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City Makes Progress on Mayor and Council Priorities

'Rockville 2040' and King Farm Farmstead Among the Initiatives

An update to the city's Comprehensive Master Plan, work on the "Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan" and a push for increased school construction funding are among Mayor and Council priorities that the city is making progress on this spring.

At the start of the current term, the Mayor and Council identified more than 20 priorities, which can be found at **www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil**. Each priority has been assigned to a city department and project manager. Progress on each of the priorities will be tracked, with the Mayor and Council receiving regular status updates.

The city is already making progress on several priorities, including:

- Meaningfully engaging with the county school system and the county and state government to promote school construction. The Mayor and Council delivered testimony on the county schools' construction budget during County Council budget hearings in February. April saw an increase in state aid for school construction. Learn more in the article on page 3.
- The Mayor and Council received the "Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan" from the Planning Commission in March and are making progress toward adopting it this year. A work session is scheduled for Monday, May 9, followed by a Monday, May 16 public hearing and more work into the summer. Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike** and in the article on page 2.
- Completing the "Rockville 2040" master plan revision by 2018. Learn more, including how to be involved in citywide public forums in May and June, at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040**, or *see the ad on page 3.*
- Taking steps to be proactive in outreach to diverse populations. The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on Monday, May 2, recognizing Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.
- Establishing a task force to find a dynamic use for the King Farm Farmstead that contributes to the community. Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarmfarmstead** and in the article on page 3.

The city's Department of Public Works also recently submitted Transportation/Land Use Connection grant applications to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for two additional Mayor and Council priorities: A "Vision Zero" plan for ending traffic-related fatalities and injuries on roads and a feasibility study for a pilot trolley/streetcar circulator.

Mayor and Council Name Conway as New City Clerk

The Mayor and Council named Kathleen Conway as the new City Clerk/Director of Council Operations on April 11. Conway will start Monday, May 9.

Conway has served as Senior Director of Benefits for Interstate Hotels & Resorts in Arlington, Virginia, since April 2013. Her career includes over 20 years of management experience in program management, information technology, organizational development, human resources and training. She will report directly to the Mayor and Council and will serve as a vital link between the Mayor and Council and the community. Duties of the office will include all the responsibilities of the City Clerk, but will also include advanced research, analysis and coordination of Mayor and Council initiatives.

"The Mayor and Council are thrilled to announce that Ms. Kathleen Conway has accepted the position of City Clerk/Director of Council Operations," said Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton. "Kathleen has served on the Rockville Sister City Corporation and the Ethics Commission and is a longtime Rockville resident. She brings a passion for public service and will be a tremendous asset to the governing body."

Conway will also administer city elections, provide staff support to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and the Compensation Commission, and maintain up-to-date records for the city. "My family and I are long-term Rockville residents and I am looking forward to serving my community," Conway said. "I believe my career successes will allow me to deliver the results the community expects from this position."

Treschuk to Retire After 27 Years as the City's Top Cop

After 44 years in law enforcement and 27 years as chief of the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD), Chief Terrance N. Treschuk announced in April that he will retire on June 1.

Treschuk was sworn in as chief on March 20, 1989. Three decades later, the RCPD is nationally recognized for its continued mission of effective community policing.

"I am honored and humbled to have worked alongside so many talented and dedicated members of the Rockville City Police Department," Treschuk said in an April 7 message on the RCPD Facebook page. "The men and women who serve are role models to others in being able to perform an extraordinarily difficult job with the highest levels of professionalism and competency. I appreciate what each and every one of them has done to make this community such a desirable place to live and work."

The department has been nationally accredited since 1994.

"Chief Treschuk is a consummate professional who will be greatly missed," Acting City Manager Craig L. Simoneau said in a message to city staff.

A recently published comparative uniform crime report for the City of Rockville shows that there has been a 32 percent reduction in Part I crimes within the city over the last decade. Part I crimes are crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery and assault) and property (burglary, larceny, theft and arson).

"I want to thank all the citizens of Rockville for allowing me the privilege to serve as your police chief," Treschuk said.

Rockville City Hall to Close for Memorial 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, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended on May 30 and made one day later. Collection regularly made on Monday will be made on Tuesday; regularly scheduled Tuesday collection will occur on Wednesday, and so on. 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 May 30:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- Glenview Mansion, including the mansion's art gallery.
- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers.
- Rockville Senior Center.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office. Tickets are always available at **www.rockvillemd.gov/theatretix**.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The outdoor pools open at noon for family recreation swim. However, due to the city's Memorial Day parade, access to Martins Lane and the center's parking lot will be restricted until after noon. Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter** for individual pool schedules, or call 240-314-8750.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

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

Get Into It…

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Save Money and Protect Local Streams with RainScapes Rewards

Single-family homeowners and nonprofits, including religious institutions, private schools and homeowners associations, can receive up to $3,500 in rebates through Rockville's RainScapes Rewards program.

The program offers rebates for installing rain barrels, planting conservation landscapes and native trees, and removing pavement – actions that can reduce flooding, decrease pollution in local streams and attract birds and butterflies.

Interested in learning more about rain barrels? Attend an information session from 1:30-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 357 Avery Road. Attendees will learn how to buy, install and maintain rain barrels, and a free rain barrel will be raffled off to one lucky Rockville resident. Spaces are limited for the free session. Registration is required. To register, contact the RainScapes coordinator with your name and address at **rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov** or 240-314-8877.

For more details and applications, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes**.

Applications are accepted and approved on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible for a rebate, the property must be located within the City of Rockville. Projects must be approved by the RainScapes coordinator before work can begin and must follow the design guidelines outlined in the application packet to receive a rebate.

Considering Next Steps for Town Center Parking

The Mayor and Council are continuing to work with Rockville Town Center stakeholders, including merchants, property owners, residents and visitors, to discuss Town Center parking.

A follow-up discussion to a February work session on Town Center parking is scheduled for the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 13. The Mayor and Council will review the key information shared by stakeholders and provide direction on next steps. Suggestions shared by stakeholders in February included improved directional signage, designating meter parking spaces for food pick up and improved public information about parking and validation.

For more information about this ongoing dialogue, contact Louise Atkins at **latkins@rockvillemd.gov** or 240-314-8106.

Find more information about parking in Town Center at **www.rockvilleparking.com**, including a parking map, parking discounts and answers to frequently asked questions.

Fighting Mosquitoes Begins at Home

Eliminating and Monitoring Container Breeding Sites is Key

While a mosquito bite is an annoyance, a bite from an infected mosquito can spread disease.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Mosquito Control program recommends a community-wide effort to reduce mosquito breeding areas. Eliminating breeding sites is key. Mosquitoes lay eggs in water-filled containers as small as a bottle cap. The most effective method of controlling mosquitoes is reducing or eliminating containers where they breed. Community members are encouraged to share the following tips with neighbors:

Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water such as flowerpots, watering cans, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, old tires, boats, tarps, and garbage cans and lids. Tightly cover water storage containers (e.g. rain barrels). For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

Clean gutters and downspout screens regularly. Position drain pipes to ensure drainage.

Fill in low spots in yards, where water pools.

Use screens on windows and doors and repair holes in screens.

The city is also working with MDA to reduce mosquito breeding. MDA will perform monthly monitoring, from May through September, of select city-owned properties. MDA will treat water on the properties with a biological larvicide, when warranted. Rockville also inspects public and private stormwater facilities (e.g. ponds that collect and release stormwater runoff) to ensure the facilities are functioning properly, and enforces maintenance and repairs, when necessary. The city is training employees, with help from MDA, about how to identify and reduce mosquito breeding areas.

For more information, including links to resources from Montgomery Co., MDA and the Centers for Disease Control, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/mosquito**.

'Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan' Hearing Set for May 16

The Public Record Remains Open Through May 23

The Mayor and Council invite community members to comment during the second of two scheduled public hearings on the Planning Commission's recommended "Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan." The hearing will be held as part of the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 16, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Read the plan at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike** or in hard copy at City Hall and at the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries.

The public record for written comments will remain open through Monday, May 23. Testimony may be sent to **mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov**, or by mail to: City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

The "Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan" was approved by the Planning Commission on March 9. In accordance with Maryland law, the Mayor and Council have up to 150 days from the commission's approval to review and act on the plan.

The recommended plan, which is being updated for the first time since 1989, establishes policies for land use, transportation, parks and other topics along a key two-mile stretch of the Rockville Pike corridor, south of Rockville Town Center. The plan seeks to ensure that there is a mix of commercial and residential uses along the corridor, that existing residential neighborhoods are protected, that the emerging new neighborhood is attractive, and that Rockville Pike retains and attracts local and national retail to enhance the corridor's economic viability.

THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR CITY UNION EMPLOYEES… ***The City of Rockville and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1453 signed a new contract April 1. In attendance were (L to R): Steve Sokol, operation maintenance superintendent; Archer Blackwell, a labor relations consultant with AFSCME Council 67; Acting Director of Public Works Judy Ding; Derrick Pierson, a Recreation and Parks Dept. maintenance worker and union president; Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton; Acting City Manager Craig L. Simoneau; Gregory Thomas, Recreation and Parks maintenance technician; Jerrod Johnson, a Recreation and Parks certified tree climber; and Steve Mader, superintendent of parks and facilities.***

City Considering Energy Benchmarking for Nonresidential Buildings

Requirements Would be Consistent with the County's

Rockville will consider having Montgomery County's energy benchmarking requirements for nonresidential buildings apply within the city limits, under a proposed ordinance scheduled for introduction during the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, May 16.

Benchmarking is the practice of tracking energy usage, to compare how a building is performing with past performance or against similar buildings nationwide. Building energy benchmarking and transparency policies are growing in popularity nationwide. The county and Washington, D.C. have enacted benchmarking and disclosure requirements for nonresidential buildings of certain sizes.

The county's benchmarking mandate currently does not apply to properties in Rockville. If the Mayor and Council approve the ordinance, Rockville properties will have the same requirements, opportunities to reduce energy costs, and access to technical and financial programs, as other county properties.

Learn more about the proposed ordinance when the May 16 meeting agenda is posted at **www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter**.

The county law requires building owners, including the county government, to benchmark energy use of nonresidential buildings greater than 50,000 square feet using a free online tool; to have the data verified by a "recognized data verifier" in the first year, and then every three years; and to report data to the county annually for public disclosure.

The county is also developing new financing programs, such as Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) and the Montgomery Co. Green Bank, which can be paired with benchmarking to help facilitate investment in energy efficiency improvements and clean energy. C-PACE helps commercial and nonprofit building owners improve energy and water efficiency while saving money. The program covers up to 100 percent of the cost of qualifying energy-saving upgrades and allows owners to repay the cost through a surcharge on their county property tax bill.

Learn more at **www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Energy/benchmarking.html**.

State to Hold Open Houses on Bus Rapid Transit

The state Department of Transportation will hold open houses about the study of BRT along the MD 355 corridor. *(The same information will be presented at both meetings.)*:

- Thursday, April 28; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. cafeteria, 4301 East-West Highway, in Bethesda.
- Tuesday, May 3; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Gaithersburg H.S. cafeteria, 101 Education Blvd., in Gaithersburg.

Learn more, including how to submit comments, at **www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/md355openhouses.html**

Mayor & Council

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Bridget Donnell Newton

Councilmember
Beryl L. Feinberg

Councilmember
Virginia D. Onley

Councilmember
Julie Palakovich Carr

Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

Important Mayor and Council Dates

Meetings are 7 p.m. at City Hall and subject to change.

- **May 2** (Monday)
- **May 9** (Monday)
- **May 16** (Monday)
- **May 23** (Monday)
- **June 6** (Monday)
- **June 13** (Monday)
- **June 20** (Monday)

Televised on Rockville 11 and available live streaming and on demand at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11. **Drop-in sessions** are monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton will be joined on May 9 by Councilmember Virginia D. Onley, and on June 13 by Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr. *Call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280.*

State Legislative Wins: Schools, Program Open Space and Youth Services

Capital Budget Includes $100,000 for Swim and Fitness Center Improvements

Increased funding for school construction, partial restoration of funding for Program Open Space and the protection of funding for youth services were among the wins for Rockville during the 2016 Maryland General Assembly that concluded April 11.

State lawmakers passed legislation doubling – to $40 million – the state's supplemental school construction funding levels for schools with significant enrollment, beginning in Fiscal Year 2018, which begins July 1, 2017. Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett's recommended FY 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget assumed the increased funding, which will provide $15.5 million in supplemental aid to county public schools over the six-year CIP.

Rockville received, for the second consecutive year, a $1.3 million grant for road maintenance and small infrastructure improvement projects. While this is the fourth consecutive year the state provided a one-time restoration in the highway user revenue, lawmakers still did not address a city priority of permanently restoring funding cuts made by the state during the Great Recession.

The legislature approved restoration of some of the money that was drastically cut from Program Open Space during the Great Recession. The state aid, which was used to plug holes in the state's general fund during the recession, goes toward creating parks and recreation facilities.

The FY17 state budget includes $1.8 million for youth services bureaus, such as Rockville's Community Services Division. The budget also includes language that guarantees funding at the current level and states that the money cannot be used for another purpose. The Community Services Division uses the money to provide prevention and intervention services to at-risk youth.

In the capital budget, Rockville will receive $100,000 in state aid toward improvements to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center locker rooms and to make other parts of the center compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more details on these state legislative priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115.

Metro Funding, Policing and Housing on City's Wish List for Federal Aid

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and city staff were scheduled to bring the following requests for federal support to an April 28 meeting with the city's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.:

- **Metro funding**: Federal funding to make urgently needed safety improvements to Metro rail system, to expand cell service in tunnels, to improve radio signals for emergency responders and to address Metro's aging fleet. Metro is critical to Rockville's transportation network and is heavily relied upon by residents, workers and city visitors.
- **Stormwater management utility fee legislation**: A request for federal legislation requiring states, instruments of the state (e.g. public school systems and colleges), and counties to pay municipal stormwater fees for public properties within municipal city limits. This would be modeled after legislation sponsored by Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin and enacted in 2011 that pertained to federal properties.
- **Community Oriented Policing Services grant**: A request to maintain funding for the federal grant program known as "COPS." The Rockville City Police Department is reviewing program criteria and could apply for a COPS grant of up to $125,000 to expand community policing.
- **Community Development Block Grant**: A request that this federal grant funding, which has been cut significantly in recent years, not be cut further. The city puts the funding toward housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners and other low- and moderate-income housing rehabilitation.
- **Infrastructure upgrades**: Requests for federal funding for bridge rehabilitation, sanitary sewer system improvements and stormwater system renovation.

The city also planned to update the federal delegation on plans to extend Maryland and Dawson avenues to support the second phase of Town Center development. The $12 million project may be suitable for a spring 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application.

Find more information, including video of the Mayor and Council's April 18 discussion of the federal priorities at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. For more on Rockville's federal priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115.

Community Members Wanted for King Farm Farmstead Task Force

The Mayor and Council are seeking three community members for a task force that will identify the best uses for the King Farm Farmstead and funding sources for developing the historic property. The community members cannot live in King Farm. The King Farm Citizens Assembly will nominate three King Farm residents.

The 7-acre farmstead, which was dedicated to the city for use as a public park, includes two large dairy barns, a garage, the main farm house, a community garden and several smaller buildings at 1101 Grand Champion Drive. At the direction of the Mayor and Council, the city conducted an assessment of the facilities' conditions in 2014. The proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget includes funding to improve the structural integrity of the dairy barns.

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ROCKVILLE 2040

Help Plan Rockville's Future

CITYWIDE FORUMS
• May 10 • May 24 • June 14
6:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St.

***Participants are encouraged to attend all meetings – each will build on the one before.* For more information and to register, email: masterplan@rockvillemd.gov**

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City of Rockville Get Into It

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IN BRIEF

Rockville to Recognize City Employees for Their Public Service

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on Monday, May 2, declaring May 1-7 as "National Public Service Week in Rockville."

The City of Rockville has over 600 regular and temporary employees. The awareness week is organized annually by the Public Employees Roundtable (PER) and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

The Partnership for Public Service (PFPS) and PER share three goals for the week. They are to:

- Connect and educate citizens nationwide about the work of their government.
- Improve the perception and morale of public servants.
- Help inspire a new generation of public servants.

At the heart of the program is the importance of honoring public employees and telling them that their dedication and service are noticed and appreciated. Learn more at http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/.

Mayor and Council to Adopt FY 2017 Budget on May 16

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to hold a final work session on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget during their meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 2.

The budget, which covers the fiscal year that begins July 1, is scheduled to be adopted by the Mayor and Council on Monday, May 16.

The public record for testimony on the proposed budget is now closed. The Mayor and Council held three public hearings on the budget throughout March and April.

The proposed FY 2017 operating budget of $126.1 million is an increase of 2.2 percent over the current fiscal year's total operating budget. The city's current real property tax rate of $0.292 per $100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY17.

Budget work sessions are televised live on channel 11 on county cable systems and are available via live streaming and, within two days of the meeting, on demand at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Mayor and Council meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget, or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation during their meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23 declaring June 2 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Rockville." Learn more when the May 23 agenda is posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

In the Community

IN BRIEF

Rockville Police to Participate in National Police Week

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on Monday, May 2 declaring the Week of May 15-21 as "National Police Week in Rockville."

