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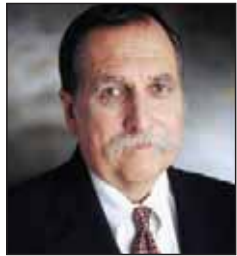
National Development Expert to Keynote Rockville Summit

Rockville residents will join with members of the business, nonprofit, education and government communities to focus on the City's economy, development, culture and quality of life at the Rockville Summit 2012 on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The summit will feature a presentation from six volunteer committees with recommendations for Rockville's future; a chance for attendees to ask questions and participate in the dialogue; and a keynote address by Urban Land Institute scholar Edward T. McMahon on the best practices of successful communities.

McMahon is the institute's senior fellow for sustainable development. During the past 25 years, he has helped communities in every state as they grapple with community planning and economic development. McMahon co-authored 15 books and has written more than 300 articles on such issues. He also serves on several advisory boards and commissions including the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Maryland.

Rockville Summit 2012 will bookend a process started last year when the first summit attracted nearly 200 community



Mr. Edward T. McMahon

leaders to discuss the future of the city. Six working groups

convened to explore job growth and supporting a residential workforce; housing; preservation of community character; education and school capacity; transportation and traffic; and City services and budget. Each working group will deliver recommendations for Rockville's future at Summit 2012.

The summit coincides with the arrival of a visiting delegation from the Jiaying Municipal People's Government. The delegation will attend the summit as part of a cultural exchange with the City of Rockville.

Rockville Summit 2012 is free and open to the public. It will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in the Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr. Attendees who bring cell phones may participate in text polling during the summit (those without a cell phone will have other ways to participate). ❖



Local veterans will be honored by the community on Nov. 11.

Rockville Honors Its Veterans Channel 11 Series, Ceremony Set for November

Rockville's Mayor and Council will lead a tribute Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

to the men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces at Veterans Park, located at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road (across from St. Mary's Church).

American Legion Post 86 will lead a wreath-laying ceremony and the post's Honor Guard will lead a 21-gun salute.

Parking is available at St. Mary's Catholic Church and School or at the Sandy Spring Bank building, located between Fleet Street and Route 355.

Rockville prides itself on a strong history with long-time residents, and this month Rockville 11 will honor our veterans by sharing the stories

of the heroes who live right in our community. In partnership with the Rockville Senior



LEARN MORE ON CHANNEL 11
Watch Channel 11 to see interviews with some of Rockville's veterans.

Commission, Rockville 11 will be airing a special series of vignettes called "A Salute to Rockville's Veterans," profiling Rockville's veterans and their stories. Watch

cable channel 11 to see the videos or visit the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville to view the segments on demand.

Rockville will officially recognize Veterans Day Monday, Nov. 12. City Hall will be closed and some facilities will operate on a limited schedule. For more information about specific facilities or programs, call 240-314-5000 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Holidays Mean Recycling and Refuse Changes, Closures

Rockville will recognize three holidays in November:

- **Election Day**, Tuesday, Nov. 6
- **Veterans Day**, Monday, Nov. 12
- **Thanksgiving**, Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23

City Hall and the Rockville Senior Center will be closed all four days and other City facilities will operate on limited schedules.

THANKGIVING COLLECTION AT A GLANCE:

Mon., Tues., Wed. → no change

Thursday → Friday

Friday → Saturday

No Change in collection on Election and Veterans Day

Recycling and refuse will be collected as scheduled on Election Day and Veterans Day. Recycling and refuse will not be collected Thanksgiving Day; residents usually scheduled for Thursday collection will have their collection rescheduled for Friday that week. Residents usually scheduled for Friday collection will have their collection rescheduled for Saturday that week.

For more information about recycling and refuse, visit the [continued on pg. 3...](#)

FY14 Budget Discussions Begin

The public got a preview of budget items in October, as the Mayor and Council held a series of work sessions on the state of the 2014 budget, employee compensation, capital improvements and City contracting.

Through these work sessions, the Mayor and Council are becoming more informed about issues that will affect decisions during the formal budget preparation and review process.

Upcoming budget work sessions include:

- Budget reduction;
- Costs and revenues associated with new development; and
- Biennial budgeting.

You can watch work sessions: • In person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue during regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meetings;

- On Rockville Channel 11 through your cable provider; or
- On the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

The formal Mayor and Council budget process kicks off at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3. Rockville's Finance Department staff will present the Fiscal Year 2014 budget preview.

Stay tuned for public hearing and budget meeting dates. If you have comments about bud-

GET INVOLVED...

Residents can speak at scheduled public hearings, at any Citizens Forum during regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m., send an email to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov, and talk with the mayor and one council member during drop-in sessions held monthly before the start of a Mayor and Council meeting. To learn more visit the "It's Your Money" page at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

get issues, email mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

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Community Centers and You



Croydon Creek Nature Center (CCNC)

The center offers the public a chance to interact with our natural surroundings, from the turtles, snakes, and birds that live inside the center, to the more than two miles of hiking trails set in 120 acres of scenic wilderness.

ADDRESS: 852 Avery Dr.
HOURS: Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. Closed Mondays.
FEES: Free entry; classes and activities vary in cost
CONTACT: 240-314-8770; naturecenter@rockvillemd.gov; www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek



Lincoln Park Community Center (LPCC)

The center offers a welcoming place for kids and adults, and includes a gymnasium, a fitness center, a multipurpose room, a computer lab and a library.

ADDRESS: 357 Frederick Ave.
HOURS: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
FEES: All ages center annual: \$25R/\$35NR; adult fitness center annual: \$105R/\$145NR; teen fitness annual: \$50R/\$65NR; daily center or fitness pass: \$3R/\$5NR
CONTACT: 240-314-8780; lpcc@rockvillemd.gov; www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc



Rockville Swim and Fitness Center

The City's only aquatics center offers the public a variety of areas to learn to swim and enjoy swimming and staying fit, from its 50-meter lap pool and large recreation pool with slide and splash area outdoors and two heated indoor lap pools to its fitness center, saunas and spa.

