

America 250 in Frederick County

In 2026, the United States marks 250 years since its founding—and here in Frederick County we welcome you to discover our revolutionary roots and centuries of stories. Throughout the year, Frederick County's museums, historic sites, cultural organizations, libraries, and community partners will present a wide range of America 250-related programs.

Expect engaging lectures, walking tours, hands-on history experiences, art and performances, family-friendly events, and signature community celebrations.

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Guided Tours

Dig deeper into the story of Frederick County by taking a guided tour with a local expert. Explore Downtown Frederick's history on walking tours provided by **AARCH Society**, the **Museum of Frederick County History**, and the **National Museum of Civil War Medicine**. Or, experience Frederick on a whole new level with **Maryland Double Deckers**. Explore the spectral side of the city on **Ghost Tours of Historic Frederick**. Head out on the water for a guided kayak or canoeing trip on the Potomac River with **River & Trail Outfitters**.

Summer Concerts

Summertime in Frederick County means live music in the fresh air. Experience **Alive @ Five** each Thursday during the summer on Carroll Creek Park and relax on a Sunday afternoon with the **Summer Concert Series** in the Baker Park Bandshell. Wander into the garden behind the Museum of Frederick County History for **Heritage Frederick's Patio Music Series**. In the month of August, Main Street Middletown hosts an **August Summer Concert Series** with live music in their charming small town.

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EVENTS SNAPSHOT

May–September 2026



May–August

On the Cover

FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL

Affiliated baseball is back in Frederick! The crack of the bat returns to Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium as the Frederick Keys welcome the next generation of Major League prospects. Grab a seat, a hot dog, and settle in for a classic night of baseball in one of Maryland's great (and newly renovated) small-town ballparks.

Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium



May

May 9

MARYLAND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Enjoy unlimited samples from more than 200 unique beers—all brewed in Maryland. In addition, there will be live music, local food, and craft vendors throughout the festival. Tickets required.

Carroll Creek Park

May 16

BRUNSWICK SPRINGFEST

This family-friendly event features live music, vendors, delicious food, engaging kids' activities, and downtown shopping.

Brunswick Main Street

May 16–17

BEYOND THE GARDEN GATES GARDEN TOUR

Explore the elegant, whimsical, and inventive gardens nestled behind the gates of private Frederick homes each spring.

Downtown Frederick

May 16–17

MARYLAND IRON FESTIVAL

Celebrate our region's history as an early center for iron making. Enjoy live iron-making demonstrations, music, food trucks, and artisan vendors.

Catoctin Furnace

June

June 13

MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

This self-guided tour showcases historic homes and gardens that reflect the area's agricultural prosperity, industrial innovation, and Civil War legacy. Tickets must be purchased online.

Sites Across Frederick County

June 13

BARNSTORMERS TOUR

Join the fun and learn all about Frederick County's rich agricultural history. Sponsored by Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, this self-guided tour of "The Barns of Carrollton Manor" will showcase local barns and area plein-air painters, and include living history demonstrations, food trucks, and live music.

Southern Frederick County

June 13–14

MARYLAND LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Enjoy picturesque views while listening to live music and indulging in delicious food, premium craft beverages, and educational demonstrations. Tickets must be purchased online.

Springfield Manor Winery Distillery Brewery

June 13–14

FREDERICK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

This outdoor arts festival brings together over 100 regional artists for an unforgettable showcase along Carroll Creek.

Carroll Creek Park

June 19

JUNETEENTH: FROM ENSLAVED TO EMANCIPATED

This program will follow the journey of freedom for those who were enslaved on the farms that make up Monocacy National Battlefield with a 1.5 hour, 1-mile guided tour.

Monocacy National Battlefield

June 27

FREDERICK PRIDE

Frederick's annual Pride celebration brings together people of all walks of life to celebrate and uplift each other with love and pride.

Carroll Creek Park

July

July 4

FREDERICK'S 4TH: AN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Commemorate the United State's 250th birthday with this patriotic festival in Frederick's Baker Park.

Baker Park



July 10–12

1776: THE MUSICAL

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this community outreach production features cameo appearances by local Frederick luminaries.

New Spire Arts

July 11–12

BATTLE OF MONOCACY COMMEMORATION WEEKEND

Commemorate the 162nd anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy with special ranger programs, along with military living history encampments. Firing demonstrations by both infantry and artillery will take place throughout the day.

Monocacy National Battlefield

July 31

WORLD RANGER DAY

This family-friendly, hands-on event will include meet and greets with Park Rangers from across the state and region. Displays of equipment, vehicles, and other exhibits. As well as games, activities, and crafts.

Monocacy National Battlefield

August

August 15–16

LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Explore living history demonstrations and themed exhibits highlighting different eras of history.

Rose Hill Manor Park

August 22

BLACK FREDERICK FESTIVAL

Join us for a day of celebrating and educating African and African-American culture with music, food, artisan vendors, and live performances.

Carroll Creek Park

August 23

MOUNTAIN CITY ELKS PARADE

The annual parade features local step teams, bands, and color guards. Organized by the Mountain City Elks Lodge #382.

Downtown Frederick

September

September 12

IN THE STREETS

The annual In the Streets festival includes four stages of live entertainment and nine blocks of themed fun, including areas highlighting children's activities, local art organizations, regional artisans, history, and sports.

Downtown Frederick

September 18–26

THE GREAT FREDERICK FAIR

Frederick County's single largest event, featuring 18,000 competitive exhibits, ranging from livestock, home arts, farm & garden to 4-H/FFA/GFF Youth. A premier showcase for agriculture, thrilling rides, and live entertainment.

Frederick Fairgrounds

September 26

MIDDLETOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Entertainment, food, and activities celebrating Middletown's history and heritage.

Main Street Middletown

