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Celebrate Healthy Living in the City of Rockville

Free Expo Sept. 19 Highlights Ways to Keep Your Family Active

Explore opportunities for staying healthy in Rockville with fitness demos, health screenings, a cooking demo and activities for children at a free expo in Rockville Town Square this month.

Healthy Living Rockville will be held from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 between Maryland Avenue and Gibbs Street.

Kick off the day on a healthy note with the free Carl Henn Memorial Ride, which starts at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. The bike ride is open to people age 15 and older. Helmets are required. Find registration information and more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac**.

Rockville offers a wide variety of classes and activities, at its community centers and 65 parks, to keep community members active and healthy. The city continues to receive recognition from national organizations for its commitment to high-quality recreation and parks programs. In addition to a top 10 ranking on Livability.com's national "Best Cities for Families" list in 2015, Rockville has been named a:

- **Playful City**, designated by the KaBOOM! Playful City USA program.
- **Let's Move! City**, by first lady Michelle Obama's Raising a Healthier Generation of Kids campaign.
- **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) City**, by the Institute for Public Health Innovation.
- **Tree City USA** (for 26 consecutive years), by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/healthyliving** to learn more.

Rockville City Hall to Close for Labor Day

Recycling and Refuse Will Be Collected One Day Later During the Holiday Week

Rockville City Hall and some city facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended on Sept. 7, and made one day later. For more information on holiday collection schedules, call 240-314-8568 or visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse**.

The following Rockville facilities will be closed Sept. 7:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- Glenview Mansion and the Art Gallery.
- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers.
- Rockville Senior Center.

The Fitzgerald Theatre and box office will be closed Saturday, Sept. 5-Monday, Sept. 7 and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are always available at **www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre**.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open on Labor Day. Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter** for individual pool schedules.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be suspended on Sept 7.

For more information, go to **www.rockvillemd.gov** or call 240-314-5000.

2040 ROCKVILLE

Listening Sessions Continue this Fall

The city wants to hear from you about the future of the community at "Rockville 2040" listening sessions, as city planners and leaders work on an update to the Comprehensive Master Plan.

The plan's goal is to preserve and improve the quality of life in Rockville by guiding development and conservation and assuring the city's ability to provide high-quality community facilities.

Learn more and view the listening session schedule at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040**, where you can also sign up to receive email updates.

Upcoming sessions, at 7 p.m., will focus on:

- **King Farm residential areas** on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at King Farm Clubhouse, 300 Saddle Ridge Circle.
- **The Twinbrook neighborhood**, south of Veirs Mill Road, on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.
- **The West End and Woodley Gardens East-West neighborhood**, south of Nelson Street, on Thursday, Sept. 24 at Rockville Presbyterian Church, 215 West Montgomery Ave.
- **The North Farm neighborhood** on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at St. Elizabeth Church, 917 Montrose Road.

For more information, email Ann Wallas at **awallas@rockvillemd.gov** or Hjarman Cordero at **hcordero@rockvillemd.gov** or call 240-314-8200.

DID YOU KNOW?

"U.S. News and World Report" ranked all three Rockville high schools among the top 10 "Best High Schools in Maryland."

Find the list at:
www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/maryland

Mentoring Program Yields Rewards for Mentors and Young Students

Program Celebrates 20 Years

To hear Paul Aburrow tell it, Rockville's mentoring program can be as worthwhile for the mentors as it is for the young people whose lives those mentors influence.

"It's tremendously rewarding," Aburrow said of the program he's been a part of for the past nine years. "You get a chance to help a young person and you actually get to see the effects of your efforts. You get to see their grades go up and you see they have more confidence and see them perform better in school."

The program, which celebrates its 20th year during the 2015-16 school year, is looking for high school students and adults to offer guidance, friendship and encouragement to elementary school students. No special skills are required.