ADDRESS: 355 Martins Ln.
HOURS: **North Pool:** Mon., Weds., 6-8:20 a.m., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.; Tues., Thurs., 6-8:20 a.m., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Fri., 6-8:20 a.m., 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 5-9 p.m.; Sat., 6-7:30 a.m., 12-9 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; **South Pool:** Mon., 7:30-9 a.m., 12-3 p.m.; Tues., 7:30-9:30 a.m., 12-2 p.m.; Weds., 7:30-9 a.m., 12-3 p.m.; Thurs., 7:30-10 a.m., 12-2 p.m.; Fri., 7:30-9 a.m., 12-2 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., 1-4 p.m.; Fitness rooms, spas and saunas: Mon.-Sat., 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
FEES: **Aquatic only day pass:** \$6R/\$7NR (\$5R/\$6NR child); **full facility day pass:** \$7R/\$8NR (\$6R/\$7NR child)
CONTACT: 240-314-8750; swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov; www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter

Rockville's Facilities Thrive as Hubs of Activity

With three community centers, a nature center, and swim and senior centers, the City of Rockville is committed to offering a variety of recreational opportunities for all residents.

The centers, within the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, are one way the department promotes participation for all Rockville citizens in diverse, interesting, and high quality recreational and leisure opportunities. Educational and recreational programs for everyone from babies to seniors promote a healthy and active community and address the need to reduce childhood obesity and other chronic health issues.

In the most recent fiscal year that ended in June:

- The City's exceptional community centers, Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook; nature center, Croydon Creek; and the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center hosted more than 490,000 visits.
- The Senior Center celebrated 30 years with a major renovation and creation of a new fitness center, and served 11,990 hot lunches and 791 dinners.
- Croydon Creek Nature Center celebrated 10 years of service to the community.
- The City offered an impressive array of more than 2,800 health and wellness programs, classes and events that drew in almost 30,000 registrants from Rockville and surrounding communities.
- Emphasis was placed on children's health and wellness to combat childhood obesity. "Let's Move!" programs were added in summer camps, afterschool programs and a special event that attracted more than 500 children.

Annual Pass Available

The public may purchase an "all centers" annual pass, which includes LPCC, TFCC and TCRC, for \$50R/\$90NR. All centers are available for rentals, with varying fees.

R = Resident
NR = Non-resident



Thomas Farm Community Center (TFCC)

The City's newest community center plays host to people of all ages who use the fitness center, full size gymnasium, table tennis area, computers or meeting rooms.

ADDRESS: 700 Falls Grove Dr. (also accessible from Millennium Trail)
HOURS: Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. after Nov. 4)
FEES: All ages center annual: \$35R/\$50NR; adult fitness center annual: \$170R/\$245NR; teen fitness annual (ages 13-17): \$115R/\$145NR; daily center pass: \$6R/\$8NR
CONTACT: 240-314-8840; thomasfarm@rockvillemd.gov; www.rockvillemd.gov/thomasfarm



Rockville Senior Center (SR)

Seniors age 60 and older enjoy socializing at the center's weekday lunches and everyday classes and activities. A new wing (opened in June 2012) includes a large state-of-the-art fitness center, classrooms, and a wood shop.

ADDRESS: 1150 Carnation Dr.
HOURS: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; **FITNESS ROOM:** Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
FEES: Center annual (age 60+): \$40R/\$135NR; fitness center annual (must be center member; fitness fee is added to center membership fee): \$75RES/NR
CONTACT: 240-314-8800; scenter@rockvillemd.gov; www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter



Twinbrook Community Recreation Center (TCRC)

This center is known as a hub of neighborhood activity, from its classes and activities for every age, to its full size gymnasium, fitness center, computer lab, and meeting rooms.

ADDRESS: 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy.
HOURS: Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. (Nov.-March); Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (April-Oct.)
FEES: All ages center annual: \$25R/\$40NR; adult fitness center annual: \$145R/\$195NR; senior/youth fitness annual: \$120R/\$165NR; daily center pass: \$5 RES/\$7NR
CONTACT: 240-314-8830; twinbrookinquiry@rockvillemd.gov; www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook

Mayor & Council

City of Rockville Elected Officials (Two-Year Term from November 2011 to November 2013)



Mayor
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Tom Moore



Councilmember
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

What Do You Think About The City's Election Process?

The Mayor and Council have appointed 11 of your neighbors to review two sections of the City's charter that address City elections. In order to be able to offer recommendations to the Mayor and Council about possible changes to the charter, the Charter Review Commission is posing questions to the citizens of Rockville:

1. Should elected officials in Rockville continue to be elected for 2-year terms, or would residents prefer longer terms, such as 3-year or 4-year terms? What would be the main reason(s) for changing the length of terms, or leaving them as they are?
2. Would you prefer that Rockville continue to hold elections in "odd years," (2011, 2013, etc.) or would you prefer that elections be held in even years so that they coincide with state and national elec-

tions? What would be the benefits to changing Rockville's election schedule or leaving it as is?

3. Do you think four councilmembers is adequate, or would you prefer increasing the number of council members? What considerations should be taken into account when analyzing the number of councilmembers Rockville should have?
4. Does our present system of non-partisan, at-large representation serve the City best, or would some other system work better?
5. What are your views on allowing new types of voting in the City of Rockville, such as early voting and online/Internet voting?

Email your responses to clerk@rockvillemd.gov, mail them to City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD, 20850, or call the City Clerk at 240-314-8282. ❖

Mayor and Council Continue Work on Ethics Ordinance

During the 2010 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly enacted statewide legislation requiring counties and municipalities to make certain changes to their ethics ordinances. In response, the Mayor and Council have introduced amendments to the City's ethics ordinance, chapter 16 of the city code.

The proposed amendments to the City's code include language establishing an ethics commission to administer the ethics ordinance. Currently, the ethics ordi-

nance is administered by the City Attorney.

The Mayor and Council held public hearings on the proposed amendments on Sept. 24. and Oct. 15. During the coming months, the Mayor and Council will engage in additional discussions about proposed amendments.

Agenda materials, including the proposed ordinance and background information can be viewed on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Nov. City Closings

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website at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse, or call 240-314-8568.

