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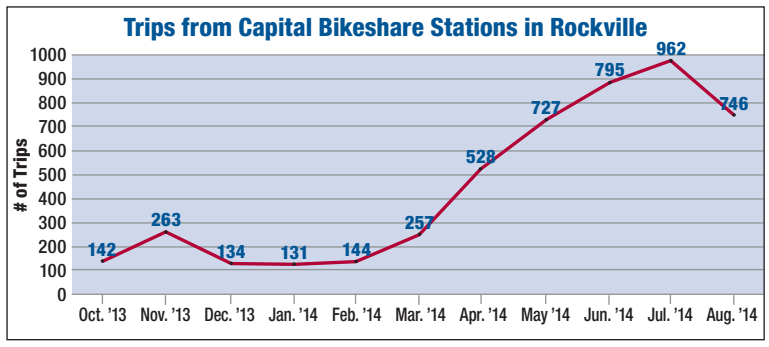
Bikeshare Use is On the Rise in Rockville

Learn How to Grab a Bike and Go

One year after the Capital Bikeshare program launched in Rockville, usage has grown significantly, recently peaking at nearly 1,000 trips a month.

The 21 bikeshare stations in the Rockville/Shady Grove/Life Sciences area, including 13 in the city limits, registered 962 trips in July. It was the highest use to date for the Rockville-area stations.

Stations on King Farm Boulevard and at the Shady Grove Metro station have the most users. There have been no reported crashes or injuries involving a bikeshare bike in Rockville during the program's inaugural year in the city.



How to Use Bikeshare

It's easy to purchase a short-term membership to try Capital Bikeshare, or get a long-term membership to make bike sharing a regular way of traveling. Fall is a great time to try it out.

Memberships

Memberships can be used in the Rockville network and at any Capital Bikeshare station in the D.C. metropolitan area. Memberships for one day ($7) and three days ($15) can be purchased using a credit card at a kiosk at any bikeshare station. One-month ($25) and one-year ($75) memberships can be bought online at www.capitalbikeshare.com.

Coupons for one free daily membership or $10 off an annual membership are available at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., and at facilities across Rockville. Free memberships are available for low-income Montgomery County residents who would like to use the bikes to get to work, school or job training. Learn more at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bikeshare.

Short-term memberships *(one-day and three-day)*

- Walk to a bikeshare station and follow the instructions on the kiosk's touch screen.
- Insert a credit card to pay the membership fee. One day costs $7; three days $15.
- Every trip under 30 minutes is free. Trips over 30 minutes are charged an additional fee per half hour, as follows:
  - 30-59 minutes: $2.
  - 60-89 minutes: $6.
  - Every 30 minutes thereafter: An additional $8.
- The kiosk will print a code. Walk to any available bike and enter the code on the pad to the left of the bike. A green light will illuminate, indicating that it is OK to take the bike.

Long-term memberships *(one-month and one-year)*

- Go to www.capitalbikeshare.com and pay for your membership.
- A red key will be sent by mail.
- Walk to any open bike at a station and insert the key. There's no need to use the touch screen kiosk if you have a key.
- Wait for the green light to illuminate, indicating that it is OK to take the bike.
- Every trip under 30 minutes is free. Trips over 30 minutes are charged an additional fee per half hour, as follows:
  - 30-59 minutes: $1.50.
  - 60-89 minutes: $4.50.
  - Every 30 minutes

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Over 500 vehicles on display.

See a Piece of the Past at the Antique and Classic Car Show

Rockville's Antique and Classic Car Show is Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on the picturesque grounds of Rockville Civic Center Park.

This free event will showcase more than 500 automobiles, a flea market, a performance by the Rockville Swing Band and much more. Thirty car clubs will be represented.

Rockville's car show continues to be recognized as the premier non-judged motor vehicle exhibition in the region. Visitors can share their love of cars with family, friends and neighbors, and vote for their favorite vehicle to win the "People's Choice Award."

This year, the event will include a special display of "orphan cars," showcasing any marque of motor vehicle built by a manufacturer that has discontinued business entirely. Examples include: Packard, Rio and Studebaker.

Attendees may park at Rockville Civic Center Park (home to Glenview Mansion), 603 Edmonston Drive. Additional parking is located at Meadow Hall Elementary School, 951 Twinbrook Pkwy. A courtesy shuttle will run from this location to the car show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 25. For inclement weather updates, please call 240-314-5022.

To learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov.

After 36 Years, Forehand to Bid Farewell from Public Office

Sen. Jennie Forehand will retire from public life early next year after nine terms in Annapolis representing District 17, which includes Rockville, Gaithersburg and Garrett Park.

"Every day was exciting because it was always something new," said Forehand, a resident of Woodley Gardens since 1962, who completed her final legislative session in office in April. "And you always met new people every day and learned what they were doing. And put that in the mix and I think Maryland is a great place to live."

Forehand's accomplishments include working to get Montgomery County Public Schools to turn over the former Woodley Gardens Elementary School to the City after the school closed in the early 1980s. It became the Rockville Senior Center. Since then, Forehand has secured hundreds of thousands of dollars for the center's expansion, including an addition and new fitness center completed in 2012.

Forehand recently reflected on her career in an interview with Rockville 11. Watch it at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Sen. Jennie Forehand

The Mayors and Councils of Gaithersburg, Garrett Park and Rockville invite you to a celebration of the contributions that Maryland State Sen. Jennie Forehand has made in her 36 years as a representative of our communities.

Open House: Sunday, Oct. 19, 1-5 p.m.

Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville

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Rockville to Jointly Host Forum on Energy Benchmarking

Commercial building owners, tenants and small businesses are invited to learn about upcoming building energy benchmarking programs and tools and see how local businesses are saving money through energy management.

The commercial building energy benchmarking forum, hosted by the City in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Green Building Council–National Capital Region Chapter, will be held Nov. 6 from 8-10 a.m. in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

The forum will provide an overview of new energy benchmarking legislation requirements by Montgomery County, information on tools available for benchmarking and success stories from businesses already benchmarking. Learn more at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Energy/benchmarking.html.

Rockville Recognized by EPA as a Leading Green Power User

The City of Rockville appears as No. 26 on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Top 30 Local Government list of the largest green power users released in late July.