National Police Week honors law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This year, as in the past, many officers from the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) will participate in events throughout the week in Washington, D.C., home of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Officers will also attend the annual Police Week memorial ceremony held by Montgomery County. Three RCPD officers shared how they will participate this year and offered thoughts on what the experience means to them:

Maj. Bob Rappoport will run in the 10th Annual National Police Week 5K run on Saturday, May 14. "This year I will be running in memory of Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta who was struck by a drunk driver on Rockville Pike near Edmonston Drive while working a holiday alcohol task force on Dec. 3 and died of his injuries seven days later," Rappoport said. Proceeds from the 5K support the Officer Down Memorial Page (**www.odmp.org**) and Concerns Of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) (**http://national-cops.com**), which supports survivors of officers lost to a line-of-duty death. Learn more at **www.nationalpoliceweek5k.com**.

Cpl. J. Pfaehler will participate for the sixth time in the Police Unity Tour, on a three-day, 250-mile bicycle ride between Richmond, Virginia and the national memorial to raise awareness about the risks and challenges that officers face every day. Pfaehler is riding in honor of two law enforcement rangers with the National Park Service and a Montgomery County Police officer, each of whom committed suicide last year. Riders must raise $1,750, which goes to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "As I'm raising these funds, I try and raise awareness about the mental wellness issues within the law enforcement community, to hopefully break the stigma that has a stranglehold on us," Pfaehler said. Learn more at **www.policeunitytourchapter4.com**.

The Rockville Police Honor Guard and Motor Units will provide escorts to family and friends of fallen officers on May 11-12 from Reagan National Airport to hotels. "Our officers feel proud to be able to assist the families of fallen officers," said **Lt. Ron Merritt**, one of 14 honor guard members participating. "It is an honor in itself."

Learn more about National Police Week at **www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek** and more about the RCPD at **www.rockvillemd.gov/police**.

Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor the City's First Responders

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation will be honored for their service to the community at the 27th annual Rockville Public Safety Awards on Wednesday, June 8 at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon.

Tickets are $30 per person through May 27. After May 27, tickets are $35 per person. Reserve a table for 10 with a table sign for $300. Corporate sponsorship, including recognition and a table for 10, is $550. For more information, or to register, visit **www.rockvillechamber.org/events**.

Climb Aboard the Big Trucks at the Free Public Works Week Equipment Show

Display to Celebrate the Theme of 'Public Works Always There'

Rockville will join the American Public Works Association (APWA) to celebrate National Public Works Week from Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 20.

The highlight of the week will be the annual Equipment Show from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at the outdoor pool parking lot at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. Kids—and kids at heart—will be able to climb into the operator's seat of some of the big trucks used by the city's Department of Public Works.

The free show includes balloons, popcorn, coloring books and other giveaways and the chance to meet some of the public works employees who provide the important services that keep Rockville running.

APWA first sponsored National Public Works Week in 1960. Today, more than 29,000 APWA members in the U.S. and Canada use the week to energize and educate the public about the important contributions of public works, including planning, building, managing and operating infrastructure and services in our communities.

This year's Public Works Week theme is "Public Works Always There." The theme spotlights the pervasiveness of public works and how communities depend on public works and the public works professionals who are always there and always ready.

Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, recycling and refuse, transportation, fleet services, environmental and right-of-way management.

The annual Equipment Show, the highlight of Rockville's observance of National Public Works Week, will be held May 19 at the outdoor pool parking lot of the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

To learn more about Rockville's Department of Public Works and its celebration of National Public Works Week, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks** or call 240-314-8500.

Building Safety Month Focuses on the Science of Safety

Theme is 'Driving Growth Through Innovation, Resilience and Safety'

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on Monday, May 9 recognizing Building Safety Month in Rockville in May.

This year's theme of "Building Codes: Driving Growth Through Innovation, Resilience and Safety" highlights the importance of building codes.

"Not only do the codes provide a level of safety for our citizens, this year focuses on how the codes are determined," said Timothy Diehl, the city's plans and permit supervisor. "It provides for a better educated end user, and hopefully better structures and smart growth for the city."

Weekly themes are:

- "Building Solutions for All Ages" (May 2-8), with a focus on how better accessibility and accommodations makes it easier for the country's growing senior population to age in place.
- "The Science Behind the Codes" (May 9-15), with a focus on the importance of up-to-date building codes in flood proofing, fire resistance, structural strength, wind design, sustainability, safe drinking water, airflow, energy efficiency and more.
- "Learn from the Past, Build for Tomorrow" (May 16-22), with a focus on how building code adoption and enforcement is one of the strongest strategies against natural disasters.
- "Building Codes: A Smart Investment" (May 23-29), with a focus on how following building codes can make homes more energy efficient and conserve water and other resources.

The International Code Council, a United States-based membership association, created Building Safety Month to promote safety in the built environment.

Learn more at **www.buildingsafetymonth.org** or **www.rockvillemd.gov/permitting**, or visit the Inspection Services Division counter on the second floor of City Hall, at 111 Maryland Ave., where staff is available to answer questions.

Secretaria de la Ciudad nombrado, Cierres por Memorial Day, Días festivos de la Ciudad

El siguiente es un resumen de las historias más importantes en esta publicación de "Rockville Reports":

El Alcalde y el Consejo nombraron a Conway como la Secretaria de la Ciudad

El Alcalde el Consejo nombraron a Kathleen Conway como la nueva Secretaria de la Ciudad/Director de Operaciones del Consejo. Conway iniciará sus funciones el lunes 9 de mayo. La contratación se anunció el 11 de abril. Conway trabajó como Director de Beneficios para Hoteles y Resorts en Arlington, Virginia desde abril del 2013. Para saber más vaya a **www.rockvillemd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1215**.

El Ayuntamiento estará cerrado en Memorial Day y el Festival de Música

El Ayuntamiento y algunas instalaciones de la ciudad cerrarán el lunes 30 de mayo, por Memorial Day. El mismo 30 de mayo se suspenderán el reciclado, la recolección de desechos del jardín y de basura y se realizarán al día siguiente. Para mayor información visite **www.rockvillemd.gov** o llame al 240-314-5000. Para obtener información sobre el Festival de Música, grupos musicales y comida el sábado 28 y domingo 29 de mayo y el 72 Desfile Anual de Memorial Day, el 30 de mayo, visite **www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH**.

King Farm Task Force

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As proposed, the task force will be a citizen-led body representing a variety of stakeholders and organizations. It will take six months to consider creative concepts for the property's use before presenting its top concepts to the Mayor and Council. The task force will then spend six months examining and presenting options for funding the rehabilitation, redevelopment and community use of the property according to the agreed-upon concept.

To apply for the task force, complete and submit the "Expression of Interest Form" at **www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions** or call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280. Learn more about the farmstead at **www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarmfarmstead** or call 240-314-8601.

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2-10 p.m.
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2-10 p.m.
& MONDAY MAY 30
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

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2016

• MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND •

TASTE OF ROCKVILLE OPENS AT NOON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS MUSIC FEST 4TH

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2016 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

STAGE	TIME	SATURDAY, MAY 28	SUNDAY, MAY 29
BUD LIGHT BEACH *2-10 p.m.*	2-3:30 p.m.	Knox Hamilton	Dave Chappell Band
	4-5:30 p.m.	Flow Tribe	Ted Garber
	6:30-8 p.m.	Sister Sparrow & The Dirty Birds	Kelly Bell Band
	8:30-10 p.m.	Lucie Silvas	The Nighthawks
NATURE'S PATH MARYLAND AVENUE *2:30-10 p.m.*	2:30-4 p.m.	Big Hoax	U.S. Navy Band - Country Current
	4:30-6 p.m.	Lindsey Buckingham Palace	DANGERMUFFIN
	6:30-8 p.m.	Jah Works	The Alternate Routes
	8:30-10 p.m.	Radio Birds	The Trongone Band
OLD LINE BANK HUNGERFORD'S TAVERN *2-9:30 p.m.*	2-3:30 p.m.	Get Off My Lawn	Scorpion Rose
	4-5:30 p.m.	The Radiographers	Lyuti Chushki
	6-7:30 p.m.	Bumper Jacksons	Hello Dharma
	8-9:30 p.m.	8 Ohms	of Tomorrow
TOWN SQUARE *2-8 p.m.*	2-3 p.m.	Wootton Acapella	Victorian Lyric Opera Company
	3:30-4:15 p.m.	123 Andrés	Rockville Evergreen
	4:45-5:30 p.m.	Bones Jones Music Staff/Students	The Uncle Devin Show
	6-6:45 p.m.	Bones Jones Music Staff/Students*	Chin Hamaya Rockville
	7-8 p.m.	RTC Dancers	RTC Dancers

*Schedule and times subject to change. *Bones Jones Music Staff/Students ends at 6:30 p.m.*

SATURDAY, MAY 28 AND SUNDAY, MAY 29 2-10 P.M.
ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

Start your summer off with a Rockville tradition this Memorial Day weekend, as entertainers from around the country descend on Rockville for the city's 28th annual Hometown Holidays.