To sign up to receive email or text message alerts when recycling and refuse collection will not occur as sched-

uled (for a holiday or in case of emergency), visit the City's website at www.alert.rockvillemd.gov and follow the step-by-step instructions.

For more information about facility holiday hours visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ❖

City Officials Move Discussion of Fireside Apartments Forward

The Mayor and Council were expected late last month – after a public hearing – to decide whether to loan up to \$2-million to the City's housing authority for the purchase of apartments that would be maintained as affordable housing.

Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE), the City's housing agency that manages low- and moderate-income housing programs and properties, is seeking to acquire the Fireside Park Apartments complex.

RHE wants to preserve the 236-unit complex as rental homes that are affordable to households with a mix of incomes and plans to retain existing tenants. RHE has asked the City of Rockville for \$2 million in loans and grants toward the purchase of the apartment complex. The loans would be repaid over seven years with 3 percent interest.

RHE's goal is to avoid purchase by a private company that would potentially increase rental rates.

The Mayor and Council

considered these requests and in September and October discussed whether the City can commit \$1.5 million from its current Fiscal Year 2013 budget or other sources and \$500,000 from the Housing



Opportunities Fund to RHE for the purchase.

Montgomery County is in the process of approving a loan of \$2.85 million to help RHE purchase Fireside. The county loan is contingent on a combined City of Rockville/RHE commitment of \$2.5 million.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/mc/rhe_fireside_apts for more background and the latest updates on the issue.

If you have comments related to this topic, you may send an email directly to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Mayor and Council to Review Rock Creek Watershed Study Draft Plan Available for Public Comment

Rockville's governing body is expected to review and endorse the final Rock Creek Watershed Study report at its meeting, Monday, Nov. 26.

The draft report will be made available on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/watersheds/rock-creek.html in November.

The purpose of the study is to

- evaluate current conditions and patterns in the City's section of the Rock Creek watershed that affect water resources and
- recommend a list of stormwater projects and

program changes that can help address water quality issues.

The 4-square-mile watershed includes several neighborhoods like Twinbrook and Lincoln Park as well as Redgate Golf Course and the Southlawn Industrial areas.

Much of this land has insufficient stormwater management and lacks treatment of the runoff from impervious surfaces.

If you would like to comment on the study, or if you need more information call Lise Soukup at 240-314-8874 or email lsoukup@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, work sessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- Nov. 5 (Monday)
- Nov. 19 (Monday)

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's Office is appreciated, call 240-314-8280.

Along with Mayor Marcuccio, the councilmember scheduled is: Tom Moore, Nov. 19.

IN BRIEF

Public Hearing Set for Revised Stormwater Ordinance

As the result of regulatory changes mandated by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the City will hold a public hearing about proposed revisions to its sediment control and stormwater management ordinance and implementing regulations at the Mayor and Council meeting Monday, Nov. 26.

To submit testimony for the public record, attend the meeting, Monday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., or write to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850.

The revisions will help protect Rockville's environment and are designed to clarify and reorganize this ordinance.

The proposed ordinance will be introduced to the Mayor and Council at a meeting in December.

Changes to the code are expected to be put into effect by January 27, 2013.

For more information, contact project manager, Arthur Ray at 240-314-8876 or aray@rockvillemd.gov.

Fire Safety Code Revisions Steam Ahead, Near Adoption

The Mayor and Council are expected to approve a revised fire safety code ordinance in December. The code is contained in Chapter 9 of the City Charter.

A public hearing was held and public comments gathered in November.

The revised code will require all residential and commercial buildings in Rockville to meet minimum standards for fire safety. The draft of the code was developed with input from a committee of fire protection engineers, architects, construction association representatives, and staff from the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI).

The changes to the code are expected to be put into effect on Jan. 1, 2013, timed to coincide with the effective date of the state's fire code, which set the minimum requirements for fire safety in Maryland.

Read Chapter 9 of the City Code at www.rockvillemd.gov, or contact project manager Aaron Smith with any questions or comments at 240-314-8250 or asmith@rockvillemd.gov.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Board (1)
- Sign Review Board (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

According to City policy, members whose terms are ending are invited to reapply for appointment.

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov.

News You Can Use

White-Tailed Deer Camera Study Underway

As part of the recommendations from the City's White-Tailed Deer Task Force, Rockville is moving forward with implementing a camera survey to study the deer population.

The cameras are being installed in several City parks to photograph, identify and calculate the numbers of local deer.

The survey will take place during December and the City will work with Montgomery County's Deer Working Group and wildlife biologist to review and report the data to the community.

This camera survey is part of the direction given by the Mayor and Council in December 2011 in response to the White-Tailed Deer Task Force's recommendations.

To learn more about the City's White-Tailed Deer Management Plan visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/deer. To learn more about the upcoming camera survey and how the data will be collected and interpreted, watch a Rockville 11 video on channel 11 or the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Chinese Delegation to Visit Will Attend Rockville Summit 2012

Rockville leaders will welcome a delegation of visitors from Jiaxing, China, to the city early this month as part of an ongoing process to develop a formal sister city relationship with the Chinese city.

More than one third of Rockville's population is foreign-born, with half of that population coming from Asia. Chinese residents comprise about 9 percent of City residents.

The Jiaxing delegation will attend the Rockville Summit 2012 on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (see story, page 1). The Nov. 2 - 4 visit comes five months after Councilmember Mark Pierzchala and Rockville representatives traveled to Jiaxing and attended a conference on cultural heritage and preservation.

The Rockville Sister City Corporation is working to formalize the relationship between the two cities. Visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville to learn more about the June visit to Jiaxing, or www.rockvillesistercities.org to read about sister cities.



Shoveling Assistance Available for Seniors; Know When to Shovel, Get Help

Seniors living in Rockville who may need additional help clearing their sidewalks, or with additional snow-related issues, in the coming months can contact the senior support services line at 240-314-8810.

During a snow or ice storm, residents and business owners have the responsibility to clear the snow from sidewalks, steps, driveways and parking spaces, and areas that are for public use.