The program, run by the the city's Community Services Division, has expanded to its largest size in years, with 60 students across Twinbrook, Beall and Ritchie Park elementary schools and the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. The time commitment is one hour a week from October through May. Student Service Learning credits are available to high school students age 16 and older.

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MEETINGS & DROP-INS

Mayor and Council meet at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., on these Mondays:

Sept. 21 and 28

Televised on Rockville 11, available via live streaming and on demand at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office.

MAYOR Bridget Donnell Newton will be joined by **COUNCILMEMBER Tom Moore** on **Sept. 21.**

No appointment necessary. A call to the City Clerk's Office, at 240-314-8280, is appreciated.

Mayor & Council

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg

Councilmember Tom Moore

Councilmember Virginia D. Onley

Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr

IN BRIEF

Nominate a Good Neighbor for 2015 Awards

Rockville's annual Good Neighbor Award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Rockville residents who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods, often without seeking or receiving recognition for their service.

Consider nominating family members, friends or neighbors who have performed a good deed or provided a service to their Rockville community. Adult or youth nominees must:

- Be a resident of the City of Rockville.
- Have made a significant contribution to their community during 2015.
- Not be an employee of the City of Rockville.

Learn more about the award and its 2014 recipients by visiting **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube** and searching "Rockville Good Neighbor."

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 1. For more information, contact Hjarman Cordero at **hcordero@rockvillemd.gov**.

Last Chance to Go Solar with Rockville's Co-op

Monday, Sept. 7 is the last day to sign up for the neighborhood solar co-op organized by the Rockville Environment Commission. The co-op, which has more than 100 members, recently selected Rockville-based Standard Energy Solutions and Frederick-based Sustainable Energy Systems to install rooftop solar panels on co-op members' homes.

The installers were chosen from multiple submissions through a competitive bidding process by the co-op, which is receiving technical support from MD SUN.

MD SUN has helped co-op members better understand the process of going solar together and leveraging their group buying power.

Co-op members have no commitment to buy, but will have the option to purchase solar panels based on pricing negotiated by the group. Each homeowner signs a contract with the installer and receives the benefit of the group pricing, which is up to 20 percent off the cost.

Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes**.

Online Permits Now Available

Rockville's Inspection Services Division is now offering contractors and homeowners an easy online permit process to obtain simple building permits in the following areas:

- Plumbing.
- Electrical.
- Mechanical.
- Occupancy.

Simple permits are trade permits for sewer connection, water connection, water heater, electrical upgrades, heating and air conditioning or occupancy.

Applicants can apply online and print the permit from their home or office. Permits for mechanical contractors take an additional day to validate accounts.

Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/onlinepermits** or by calling 240-314-8240.

Register to Vote at Mobile Voter Registration Drive this Fall

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3

Coming in October's "Rockville Reports:" The 2015 Voter Guide

The City of Rockville is preparing for Election Day, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, when voters will go to the polls to elect a mayor and four councilmembers.

The Rockville Human Rights Commission (HRC) is encouraging community members, including recent newcomers to the city, to get involved in the community and register to vote.

The commission will host a voter registration marathon on Saturday, Sept. 19. A decorated van will tour the city from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

The van will spend about 90 minutes at each location, in the following order:

- The Rockville Farmers Market, at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.
- Giant Food, 625 Hungerford Road.
- The Montrose Community Center, 451 Congressional Lane.
- Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.
- Regal Row, near 199 E. Montgomery Ave.

Potential voters are asked to bring a current Maryland driver's license or identification card from the Motor Vehicle Administration. If neither is available, the last four digits of the potential voter's Social Security number will be used for this purpose only.

The voter registration drive is part of the HRC's goals of increasing voter turnout and community engagement.

Voters have a voice in issues such as property taxes and fees; upkeep of city parks, playgrounds and facilities; city services such as recycling and refuse collection and road repairs; neighborhood safety; growth and development and more.

Learn more about voter registration eligibility and the 2015 city election at **www.rockvillemd.gov/election15**.