The city government's purchase of 16 million kilowatt-hours (kwh) of wind renewable energy credits (RECs) is enough green power to meet 100 percent of the organization's electricity use. RECs provide more choices and competitive prices for firms to support the development of renewable energy markets and renewable energy projects. This demonstrates a proactive choice to switch away from traditional sources of electricity generation in support of cleaner renewable energy alternatives. According to the EPA, the City's green power use is equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions of more than 2,000 passenger vehicles per year, or the CO2 emissions from the electricity use of nearly 2,000 average American homes annually.

This green power commitment also qualifies the City of Rockville for EPA's 100% Green Power Users List and Green Power Leadership Club, a distinction given to EPA Green Power Partnership organizations that have significantly exceeded EPA's minimum requirements.

Green power is electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass and low-impact hydro. Using green power helps accelerate the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector.

The city government's ranking is in addition to the community ranking, which includes businesses, residents, government and institutions, where Rockville ranks No. 13 in the national Green Power Community Challenge. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/greenpower.

Community Service Day Brings Stream Cleanups

Be a part of Montgomery County's Community Service Day and help keep Rockville streams trash-free with two stream cleanups on Saturday, Oct. 25.

A cleanup will be held at Twinbrook Community Park from 9-11 a.m. City staff will greet volunteers at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

The Environment Commission will host a cleanup at Maryvale Park, 812 First St., from 10 a.m.-noon.

Gloves and bags will be provided to participants at both cleanups. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Student Service Learning hours are available for student volunteers. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877.

Learn more about Montgomery County's Community Service Day at www.montgomeryserves.org/community-service-day-2014.

Energy Awareness

Rockville Homes Highlight Renewable Energy

Three Homes in the City to be Featured in Solar and Green Homes Tour

When Ed Walker recently tried to pay his home's $5.15 electricity bill for August, he was told that the account was not active because he hadn't made a payment in six months. He hadn't had to.

Walker and spouse Andy Wilks have seen a big return on their investment since buying 25 solar panels for the roof of their Lemay Road home two years ago.

The homeowners have saved about $700 a year on their electric bill and have sold about $2,000 in energy credits for returning power to the electric grid—something that can be seen in the home's electric meter running backwards on sunny days.

This year the Rockville Environment Commission is inviting Rockville solar homeowners to share their stories and encourage their neighbors to "go solar." Several homeowners took up this challenge and now display yard signs that reads "Rockville Solar Energy Produced Here!"

October is National Energy Awareness Month. Find information on energy-saving programs, resources and tips at www.rockvillemd.gov/energyefficiency.

A solar energy home in Rockville at 5935 Lemay Road.

The home Walker and Wilks own is one of three Rockville homes selected to participate in the 24th Annual Metropolitan Washington, DC Tour of Solar and Green Homes on Oct. 4-5.

The Rockville homes on the tour are:

- 1612 Auburn Ave.
- 5935 Lemay Road.
- 1108 Parrish Drive.

Homeowners will share information about their systems, energy savings and utility bills.

Walker and Wilks expect to recoup the $20,000 price of their solar panels should they ever sell their home. A tax credit and state grant have already reduced the net cost of the panels to about $13,000.

Walker said he feels good about his home's solar panels generating clean, renewable energy.

"This was an investment in the environment and a good investment period," he said.

For more information, including descriptions of homes on the 2014 tour, visit http://solartour.org.

Homeowners interested in going solar might be interested in exploring a residential bulk purchase opportunity. A bulk purchase is when a group of neighbors purchases solar together. The group selects a single contractor to install a system on all of the homes. While each participant signs an independent contract with the installer for their own system, banding together to purchase larger quantities can reduce the total cost of installation.

To learn more about bulk purchase opportunities, email the Environment Commission at environment@rockvillemd.gov.

State Grants Help Improve Safety with Sidewalks and Sharrows

Two state grants will help Rockville improve safety for children walking to school and for bicyclists on City streets.

A $269,122 Safe Routes to School grant will be used to construct a sidewalk along Harrison Street, from N. Van Buren Street to Forest Avenue.

Along with a sidewalk being completed on Anderson Avenue this fall, the Harrison Street sidewalk will create a continuous east-west sidewalk route through the West End neighborhood. The project is included in the City's Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2015, which began July 1. City staff is evaluating design proposals. Construction is planned for summer 2015.

Administered by the State Highway Administration, the Safe Routes to School program provides funding for infrastructure and programs that help children get to and from school safely using non-motorized transportation. The Harrison Street sidewalk was eligible for funding due to its proximity to Beall Elementary School.

A second grant, of $33,950, from the Maryland Bikeways Program, will be used to add "sharrows" along several streets. Sharrows appear on roadways as a bicycle symbol with two arrows. They mark bicycle routes and encourage bicyclists and motorists to share the road safely.

The sharrows will complete a bicycle network appearing on Rockville bike maps as two yellow and orange "through-city routes." Once sharrows are added, the entire length of the routes will have either bike lanes, a shared-use path parallel to the road or sharrows in the roadway. The addition of sharrows will have no effect on on-street parking, road widths or the number of lanes.

For more information on sidewalks, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks. To learn more about sharrows, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and select "sharrows" from the list to the left.

Bikeshare Update

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thereafter: An additional $6.

The bikes

- Always wear a helmet. Capital Bikeshare branded helmets are available for purchase when purchasing a membership online.
- Each bike is equipped with a basket for your belongings and front and rear lights that are powered by pedaling.

Returning bikes

- Return the bike to any bikeshare station with an open dock. Wait for the green light to illuminate before walking away from the bike.
- If you have a smart phone, the free Spotcycle app is helpful for finding nearby stations and open docks.
- If you come to a station and there are no open docks to return a bike, go to the touch screen kiosk and request additional time. Use the map at the station to find the next nearest station.
- If anything is wrong with a bike, press the red button on the dock when you return the bike, or call Capital Bikeshare at 1-877-430-BIKE (2453).

For more information on bikeshare in Rockville, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/bikeshare.