The following outlines the snow policy:

- Snow and ice must be cleared within 24 hours when the accumulation is three inches or below, within 48 hours if accumulation is three to 10 inches and within 72 hours when the accumulation is above 10 inches.
- Rockville residents are required, during a City-declared snow emergency, to park and leave their cars on the even-numbered side of the street throughout the snow emergency.
- If residents living next to a fire hydrant are able to do so, they should clear snow from the hydrant when the accumulation is above 10 inches.



Focus on Pedestrian Safety

Remember to Stop Completely Before Turning Right on Red

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety at Rockville's busy intersections, the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) has recently installed new red light cameras around town. The cameras video tape cars that make a right turn on red without coming to a complete stop.

The City-maintained locations that have red light cameras are:

- North Washington Street at Beall Avenue (south bound)
- West Gude Drive at Gaither Road (west bound)
- West Gude Drive at Research Blvd. (east bound)
- West Gude Drive at

Research Blvd. (west bound)

- Seven Locks Road at Fortune Terrace (north bound)

An additional five cameras will be installed at intersections in the coming months. Locations have not yet been determined.

The camera creates a photo sequence and video if the vehicle is travelling at or above 13 miles per hour through the stop line or crosswalk. Each video and photo is reviewed by RCPD staff to determine if a violation has occurred.

According to Maryland Law Traffic Article 21-202, a vehicle facing a steady red signal must come to a complete stop at the stop line or,

if there is no stop line, prior to the crosswalk. After coming to a complete stop, the vehicle may enter the intersection and turn unless a no turn on red sign is present.

Motorists who receive a citation are able to view a video clip of the violation online by logging onto www.public.cite-web.com with the citation and PIN number provided on the ticket. Motorists who believe they have received a ticket in error may contact the RCPD at 240-314-8900 for additional assistance.

For more information about the red light camera program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police/redlight.

New Crosswalks Installed in King Farm

King Farm residents and pedestrians will be safer in the coming months with the installation of two new crosswalks on Redland Boulevard. The crosswalks will be located on the west side of the intersections at Grand Champion Drive and Reserve Champion Drive.

Construction of the crosswalks, which includes new pedestrian ramps, signage and road paint, is expected to take place this fall. If construction is delayed due to weather, the crosswalks will be completed in the spring.

The crosswalks were requested by the King Farm

Citizens Assembly. City staff performed a study and determined that the number of pedestrians crossing Redland, combined with traffic data collected at these two locations, justified additional pedestrian safety measures based on national guidelines.

Rockville Named a National Leader for Bicycling Safety

After a concerted effort by the City to improve pedestrian and bicycling safety and infrastructure in the past two years, Rockville has been named a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

The City was honored with the bronze level award,

which recognizes municipalities that actively support bicycling, provide safe bicycle facilities and encourage bicycle use as an alternative form of transportation. The bronze level award is the highest award received by any jurisdiction in Maryland.

Rockville maintains almost 30 miles of shared-use

paths in the city, including the Carl Henn Memorial Millennium Trail, which circles the city in a continuous loop.

For more information about bicycling, contact Matt Folden, the city's bike and pedestrian coordinator at mfolden@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8509.



STUDENTS WALK TO SCHOOL... Almost 800 Rockville kids from five schools walked to school in October in recognition of the 15th International Walk to School Day.

Here for You: Rockville's Landlord Tenant Services

Many of Rockville's more than 25,000 single- and multi-family homes are rental properties, and the City's landlord tenant staff members and commission support cooperation between landlords and tenants.

"We are all in this together," says Christina Casarella-Barrie, the City's landlord tenant specialist. "At any given time a police officer might be called to handle a dispute between a tenant and a landlord, or a code inspector might hear of an ongoing issue. I work closely with all divi-



LEARN MORE ON CHANNEL 11

Watch the City of Rockville's video on Landlord Tenant Services at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

sions within the police department and across City departments in an effort to resolve issues amicably."

Casarella-Barrie helps the public understand Chapters 5 and 18 of the City Code, which focus on property maintenance issues and the rights of landlords and tenants, respectively.

She can answer questions on security deposits, how interest rates could affect rental fees, leases and evictions, and other related topics. For example, Casarella-Barrie recommends that all landlords and tenants have a written rental agreement and that a receipt is issued for any money that exchanges hands, such as security deposit and monthly rental payments.

You can read the City Code at rockvillemd.gov, or contact Casarella-Barrie with any questions on landlord tenant issues, at 240-314-8320 or ccasarella@rockvillemd.gov.

In The Community

Fall Leaf Collection Continues

Recycle for America on the 15th

Fall leaf collection began in October in some sections of the city and will continue through mid-December.

The designated pick up areas and dates are shown on the map. Residents should rake

leaves to the curb or just next to the pavement if no curb exists. Leaves can be raked any time before collection.