The festival will feature performances by more than 30 groups on four stages on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29. Visitors will enjoy blues, rock, reggae, folk, Americana, pop and country music throughout the festival.

The weekend also features the Taste of Rockville, with food from local restaurants, kids amusements (including the return of "the beach" sand pile) and the 72nd annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 30.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH.

HTH Highlights

Taste of Rockville • noon-10 p.m.

Located along Maryland Avenue and Courthouse Square. Tickets are $1.25 and can be purchased at a Taste of Rockville ticket booth. Sponsored by and benefiting the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Community Ministries of Rockville.

Enjoy tastes from American Tap Room, Apollo, Armand's Pizzeria and Grill, Bonchon Chicken, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carmen's Italian Ice, Dawson's Market, Ev & Maddy's, La Tasca, Matt's House of Kabob, Mellow Mushroom, Miller's Ale House, Paladar, Potomac Pizza, Quench, Rockland Barbeque and Grilling Company, Saffron Indian Cuisine, Savvy Treats, Seasons 52, Spice Xing, Stanford Grill, The Bean Bag Deli and Trapazaria.

Community Partners • 2-8 p.m.

Located along East Montgomery Avenue. Visit with organizations that are doing great work in our community.

Kids Activities • 2-10 p.m.

Located in the parking lot at East Montgomery Avenue and Monroe Street. Enjoy amusements for children of all ages, provided by Rockville-based Talk of the Town. Fee for activities.

Kids Performances

Don't miss a variety of kid-friendly performances on the Town Square Stage on Maryland Avenue, including singers, dancers and more.

Hometown Holidays Mug

Makes a great souvenir! Purchase a HTH mug at any beverage booth and your first beverage is included. Mugs are $10. Booths accept cash and credit.

The Beach

Located near the Bud Light Beach Stage. Build a sand castle or enjoy a drink with your feet in the sand at the beach.

Rockville Environment Commission Booth (Saturday only)

Test your knowledge of city recycling, learn about water-sheds, city sustainability and energy-efficient actions, and learn how much solar energy your home can generate.

City of Rockville Booth

Located along Maryland Avenue. Visit the City of Rockville booth for giveaways and information about city programs and services.

Rockville Recreation and Parks Booth

Located near the Bud Light Beach Stage. Stop by for fun giveaways and activities and learn about the city's recreation offerings and parks.

HTH Site Map for Saturday and Sunday

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND • 2016

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS MUSIC FEST HTH

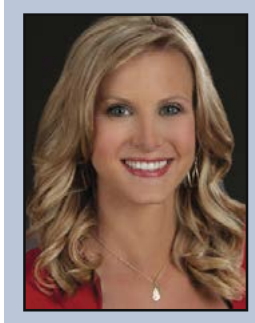
72ND MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 30 • ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

9 a.m. • ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS
The City of Rockville-supported volunteer band and the Rockville Community Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America.

9:30 a.m. • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
The ceremony, in the plaza at Rockville Town Square, includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus; a traditional wreath laying, led by American Legion Post 86; and the presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and Rockville City Police Department Honor Guard.

10:30 a.m. • 72nd MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
After the ceremony, the parade proceeds from Martins Lane and North Washington Street, turning left on Beall Avenue, turning down Maryland Avenue through Rockville Town Center and making a left on East Montgomery Avenue. The parade has something for everyone with drill teams, marching bands, multicultural community groups, military units and more.



Master of Ceremonies:
MELISSA MOLLET
Melissa Mollet is an Emmy Award-winning traffic and transit reporter for NBC4 in Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Gaithersburg High School. She lives in Rockville with her three favorite guys – her husband, son and dog.

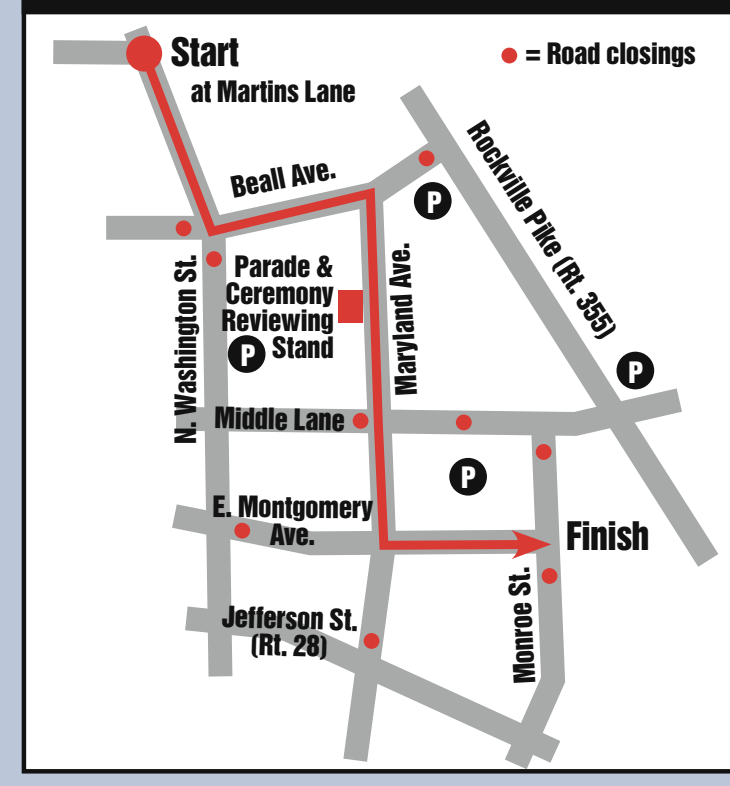
Grand Marshal:
JOHN E. KLANSEK
Born on Dec. 7, 1925, in Luzerne, Pennsylvania, John Klansek enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon high school graduation. During his military service, Klansek earned nine commemorative medals, the Good Conduct Medal and a special letter and commemorative medal from the Korean government.

He served in the South Pacific during World War II, as part of an amphibious communications unit supporting Marine forces, and then at the naval air station in Honolulu, Hawaii as a radioman. After the war, Klansek attended Wilkes College in Pennsylvania, on the G.I. Bill, graduating with a bachelor's degree in economics while remaining in the Navy Reserve.

He was recalled to active duty for the Korean War as a personnelman 2nd class and was assigned to the USS Cape Esperance, which transported airplanes, supplies and troops.

Klansek has lived in Montgomery County since 1956. He is retired after 38 years with the U.S. Department of Energy. He and his wife, Judy, live outside of Damascus after raising their five children in Rockville. Two of his granddaughters have served as Rockville American Legion "poppy representatives" in past Memorial Day parades.

Parade Route



General Information

- Bring beach chairs/blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so that those around you can see the show too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- For your safety, no glass containers or animals (other than service animals) should be brought to Hometown Holidays.
- For safety reasons, bikes, skateboards and inline skates are not permitted to be ridden in the event area.
- Video and audio recorders and cameras are prohibited during evening concerts.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at **www.rockvillemd.gov**.

Assistance Needed: Rockville strives to provide access to all programs and services, regardless of disability. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8100, TDD 240-314-8137 with questions regarding access to Hometown Holidays. Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for Monday's Memorial Day ceremony and parade.

Getting to Hometown Holidays

By Public Transit: Take Metro's Red Line to the Rockville station. Exit on the Rockville Pike side, and follow the sounds of music across the street to Middle Lane. MARC train service will not run Memorial Day weekend.

By Car:

- The festival is located in Rockville Town Center.
- From I-270, take either exit 5 or exit 6 and go east into Rockville. Follow signs for parking.
- From Route 355/Rockville Pike, going north into Rockville, turn left onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.
- From upcounty using Route 355/Rockville Pike, drive south into Rockville and use the Rockville Town Square parking garage located off Route 355/Rockville Pike, or turn right onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.

Parking: ***Free parking*** is available at the Council Office Building on Fleet Street, Metro lots and City Hall lots.

Paid parking is available for $5 in the Rockville Town Square garage located off of Route 355 or North Washington Street from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, May 30. Cash and credit accepted. Regular Town Square parking rates apply at all other times.

