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Rockville Earns Spot on National 'Best Cities for Families' List

The City of Rockville has been recognized as one of the 10 best cities for families in the United States, based on a study by the website Livability.com.

The study examined census, consumer spending and school data, among other factors, to determine the rankings. Rockville ranked 9th overall and was recognized for having the lowest crime rate of the cities in the top 10 as well as being "most walkable." Livability surveyed more than 2,000 cities to come up with its top 10 list.

Livability also ranked Rockville as one of the country's best places to live in 2013. The site gave a nod to Rockville Town Square, the library, Croydon Creek Nature Center and the Millennium Trail in its most recent ranking. It added, "The city keeps the playgrounds, walking trails and athletic fields in great shape, and families often utilize these amenities."

For more information, visit **www.livability.com**.

Safety Increased Due to Speed Cameras

Fewer Citations Mean Safety is Up, Program Revenue is Down

Rockville's speed camera program "continues to be effective, efficient, fair and a true benefit to the safety of all," the city's police chief wrote in a summary of a report showing speed citations and collisions continued a downward trend during 2014.

"Drivers are changing their behaviors and roads around neighborhoods and schools are safer," Chief T.N. Treschuk wrote in a summary of the recently released report.

The program, authorized by the Maryland General Assembly, allows municipalities to use speed cameras on residential roads and in school zones where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less and issue tickets when vehicles are traveling at least 12 mph over the limit.

Since the program's inception in 2007, the city's photo enforcement zones have experienced a 50 percent decrease

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Rockville City Hall Closed July 3

Other City Facilities Will Be Closed July Fourth

Rockville City Hall will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Most other Rockville facilities will operate as usual.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be suspended on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will not be affected.

The Rockville Senior Center will be closed Friday, July 3 and will open for its normal hours on Saturday, July 4.

Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers and Croydon Creek Nature Center will open on their normal schedules on Friday, July 3 and will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will operate on a normal summer schedule on Friday, July 3 and Sunday, July 5 and will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 4. Summer hours for individual swim center facilities can be found at **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter**.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and the box office will be open for its normal hours (2-7 p.m.) on Friday, July 3 and will be closed on Saturday, July 4. Tickets are available anytime at **www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre**.

Rockville Civic Center Park offices, including Glenview Mansion and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Runners Take Your Mark!

Twilight Runfest and Block Party is Evening of July 18

Lace up your sneakers and make your way to Rockville Town Center on Saturday, July 18, for an evening of running, walking and celebrating summer at the 30th annual Darcars Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest.

The runfest welcomes people of all ages and skill levels and offers participants a choice of races to enter – the 8K (with a wheelchair division) or the Family Fitness Run/Walk (choose from a 1K or 2-mile route). Races start at 8 and 8:45 p.m.

Runners and walkers will race from Rockville Town Center through Rockville's neighborhoods and finish back in town center with a block party.

Festivities include:

- Pre- and post-race music by Lloyd Dobler Effect
- Post-race refreshments and drinks for runners
- Awards

Proceeds from the race benefit the Rockville Recreation Fund and Rockville Rotary Foundation. The Rec Fund provides about $50,000 each year in financial support to people who would otherwise not be able to participate in city recreation programs, with the bulk of that money raised through the Twilight Runfest.

Learn more and register for the race at **www.rockvillemd.gov/twilightrunfest**.

Enjoy Fireworks, Live Music and Community Spirit on July 4

Rockville's Independence Day celebration will be held from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in the King Farm neighborhood. *(Rain date: Sunday, July 5.)*

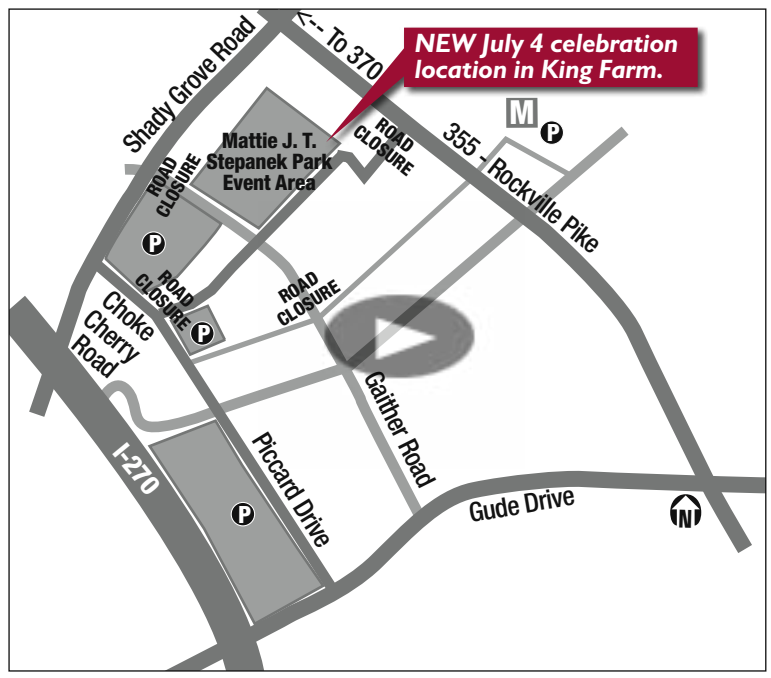
Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and food and beverage. There will be food for sale by vendors.