New Pay Structure to Attract and Keep Talented Employees with Rockville

Changes to Employee Pay Follow Consultant's Study

The Mayor and Council in July approved a new pay structure for city employees.

The approval follows a nearly six-month-long study of Rockville's compensation and job classification systems by a consultant. The study sought to ensure that the city is able to recruit and retain the best talent possible, and is positioned to respond to market changes now and into the future.

Employees are compensated retroactively at their new rates, beginning with the first full pay period of Fiscal Year 2016, which began July 1.

In addition to setting the new structure, the Mayor and Council approved a performance-based lump sum bonus, ranging from 0 to 2.5 percent, to be paid on the anniversary of the employees' start date. The compensation changes also include a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment after salaries are adjusted to the new structure.

Compensation and classification studies are performed to review job descriptions for accuracy and legal compliance, to examine compensation and benefits offered by other local employers, and to maintain competitive and equitable pay.

For more information about the study and the new pay structure, find the July 20 Mayor and Council agenda at **www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter**.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY ON ROCKVILLE 11
www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

Mayor and Council Vote to Continue Participation in CCOC

Commission Provides Resources for Common Ownership Communities

Residents of common ownership communities, and the governing bodies of those communities, will continue to have access to an important resource for information, advice and dispute resolution, after the Mayor and Council voted July 20 to continue the city's participation in the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC).

Common ownership communities have shared common property within a residential development. Their governing bodies, such as a homeowner association's board of directors, adopt and enforce rules and assess dues for the ownership, maintenance and operations of common property.

Rockville has 57 common ownership communities, including 20 condominium communities, three that are a mix of condominiums and townhomes, 18 of solely townhomes, eight that are a mix of townhomes and single-family homes and eight communities of solely single-family homes.

The CCOC provides technical assistance, information and advice to association boards and residents about a variety of topics, such as conducting elections, adopting budgets and appropriately enforcing association bylaws. CCOC staff also helps to resolve disputes between association residents and association governing bodies through informal coordination, mediation and formal hearings.

Since the city began the relationship with the CCOC in January 2010, CCOC staff has helped Rockville residents and associations resolve disputes about home maintenance, excessive noise, deck construction and other topics.

Find resources and more information at **www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccoc**.

Connect with the city on social media.

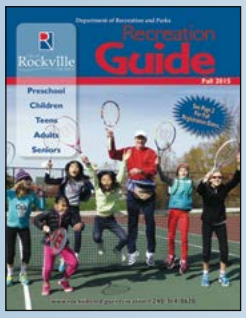
September Calendar

R = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

For the most up-to-date event listings, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek** and sign up for the weekly email newsletter.

FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery,** GM Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre,** FSF Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center,** CC Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration is required, register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center,** SR 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall,** CH 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide and use course numbers found in the calendar to register at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov.

5,12,19,26 Saturday Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

7 Labor Day Rockville City Hall is closed. *See article on page 1.*

7 Final Sign-up for the Rockville Solar Co-op *See article on page 2.*

8 Rockville 2040 Listening Session 7 p.m. King Farm Clubhouse, 300 Saddle Ridge Circle. *See article on page 1.*

11 Kids Laser Tag Party Games, refreshments for sale, dancing and music for teens and pre-teens. 7-9:30 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

12 Salute to Rockville Nonprofits FREE! 9 a.m.-noon. Jury parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. *See article on page 4.*

12 Saturday Story and Hike Ages 2-5. Adult participation required. Register course #52555. 10-11 a.m. CC

12 Green Your Backyard Information Session FREE! Learn about RainScapes Rewards and other city programs. Free rain barrel raffle. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes. Register at 240-314-8877 or rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov. 1:30-3 p.m. CC

11,12,13 "The Gypsy Baron" presented by Victorian Lyric Opera Company. 8 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 12 and 2 p.m. on Sept. 13. *See article on page 4.* FSF

12 Historical Bike Ride with Peerless Rockville FREE! 7-mile bike tour of the city's historic sites. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at Courthouse Square Park at Maryland and West Montgomery avenues.