By Bike: Rockville is a bike-friendly community, with several Capital Bikeshare stations, including one at Maryland and East Montgomery avenues.

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May/June Calendar

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

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 Drive.
- **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 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 recreation and summer camp guides at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. Summer registration begins May 12.

MAY

1 Triathlon Open Swim Test out wetsuits and practice open water skills in the 50-meter outdoor pool. 9-11 a.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane.

1 Bike Month Kickoff Ride 10 a.m.-noon *See article on page 9.* CH

1,8,26,June 2 CPR/AED Training Class For health care professionals. Learn skills needed to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies, including the use of automated external defibrillation. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6944. May 1 and 8: noon-4 p.m. May 26 and June 2: 6-10 p.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

1 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Opening and Sunday Concert FREE 1:30-3:30 p.m. *See article on page 11.* GM

1 Container Herb Garden Workshop 1:30-2:15 p.m. Choose from a variety of aromatic herbs to create your very own container garden with help from a Smithsonian Gardens horticulturist. CC

1,6,7,8 "Our Town" Presented by Rockville Little Theatre *See article on page 11.* FSF

2,9,16,23,30 Mommy and Me Emphasizes play between caregiver and child using age-appropriate equipment in the gym. Center pass or daily membership required for caregivers. Age 4 and younger free. 10 a.m.-noon. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

2 First Aid Training Class For all caregivers. The American Red Cross course will teach how to recognize and provide basic care for injuries and sudden illness. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6944. 4-9 p.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

4,11,18,25 Drop-in Pickleball 7-9 p.m. Learn pickleball or improve your game with beginners and advanced beginners. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

7,21 Yoga In Our Parks FREE 9-10 a.m. May 7: Potomac Woods Park. May 21: Calvin Park. *See ad on page 10.*

7 Tour de Cookie 9 a.m.-noon. Johns Hopkins Montgomery County Campus, 9601 Medical Center Way. *See article on page 9.*

7 Peerless Rockville Presents "First Communities of Rockville: Quality Hill" Lecture 9:30 a.m., Walking Tour at 11 a.m. Quality Hill traces its roots to the 1784 division of 45 acres into Rockville's first streets, lots and blocks. Uncover the history of early Rockville through the descendants of its first families. Fee: $10 Peerless members/$15 nonmembers. Learn more at www.peerlessrockville.org. Grand Courtroom, Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square.

7,8 A-RTS Festival 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on May 7; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 8. Rockville Town Square. *See article on page 11.*

7 Star Party Discover objects easily visible in the night sky, look through telescopes with an astronomer and enjoy a campfire treat. All participants must register. This program is dependent on good weather and clear skies. 8-9 p.m. CC

10,24 "Rockville 2040" Citywide Public Forums 6:30 p.m. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St. *See ad on page 3.*

12 Fashion Show with Taylor Marie 1-2:30 p.m. *See article on page 9.* SR

14,21,28 Saturday Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at Route 28 and Monroe Street. *See article on page 12.*

14 Rockville Senior Inc. Spring Bazaar FREE 9 a.m-2 p.m. *See ad on page 9.* SR

14,19 Nature Tots A naturalist helps children ages 2-5 explore nature through play, crafts, stories and hikes. May 14 topic is "Snakes." May 19 topic is "Ladybugs." Adult participation required. Preregistration recommended. 10-11:30 a.m. CC

14 Twinbrook Community Day 1-3 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. *See article on page 12.*

14 Royal Tea Party Princesses ages 2 and older and their family are invited to celebrate Mother's Day with royal-themed games, crafts, a formal tea and entertainment. Dress in princess attire. 2-4 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

14 Hometown USA Barbershop Presents "Musical Time Travel" 7:30 p.m. *See article on page 11.* FSF

15 Rabies Vaccination Clinic 8-10:30 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rabiesclinic for details. Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood.

18 Ride of Silence 7-8 p.m. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave. in Rockville Town Square. *See article on page 9.*

19 Public Works Equipment Show 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, outdoor pool parking lot. *See article on page 4.*

20 Bike to Work Day 6:30-9 a.m. Pit stops in Rockville Town Center and Fallsgrove. *See article on page 9.*

21 Kids to Parks Day FREE 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *See ad on page 10.* CC

21 Off-Leash Testing Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash for details. 10 a.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, outdoor pool parking lot.

21 Saturday Story and Hike A naturalist reads a story and leads a hike based on the story. Ages 2-5. Adult participation required. Dress for the weather. 10-11 a.m. CC

21 Croydon Creep Campfire: Liars' Club Examine unusual objects, hear two stories about each and guess which story is true. All ages. All participants must register. 8:30-9:30 p.m. CC

22 Rockville Chorus Spring Concert 7:30 p.m. *See article on page 11.* FSF

25 Rockville Senior Center Health Fair FREE 11 a.m-1:30 p.m. *See article on page 9.* SR

28-29 Hometown Holidays Music Fest 2-10 p.m. (Taste of Rockville begins at noon.) Rockville Town Center. *See pages 5-7.*

30 Memorial Day City Hall and some city facilities are closed. *See article on page 1.*

30 72nd Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rockville Town Center. *See page 7.*

JUNE

1 First Aid Training Class For all caregivers. The American Red Cross course will teach how to recognize and provide basic care for injuries and sudden illness. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6944. 4-9 p.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

1,8,15,22,29 Drop-in Pickleball 7-9 p.m. Learn pickleball or improve your game with beginners and advanced beginners. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

3 Outdoor Family Movie Night Watch a movie on the big screen. Moves inside in case of inclement weather. Refreshments sold by Twinbrook Elementary School. 8-9:30 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

4,11,18,25 Saturday Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at Route 28 and Monroe Street. *See article on page 12.*

4 Washington Balalaika Society's "Musical Strings" 8 p.m. *See article on page 11.* FSF

5 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Opening and Sunday Concert FREE 1:30-3:30 p.m. *See article on page 11.* GM

5 RainScapes Rewards Information Session 1:30-3 p.m. *See article on page 2.* CC

6 Summer Lifeguard Training Class Begins The American Red Cross course will certify students in lifeguard training, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer and first aid. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6477. 6-10 p.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

7 Glaucoma Testing FREE 10 a.m.-2 p.m. *See article on page 9.* SR

7,14,21,28 Tuesday Evening Bike Rides FREE Join the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) for rides through various Rockville neighborhoods. Rides proceed at a moderate pace on low-volume neighborhood roads, shared-use paths, and bike lanes. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 6:30-8 p.m. Meet at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

8 Rockville Public Safety Awards 11:30 a.m. Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road. *See article on page 4.*

9-12,17-19 "H.M.S. Pinafore" Presented by Victorian Lyric Opera Company *See article on page 11.* FSF

10 International Day FREE 10:30 a.m.-noon *See article on page 9.* SR

12 Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail *See the article on page 9.* 10 a.m.-noon. SR

14 "Rockville 2040" Citywide Public Forums 6:30 p.m. VisArts. *See ad on page 3.*

18 Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride Kidical Mass is a nationwide movement to get kids with their families out on bikes in their communities. Ride will be at the pace of the slowest rider and will use a combination of shared-use paths, bike lanes and low-traffic residential streets. 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at Thomas Farm Community Center.

19 Rabies Vaccination Clinic 8-10:30 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rabiesclinic for details. Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center.

20-24 Kids Time 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *See article on page 10.* Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

21 Rockville Seniors Inc. Volunteer Appreciation Party and Annual Board Meeting FREE 1 p.m. *See article on page 9.* SR

25 Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra 7 p.m. *See article on page 11.* FSF

25 Suds & Soles 5K 7 p.m. Rockville Town Square. *See article on page 10.*

June 9 Rockville Solar Co-op Information Session 7 p.m. on June 9 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. A Rockville Solar Co-op Celebration to mark last year's successful co-op is also being planned for June 1. Find details, as they become available, at www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes.

Boards and Commissions

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

May 4, June 1 **Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee** 7 p.m.

May 5, June 16 **Ethics Commission** 6:30 p.m.

May 5, June 2 **Environment Commission** 7 p.m.

May 7, June 4 **Board of Appeals** 9 a.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

May 10, June 14 Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.

May 11,25, June 8,22 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

May 12 Board of Supervisors of Elections 10 a.m.

May 16, June 21 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

May 18, June 29 Sign Review Board 9 a.m.

May 18, June 8 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.

May 19, June 16 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center.

May 19, June 16 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

May 24, June 28 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m.

May 25, June 29 Rockville Housing Enterprises Board 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Lane.

May 25, June 22 Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m.

May 26, June 23 Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. on May 26 at RedGate Golf Course, 14500 Avery Road. 6 p.m. on June 23: Park Tour.

