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PLAYANNAPOLIS BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO KEEP ANNAPOLIS KIDS IN THE GAME

3rd Annual Tailgate Fundraiser Returns July 11 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

ANNAPOLIS, MD — For many Annapolis youth, a single \$175 scholarship is the difference between playing a sport and sitting on the sidelines. On **Saturday, July 11**, PlayAnnapolis invites the community to change that, one ticket, one donation, one kid at a time.

The organization's 3rd Annual Tailgate Fundraiser takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, right before the Annapolis Blues kick off at 7:00 PM. It's an evening of Smokehouse BBQ, desserts, live music by Guava Jelly, and the kind of easy, neighborly energy that Annapolis does best, all in service of a mission that matters.

"Every dollar raised goes directly to a kid in our community who otherwise couldn't play," said Emily Tomasini, Board President of PlayAnnapolis. "This tailgate is our way of making that tangible, a fun night that opens doors for youth across our city."

Event Details

- Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026
- Time: 5:30–7:30 PM (Annapolis Blues kickoff at 7:00 PM)
- Location: Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, MD
- Food & Drink: Smokehouse BBQ, desserts, non-alcoholic beverages
- Entertainment: Live music by Guava Jelly
- Family-friendly; all ages welcome

Tickets

- \$25 per adult
- \$10 for children, 12 and under

Tickets and additional donations can be made at [PlayAnnapolis 3rd Annual Tailgate | Playannapolis](#).

Your Dollars at Work

Additional donations to PlayAnnapolis fund real, local, measurable change:

- \$175 covers one youth scholarship for a full season of sport
- \$500 provides team uniforms for a Title1 Community School in a PlayAnnapolis afterschool league

About PlayAnnapolis

PlayAnnapolis represents 20 nonprofit sports organizations serving youth in the City of Annapolis. Formed in 2023 and backed by more than 50 community leaders, PlayAnnapolis was built on a vision of a more diverse, inclusive community where every child has access to recreation and sports year-round. The organization inspires collaboration, builds resources, and establishes partnerships that improve the quality of life for ALL Annapolis youth.

For more information, visit playannapolis.org or contact info@playannapolis.org.

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