Mayor & Council

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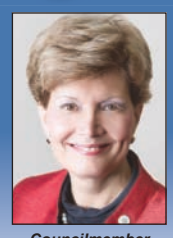
Bridget Donnell Newton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MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, worksessions 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 "Community Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- **Oct. 6** (Monday)
- **Oct. 13** (Monday)
- **Oct. 20** (Monday)
- **Oct. 27** (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 at 240-314-8280 is appreciated. Along with **Mayor Newton**, the councilmember scheduled is **Virginia D. Onley** on **Oct. 13**.

Mayor and Council Set 2015 County Legislative Priorities

School Construction, Tax Duplication and BRT Top the List

Dollars for school construction and tax duplication and discussions of how the City's plan for Rockville Pike fits with the county's plans for a bus rapid transit system are Rockville's top legislative and policy priorities at the county level.

The Mayor and Council approved the legislative and policy agenda on Sept. 8.

The adopted priorities are:

- **Montgomery County Public Schools Capital Projects**

A bill to secure additional state aid for school construction failed to pass during the 2014 Maryland General Assembly. As a result, Montgomery County cut about $185 million from its adopted school construction budget for Fiscal Years 2015-20. The cut delayed most county school construction projects by a year and pushed the opening date for a new elementary school in Rockville's Richard Montgomery cluster from 2017 to 2018. The Twinbrook Elementary School revitalization and expansion project also was delayed.

The City will continue its advocacy before the county school board and the Montgomery County Council in support of Fiscal Year 2016 construction aid for MCPS projects impacting Rockville schools.

- **Municipal Tax Duplication**

The Mayor and Council also supported a City staff recommendation that the City remain engaged in conversations with the county, other municipalities and the Maryland Municipal League, over proposed changes to the county's Municipal Tax Duplication system. Rockville received payments of $2.1 million in Fiscal Year 2015 and FY 2014 to cover services provided by the City that the county would otherwise be responsible for providing. Several factors, such as number of street miles maintained by the City, determine the payment the City receives. The City is concerned that, under the proposed changes, Rockville would not be appropriately reimbursed for the services it provides.

- **Rockville Pike Plan/ County Bus Rapid Transit**

The City will remain engaged in conversations as the state and county make decisions on BRT design and operations. Rockville will pursue a joint meeting between the Mayor and Council, the Gaithersburg City Council and the County Council to discuss how the jurisdictions can collaborate to support BRT routes that meet the goals of the county and the cities, including the City's vision for Rockville Pike.

Watch a video of the Mayor and Council discussion of the priorities by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter and selecting the television icon next to the Sept. 8 listing.

For more details on the City's county, state and federal legislative and policy priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115.

IN BRIEF

Survey Answers Help City to Make Rockville Better

Rockville's Community Survey arrives in mailboxes of randomly selected households this month.

Rate community amenities, government services and quality of life in Rockville. Tell us if City services are meeting your needs. The biennial survey is:

- Conducted by an outside consultant.
- Gathering anonymous responses.
- Able to be translated. Call Dragonbridge Inc. at 240-686-4555.

If you are selected, please answer and return the questionnaire by the date indicated. Results help Rockville improve services to citizens.

Find results of the 2012 survey at www.rockvillemd.gov/survey.

Mayor and Council to Discuss 'Mansionization' on Oct. 20

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to discuss "mansionization" – the impact of building or remodeling houses that are much larger than homes in the surrounding neighborhood – at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The Mayor and Council will review past discussions and consider options for maintaining the character of our neighborhoods and meeting homeowners' desire to improve their homes as they wish.

City Leaders Consider Changes to Animal Control Rules

The Mayor and Council are expected to discuss proposed changes to the "Animal Control" chapter of the City Code at their meeting on Oct. 6. Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr will host a town hall meeting on the topic on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The changes would mandate, among other things:

- Cat licensing.
- New tethering and shelter requirements.
- Allowing specific types of livestock.
- Introducing the trap-neuter-return approach to feral cat population control.

Learn more by watching the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6, on channel 11 or live streaming at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, or share your thoughts at the town hall meeting in the Black-Eyed Susan conference room at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., on Oct. 21.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/citycode.

ABOUT 300 VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED AN APPRECIATION PARTY… ***On Friday, Sept. 12 at Glenview Mansion, Rockville thanked the volunteers who gave their time and energy to the City in the past year. Go to www.youtube.com/cityofrockville to watch. For information on volunteering, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.***

Volunteers Fuel Rockville Seniors, Inc. Efforts

Jim Goheen began volunteering as a cashier in the Rockville Senior Center's gift shop many years ago. Then, he cooked hot dogs for visitors to weekly bingo nights. Later, he sold scratch-off tickets to fellow center members. But for the past two years, he has found himself with a lot more responsibility and work as the president of Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI).

RSI, founded in 1982, provides recreational, social service and educational opportunities for seniors in Rockville through its support of activities at the senior center. Goheen said RSI's relationship with the center is like that of a PTA with the school it supports.

RSI contributes $20,000 every year to the City to keep annual center membership fees low and to support individual projects at the center. RSI also provides volunteers for the center's thrift shop, gift/consignment shop, kitchen and bingo operation, yard and book sales, and spring and holiday bazaars.

An addition and new fitness center were completed in 2012. Since then, the center has welcomed 350 new members, bringing the number of members to nearly 1,400.

In response to the increased membership, the RSI board is examining its budget to have a better understanding of how to meet the needs of seniors in Rockville, Goheen said. The organization recently began new partnerships to promote the center and provide discounts to seniors at Walgreens and Dawson's Market. "We're looking for volunteers and we want to broaden our outreach to all seniors in the City," Goheen said.

Learn more about senior services in Rockville and RSI at www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter. For more, "like" Rockville Seniors on Facebook.

Our Town–Rockville
A Maryland Public Television Documentary

Be Part of Rockville's Story

Community members will use MPT-provided hand-held cameras to record video of everyday events, people and places that help tell Rockville's story.

The production will collect video footage through May 2015. The documentary is scheduled for release in Sept. 2015.

People from our City's diverse communities are encouraged to participate, including:

- Members of all neighborhoods.
- The business and nonprofit communities.
- Students.

For more information,
email ourtown@rockvillemd.gov
or call 240-314-8620.

Rockville Pike Through The Years

(Above) The Halpine Store, also known as the Lenovitz General Store, circa 1910. It was built on the Pike in 1898, taking advantage of the prime location on the trolley and railroad lines. The proprietors, Benjamin and Anna Lenovitz, lived on the second floor. The building burned in 1923 and a new fire-resistant brick building was constructed in its place.