Vacancies

The city is seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1 alternate)
- Board of Appeals (2)
- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Comm. (2)
- Cultural Arts Commission (5)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Historic District Commission (1 alternate)
- Human Rights Comm. (4)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (3)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (3 regular; 1 alternate)
- Planning Commission (3)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (3)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
- Rockville Seniors, Inc. (1)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (3)
- Sign Review Board (3)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280.

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

Bike & Seniors Month

Cruise Into Bike Month in May

Rockville celebrates National Bike Month in May with rides for cookies and in memoriam, bike safety checks and the annual Bike to Work Day.

Bike Month Kickoff Ride

Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. Meet at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Join Rockville officials and neighbors to celebrate National Bike Month. Pedal a casual, six-mile loop of multi-use trails and quiet residential streets while exploring some of the city's extensive and diverse bicycling infrastructure, including paths, bridges and tunnels.

Bike Safety Checks

By the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC); Saturdays, May 14-July 30, 10 a.m.-noon. Rockville Farmers Market,

Rockville Town Center (corner of E. Jefferson Street/ MD 28 and Monroe Street).

Stop by the RBAC table to make sure your bike is in good working order before taking it for a spin—especially if it's been in the garage all winter. Get information about upcoming rides and cycling advocacy information, pick up a Rockville bike map and speak with bike experts. Find tips for proper bicycling equipment and maintenance at **www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling**. *Learn more about the farmers market on page 12.*

• BIKE TO WORK DAY •
Friday, May 20
6:30-9 a.m.
Various Locations

The city sponsors pit stops in Rockville Town Square and Fallsgrove. Come by for a free T-shirt, free light breakfast and coffee and enter a raffle for various prizes including a new bicycle.
Learn more and register at **www.biketoworkmetrodc.org**.

Tour de Cookie

Saturday, May 7, 7:30 a.m. Meet at Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus, 9601 Medical Center Way.

Noncompetitive bicycle rides of 12, 26 or 42 miles between cookie stands support child abuse prevention. The "tour" benefits the Tree House Child Assessment Center of Montgomery County. Register at **www.tourdecookie.com**.

10th Annual Ride of Silence

Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m. Meet at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave. in Rockville Town Square.

Cyclists worldwide honor those who have been injured or killed while bicycling. The free, 10-mile, hour-long ride through neighborhoods is escorted by Rockville city police, but is not recommended for children or slower cyclists. Riders must be comfortable riding on the street with traffic at about 10 mph. Learn more at **www.rideofsilence.org**.

Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/bikemonth** and **www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling**. ✣

Fashion, Crafts and Cultures Come Alive at the Senior Center

Celebrate Older Americans Month in May with Spring Shopping and Health

The Rockville Senior Center, at 1150 Carnation Drive, greets the spring and summer seasons in style and marks Older Americans Month with a fashion show in May, and a celebration of cultures in June. To learn more about the following events, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter** or call 240-314-8800:

Fashion Show with Taylor Marie

Thursday May 12, 1-2:30 p.m.

The clothes astound and the prices delight as Taylor Marie presents the latest spring and summer fashions and accessories in sizes for all. Shop designers like Alfred Dunner at prices that are below retail. Light refreshments will be served. Register for course #54257 by Wednesday, May 4. Cost: $5 members; $7 residents; $10 nonmembers. Register online at **rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov**.

Spring Craft Bazaar

Saturday May 14, 9 a.m-2 p.m.

See the ad on this page.

Health Fair

Wednesday, May 25, 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

The Rockville Senior Center puts a spotlight on senior health this spring by offering screenings for Seniors.

The center's free health fair, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 will include screenings, testing, information, healthy snacks, a raffle and more.

Free Glaucoma Testing

Tuesday, June 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The center welcomes the Prevention of Blindness Society, which is offering free glaucoma testing.

International Day: A Celebration of Cultures

Friday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Experience displays, costumes, tastings and dance demonstrations. Admission is free.

Rockville Seniors Inc.'s Annual Meeting, Board Election, and Volunteer Appreciation Party

Tuesday, June 21, 1-3 p.m.

Senior Center members will celebrate the center's volunteers and nominate new members of the RSI board. Free.

Summer Recreation Registration

Rockville's recreation programs offer classes, trips and special events for seniors throughout the summer. The summer recreation guide includes 17 pages of activities for seniors. It is available during the first week of May at City Hall; at city recreation centers; at the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries; and at **www.rockvillemd.gov/guide**.

Registration opens Tuesday, May 10 for senior center members and on Thursday, May 12 for nonmembers. Most programs begin in June.

The Rockville Senior Center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive. Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter** or call 240-314-8800. ✣

SPRING CRAFT BAZAAR

Sponsored by Rockville Seniors, Inc

Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Rockville Senior Center

Refreshments | Bake Sale
Household Items
Plant Sale | Arts and Crafts

Gift & Thrift Shops Open | Indoor, Air-Conditioned
240-314-8800

INFO. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Gear Up for Bike to Work Day with Rockville 11

Biking is fun and can make life simple. Why not take your foot off the gas pedal for a day and pedal away for Bike to Work Day, from 6:30-9 a.m. on Friday, May 20?

The city will celebrate with pit stops in Rockville Town Square and Fallsgrove. Learn more in the Bike Month events listings on this page.

In recent years, Rockville has marked Bike to Work Day by stoking a friendly rivalry with the City of Frederick, to see which city can draw more bike riders. This year the rivalry ratchets up a notch as the two cities try to top each other at getting the word out about the benefits of biking. Check out Rockville's entry, a Rockville 11-produced promo that will get you geared up and ready to ride, by visiting the city's YouTube channel at **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube** and searching "Bike to Work Day." Then, support the city's entry by following the link to cast your vote at **www.rockvillemd.gov/bikemonth**.

The YouTube channel also offers a new series of safety tips for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Find them by searching "safety tips," or catch them throughout May on Rockville 11.

Learn more about Bike to Work Day, Bike Month in May and bicycling and pedestrian safety at **www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling** and **www.rockvillemd.gov/pedestriansafety**.

Bike Rack Grants Available for Businesses

Business owners who lack bicycle parking near their shop or office could qualify for a rack—provided and installed for free by the City of Rockville—under the city's Bike Rack Grant Program. Learn more about the program and find an application by visiting **www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling** and selecting "Bicycle Parking." Residents interested in seeing bicycle parking at specific locations can direct business owners to the website.

For more information, contact Rockville's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at 240-314-8626 or **bikeways@rockvillemd.gov**.

Get to Know the Carl Henn Millennium Trail this Bike Month

Bike Month offers an opportunity to get out of the car. While the region's motorists are all too familiar with the Capital Beltway, here are a few facts you might not know about the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, aka Rockville's "Bike Beltway":

- The Carl Henn Millennium Trail is a 10.6-mile loop that encircles the City of Rockville.
- The Millennium Trail officially opened in 2006, making this year its 10th anniversary.
- The trail was named for Carl Henn on Sept. 27, 2010, after Henn's death that year. Henn, an avid cyclist and longtime Rockville resident, advocated for the creation and improvement of the Millennium Trail. In naming the trail for Henn, the Mayor and Council issued a resolution calling him a "dedicated public servant and lifelong friend, educator and protector of the environment."
- The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) will lead a ride of the trail, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. Find more RBAC rides throughout the summer at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac**.
- The trail is part of Rockville's more than 35 miles of paths, four miles of bike lanes, and three miles of roads with sharrows – shared-lane markings (a bicycle symbol with two arrows above it) on roads with higher bicycle volumes or roads that are bicycle routes.

Find maps of the city's bicycle network and learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling**.

Recreation Roundup

IN BRIEF

Keep Cool Outside at the Pool, Beginning in May

The outdoor season kicks off at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane, with the fitness pool opening for limited hours beginning in mid-May. The recreation pool makes a splash as it opens for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend, with opening day on Saturday, May 28. Hours vary by day. For details, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter** or call 240-314-8750.

Dive Into Summer with Water Safety Day and Swim Lessons

The City of Rockville dives into a summer of swimming and fun as it joins Montgomery County and the City of Gaithersburg for Water Safety Day from 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at the Gaithersburg Water Park at Bohrer Park, 512 Frederick Ave. Learn more on page 56 of the spring recreation guide at **www.rockvillemd.gov/guide**.

The free event includes booths with information on topics such as how to prevent drowning and the importance of personal flotation devices and sunscreen. It will also feature lifeguard demonstrations and free swim level testing. Attendees are welcome to enjoy a free swim.

May is National Water Safety Month. Find water safety tips and other resources at **www.nationalwatersafetymonth.org**.