13 Ride the Rockville Bike Beltway FREE! Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, a 10.6-mile shared-use path around the center of Rockville. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

13 Fairy Gardens Children 4 and older can build their own fairy garden. Register for course #52573. 1:30-2:30 p.m. CC

15 Concert Under the Stars The Rockville Swing Band performs at Rockville Senior Center Park. In case of rain the concert will be in the Carnation Room. 7-8:30 p.m. SR

16 Maryland Senior Olympics Bocce Senior athletes compete at the Rockville Senior Center Bocce Court. 10 a.m. SR

16 Montgomery County Green Bank Information Session FREE! County representatives and financial experts discuss new energy finance opportunities. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment. 9-11:30 a.m. FSF

16 Rockville 2040 Listening Session FREE! 7 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. *See article on page 1.*

17 Nature Tots: Squirrels A naturalist helps children age 2-5 explore nature through crafts, stories and hikes. Adult participation is required. Preregistration strongly recommended. Register course #52559. 10-11:30 a.m. CC

18 Park(ing) Day FREE! A day of creatively repurposing parking spaces for visitors to play a game, have a rest and learn more about Rockville's programs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Various locations in Town Center. Learn more at http://parkingday.org.

19 Voter Registration Mobile Drive 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Locations throughout Rockville. *See article on page 2.*

19 Carl Henn Memorial Ride FREE! An 11-mile bike ride with stops at four community gardens for riders 15 and older. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 9 a.m.-noon. Meet in the upper parking lot of Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

19 Healthy Living Rockville FREE! Noon-3 p.m. Rockville Town Square. *See article on page 1.*

19 Off-Leash Testing Preregistration required. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash. 10 a.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane.

20 Rabies Clinic Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rabiesclinic or call 240-314-8930. 8-10:30 a.m. Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood.

22 Flu Shot Clinic For Senior Center members. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or call 240-314-8800. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. SR

25 Happy Hour Campfire: Local Beers Enjoy favorite alcoholic beverages and learn wildlife trivia around the campfire. Must be 21 or older. Preregistration required. Register course #53068. 6 p.m. CC

25 Halloween Haunt Volunteers Meeting Learn about volunteering for Thomas Farm Community Center's annual Halloween Haunt on Oct. 6. Students grades 6-12 can earn SSL hours. 7 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center.

26 Yoga - In Our City FREE! Outside beginner yoga classes. All ages. Register course #52272. 9-10 a.m. Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive.

26 Croydon Creek Campfire: Maryland State Symbols Learn about the state reptile, state fossil shell and state exercise, and enjoy a campfire treat. All ages. Preregistration required. Register course #52568. 6:45-7:45 p.m. CC

26 Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride FREE! A ride using shared-use paths, bike lanes and low-traffic residential streets. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

26 Asian Pacific American Task Force Fashion Show An intergenerational show featuring traditional clothing and performances. 3-5 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Check www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions for cancellations, rescheduling and contact information.

3 Environment Commission 7 p.m.

8 Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.

9 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.

9,30 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

12 Board of Appeals 9 a.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

15 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Meets at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

17 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Meets at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

17 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

22 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m.

23 Rockville Housing Enterprises Board of Commissioners 6:30 p.m. Meets at 621-A Southlawn Lane.

23 Human Rights Commission 7 p.m.

24 Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

Vacancies

The city is seeking applicants for:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Commission (1)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (2 alternates)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING, VISIT WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV

Citizens Police Academy Shines Spotlight on What it Takes to Become an Officer

Eight-Week Course Includes Looks at Crime Scene Processing and Investigations

Community members have the opportunity to go behind the badge this fall with the Rockville Citizens Police Academy. Participants age 18 and older will learn about all aspects of the police department, receive hands-on training and earn a graduation certificate upon course completion.