(Top right) Radio Shack, at Rockville Pike and Halpine Road, circa 1985. It was housed in the building built on the former Lenovitz General Store property. Today, Radio Shack is in the same location, at 1600 Rockville Pike (top left).

Brief History of the Pike

Step back in time to learn about Montgomery County's oldest road as the Mayor and Council, community members, businesses and others consider a plan for its future. The following are excerpts from the history of the corridor in the draft "Rockville's Pike Plan."

Early Years

The Pike began as a foot trail for American Indian tribes more than 10,000 years ago. The use of the trail was taken over by European settlers in the 1690s.

Plantations were established by English and Scottish settlers and tobacco became the prime crop in the region, as well as the legal tender. By the mid-1700s, "Fredericktown" (now Frederick), to the north, was well established and the route (now Rockville Pike) became a rolling road connecting the town to the port of Georgetown where tobacco was shipped to distant markets. The road was one of the longest in the Maryland colony.

The Turnpike

The Washington Turnpike Company was chartered by the Maryland General Assembly in 1805 to try to improve the road. Turnpikes were based on a "pay as you go" system. Gates, consisting of long poles covered with spikes ("pikes"), were opened only when the toll was paid. The tolls were abandoned in the 1880s as there was never enough revenue to keep up with the needed repairs.

Toward the last years of the 19th century, the most extensive road construction in Maryland was the rebuilding of the turnpike between Rockville and Georgetown. According to an 1899 report by the Maryland Geological Survey, "no road in the county was more in need of improvement both on account of its condition and its importance as the direct road from Rockville to Washington. It has long been known as one of the worst pieces of main highway in the state."

The "Rockville Turnpike," as it was known by 1818, became a two-lane roadway "paved" with small angular stone fragments, 10 inches deep over soft dirt and rock. Above, work crews resurface macadam and sprinkle screenings. The road became stronger and more compact with use and over time. John L. McAdam, a Scottish engineer who was largely responsible for transforming road building into a science, developed this road construction technology. The term "macadam" came to be applied to a variety of other road surfaces in later years. (Courtesy Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Maryland.)

"Humans fit comfortably in this environment only when sealed within their cars. Once drivers become pedestrians, they are vulnerable and out of place, as lost and endangered as someone trying to cross a busy airport tarmac." -The Washington Post, "Taking a Peak at the Pike," Dec. 26, 1997.

A New Plan for Rockville Pike

"Rockville's Pike Plan" has evolved over nearly seven years. A kickoff presentation in December 2007 was followed by a weeklong community design charrette in May 2008 (pictured above). Public hearing and work sessions before the Planning Commission followed, culminating in a "Draft for Public Review" presented to the Mayor and Council earlier this year.

The Mayor and Council are expected to send comments on the plan to the Planning Commission after this fall's public hearings and their own discussions of the plan at public work sessions.

This extensive plan sets goals for making a 2-mile corridor of Rockville Pike more inviting to residents, workers, shoppers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders and to add parks and increase open space.

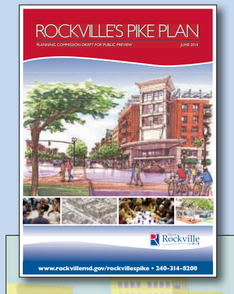
The 382-acre study area covered by the plan is projected to experience significant residential and employment growth over the next 25 years. Even more growth is expected south of the city limits in the White Flint area. The plan seeks to manage these changes, to the benefit of Rockville and its community members, businesses and other organizations.

How to Get Involved

The public may learn about, read and comment on the Planning Commission's draft of "Rockville's Pike Plan" in several ways.

Public hearings on the draft will be held during Mayor and Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall on: Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8. The Mayor and Council will hold a walking tour along the Pike on Nov. 1, and may also schedule additional hearings.

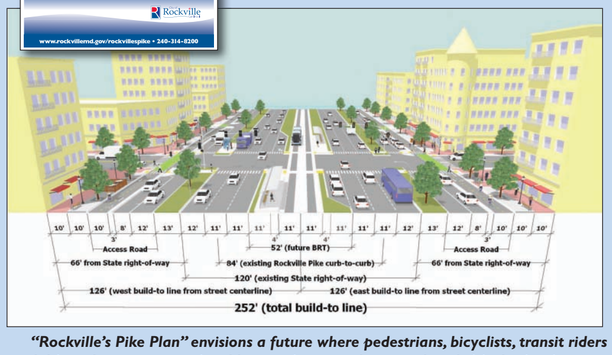
The public record for written comments on the plan is open. Testimony may be sent to the Mayor and Council at cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov, or by mail to City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850.



Where to Find the Draft Plan

Read "Rockville's Pike Plan" (in full, or the executive summary) online at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike. Copies are available to review at City Hall, the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries and Rockville community centers.

More information is available from the planning department by contacting Cindy Kebba at ckebba@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8233.



"Rockville's Pike Plan" envisions a future where pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and drivers have a more enjoyable experience as they travel, and visit destinations, on the Pike. "Rockville's Pike Plan" establishes policies that would allow for the road design shown above.

Congressional Plaza (above) opened in 1959. Rockville Pike was widened to four lanes in 1953-55 to relieve the increasing congestion. In 1974-75, the Pike was widened again, to six lanes. Between 1975 and 1986, the Pike continued to attract many more shoppers than the town center and approximately 1.8 million square feet of new retail, office and hotel development was added along the Pike.

Trains and Trolleys

The Metropolitan branch of the B&O Railroad was completed in 1873 and provided passenger train service between Washington, D.C. and Rockville. While it provided competition for the Pike as a means of travel, it also spurred development and business prosperity in the area by improving access to the greater metropolitan areas of Washington and Baltimore. The 16-mile trip from Rockville to Washington took about 45 minutes.

The coming of the railroad and electric street cars in the late 19th century had a profound effect on the siting of summer resorts and houses in Rockville and along the Pike. Wealthy Washingtonians purchased farmland between Bethesda and Rockville around the turn of the 20th century.