Rockville's popular learn-to-swim classes for children and adults are a great way to strengthen swimming skills and water safety. The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center offers instruction for all ages, including "bubblers" and "bobbers" classes for parents and young children to attend together, and swim team prep classes for kids. Adult classes include beginner classes and Swim 4 Fitness, for those looking to swim farther using different strokes. Find classes for youth to seniors in the summer recreation guide, which is posted online and sent to homes in early May.

Learn more about the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center at **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter**.

Suds & Soles 5K to Feature Run, Fun and Beer

The Montgomery County Road Runners Club (MCRRC) is teaming up with the City of Rockville to present a fun, new 5K.

The Suds & Soles 5K will be run at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 on a flat, fast course, that begins in Rockville Town Center and is followed by a post-race party featuring tastings (for those 21 and older) of some great beer. Runners will take home a commemorative beer mug from this inaugural event.

The 5K, which is open to all ages, begins and ends at Courthouse Square and winds through Town Center and neighborhood roads. Awards will go to the top male and female finishers in the open and masters divisions. A KidZone will feature activities, including a short fun run for children 10 and under.

Registration for the 5K is $35 for adults, $20 for ages 10-20, and $15 for kids under 10, before June 1. After June 1, registration increases to $40 (adults), $25 (ages 10-20) and $20 (kids under 10). KidZone registration is $10 for ages 5-10. Kids under 5 are free, but registration is requested. Additional fees may apply for registration after 6 p.m. on race day. There are no refunds.

Proceeds benefit the Rockville Recreation Fund, through the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc., and MCRRC's youth and beginning running programs. Learn more about the Rockville Recreation Fund at **www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/financialassistance**.

Learn more and find volunteer and sponsorship opportunities at **www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles**.

Summer Recreation in the City Means Camps, Classes and Teen Programs

Registration Opens to All on May 12

Don't let summer's arrival catch you without something fun to do. Rockville has your summer covered with classes, programs and special events for a variety of ages and interests.

Rockville's summer recreation guide is available beginning the first week of May at City Hall, city recreation centers, the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries, and at **www.rockvillemd.gov/guide**.

New programs featured this year include:

- **Picnic in the Park** with barbecue and mini-golf for seniors.
- **Ukulele for Beginners** for kids.
- An opportunity for students to earn Student Service Learning credits with **Creek Critters Service Learning** at Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- A **Jazz Rock Guitar Workshop** for teens.
- A **POP Pilates** fitness course.

The guide also includes a wide range of programs at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and information about Teens On the Go, the city's summer field trip program for teens. Learn more about Teens On the Go at **www.rockvillemd.gov/teens**.

Registration opens to senior and swim center members on Tuesday, May 10 and to the general public on Thursday, May 12. Most programs begin in June.

Registration also is now open for the city's summer camps. Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/camps** and in the article on this page.

Register online via **rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov** or in person at City Hall or Rockville recreation facilities. For more information, call 240-314-8620.

Summer at the Centers: Kids Time, Olympians and Legos

Summer Playgrounds Bring Fun to the Neighborhood

Rockville's community centers and Summer Playgrounds have your summer covered with programs packed with fun for kids of all ages this summer. The city's high-quality programs provide a convenient and safe environment and are staffed by well-trained, dedicated program staff. The following programs are open to all families in the Washington metropolitan area:

Kids Time

June 20-24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

This new camp, for ages 5-11, includes hikes, water activities, games, crafts, theme days, outdoor play and gym time. Cost: $179 residents/$195 nonresidents. Register for course #54414.

Tiny Olympians Camp

July 11-15, 9-11 a.m.; at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

Toddlers, ages 3-5, will

participate in Olympic-themed events and crafts, including a closing ceremony. Cost: $90 residents/$110 nonresidents. Register for course #54416.

Lego Invention Camp

Aug. 8-12, 9 a.m.-noon (ages 5-7; register for course #54360) and 1-4 p.m. (ages 8-11; register for course #54782); Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

Campers will engage in hands-on, Lego-based design, engineering and architectural projects, building race cars, robots, cities, modern art, towers, airplanes and more. Cost: $225 residents/$249 nonresidents.

Summer Playgrounds

Weekdays, June 27-Aug. 4, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; nine neighborhood sites.

This six-week program, for ages 6-12, gives kids the opportunity to create crafts, stay active with sports and games and participate in other exciting activities. Field trips, a Tennis Aces program and extended care hours at two locations are available. Cost: $199 residents/$275 nonresidents for the full six weeks. A new Playgrounds Sampler runs June 20-24 (cost: $75 residents/$95 nonresidents). Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/summerplaygrounds**.

Register online at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov. Find more summer programs at the centers, and throughout the city, at **www.rockvillemd.gov/guide**.

Summer Picks

Glenview Gallery Hosts the Rockville Art League in May

June's Exhibition Features Painting, Photographs, Sculpture and Glass Works

Local artists and works in oils, watercolors, photographs, sculpture and glass are featured in May and June at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

The Rockville Art League (RAL) annual juried show returns to the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery from May 1-27, with a free opening reception from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. The opening includes a free concert by the Rockville Singers presenting American standards and Broadway tunes at 2 p.m. in the conservatory.

June brings the oil and watercolor paintings of Caitlin Olson, photographs and sculpture by Thomas Germer and glass creations by the Art Glass Center at Glen Echo from June 5-24, with a free opening reception from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. The opening includes a free concert by Argentine guitarist/composer Cristian Perez at 2 p.m. in the conservatory.

The gallery is located in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and 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 or for visiting the gallery during normal hours. Artwork is available for sale.

For more information, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery** or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or **jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov**.

RAL's Liliane Blom (above); Thomas Germer (right).

Rockets, Hip-Hop and Trips Galore: Rockville Camps Offer That and More

Registration is Underway for Summer Camps Offering Something for Everyone

With the end of the school year fast approaching, now is the time to get in on the fun of Rockville's summer camps.

Camps are open to Rockville residents and non-residents, ages 3-16, with single and multi-week options available. The camp season runs from June 20-Aug. 24. Camp activities include sports, arts, crafts, nature, science, rocketry, skateboarding, field trips and more.

Limited spaces remain in a variety of camps, including Way Off Broadway, Pump House Pottery, Explorers, Lego and Robotics and field trip camps. Specialty camps include UK Elite Soccer, Thriving Kids Yoga, Funfit Summer Adventure, hip-hop dance, Abrakadoodle and tennis.

Summer Blast Camp features games, crafts, swimming, theme weeks, special events and more at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center or Lakewood or College Gardens elementary schools.

Kids will have a memorable summer at Rockville's high-quality, convenient and safe camps. Have a question? Email **camps@rockvillemd.gov**.

LEARN MORE

www.rockvillemd.gov/camp or 240-314-8620
Register at **rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov** or at City Hall or other rec. facilities.

'Musical Time Travel,' 'Strings,' Video Game Tunes, Gilbert and Sullivan, and 'Our Town' at Fitzgerald Theatre

Music fills the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre throughout May and June with diverse productions, from choral music to video game music to a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, taking the stage.

Learn more about the following shows and buy tickets at **www.rockvillemd.gov/theatretix** or the theater box office at 603 Edmonston Drive, or call 240-314-8690.

Rockville Little Theatre Presents 'Our Town'

Fridays, April 29 and May 6; Saturdays, April 30 and May 7 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, May 1 and 8 at 2 p.m.

"Our Town" follows the Webb and Gibbs families through three acts and an entire lifetime in small town Grover's Corners in this American classic by Thornton Wilder. Tickets: $22 ($20 students and seniors 62 and older).

'Musical Time Travel,' from Hometown USA

Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Montgomery County's own barbershop chorus hosts an evening of a cappella and Dixieland band numbers, bridging generations through music and movies. Guests include the Village Dixieland Jazz Band, Irrational Exuberance Barbershop Quartet, and Walter Johnson High School's a cappella groups Chocolate and Vanilla. Tickets: $20.

Rockville Chorus Presents its Spring Concert

Sunday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The Rockville Chorus entertains with standards, Broadway and original tunes. Stay for a complimentary reception with light refreshments after the show. No tickets required; $5 suggested donation.

'Musical Strings,' from Washington Balalaika Society

Saturday, June 4 at 8 p.m.

Washington Balalaika Society presents Peter Omelchenko, domra virtuoso with Moscow's Osipov Folk Orchestra. Conductor Svetlana Nikonova leads the 55-musician orchestra, including Washington Balalaika Concertmaster Andrei Saveliev, in a performance of the music of Russia and Eastern Europe. Tickets: $25 ($20 seniors 62 and older; $15 students).