- **7 p.m.** – Music begins on two stages with The Nighthawks, Fugitive Brass Band and Rockville Concert Band.
- **8:45 p.m.** – Welcome from the Mayor and Council and the national anthem, followed by more live music.
- **9:15 p.m.** – A 20-minute fireworks display begins.

The new location includes free, easy access and ample parking (with convenient exits) within a short walk of the fireworks viewing areas. The Shady Grove Metro station is a 1-mile walk from the park (see map).

Parking will be available in lots bordered by Shady Grove Road, Gaither Road, Choke Cherry Road and Piccard Drive. Several road closures are planned, and with visitors exiting onto main roads such as Route 355 and Shady Grove Road. Rockville police will direct traffic before and after the event.

Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday** or email **specialevents@rockvillemd.gov** or call 240-314-8620.



Get Into It…

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IN BRIEF

Report Gives High Marks to Rockville's Water Quality

Includes Results from EPA Monitoring

Rockville's drinking water continues to be safe, the city's Department of Public Works said in the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report released July 1.

The report details the source, treatment, distribution, safety and quality of Rockville's drinking water. Once again in 2014, Rockville's drinking water met or exceeded all drinking water quality regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Like all drinking water utilities serving more than 10,000 people, the city was required to perform quarterly testing for a year for 21 unregulated contaminants under the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. The testing, the results of which are found in the report's Water Quality Data Table, helps the EPA determine whether any of the contaminants need to be regulated to protect public health.

Learn more about the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water by viewing the full Annual Water Quality Report at **www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2015**. To speak with someone about the report, call 240-314-8556.

Change Calls for Buffers Between Homes and Industrial Areas

Mayor and Council Back Landscape Buffers in Zoning Ordinance Revision

Developers will be required to plant landscaping and trees when new construction in Rockville's industrial zones abuts residential property, under a change to the city's zoning ordinance approved by the Mayor and Council in May.

The landscape buffers are intended to enhance the setback areas between buildings by creating a visual and noise buffer to shield existing residences that abut industrial areas.

The approved change will be reflected in the city's "Landscaping, Screening and Lighting Manual." Additional proposals to lessen the effects of industrial sights and sounds on residential property may be identified by the city's ongoing Southlawn Industrial Area Feasibility Study.

Community members may learn more about the study, and participate, by signing up to receive updates and providing feedback on a comment form at www.rockvillemd.gov/southlawnstudy. Meetings to discuss study findings and present recommendations and redevelopment scenarios will be held beginning in September.

Find video of the Mayor and Council's vote, and more information about the landscape buffers, with the May 18 agenda at **www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter**.

Safety in the City

Safe Speed Program

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in the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by at least 12 mph and a 35 percent decrease in the number of collisions. The number of citations issued dropped from 39,091 in 2013 to 33,925 in 2014, part of an overall 28 percent decrease since 2011. Meanwhile, there were just eight reported vehicle crashes – none of them fatal – within a half-mile of any of the city's fixed pole camera sites in both 2013 and 2014.

A byproduct of the success in reducing speeding and increasing safety is shrinking revenues. In Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013), revenues in excess of operating expenditures totaled $305,069. That number fell to $230,733 in Fiscal Year 2014.

In accordance with state law, excess revenues generated by the program are earmarked for pedestrian safety improvements. Rockville has used speed camera revenue for:

- Accessible pedestrian signals
- Bridge rehabilitation
- Eight upgraded traffic control signals on Redland Boulevard (three); East Jefferson Street (two), Nelson Street (one), Tower Oaks Boulevard (one) and Baltimore Road (one)
- New Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk ramps in Twinbrook and along South Stonestreet Road
- Sidewalks
- Streetlight improvements

"It's been great to fund these projects, but revenue has never been the goal of the speed camera program," Treschuk said. "Due to the program's proven success in reducing excessive speeding on our roadways, we foresee continuing it for the near future."