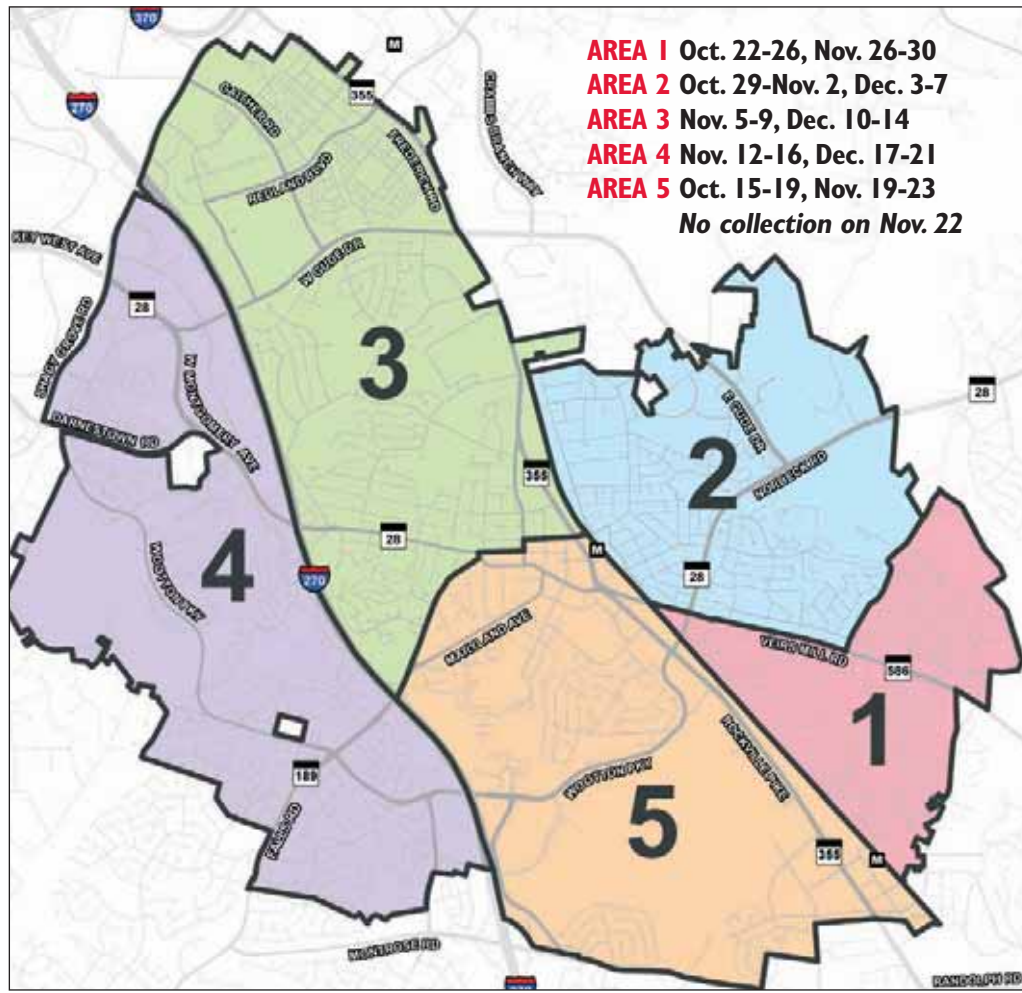
Doing so just before collection will help reduce the accumulation of leaves near and on the streets, which can lead to fire hazards or damaged grass.

Limbs, rocks and other heavy objects should be removed from leaf piles, and leaves should not be placed in plastic bags. Residents who prefer to bag their leaves may place the leaves in biodegradable paper bags and place them at the curb for collection on their regular weekly yard waste collection day. This collection occurs year round. Place leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on the collection dates.

Rockville officials also encourage alternative methods for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment. Some alternatives are to mulch leaves or to compost them.

Thursday, Nov. 15, the community will take part in America Recycles Day. All residents are encouraged to learn how to maximize the amount of material they recycle by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov.

For more information, call 240-314-8570 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. ❖



Free, One-Hour Class Teaches Women Self Defense



Women can learn how to protect themselves, and build confidence while learning special techniques to ensure their safety at a self-defense class from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

A professional Mixed Martial Arts and martial artist will lead the class. The class is free, but registration is required. Visit the City's recreation guide online and search for course #41240 to sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide/.



Winterize Your Rain Barrel

Rain barrel owners should winterize their barrel when temperatures are expected to fall below freezing for more than a few nights.

To winterize, disconnect your rain barrel from the down spout, making sure to redirect the flow from the downspout away from your home. Store the barrel in an enclosed space like a garage, shed or basement if available. You can also store the barrel outside, just remember to flip it upside-down so water doesn't freeze inside the barrel. Consider placing a brick or other heavy object on top of the barrel to keep it from blowing over during a weather event.

The RainScapes Rewards program puts money back into the pockets of residents who install rain barrels, plant trees or install conservation landscapes. Learn how you can earn money for improving the environment by visiting: www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/watersheds/rainscapes.html.

Residents May Receive Biannual Citizen Survey This Month

Recipients Asked to Complete and Return Questionnaire to Improve City Services

Rockville will conduct its seventh biannual Citizen Survey in November. The survey provides an opportunity for residents to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the city, the community's amenities and local government services.

A sample of households is selected at random to participate in the survey. Those who are selected will receive the survey in early November. Translation services will be provided for residents who need assistance.

The National Research Center (NRC) will conduct the survey. Responses will be anonymous.

If you receive a survey, please take the time to complete it.

The survey results help the City improve the quality of services to citizens.

For more information about the biannual survey, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/citymanager/citizen_survey.htm.

Citizen Survey Quick Fact:

In 2010, 93 percent of survey respondents said the quality of life in Rockville was excellent or good.



New Development, Parking Changes Coming to Town Center

Businesses Will Remain Open

Construction of a new mixed-use building on a portion of the Regal Theatre parking lot will begin in November. During construction, parking in the lot will be limited to 120 spaces; Regal Row businesses and other public parking will remain open.

When complete, the building will include the Cambria Suites Hotel, more than 200 residences, retail space and private and public parking.

The building is the first of two buildings that has been approved on the parking lot

site as part of the ongoing redevelopment of Rockville Town Center.

Public parking in other locations in town center will be available if the Regal lot becomes full. For a complete list of public parking available in the area, visit www.rockvilleparking.com.

To receive regular emailed updates about the status of the construction project or parking changes, email Rocio Snowdy, neighborhood resources coordinator, at rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

New Fleet Services Building Improves City Infrastructure

The City's Gude Facility, which houses Public Works and Recreation and Parks maintenance vehicles and staff, recently opened a new fleet services building.

The building is phase two of a four-phase project to modernize and expand the complex.

Phase one of the project included the construction of a new drive entrance, salt barn and stormwater management facility at RedGate Municipal Golf Course.

Phase two of the project began in July 2010 and included construction of a new fleet services building and sidewalk, and renovation of the City's stockroom.

Completion of phase two has improved working conditions for staff and increased efficiency because more vehicles can be housed and repaired at once, and a new entrance brings the vehicles



right to the gas pumps which saves time.

Phases three and four of the project will renovate the public works and parks administration building, including the replacement of 25-year-old temporary trailers on the site, and construct a new building to house all public works staff currently spread across several City facilities.

For more information about the project watch a Rockville 11 segment on the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville or visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget/fy2013/adopted/FY2013_CIP_GenGovt.pdf. ❖

Arts & Entertainment



Montrose Preschool Hosts Open Houses



Do you have a young child – are you looking for a preschool? Check out Rockville's own Montrose Discovery School – a great day-care option with competitive fees, located at 451 Congressional Ln. in Rockville.