Victorian Lyric Opera Company Presents Gilbert and Sullivan's 'H.M.S. Pinafore'

Thursday, June 9; Fridays, June 10 and 17; and Saturdays, June 11 and 18 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, June 12 and 19 at 2 p.m.

Captain Corcoran makes grand plans for his daughter, Josephine, to marry Sir Joseph. But Josephine loves Ralph, a lowly sailor, causing a ruckus when their plans to elope are discovered. Tickets: $28 ($24 seniors 65 and older; $20 students); $12 preview performance on June 9.

Washington Metro Gamer Symphony Orchestra Presents Video Game Music

Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m.

This community orchestra and choir weaves a tapestry of the traditions, values, and mythos of video game culture, finding deep emotion and beauty that transcends the medium of games, in this concert. Tickets: $6 in advance; $7 day of the show.

IN BRIEF

The City's Independence Day Celebration Returns to King Farm

Make plans to cap off the July Fourth holiday weekend with family and friends as the city's annual Independence Day celebration returns to Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive in King Farm, on Monday, July 4.

The party begins at 7 p.m. with music by The Nighthawks and the Rockville Concert Band, followed by a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display beginning at 9:15 p.m. The rain date is Tuesday, July 5.

Rockville's July Fourth celebration moved last year to the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park after being held at Montgomery College-Rockville for many years. The new location offers free, easy access and ample parking, with convenient exits, as well as close proximity to the Shady Grove Metro station, all within a short walk of the fireworks viewing areas.

Find details about parking and more information at **www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday**, email **specialevents@rockvillemd.gov** or call 240-314-8620.

A-RTS Festival Returns to Town Square in May

The Fourth Annual A-RTS at Rockville Town Square Arts Festival returns this month for two days of art, food and live music.

The free festival will be held rain or shine from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 8.

It will transform the streets surrounding Town Square Plaza into an outdoor art gallery, featuring more than 160 nationally recognized artists from across the country working in ceramics, digital art, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics, metalwork, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and mixed media. Wearable arts – from fashion to jewelry – will be among the pieces for sale and make the perfect Mother's Day or graduation gift.

Live music will take to the Dawson's Market Stage at noon each day. Artisanal food vendors will be on Gibbs Street behind the stage offering crab cakes, crepes, gourmet chocolates and more. New this year will be tastings by Maryland wineries and craft brewers, served in commemorative glasses.

Parking will be available in the Town Square garages.

For more information, visit **http://a-rts.org/** or find the festival on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/RockvilleArtsFestival**.

Glenview Mansion's Summer Wedding Expo

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Find nearly 40 professional vendors at the mansion's first Summer Wedding Expo to help plan your wedding, or any other type of social event. Create a unique, customized wedding plan using advice from experts in: catering • wedding cakes • photography • musical entertainment • floral arrangements • tenting options

$5 CASH PER PERSON AT THE DOOR.

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Neighborhood Notes

IN BRIEF

Fresh Produce Returns with Farmers Market Opening

The Rockville Farmers Market returns Saturday, May 14 to give shoppers their pick of fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more from regional growers and producers.

This year's market will feature 19 returning vendors and four new vendors, offering an expanded selection, including local beers, pickled veggies and soaps.

The market will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays, through Nov. 19 in the jury parking lot at the corner of Route 28 (E. Jefferson Street) and Monroe Street in Rockville Town Center.

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money Program. The program is intended to be an incentive for participants in federal nutrition benefit programs – the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), the Fruit and Vegetable Check Program (FVC) and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) – to spend their benefits at the farmers market. Participants' benefits are matched up to $5 per market visit while funds are available. Organizations or individuals wishing to contribute to the Maryland Market Money program can email **specialevents@rockvillemd.gov**.

Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers** for more information, including a list of participating vendors, approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables, and a photo gallery. For more information, call 240-314-8620.

Twinbrook Community Day: Get to Know the Recreation Center and its Neighbors

Twinbrook Community Day offers an opportunity to connect with neighbors from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

The free open house is an opportunity to explore the center and all it has to offer, including fitness class demonstrations and the new playground. Community Day will also have fun for all ages with a petting zoo, health screenings, children's crafts, games, snow cones, music and more.

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

Help Send a Kid to Camp!

Give to the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation

The nonprofit organization:

- Improves recreation activities, programs, parks and facilities.
- Supports the Rockville Recreation Fund, providing financial aid to youth who would not otherwise be able to participate in city programs.
- Assists with fundraising and park and open space acquisition and maintenance.
- Purchases equipment and amenities for city parks and facilities.

Send a tax-deductible gift to:
Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation,
200-B Monroe St., Rockville MD 20850.

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Duball Wins MEDA Award for Rockville Town Center Project

Upton Apartments and Cambria Hotel & Suites Cited for Transforming Town Center

The new Upton Apartments and Cambria Hotel & Suites project is receiving statewide recognition for helping to transform Rockville Town Center into a thriving downtown destination.

The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) announced that Duball LLC will receive MEDA's Economic Development Project Award for the project, during a ceremony on May 2 at the MEDA's annual conference in Cambridge.

The Upton, at 44 Maryland Ave., offers 263 luxury apartments located steps away from multiple transit options. Next door, at 1 Helen Heneghan Way, the 140-room Cambria Hotel & Suites includes an indoor heated pool and fitness center, onsite dining, and multiple meeting rooms. The ground level features 17,000 square feet of retail scheduled to open this spring. Tenants include Old Line Bank, Panera Bread, Supercuts and World of Beer.

Developed by Duball Rockville, LLC, a joint venture between affiliates of Duball LLC and CIM Urban Real Estate Fund, LP, the project offers a variety of employment opportunities, housing availability and significant revenue that enhances services in Town Center. Rockville Economic Development, Inc., the city's economic development agency, nominated Duball LLC for the award.

"It was one of the few major projects to get started in Maryland as the country was still recovering from the recession, and we felt that it was a great example of a mixed-use redevelopment project," said Laurie Boyer, executive director of REDI. "Located just two blocks from the Rockville Metro station, this project will help tie together the relatively new Rockville Town Square area with the established Regal Row retail center, allowing for a nice flow between all of these areas in downtown Rockville."

Learn more about MEDA at **www.medamd.com** and about REDI at **www.RockvilleREDI.org**, or by calling 301-315-8096.

Mentoring Program Yields Rewards for Mentors and Young Students

Rockville's Program Celebrates its 21st Year

Rockville's mentoring program, which celebrates its 21st year during the 2016-17 school year, is looking for high school students (age 16 and older) and adults to offer guidance, friendship and encouragement to elementary school students. No special skills are required, just a willingness to devote an hour a week to work with a child.

The program 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.

The program is professionally run by the city's Community Services Division in partnership with the county school system. Volunteers must be screened and interviewed before the program begins. Mentors receive training before they start and coaching and support along the way.

To learn more, contact Kate Bouwkamp at 240-314-8317 or **kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov** or visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring**.

Rockville buildings or utility poles could provide a place to mount small cell antennas, like the ones seen here in Derwood (left) and King Farm (right), to increase coverage for cellphone users.

Planning Commission to Take Up Small Cell Antennas

Verizon Also Proposing Monopole at the County Detention Center

Buildings and utility poles in Rockville as short as 15 feet could provide a place to mount small antennas to increase coverage for cellphone users, under a proposed zoning text amendment that the city's Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council are expected to consider in the coming weeks.

Known as small cell, or micro-cell antennas, the antennas are typically about 2 square feet in size. They are intended to provide additional coverage in areas with a high volume of cell traffic, or to fill in areas with marginal coverage. The proposed text amendment, filed by Verizon Wireless, would allow the installation of small, or micro-cell, antennas on existing structures, such as buildings or utility poles, with a minimum height of 15 feet. The current code requires a minimum height of 35 feet.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to review the proposal and make recommendations at its meeting on Wednesday, May 11. Should the commission recommend that the proposal go forward, the Mayor and Council are tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposal during their meeting on Monday, June 6.

Another proposal by Verizon would allow a 100-foot-tall monopole for a cellular antenna at the Montgomery County Detention Center, at 1307 Seven Locks Road. The proposal calls for the monopole to be erected behind an existing garage on the site and located adjacent to Interstate 270, about 325 feet from the nearest homes, which back on to Seven Locks Road. It requires a special exception waiver of the city's 50-foot height limit for monopoles within 500 feet of a residential zone. It must be reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission and by the city's Board of Appeals before approval by the Mayor and Council. The proposal, which is not connected to Verizon's request for the text amendment for small cell antennas, is in the pre-application phase, the first step of the city's review process.

For more information, find Planning Commission and Mayor and Council agendas when they are posted at **www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter**, or call the city's Community Planning and Development Services Department at 240-314-8200.

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