Rockville operates 17 speed cameras within the city limits, including eight portable camera units and two mobile speed vans.

Learn more about the speed camera program, including fixed, mobile and portable camera locations, by visiting **www.rockvillemd.gov/police** and selecting "Parking and Traffic."

Number of Citations Issued Declines

Data from three of the city's fixed speed camera sites shows that the number of citations issued has decreased.

Site	Citations Issued 2013	Citations Issued 2014
550 block of Redland Boulevard, northbound	978	846
600 block of Great Falls Road, northbound	1,034	1,018
700 block of Twinbrook Parkway, northbound	271	183

Source: "Rockville City Police Dept. Safe Speed Evaluation 2013 & 2014."

Rockville's Neighborhoods Get a Night Out

National Program Offers a Chance to Meet Neighbors, Learn About Crime Prevention

Rockville neighbors are invited to an evening of community togetherness on Tuesday, Aug. 4 for the Rockville City Police Department's celebration of National Night Out.

Neighborhoods host block parties with cookouts, moon bounces, giveaways, carnival games, prizes and a chance to spend time with neighbors.

National Night Out is a longstanding program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch that aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships.

McGruff the Crime Dog will stop by several of the scheduled block parties to spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message. The Rockville Mayor and Council, RCPD officers and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office also will visit many of the block parties.

Residents are invited to turn on outdoor lights as part of the traditional display of front porch vigils, sending the message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

Neighborhoods can register their own block party through Friday, July 31. For more information, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/nno**, or to register your block party, contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or **kmatney@rockvillemd.gov**.

Citizens Police Academy Shows What it Takes to Be an Officer

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

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

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

Topics include:

- Crime scene process
- Firearms training simulations
- K9 unit demonstrations
- Traffic law
- Detectives and investigation
- Bomb Unit

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

Get a glimpse of the action at a recent Citizens Police Academy from Rockville 11 at **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube**:

- Citizens Police Academy: Simunitions Class
- Rockville Citizens Police Academy Graduation

For more information about the Rockville City Police Department, go to **www.rockvillemd.gov/police**.

TEN ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WERE HONORED… ***The 26th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards were held on Wednesday, June 3 at Lakewood Country Club. RCPD officers who received citations are (L to R): Cpl. John Pfaehler, Cpl. Steve Malko, Officer Daniel Morozewicz, Cpl. David Trogolo, former Cpl. Christopher Day, Officer Jonathan Lee, Cpl. Laura Myers, and Sgt. Jonathan Berry. Not pictured are: Cpls. Heath Marshall, Christopher Sadelson and dispatcher Alice Frishkorn.***

Mayor & Council

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Bridget Donnell Newton

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Councilmember
Julie Palakovich Carr

MEETINGS & DROP-INS

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

July 13,20 and Aug. 3

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

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

MAYOR **Bridget Donnell Newton** will be joined by COUNCILMEMBERS **Beryl L. Feinberg** on **July 13** and **Julie Palakovich Carr** on **Aug 3.**

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

Mayor and Council Adopt $123.4 Million Budget

Property Tax Rate Remains Constant for the Eighth Consecutive Year

Rockville residents will pay the same property tax rate in Fiscal Year 2016 as they did last year, after the Mayor and Council approved a budget in May that keeps the property tax rate steady for the eighth consecutive year.

Rockville's FY16 operating budget equals $123.4 million. The budget represents a 4.6 percent, or $5.4 million, increase over the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. The general fund budget, the fund that supports the largest portion of the operating budget, equals $74.6 million, an increase of 6.0 percent. The 2016 fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2016.

Property tax rates will remain $0.292 for real property and $0.805 for personal property. Both of these rates are per $100 of assessed value. The FY16 budget continues the city's supplement to the State of Maryland's Homeowner's Tax Credit, which provides real property tax credits to low- to moderate-income homeowners for taxes due on their principal residence.

The adopted budget includes increases to average residential utility bills, under plans previously approved by the Mayor and Council. The budget also includes an increase of $21 per year for recycling and refuse services.

Based on the adopted FY16 rates, the average annual residential bills for city utilities for a family of four will increase by $40.25.

The budget maintains current city programs and services and gives a 2 percent across-the-board adjustment for all regular city employees. It does not include the compensation and classification changes that the Mayor and Council continue to discuss.