Visit the school at one of two open houses this month, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, to ask questions, meet teachers, see the school facility and observe kids learning through play in this creative environment. It is a year-round licensed program; children must be 3 years old and toilet trained. Vouchers are accepted and additional financial support is available.

For more information, visit rockvillemd.gov/recreation/preschool.htm or call 240-314-8631.

Lincoln Park Center Hosts International Potluck Gathering



Bring your family and friends, and some food to share, to Lincoln Park Community Center's (LPCC) Community International Night this month. Visitors will share and learn more about the rich cultures that represent Rockville's neighborhoods.

The gathering will feature costumes, special performances, information tables, and a potluck meal (no nuts please). It is free, open to the public and will run from 5 – 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16 at LPCC, 357 Frederick Ave.

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Help Us Improve the Rockville Website

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov before **Friday, Nov. 9**, to provide your feedback about the usability and features of Rockville's website. The site is currently going through an upgrade and a new site will be unveiled in spring, 2014.



Community Centers Are the Place to Be on No School Days

Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, but no need to worry: Thomas Farm Community Center, Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and the City's teens program have one day of non-stop adventure planned on Monday, Nov. 5.

Fall Fun-Day at Thomas Farm Community Center: From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Thomas Farm, 700 Falls Grove Dr., children in first through fifth grade will enjoy supervised activities with friends like sports, winter crafts and special events. Kids should bring a lunch and wear athletic shoes (snacks are provided). Pre-registration is required, so sign up for course #40265 at a cost of \$25 for residents / \$30 non-residents.

School's Out Fun Day at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center: From 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Twinbrook,

12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., kids age five to 11 will participate in crafts, organized games, and other fun activities. They should wear play clothes and sneakers, and bring lunch and a drink. Register for course #41267 for \$25R/\$29NR.

Pottery, Bowling and Movie Day for Middle School Students: Spend the day with friends being creative painting pottery, using your muscles knocking down pins at the bowling alley followed by a relax movie at a location movie theater.

Register for course #41214 for \$29R/\$35NR. Cost includes fees, transportation and supervision; bring money for snacks. Pick-up and drop-off at Julius West and Earle B. Wood Middle School.

To register, visit the City's recreation guide online at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide/.



ROCKVILLE'S ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW IS A WINNER AGAIN... The spectator field for the car show last month was packed as Jim Netterson's 1954 Allard took home the Mayor and Council Award. The annual free show is one of the most popular in the area.



HISPANIC CULTURE ON DISPLAY... Rockville celebrated Hispanic Heritage month in October at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center with performances from central and south American dance and music groups.

A Beloved Holiday Tradition Returns, 'Nutcracker' Tickets on Sale in November

Rockville's own Civic Ballet Company will present its most popular show in December, and tickets will go on sale soon.

"The Nutcracker" has been presented by the company for more than 35 years under the direction of Claudia Mangan, and tickets will be available beginning Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Enjoy a holiday tradition as you watch the story of Clara and her magical journey,

Saturdays, Dec. 1 and 8, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available through the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office at 240-314-8690 or www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre and cost \$16 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older.

For more information contact Betty Wisda, arts programs supervisor, at 240-314-8681.

Rockville's Civic Center Park Comes to Life with the Arts

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., will be buzzing with cultural arts and entertainment in November.

The gallery will host a show featuring four local artists specializing in a variety of media. **Jane Althshuler's terra cotta plasters; Laurie Breen's acrylic and mixed media work; Renee Lachman's assemblage art; and Marian MacKerer's oil paintings** will be on display Sunday, Nov. 4, to Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The show will open with a free community reception and chance to meet the artists Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m. **The Night & Day Trio**, featuring Michael Suser with

Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and closed official City holidays. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible.

The Fitzgerald Theatre should not be overlooked, as it hosts two fabulous shows during the month.

To kick off November, the **Rockville Musical Theatre** will present "All Shook Up" Fridays and

Saturdays, Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Nov. 4 and 11 at 2

p.m. Tickets are available through the theater box office at 240-314-8690 or the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre and cost \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 62 and older, and \$16 for students 18 and younger.

Later in the month, the **Rockville Concert Band** will present "Ciao! Italia!" on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. Tickets are not required, a \$5 donation is suggested.

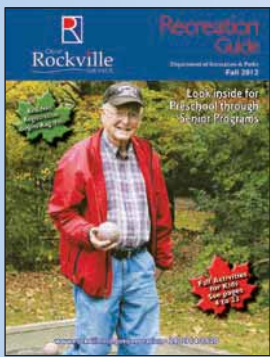
For more information about any of the upcoming shows at the gallery or theater, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.



his strong vocals and marvelous command of the keyboard, and Renée Tannenbaum, with her trademark sweet velvet voice, will present their unique, mix of swing, jazz and blues between 2 and 3 p.m.

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 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 and click on recreation registration on the right side.

For the most up-to-date event listings visit www.rockvillemd.gov or sign up for the E-Letter: Just click on "subscribe to news" on the left side of the home page, enter your name and email, and choose City Events.

I Nature Tots –Nuts and Seeds Spend time with your child discovering the wonders of nature. A naturalist will help you and your tot explore a new nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes, 10-11:30 a.m. Space is limited, so register in advance for course #41088. \$8 RES/\$10 NR. **CC**

I Great Gatsby Discussion Join scholars from the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference to discuss this classic American book from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Rockville Memorial Library. FREE

2,3,4,9,10,11, 16,17 All Shook Up presented by the **Rockville Musical Theatre** Tells the story of a stranger's arrival in town through the music of Elvis Presley. See page 6 for more information. **FSF**

3 Rockville Summit 2012 Learn about Rockville's future at this community event. See page 1 for more details. FREE **FSF**

3 Scout Badge Day – Webelos Naturalist Badge Naturalists will help you complete the necessary requirements to achieve this badge between 10 a.m. and noon or 2 and 4 p.m. All materials provided;

November Calendar

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



however, badges are not supplied. Programs held rain or shine, so dress for the weather. For additional information or to register, contact Melinda Norton at 240-314-8771. \$14 RES/ \$16 NR. **CC**

3,10,17 Farmers Market Stock up on fresh fruit and vegetables during the final weeks of the farmers market at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

4 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Open and Reception Enjoy the work of local visual artists at this monthly event. See page 6 for more information. **GM**

4-27 Glenview Mansion Art Show Take in the arts at this monthly show featuring local artists. See page 6 for more information. **GM**

5 No School- Pottery, Bowling and Movie Day for Middle School Students Spend the day with friends being creative painting pottery, using your muscles knocking down pins at the bowling alley followed by a relaxing movie at a local movie theater. See page 6 for more information.