The Rockville City Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming academy. The free, eight-week course runs Oct. 6-Nov. 24 and will meet Tuesday evenings at a yet-to-be finalized location in the city. Topics include:

- Crime scene processing.
- Firearms training simulations.
- K-9 unit demonstrations.
- Traffic law.
- Detectives and investigations.
- Bomb unit.

For more information and registration, email Cpl. Ken Matney at kmatney@rockvillemd.gov. Registration is open until the academy start date.

Get a glimpse of a recent Citizens Police Academy in two reports from Rockville 11. Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube** and search for "Citizens Police Academy: Simunitions Class" and "Rockville Citizens Police Academy Graduation."

For information on the Rockville City Police Department, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/police.**

A NEW DOG IN TOWN… ***The newest member of the Rockville City Police Department is Utah, a 15-month-old German shepherd K-9. Utah and his handler, Cpl. Heath Marshall, are currently attending K-9 patrol school.***

Eat. Shop. Save Money. Do Good.

Support Rockville nonprofits while shopping at Rockville businesses.

New Rockville Rewards cards are now available! Cards are valid from Sept. 1, 2015 – Aug. 31, 2016 and offer discounts at 125 Rockville area businesses. Purchase the card for $25 and support any one of 33 participating local nonprofits, which keep 100% of the card sale proceeds.

Find a list of participating nonprofits where you can buy the card or purchase it online at www.rockvillerewards.com/buy-the-card.

Neighborhood Notes

IN BRIEF

Southlawn Industrial Area Study Continues with Preliminary Findings Report

Learn about the preliminary findings of the Southlawn Industrial Area Feasibility Study and share input at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

The planning study seeks to identify possible land use and traffic solutions to lessen the impacts of the Southlawn industrial area on the city's near east side neighborhoods.

Additional public meetings will be held through January as the study progresses.

Learn more, sign up to receive email updates and share your thoughts on the study via a comment form at **www.rockvillemd.gov/southlawnstudy**.

For more information, contact Clark Larson in Community Planning and Development Services at **clarson@rockvillemd.gov** or 240-314-8200.

Save the Date: F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival, from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Best Western Hotel, 1251 West Montgomery Ave., includes writing workshops for emerging and established fiction and nonfiction writers, literary discussions and a screening of a film for book lovers. The F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Achievement in American Literature will be presented to Richard Ford, who will be introduced by past honoree Robert Olen Butler and will give a reading. Learn more and register at **www.fscottfestival.org**.

Register Now for Fall Sports

Adult:

- **Co-Rec Soccer 7s** (season starts Sept. 17): Register by Sept. 4.
- **Men's Basketball** (season starts Sept. 28): Register by Sept. 10.
- **Tennis Tournament** (Sept. 12-13): Register by Sept. 4.

Youth:

- **Co-Rec Soccer** (season starts Oct. 3): Register by Sept. 8.
- **Cross Country** (season starts Oct. 3): Register by Sept. 8.
- 10 U tennis Tournament (Sept. 26): Register by Sept. 16.

240-314-8620
www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports

The City of Rockville, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI), the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery Business Development Corporation (MBDC) *present the*

Rockville Business Academy

Grow. Connect. Serve.
Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m.-noon

EVEN Hotel,
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Led by city staff, this free program features:

- ✓ How to do business with the city.
- ✓ City demographics.
- ✓ Planning and development services.
- ✓ Best environmental practices for your business.
- ✓ Keeping your business and employees safe.
- ✓ Commercial code enforcement.
- ✓ How to get more involved in the city.

Register at www.rockvillechamber.org.
For more information, contact Hjarman Cordero at 240-314-8344 or hcordero@rockvillemd.gov.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound in Rockville

Salute to Nonprofits Highlights Ways to Donate Time

Students looking for ways to earn service learning hours to fulfill graduation requirements, and adults who want to lend a hand in the community, can find a variety of volunteer opportunities in the city throughout the year.