Popularity of the Automobile

The prevalence of automobiles ushered in a new era for the Pike. The Pike became a two-lane asphalt-paved road in 1925, but there were no traffic lights between Bethesda and Rockville, the major residential centers along the Pike. Rockville installed the county's first electric traffic signal in 1927 at the intersection of Commerce Lane (now West Montgomery Avenue) and Washington Street.

Despite opposition to commercial development, the Pike changed with the emergence of auto-friendly development such as gas stations, car dealerships, tourist cabins, restaurants and produce stands, though the character remained primarily agricultural through the 1930s.

Bus and Rapid Rail Service

Bus service began in 1924 and, together with private automobiles, replaced the trolleys. The Blue Ridge Transportation Company provided bus service for Rockville and Montgomery County from 1924-1955. There was no real effort to develop a public transportation infrastructure in Rockville for the next 20 years, until the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority began work to extend the Red Line of the Metrorail system into Rockville (running parallel to the Pike) and extend Metrobus service into Montgomery County.

Read the full Rockville Pike history in "Rockville's Pike Plan," (Appendix B), at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike.

(Above) From 1900 to 1935, street cars, powered by overhead electric wire, ran on the track from Wisconsin Avenue and M Street, N.W., up Wisconsin Avenue and Old Georgetown Road and over a steel trestle just before the cars approached Georgetown Preparatory School.

From there they continued through dense woods at Montrose and onto Rockville Pike, through Rockville along Montgomery Avenue, to Laird Street, and back again.

The successful trolley service was eventually eclipsed by the growing popularity of the automobile and was halted in August 1935, according to Mary Deegan Dunham's 1976 book, "Rockville: Its History and Its People."

The Rockville and Twinbrook Metrorail stations opened on December 15, 1984.

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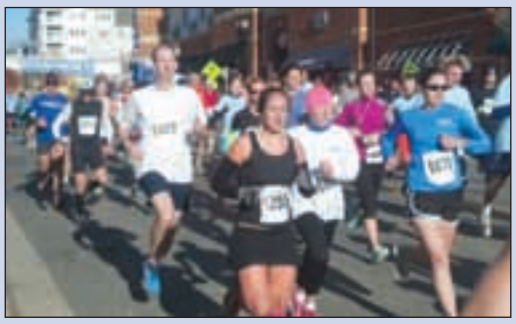
THINGS TO DO IN ROCKVILLE



Register Now for the Rockville 10K/5K

Runners, get ready to take your marks. The oldest continuing road race in Montgomery County is accepting registrations.

The Rockville 10K/5K starts Sunday, Nov. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the King Farm Village Center. Registration is $33 through Oct. 30 by mail or online at www.mcrrc.org/rockville-10k5k. Late registration is $35 at the packet pickup on Saturday, Nov. 1, and $40 on race day.

Late registration and packet pickup will be at Sports Authority, 12055 Rockville Pike, on Nov. 1 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and onsite at King Farm Village Center on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Race winner prizes and random awards will be distributed onsite the day of the race during the post-race brunch.

The race will be managed by the Montgomery County Road Runners Club. The race partner is the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation.

Residents and businesses in King Farm should expect street closings, under the direction of the Rockville City Police Department, from 8-10:30 a.m. on the morning of the race. Streets include: Redland Boulevard (west of Pleasant Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.

Race organizers invite community members to participate as volunteers on the day of the event. To do so, call 301-651-3372 or email farkas1004@hotmail.com.

Learn more about the 10K/5K at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports or by calling the Rockville Sports Division at 240-314-8620.

Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremony

Rockville's Veterans Day ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 11, will include a member of the military as a featured speaker.

Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have formerly or currently serve in the United States military are eligible to participate in the ceremony.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and will need to prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces and what it means to serve and honor those who have served.

Others interested in performing ceremonial duties are invited to contact the City.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in taking part or learning more about what's involved, contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or aknox@rockvillemd.gov.

Find video of the City's 2013 Veterans Day ceremony at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Register Now for the Rockville Open

RedGate Golf Course hosts the Rockville Open on Oct. 11-12.

The tournament is open to all skills and abilities. There will be three separate flights, with players grouped by their handicap.

A banquet and awards ceremony will be held after play concludes on Sunday. The entry fee is $125 and includes two days of golf, prizes and the banquet.

Play begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 11 and 12. The tournament will be played rain or shine.

For more information, or to sign up by Oct. 9, email dlessler@redgategolf.com or call 240-406-1650.

Arts & Entertainment

Rockville Has a 'Boo' for You This Halloween

Gingerbread Haunted House Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 11, 1:30-4 p.m.
Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive
Age: 5+

Build your own Haunted House for Halloween. Fee includes one house and all the spooky decorating supplies, plenty of cookies and warm apple cider. Course #48154. $45 R/$50 NR

Croydon Creep

Friday, Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.
Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road

Come in costume and enjoy a magic show, spooky nature hike, giveaways and crafts. Open to all ages. Cost is $5 per child at the door (children under 2 are free).

Howl-O-Ween Bash

Saturday, Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m.
Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

Enjoy great music and fun with pumpkin decorating, dance contests, crafts and more. Come wearing your family-friendly costumes. Open to all ages. Cost is $3 per person at the door.

Monster Mash Family Dance

Friday, Oct. 24; 7-9 p.m.
Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway

Come in costume and take part in pumpkin decorating and Halloween crafts and enjoy music by a DJ. Refreshments sold by Twinbrook Elementary School. Open to all ages. Cost is $3 per person at the door.

Halloween Haunt

Saturday, Oct. 25; 2-4 p.m.
Thomas Farm Community Center; Age: 1+

Come in costume for an afternoon of Halloween fun with a strolling balloon sculpture, petting zoo, friendly haunted room, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, fortune teller, crafts, games and more.

Cost is $4 per person at the door (children age 1 and younger are free).

Tiny Tot Halloween Celebration

Tuesday, Oct. 28,
10 a.m.-noon
Thomas Farm Comm. Ctr.
Age: 4 and younger

Little ones and their parents can come in costume and enjoy a morning of crafts, games, refreshments and Halloween fun. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Course #48164. $2 per child (adult center members are free; other adults are $6 R/$8 NR)

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

Fitzgerald Literary Festival to Highlight Literature and War

Award-Winning Author James Salter to be Honored

Hear from acclaimed writers, take part in workshops in fiction, poetry and memoir and take a bus tour of F. Scott Fitzgerald's favorite Rockville places at the 18th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival.