5 Fall Fun Day for Elementary Students MCPS is closed, but no need to worry. Thomas Farm Community Center has one day of non-stop adventure planned for grade school children. See page 6 for more information.

5 School's Out Fun Days for Elementary Students Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will keep your child busy and safe during this no-school day. See page 6 for more information.



5,12,19,26 Mommy and Me Parents and preschoolers enjoy play equipment in the gym at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, at 10 a.m. A membership or day pass is required for adults; children younger than 5 are free.

6 Election Day City Hall and other facilities will be closed. Recycling and refuse will be collected as scheduled. See page 1 for more information.

6,13,20,27 Tiny Tots Drop-In Run, crawl and play. A great way to spend time with your children and friends in our gymnasium that's transformed into an indoor play space. All you need to participate is a Thomas Farm Community Center membership.

7 What's on Your Plate? Smart Food Choices for Healthy Aging Research shows it's never too late for smart food choices and other good health habits to help reduce your risk of chronic diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Join us from 1-2



p.m. and receive a consumer-friendly booklet to read at home. Presented by Melanie Polk, MMSc., RD, FADA, acting director, Senior Nutrition Program, Montgomery County Health and Human Services. Register at 240-314-8810. FREE **SR**

7,14,21,28 Toddler Time Parents and preschoolers enjoy play equipment in the gym at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue. Membership or day pass required for adults; children younger than 5 are free.

7,21 Toastmasters Meet new people and practice your speaking skills in front of a sympathetic audience. This group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month and Montgomery County Council Building.



10 No Time for Crime - Women's Self Defense Class Learn to protect yourself and build confidence while practicing special techniques to ensure your safety. See page 5 for more information. FREE

11 Veterans Day Ceremony Rockville honors its veterans at this annual ceremony. See page 1 for more information. FREE

12 Veterans Day Observed City Hall and other facilities will be closed. Recycling and refuse will be collected as scheduled. See page 1 for more information.

13 Montrose Preschool Open Houses Learn more about one of the best preschools in Rockville at an open house between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The preschool is located at 451 Congressional Lane and accepts children age 3 and older who are toilet-trained. FREE

13-Dec.18 Tiny Hoopers You're never too young to start playing basketball. This program will teach little ones, ages 4 and 5, sportsmanship, teamwork and the fundamentals needed to lead the game. Weekly sessions held Tuesdays,

4 to 5 p.m., at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue. Register for course #40373; cost \$49 RES/\$55 NR.

14 Nuno Felt Scarf Learn this wonderful technique of melding wool to a silk chiffon scarf, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Take home a flirty and gorgeous scarf created by you. All hand-dyed materials in an array of colors will be provided by the instructor. Register for course #41081; cost \$40 MEM/\$50 RES/\$62 NR. **SR**

15 America Recycles Day Help Rockville stay green and keep costs down by recycling. See page 5 for more information.

15 Nature Tots – Trees Spend time with your tot discovering the wonders of nature between 10 and 11:30 a.m. A naturalist will help you explore a new nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Space is limited, so register in advance for course #41089. \$8 RES/\$10 NR. **CC**

15 Twitter for Seniors (B) This online social networking service that enables users to send and read text-based posts of up to 140 characters, informally known as "tweets." Shannon Loomis, Rockville public information specialist, will introduce Twitter and share how you can use this online messaging tool as a new form of online communication, 1-3 p.m. Register for course #41193; cost \$7 MEM/\$9 RES/\$13 NR. **SR**

15,16 Movie Club Join us to watch The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, 1-3 p.m. British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than its advertisements, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways. The film is PG-13 for sexual content and language. FREE **SR**

16 Hooray for Homeschoolers! Geology Rocks For our homeschooling friends, ages 8 to 15, we provide hands-on and minds-on programs that include both time in our classroom laboratory along with activities and hikes outdoors, 1-3 p.m. By studying geology we can learn more about the Earth's history. Register in advance for course #41103. \$6 RES/\$8 NR. **CC**

16 International Night Share and learn more about the rich cultures that represent our Rockville neighborhoods at the Lincoln Park Community Center. See page 6 for more information. FREE

16 Late Night Friday Pre-teens and teens, grades 3-6, have the Thomas Farm Community Center all to themselves to play games in the gym, enjoy video games, dance and listen to music, make a craft, or just hang out with their friends. Pre-registration: \$7 RES/\$10 NR. The fee at the door: \$10 RES/\$15 NR beginning at 6:30 p.m. Register in advance for course #40259.

17 Saturday Story & Hike Stop by the nature center on Saturday mornings for story-time and a craft for our friends ages 2 to 5. A naturalist will read a story then lead a craft based on the theme of the story between 10 and 11 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Register in advance for course #41097. \$3 RES/ \$5 NR. **CC**



18 Rockville Concert Band presents Ciao! Italia! Music is the language of love, and Italy knows music. Join us as we celebrate love Italian style at 3 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. No tickets are required, \$5 suggested donation. **FSF**

22,23 Thanksgiving Holiday Observed City Hall and other facilities will be closed. See page 1 for more information.

