society of Kent County MD, Inc.	301 High St, P.O. Box 665, Chestertown, Maryland, 21620	410-778-3499
	Humane Society of Kent County, Inc.	10168 Worton Road, Chestertown, Maryland, 21620	410-778-3648

Upcoming Events in Kent County

- ❖ Dec. 18, 2025 - 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM Lunch & Lore: A different perspective on growing up in Chestertown in the 1950s with Captain Andrew McCown. Historical Society of Kent County - Kent County native and teacher, leader, oysterman, musician, and storyteller, Captain Andrew McCown, will share readings and perspectives on growing up in Chestertown in the 1950s. Drop in with your brown bag lunch for the last Lunch & Lore of the season.
- ❖ Family Nerf Night = 1/16/2026 - Bring your own Nerf Gun for team building target practice, snacks, and fun for the whole family! Kent County Community Center, 11041 Worton Road, Worton, MD 21678
- ❖ Valentine's Sweetheart Ball - Food, Music, & Memoriesm February 14, 2026 5:00p - 7:00p, Kent County Community Center, A chance for kids to bring their adult sweetheart (mom, dad, grandparent, etc.) out for a magical evening. Formal attire encouraged.

Why does Santa use GPS?



He doesn't want to be a lost Claus!



Montgomery County	Organization Name	Organization address	Organization Phone#
	All Primetimers Inc.	3330 N, Leisure World Blvd, Apt 1018, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20906	301-606-8273
	Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR)	5515 Security Lane, Suite 500, Rockville, Maryland, 20852	202-742-1885
	Carpe Diem Arts, Inc.	9207 Long Branch Parkway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20901	301-466-0183

Upcoming Events in Montgomery County

- ❖ November 21, 2025 – January 4, 2026, from 5–9 PM, Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens: Stroll through a half-mile, outdoor, walk-through light exhibit featuring over a million lights in the shape of flowers, animals, and more.
- ❖ Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Concert at Bethesda by the Sea, The Bethesda Choir and instrumentalists perform a concert of Christmas carols, with audience sing-alongs. A festive tree lighting reception follows.
- ❖ Sunday, January 4, 2026, at 1 p.m. Montgomery Parks Winter Sowing Program, A workshop where participants learn to sow seeds outdoors in the winter. Black Hill Discovery Center, 20926 Lake Ridge Drive, Boyds.

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*What did the gingerbread
man put on his bed?*

A cookie sheet!