The festival is Saturday, Oct. 18 in the Executive Office Building, at 101 Monroe St., with workshops held at the Rockville Memorial Library, at 21 Maryland Ave.

This year, the festival honors author James Salter, winner of the 1989 PEN/Faulkner Award for "Dusk and Other Stories." Salter's early books focused on his experiences as an Air Force fighter pilot in the Korean War. Salter will teach a master class, hold a reading and book signing and receive the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

Past Fitzgerald Award honorees have included Pat Conroy, John Updike and Joyce Carol Oates.

James Salter

Other festival highlights include:

- A talk about the influence of World War I on Fitzgerald's writings, by Joseph Fruscione.
- A one-woman performance, "Finding the Light," about women and war.
- A panel reading and discussion of Fitzgerald's writings by writers Timothy Denevi, Jim Lehrer, Alice McDermott and Roger Rosenblatt.

See the complete festival schedule and register to attend at www.fscottfestival.org. For more information, call 301-309-9461.

Rockville Civic Center Park: Outstanding October Offerings

Rockville Little Theatre presents "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, Oct. 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

This Pulitzer Prize winning classic drama, written by Tennessee Williams, examines the relationships among participants in a Southern family feud. Tickets are $22 for adults; $20 for seniors and students with ID.

Sichuan Opera House of Chengdu presents "Desire Under the Elms"

Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

In their premiere performance in the United States, this opera company will perform an adaptation of the play by Eugene O'Neill. Tickets are $20.

National String Symphonia presents "Meditations on Ecclesiastes"

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

This performance will include a presentation of Norman Dello Joio's "Meditations on Ecclesiastes," Gustav Holst's "St. Paul's Suite," Paul Lewis's "Rosa Mundi," Gareth Walters's "Divertimento" and Edward Elgar's "Serenade." Tickets are $10-$37.50.

Rockville Musical Theatre presents "Grease"

Fridays, Oct. 31, Nov. 7 and 14 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, Nov. 1, 8 and 15 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, Nov. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

This rollicking musical, set to a 1959 soundtrack, follows 10 teenage working-class greasers, cheerleaders and toughs as they deal with life. Tickets are $22 for adults; $20 for seniors and students with ID.

Glenview Gallery Welcomes Three Artists

Visitors can appreciate Susana Garten's enamels fired on metal, Elaine Cafritz's acrylic and mixed media, and Meryl Silver's photography from Oct. 5-24.

A free opening reception will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the mansion. L'Arabesque Baroque will perform at 2 p.m. as part of the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. The ensemble will perform European chamber music from the late 17th and the 18th centuries.

For information on exhibitions, concerts or purchasing artwork, contact Julie Farrell at jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8682.

October Calendar

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

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

FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** GM, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston 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/recreation/guide.

4,11,18,25 Rockville Farmers Market, corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in Town Center. Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more are available for purchase. All items offered are picked fresh daily and are available as supplies last. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

5 Scout Badge Day: Webelos Forester Badge Naturalists will help you complete the necessary requirements to achieve the badges. All materials provided; however, badges are not supplied by the nature center. Program held rain or shine. Advanced registration required. For additional information or to register, please contact Melinda Norton at 240-314-8771. 2-4 p.m. CC

10-12,17-19 "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" presented by Rockville Little Theatre at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. *See story on page 6.* FSF

11-12 Rockville Open Golf tournament offers three flights, grouped by handicap, an awards banquet and prizes. $125. Register by Oct. 9. Email dlessler@redgategolf.com or call 240-406-1650.

11 Community Indoor Yard Sale Declutter your home, make some money and have fun too. Browse the great deals or sign up for a vendor's table (6 x 3). Vendors must preregister with payment to secure a space/table ($20 per table). Register for course #48146 (additional table #48147). 8 a.m.-noon at Lincoln Park Community Center (set up begins at 7 a.m.).

11,17,18,24,25, 28 Halloween events at Rockville community centers. *See story on page 6.*

11 Saturday Story & Hike Stop by the nature center for story time and a hike. Our naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Adult participation is required. 10-11 a.m. CC

12 Fall Trail Clean Up Day Earn SSL hours while helping to clean up our creek and trails. No advanced registration is required. Participants under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult. 1:30-4:30 p.m. CC

15 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) The Community Action Agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is offering free income tax preparation for prior year and amended returns for 2011 through 2013. If your family earns less than $52,000 per year, free help may be available. Call the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310 to inquire about eligibility. Appointments will be held between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rockville City Hall. CH

16 Nature Tots: Flying Friends Spend time with your child (age 2-5) discovering the wonders of nature. A naturalist will help you explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Adult participation is required. Pre-registration strongly recommended as spaces are limited. 10-11:30 a.m. CC

17,31 Community Center Fun Daze. Looking for something for the kids to do when school is closed? Community Center staff is planning fun themed activities for these no-school days. Activities include games, sports, special activities and crafts. Bring a lunch. A field trip to Butler's Orchard's Pumpkin Harvest Days is included on Oct. 17; Harry Potter is the theme on Oct. 31 at Thomas Farm Community Center. Theme days will also be held on these dates at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

17 Teens Fright Fest Open to grades 5-9. Six Flags America's Fright Fest will be full of ghosts, goblins and ghouls! Take a ride on the fun (but sometimes scary) Haunted Hay Wagon and Midnight Express Train. Pickup and drop-off locations: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, Julius West and Wood middle schools. 4:30-11:30 p.m. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/teens.

18 Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show. *See article on page 1.* GM

18 Croydon Creek Campfire: Spooky Stories This campfire provides the perfect setting for some child-friendly spooky stories and a delicious treat. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all participants must register in advance. 7-8 p.m. CC

18 18th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival *See story on page 6.* FSF

19 Ride the Rockville Bike Beltway Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail with your family and friends. This shared-use path is a 10.6-mile loop around Rockville. Rain at start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. Meet at 10 a.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center.

19 Rockville City Police Department Neighborhood Services - Rabies Clinic The clinic will be held at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood. 8-10:30 a.m. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rabies-clinic.