29 Nature Tots – Mammals Spend time with your child ages 2 to 5 discovering the wonders of nature. A naturalist will help you explore a new nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes between 10 and 11 a.m. Space is limited, so register in advance for course #41090. \$8 RES/\$10 NR. **CC**

29 Screening and Treatment Update for Prostate and Breast Cancers Prostate and breast cancers are among the most common types of cancer in the United States. While there has been controversy over some of the screening guidelines, early detection and prompt treatment are still key to living long, productive lives. Judy Macon, RN, Suburban Hospital's cancer outreach education manager, will provide updates on the latest screening and treatment options available for people with breast or prostate cancer, 1-2 p.m. Register at 240-314-8810. FREE **SR**

30 Movie Club Join us to watch People Like Us, 1-3 p.m. While settling his recently deceased father's estate, a salesman discovers he has a sister whom he never knew about, leading both siblings to re-examine their perceptions about family and life choices. The film is rated PG-13 for language, some drug use and brief sexuality. FREE **SR**

Boards and Commissions Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

I Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the first Thursday of the month.

10 Board of Appeals 9:30 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month. Meetings are televised on Channel 11.

14 Sign Review Board 9 a.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

14 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings are televised on Channel 11.

14 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

14 Rockville Sister City 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

15 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month. Meetings are televised on Channel 11.

21 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Lane. Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

27 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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Change Your Clocks and Smoke Detector Batteries

As the weather gets colder and days get shorter, residents are reminded to practice easy safety tips when changing clocks for the end of Daylight Saving Time Sunday, Nov. 4.

Help prevent house fires by changing the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks. Detectors should be tested once a month and batteries should be changed annually.

For more information and tips about seasonal home safety visit www.rockvillemd.gov/isd.

Environmental Programs Need Volunteers

Even though the days are getting shorter, the need for environmental volunteers in Rockville doesn't fade during the fall and winter.

The following programs are always in need of volunteers.

- **Storm Drain Marking:** Storm drain markers are small, colorful signs that are attached to the sidewalk on top of storm drains that educate and remind people that anything dumped into the storm drains will flow straight into our local streams and creeks.
- **Adopt-A-Stream:** Local groups can get directly involved in improving local water quality by "adopting" one or more stream segments within Rockville. The group agrees to hold two stream cleanup events per year.
- **Save Our Stream Monitoring:** Stream monitoring is how Rockville creates the report card on the condition of its three watersheds – Cabin John, Rock Creek and Watts Branch. Volunteers, determine the "grades" by monitoring designated areas of a stream for aquatic insects, chemical contaminants and physical appearance.
- **Invasive Plant Pulls:** Become a weed warrior to help identify, manage and remove invasive plants in local parks and public areas.

For more information about any of these programs visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment or contact Shannon Philbin, watershed protection specialist, at 240-314-8877 or sphilbin@rockvillemd.gov.

Neighborhood Notes

Meet Your Neighbor: Jerry Godwin

Meet Your Neighbor is a regular feature in Rockville Reports and on Channel 11 designed to highlight the unique individuals that make our community a special place. To nominate someone for a future episode and article, contact Rocio Snowdy, neighborhood resources coordinator, at rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8345.

Your neighbor Jerry Godwin has led a remarkable life as a military man, entrepreneur and volunteer.

Godwin was sent by his parents to start his college education at 17, in Salt Lake, Utah. After completing his graduate studies, he served in the U.S. Army, Maryland Army National Guard and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He recently retired from the National

Guard after 20 years of service.

His first business, in 1988, failed. However that experience, or "accelerated learning" as he calls it, helped him start other ventures with success. He eventually began work with the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development Business Incubator Network and was on the team that designed, developed and maintained the nationally recognized business incubator network.

After conquering the business world, Godwin wanted to give back to a community that had helped him through tough times. He has been on the Montgomery County Commission on Veteran's Affairs since 2010 and volunteers to

help the Hispanic community with voter registration issues, financial literacy, educational opportunities and entrepreneurship.

His work with the community has not gone unnoticed. In February, Godwin was invited to a White House forum on small businesses in America, and he has also been invited as an official visitor to meet the Prince of Spain.

Aside from his love of community, Mr. Godwin has a love for collecting paintings from prominent Honduran artists and has displayed the collection at VisArts.

For more information about how to highlight a good neighbor, please contact Rocio Snowdy at Rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Get Rockin' at the School of Rock(ville) Sign Up Now for Program for High School Students

Rockville students interested in learning more about the City's government, history and neighborhoods are invited to register for the free citizen-awareness program, School of Rock(ville).

The next session of School of Rock(ville) begins this month. Classes will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, to Friday, Nov. 16, 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 19, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants must be able to attend the entire four-day program in order to get a certification of completion.

For more information about the School of Rock(ville), or to sign up, visit the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/neighborhoods or contact Rocio Snowdy, neighborhood resources coordinator, at rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8345. ❖



NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS OPEN FOR BUSINESS... Rockville City Police Department Chief Terry Treschuk and the Mayor and Council dedicated the new Police Headquarters at 2 West Montgomery Ave. in October. The dedication ceremony was followed by a community open house and public tours. All of Rockville's public safety functions are now housed in the new location.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to visit the City of Rockville's website. If you don't already have a QR code reader on your phone, there are plenty of free apps you can download. When you have an app installed, point your phone's camera at the code and the website will appear in your phone's web browser.



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Exciting things are coming to Rockville Town Center!

Plans are under way for a new mixed-use high-rise in Rockville Town Center. This development is sure to add to an already lively downtown Rockville, offering residents and visitors alike more dining, shopping and entertainment choices.

Find out more about the project and the available parking in the area. Visit any Rockville Town Center merchant to pick up a brochure with parking map or go to www.rockvilleparking.com for more information.

Ten Named Good Neighbors

The City of Rockville's annual Good Neighbor Awards were presented by the Mayor and Council on Monday, Oct. 22.

Nine residents were recognized for their efforts to preserve and improve the quality of life in the community.

The Good Neighbor awardees were:

- Ann Barnhill
- Steve Cordell

- Robert Follit
- Greg Hazlett
- Don Kettlestrings
- Susan Prince
- Tom Mulholland
- Niveen Mulholland
- Milton Weinstein
- Richard Zeidman

The Good Neighbor Award is designed to honor those who make a difference in the community without seeking or receiving recognition for their

service.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year and are awarded in the fall.

For more information about the annual Good Neighbor Awards visit the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/neighborhoods or contact Rocio Snowdy, neighborhood resources coordinator, at rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8345. ❖