In order to show the city's commitment to funding a new compensation and classification system, the Mayor and Council set aside $1.2 million in general fund reserves. This committed amount will be recognized through a budget amendment when final decisions are made on compensation and classification. Budget amendments are a common process that the city undertakes three to four times per year when there are changes to the budget after adoption.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the city's five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance, includes $25.3 million in new funding, combined with a carryover of $38.3 million, to support 56 projects, including:

- Stabilization and rehabilitation of the King Farm Farmstead dairy barns
- Pedestrian safety initiatives and sidewalks
- Vehicular bridge repair

To learn more about the city's FY16 budget, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/budget** or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400.

Rockville Utility Rates

Based on the FY16 rates, average annual residential expenses for city utilities for a family of four will increase by $40.25 for the year, an increase of 2.9 percent over the Fiscal Year 2015 average.

	ADOPTED FY15	ADOPTED FY16
Refuse Rate 5.5% increase	$379/year	$400/year
Sewer Rate* 14.4% increase	$459.36/year	$525.48/year
Stormwater Management Rate 8.4% increase	$112.15/year	$121.60/year
Water Rate* 13.3% increase	$365.92/year	$422.24/year

*A recent restructuring of Rockville's water and sewer rates creates a tiered rate structure based on meter size that focuses on increasing revenues from fixed sources such as "ready to serve" charges. For more on water and sewer rates, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/utilityfees.

ROCKVILLE'S JUNIOR MAYORS… ***MaryElena Morales, College Gardens E.S. student, and Tyler Sauvajot, Fallsmead E.S. student, wrote essays about what they would do if they were mayor in a statewide contest and were selected to share duties as Rockville's "Mayor for a Day." Pictured here with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton. For more information, visit*** **www.mdmunicipal.org.**

Animal Control Changes Affect Cats and Dogs, Allow Chickens

These changes to the city's animal control ordinance were approved by the Mayor and Council in June and take effect July 1:

- **Licensing:** Any dog, cat or ferret over 4 months old must be licensed and, when off premises, wear a tag and collar, unless they are microchipped.
- **Tethering and sheltering:** Changes specify the weight, length and types of tethers that can be used and require, for animals kept outdoors, a weather-proof shelter that allows the animal to stand up and turn around inside.
- **Off-leash:** The city may create an off-leash area for dogs in a public recreation area.
- **Trap-neuter-return program:** Animal rescue or welfare organizations and animal control may establish a trap-neuter-return program for feral cats that includes vaccinating the cats against rabies when they are trapped and neutered.
- **Chickens:** Up to five female chickens (no roosters) may be kept for each single-family dwelling (no multi-family dwellings or townhouses) after obtaining a $25 annual permit and providing written notice to neighbors. Chickens must be kept in predator-proof coops and cages that are at least 5 feet from the property line and 40 feet from adjacent homes. Coops and outdoor enclosures must be kept sanitary.
- **Fees:** Updated fees include a licensing fee for dogs, cats and ferrets of $1 per month (altered) or $2 per month (unaltered). Lower fees are available for senior citizens, disabled people or those on public assistance.

Residents in homeowner associations are advised to consult with their association for rules and regulations that supercede the city's animal control ordinance. Learn more at **www.rockvillemd.gov/animalcontrol.**

IN BRIEF

School Capacity Standards Changed

A change to the city's Adequate Public Facilities Standards (APFS) makes the city's methodology and standards for evaluating school capacity consistent with those of Montgomery County.

The Mayor and Council voted June 1 to approve the change. The standards are designed to ensure adequate public facilities are in place to serve new residential development. The school standard change was proposed to make the city's enrollment and capacity calculations and standards consistent with those of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and Montgomery County, which operate and budget for school facilities countywide, respectively.

To view the June 1 Mayor and Council vote, or for more information, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter** and select the television icon and/or materials next to the meeting date.

Upcoming Mayor and Council Agenda Items

July 13:

- A discussion and possible adoption of proposed changes to the city charter changing the title of the city clerk/treasurer to city clerk/director of operations and giving the city clerk and city attorney authority over all personnel matters in their respective offices.
- Introduction and possible adoption of amendments to Chapter 8 of the City Code, entitled "Elections," which would allow for early voting and other election changes.

July 20:

- A presentation by members of the District 17 delegation, recapping the 2015 Maryland General Assembly session and previewing the 2016 session.
- A discussion of prohibiting smoking in selected outdoor spaces.
- A public hearing on proposed changes to the Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance and Forest Conservation Manual.
- A public hearing on Rockville's upcoming application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Aug. 3:

- A presentation of the 2014 White-tailed Deer Management Report.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on Mondays at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. The Mayor and Council are not scheduled to meet July 6 or July 27. Following the Aug. 3 meeting, the Mayor and Council are scheduled to recess until Sept. 14.