21 Proposed Animal Control Rule Changes Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr. 7:30 p.m. in the Black-Eyed Susan conference room at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. CH

22 Zumba Party For Seniors 60 and Older. Instruction will be given, no experience necessary. Register for course #48948 ($5 for Senior Center members/$8 for Rockville residents/$12 Non-residents). 1:30-3 p.m. SR

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25 Twinbrook Stream Cleanup - Community Service Day Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information and to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877. 9-11 a.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and Annex, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. *See story on page 2.*

26 Family Geocaching: Past Meets Present Join us for a geocaching adventure bringing Rockville's past to life. Bring your family and use a GPS unit to work your way through the Rockville Cemetery to discover history hidden in this tucked-away place. A portion of the program will be self-guided. All participants must register. Families may be asked to share GPS devices. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration is encouraged. 1:30-3 p.m. CC

27 "Rockville's Pike Plan" Public Hearing. Mayor and Council Chambers at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. 7 p.m. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike.

31 "Grease" presented by Rockville Musical Theatre. *See story on page 6.* FSF

31 Bowling and Movie. Open to grades 5-9. Before you head out for Halloween, spend this no-school day with your friends bowling and catching a movie (PG or PG-13) at a local theater. Pickup and drop-off locations: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, Julius West and Wood middle schools. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/teens.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check the City website for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

1 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Commission 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

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

8,22 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

8 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

11 Board of Appeals 9 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

14 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

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

16 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month.

16 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

21 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

23 Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month.

27 Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth week of the month.

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

Vacancies

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov. The City is seeking applicants for:

- Cultural Arts Commission (2)
- Environment Commission (3)
- Historic District Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (3)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (3)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (1)
- Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. (1)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
- Rockville Sister City Inc. (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Sign Review Board (1)

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

Aumenta el uso compartido de bicicletas en Rockville

Conozca cómo tomar una bicicleta y salir a andar

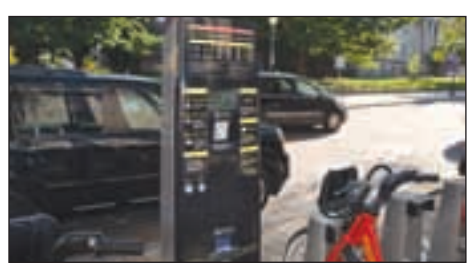
Un año después del lanzamiento del programa de uso compartido de bicicletas Capital Bikeshare en Rockville, este uso ha aumentado de manera significativa, llegando a casi 1,000 viajes por mes.

Las 21 estaciones de uso compartido de bicicletas en las zonas de Rockville/Shady Grove/Life Sciences, de las cuales 13 se encuentran dentro de los límites de la ciudad, registraron 962 viajes en el mes de julio. Fue la estadística de uso más elevada hasta la fecha para las estaciones de la zona de Rockville.

Las estaciones de King Farm Boulevard y de Shady Grove Metro son las estaciones que cuentan con la mayor cantidad de usuarios. Durante el año inaugural del programa en la ciudad, no se informaron choques ni lesiones que involucren el uso compartido de bicicletas en Rockville.

Cómo solicitar el uso compartido de las bicicletas

Es fácil comprar una membresía a corto plazo para probar el servicio de Capital Bikeshare, u obtener una membresía a largo plazo para hacer que el uso compartido de bicicletas se convierta en su medio de transporte habitual. El otoño es una excelente época para probarlo.



Membresías

Las membresías se pueden usar en la red de Rockville y en cualquier estación de Capital Bikeshare en el área metropolitana de D.C. Las membresías por un día ($7) y por tres días ($15) se pueden comprar usando una tarjeta de crédito en cualquier quiosco de cualquier estación de uso compartido de bicicletas. Las membresías por un mes ($25) y por un año ($75) se pueden adquirir en línea, en www.capitalbikeshare.com.

Los cupones para una membresía diaria gratuita o una membresía anual con $10 de descuento están disponibles en City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., y en instalaciones en todo Rockville. Las membresías gratuitas están disponibles para residentes con bajos ingresos del condado de Montgomery, que deseen usar las bicicletas para llegar ir a trabajar, a la escuela o a la capacitación laboral. Conozca más en www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bikeshare.

Para obtener más información sobre el uso compartido de bicicletas, incluida una guía sobre cómo usar la red, visite www.rockvillemd.gov/bikeshare y use la herramienta de traducción Google Translate que se encuentra en la esquina inferior derecha de la página.

Neighborhood Notes

IN BRIEF

Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Award

Winners to be Honored at the City's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

The City's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 19.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will honor a Rockville high school student who has helped advance the goals and dreams of Dr. King, either in an academic setting or in the community. Nominees may have broken down barriers, promoted acceptance of their peers or developed diversity awareness programs to advance Dr. King's goals and dreams.

The F. Michael Taff Award honors an individual, business or organization within Rockville that contributed to improving the lives of people with disabilities. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission. The award recognizes exemplary efforts to reduce barriers that restrain the full participation of people with disabilities. This contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility, raise public awareness or further the cause of people with disabilities.

Federal, state and local government agencies are not eligible for the award but are encouraged to nominate businesses, organizations and individuals.

Applications are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. Applications may be submitted through Wednesday, Dec. 3 to the Rockville Human Rights Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville MD 20850 or via fax to 240-314-8130. Applications can also be emailed to jkelly@rockvillemd.gov.

For more information about the awards or the annual celebration, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/MLK or call 240-314-8316. To receive this information in another form, contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Asian Pacific American Task Force Seeks New Members

Rockville's Asian Pacific American Task Force is seeking members to consult with the Mayor and Council, foster community connections and help promote awareness of the needs and contributions of the City's Asian community.

The Mayor and Council established the task force in 2008 in an effort to create better communication between the Asian-American community and City government. Some services provided by the group include:

- Establishing connections with businesses in order to learn their needs and involve them in community activities.
- Language interpreting and translation services for meetings, fairs, voter registrations and mediations.
- Planning and coordinating cultural events, such as the Asian Pacific American Cultural Festival.

The task force, which reports to the Mayor and Council, also hosts workshops to help community members learn skills or gain knowledge that contributes to a greater quality of life.

Community members interested in joining the Asian Pacific American Task Force should fill out the Application of Expression of Interest at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/apataskforce or call 240-314-8316.

