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## Our Power, Our Planet: Riderwood goes big for Earth Day

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The peak of Riderwood's busy 2026 Earth Month schedule will be a jam-packed Earth Day Festival on April 22, the 56th observance of what has come to be a worldwide effort to protect and preserve our global home. The Festival will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Maryland Hall at Montgomery Station.

The overall theme of this year's International Earth Day is "Our Power, Our Planet." More than 35 environmental groups will have displays and will be

available to talk with visitors about their ongoing activities. The Earth Month Committee has been at work since last November to plan the event.

"We have put together a program that will be inspirational, informational, and entertaining," said Earth Month Committee Co-chair Lee Summerville. "Join us to celebrate the Earth and share your sparkle."

As in the past, the Jewelry Sale is a highlight of the festival. The sale will again benefit the Chesapeake

Bay Foundation's children's outreach programs. Thanks to the generosity of residents, enough jewelry has been collected to require several tables and display panels to showcase

all the jewelry! And Country Nursery will be selling both indoor and outdoor plants.

A number of Riderwood resident groups are planning exhibits, including Residents Supporting Sustainability, the Environmental Book Group, the Environmental Coalition (ECO-R), and many more. Riderwood Dining and General Services will be participating this year to highlight Riderwood's efforts to support a sustainable and environmentally friendly community.

Representatives of Montgomery and Prince George's counties will discuss their respective environmental projects, and other community organizations, such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Nature Forward, Habitat for Humanity, and Sierra Club, will talk about the activities of their groups.

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