Within the Recreation and Parks Department, volunteers are needed to:

- Tutor elementary-aged children.
- Mentor young students.
- Help at the annual Holiday Drive (collecting, sorting and distributing Thanksgiving food and holiday gifts).
- Assist staff running after-school programs at community centers.
- Help recreation classes.
- Work at the nature center and senior center.
- Assist with youth sports programs.

Looking for a way to help the Earth while volunteering? Check out opportunities in the Department of Public Works' Environmental Management Division, which coordinates stream cleanups, invasive plant removal and other activities.

If you are in search of a community organization with which to volunteer, stop by the 10th annual Salute to Nonprofits at the Rockville Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the jury parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. Visit with agencies that help those in need in the Rockville community and learn about volunteer opportunities. The event is coordinated in part by the Rockville Human Services Advisory Commission.

Find more information on volunteering and a volunteer application form at **www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer**.

Rockville Says Goodbye to Summer, But Not to Outdoor Swimming

Most Septembers, when the summer winds down, Rockville Swim and Fitness Center swimmers reluctantly head back to the indoor pool.

This year, they can linger a little longer outside in the 50-meter fitness pool. The center is extending its outdoor lap swimming season, weather permitting, through mid-October.

In addition, the center will offer some of its water fitness classes in the outdoor fitness pool through Oct. 2 (weather permitting). Find a schedule at **www.rockvillemd.gov/guide**. Register for a full session to pay a lower rate, or drop in for $7 per class. All other swim and fitness center classes begin the week of Aug. 31.

Work continues on the center's indoor south pool deck replacement and HVAC upgrades. To learn more, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter**.

Civic Center Park is Rockville's Home for Visual and Performing Arts

Community members looking for a unique local arts experience don't have to go far, with Rockville's Civic Center Park hosting a variety of performances and art gallery exhibitions throughout the year. The park, at 603 Edmonston Drive, is home to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Upcoming shows at the theater include:

- A concert performance of "The Gypsy Baron" (Sept. 11-13, presented by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company).
- "The Great Gatsby" (Oct. 2-11, presented by Rockville Little Theatre).

Theater patrons can now purchase a subscription package to the Victorian Lyric Opera Company's 2015-16 season, which includes "The Gypsy Baron," "Robin Hood" (Feb. 26-March 6) and "HMS Pinafore" (June 10-19). Other subscription packages for multiple performances may be purchased through the box office.

For more, including information about free community concerts, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre** or call the box office at 240-314-8690.

Exhibition to Show Mixed Media, Paintings and Fiber

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery's September exhibition features:

- Mixed media from Child-Olmsted/Rexrode's "Art Connections: Images of Life from Two Generations."
- Acrylic paintings from Audrey Salkind's "From My Perspective."
- Fiber works from the Fiber Quartet's "World of Color."

Meet the artists at a free opening reception from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30 at the gallery. Enjoy music by guitarist Guy Robert Jean, who will perform from 2-3 p.m. during the reception.

Audrey Salkind, "Charged Up," 36x36, Acrylic.

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. It is closed on weekends and holidays. No tickets or reservations are required for the opening reception and concert, or to visit the gallery during normal hours.

Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery** or call the gallery director at 240-314-8682.

Mentoring Rewards

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Aburrow found the program shortly after retiring from a career as a food broker. "I had coached some teams along the way in my years but I had not done anything like mentoring before," he said.

Mentors receive some training before they start and coaching and support along the way. Other than that, they simply need to "be willing to show up that hour a week," Aburrow said. Or two hours a week, in Aburrow's case. He has volunteered twice a week, at Beall and Ritchie Park, for the past five years.

"You don't have to be a teacher. You don't have to be a psychologist," he said. "All you really need is the desire to help a young person."

Learn more about how to help a young person. Contact Kate Bouwkamp at 240-314-8317 or kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov or visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring**.

Get Into It

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