Matching Grants Strive to Support Community Involvement

Oct. 15 Deadline for ROC-N Grant Applications

Neighborhood associations could receive up to $1,000 in a matching grant for projects promoting community involvement.

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, Oct. 15 for Rockville's Organizing Communities and Neighborhoods (ROC-N) Matching Grant Program. The program strives to support and empower neighborhood associations and encourage participation by community members.

Qualified neighborhood organizations could receive up to $1,000 annually and must provide a cash or in-kind match equal to or greater than the grant amount requested. Applications are accepted twice a year, in April and October. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Funding is limited.

Projects are evaluated and selected for funding by a committee of City of Rockville staff. Projects are evaluated based on the neighborhood's ability to provide a funding match, the level of community involvement, project readiness and the tangible neighborhood benefit. Projects must support one or more of the following:

- The acquisition of technology or supplies that directly support an existing community program.
- A specific community need.
- Neighborhood crime prevention.
- Neighborhood outreach and organizing.
- Neighborhood planning.
- Neighborhood preservation.
- Social events aimed at fostering a sense of community pride.

The ROC-N Matching Grant Program is built on the premise that people who live in a neighborhood are its most valuable resource and are best able to identify the community's needs and make improvements or devise solutions to problems.

Find more information, applications and examples of projects receiving grants at www.rockvillemd.gov/ROC-NGrant.

Home Rehabilitation Grants Available for Low-Income Homeowners

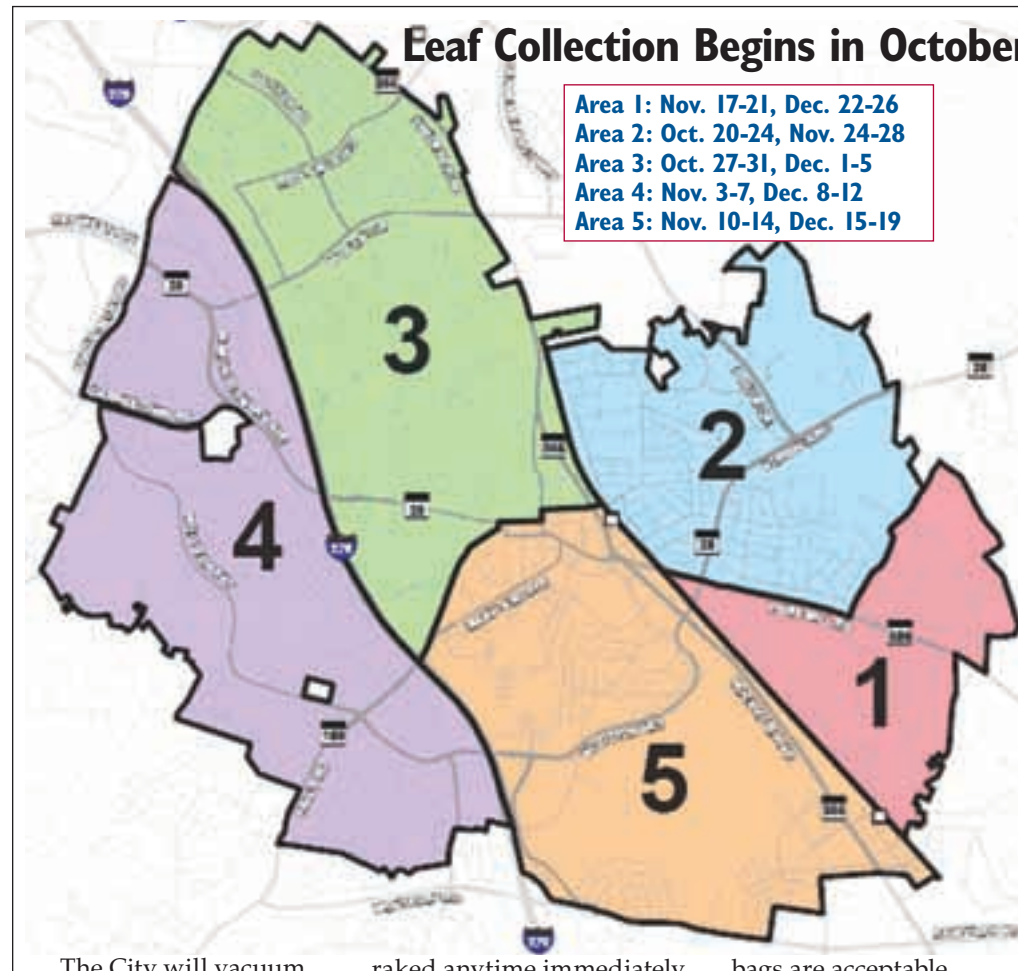
For nearly 40 years, Rockville has assisted low-income homeowners with repairs to their homes to ensure safety and compliance with City codes. The Single-Family Rehabilitation Program is funded with a federal grant and accepts applications on a rolling basis.

Typical repairs the program may cover include roof replacement, plumbing and electrical upgrades, furnace replacement and kitchen and bathroom repairs. The City has approximately $185,000 to contribute to projects in the next year and expects to be able to assist up to 10 homeowners, depending on their needs.

Applicants are assisted on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority is given to the homes with the most critical improvement needs. The program will cover a portion or all of the repair costs, depending on household income.

For more information, eligibility criteria and the application form, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/singlefamilyrehab or contact the City's housing planner, Erin Wilson, at 240-314-8203 or ewilson@rockvillemd.gov.

Leaf Collection Begins in October



The City will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs in two cycles, beginning Monday, Oct. 20.

Residents should rake leaves into the gutter or immediately adjacent to the pavement if no curb or gutter exists. Leaves can be raked anytime immediately before or during collection week.

Place leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. on the collection dates. Sticks and all other objects must be removed from the leaf piles. Biodegradable paper lawn bags are acceptable.

Use alternatives methods for disposing of leaves such as mulching or composting. This saves collection and disposal costs.

For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection.

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.

Eat. Shop. Save Money. Do Good.

Support Rockville nonprofits while shopping at Rockville businesses.

The Rockville Rewards card offers discounts at more than 100 Rockville businesses through **Aug. 31, 2015**. All proceeds from the card sales go directly to the nonprofit partnered with each business. For more information, visit www.rockvillerewards.com or call the Rockville Chamber of Commerce at 301-424-9300.

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