

Virtual Workshops- GreenFest 2021

[A Guide to Geocaching](#)

Enjoy a virtual lesson in the basics of this GPS-based recreational activity. It is an easy and inexpensive way to explore the outdoors, interpret natural and historical resources, learn a new tool, and enjoy time alone or with others.

Matt Medicus, Recreation Services Coordinator
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks

[Animals in My Backyard](#)

Join Echoes Of Nature as they share a few animal ambassadors that you may have in your backyard or neighborhood. What animals do you find in your neighborhood? What are some ways we can help those animals to stay healthy and safe? Also find instructions on creating a craft that will help some birds during nesting season.

Echo Uzzo
Echoes of Nature

[Essential Oils and Gardening](#)

Learn about the many uses for essential oils in your gardening process.

Kelly Neylan
Lasting Light Wellness

[Climate Change – Already in your neighborhood](#)

This is an introduction to the entire climate problem, from how climate change works and how we know it's real to the way that it impacts nearly every aspect of our lives. We will cover why climate change is producing more severe storms and flooding

and also deeper droughts and how increased summer heat impacts agriculture and health. We have everything we need to slow climate change and we will discuss some easy things that individuals can do to be part of the climate solution.

Dr. Sara Via, Professor
UMD College Park (svia@umd.edu)

[Howard County Solar Projects Update](#)

Learn about Howard County's solar projects planned through its Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with KDC Solar, Inc. This project will build enough solar power to provide 50% of the electricity used by County government operations. The PPA includes solar project installation, operations, and maintenance at no capital cost to the County. When complete, the project will include installations on rooftops, parking lots, and grounds on municipal and private property in Howard County. In this presentation, Howard County staff and the technical consultant explain project benefits, locations, engineering drawings, and other project details.

[Howard County Residential Stormwater Solutions](#)

Learn about the issue of stormwater runoff and the practices you can use to help manage stormwater on your own property. Rain barrels, rain gardens and other practices can reduce your impact on local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Amanda Rockler
Univeristy of Maryland Extension Service
Sea Grant

[Introduction to Bee City USA](#)

This video below gives an overview of the Bee City USA program.

Keep informed on all things Howard County Bee City by joining the [pollinator email list](#).

Engage with Howard County Bee City on [social media](#).

Howard County Bee City USA Committee

[Learn about the Robinson Nature Center](#)

The Robinson Nature Center has a wide variety of educational programs and other learning opportunities for people of all ages. Watch this video to learn more about what the center has to offer, from nature trails and environmental education, to their state-of-the-art facility and displays.

[Backyard Composting Workshop](#)

Take a virtual class with the Master Gardeners and learn how to start and maintain your backyard compost bin.

Bettye Ames
University of Maryland Extension Service
Master Gardeners

[Virtual Meadow Tour](#)

Learn about native plants and pollinators through a virtual tour of a local meadow with the Howard County Conservancy.

The Howard County Conservancy