Agendas are subject to change. Find agendas, meeting minutes and video on demand at **www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil**.

In The Community

IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE

Public Invited to Help Establish a Rockville Science Center

A series of community brainstorming sessions to develop a plan for creating a brick-and-mortar facility for the Rockville Science Center continues in July. It is not too late for community members to get involved and show support.

Meetings are planned for July 11 and 25 at locations to be determined. Refreshments will be served. To attend a brainstorming session, email RSC2.0@rockvillesciencecenter.org.

During brainstorming sessions in May and June, community members offered advice on facilities, programs and financing. Ideas are being collected using GroupMap software, which allows each session to build upon the previous ideas. Organizers expect to share their results during a communitywide open house in September.

Learn more at **www.rocknet.org/ScienceCenter/imagine-our-future**.

Mayor and Council to Hold Hearing on Annual Housing Grants

Applications for Community Development Block Grants Due in August

The City of Rockville will begin the process this summer of allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2017.

The CDBG program is a federal grant for housing and community development projects that must benefit low- and moderate-income persons. For the past couple of years, the city has prioritized CDBG funding for capital improvement projects. For example, CDBG funds have been used to rehabilitate housing for low- and moderate-income residents.

This has included rehabilitation funds for public housing units in the city, as well as the city's Single-Family Rehabilitation Program, which provides forgivable loans to low- and moderate- income residents to make critical repairs to their homes. A portion of the funds has also been dedicated to renovations of group homes for individuals with severe mental illness and to a residence for formerly homeless men.

The city will hold a public hearing on community needs on July 20 and begin a competitive grant application process for nonprofit organizations and government entities to apply for funds. The grant application will be posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg in early July and will be due in August. Proposals will be reviewed and prioritized by city staff and forwarded to the Mayor and Council for their review and approval this fall.

Interested community members and organizations should check Mayor and Council meeting agendas in July at **www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter** and visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg** for updated information on the grant application.

For more information, contact Erin Wilson at 240-314-8203 or **ewilson@rockvillemd.gov**.

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City Hosts 'Rockville 2040' Listening Sessions

What Do You Want Rockville to be Like in 2040?

The city is updating its 2002 Comprehensive Master Plan, which describes the vision for the city's future.

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

Community members, businesses and others are invited to get involved in Rockville 2040 – the process to update the master plan -- and express their vision for the community's future.

The city will host listening sessions, throughout Rockville over the next few months, at which city staff will share information about the master plan update and hear views regarding the future of Rockville neighborhoods. Stop by a session to learn more about Rockville 2040 and to share thoughts on your area of the city and Rockville as a whole.

The schedule of listening sessions and more Rockville 2040 information is at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040**, where you can also sign up to receive email updates on the master plan update.

Questions? Please contact Ann Wallas at awallas@rockvillemd.gov or Hjarman Cordero at **hcordero@rockvillemd.gov** or call 240-314-8200.

Rockville Undertaking Study of Southlawn Industrial Area

A new study seeking to identify possible land use and traffic solutions to lessen the impact of industrial uses on the city's nearby east side neighborhoods kicked off this summer, and the public is invited to participate.

All are welcome to attend the following meetings, on exact dates still to be determined:

- **September:** Preliminary Report of Data Analysis and Findings
- **October:** Recommendations
- **November:** Redevelopment Scenarios
- **December:** Revised Recommendations
- **January:** Final Recommendations

Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/southlawnstudy** for meeting dates, times and locations as they are scheduled, and to receive updates. Community members are also invited to share their thoughts on the study area via a comment form on the same page.

> *"The study area overlaps three of the city's master plan areas – Southlawn/RedGate, East Rockville and Lincoln Park."*

The study area covers 101 acres west of Gude Drive and First Street, north of Lincoln Street, south of Lofstrand Lane and east of North Horners Lane. The area overlaps three master plan areas: Southlawn/RedGate, East Rockville and Lincoln Park.

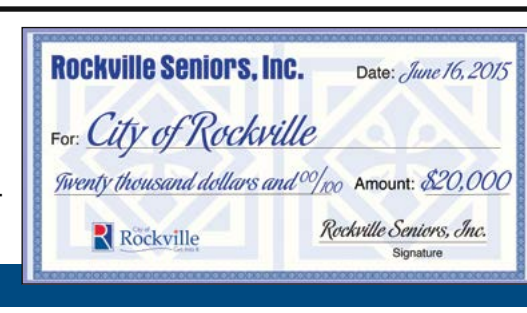
The study will investigate possible short- and long-term solutions in the city's master plan and neighborhood plans, such as:

- Assessing potential non-industrial uses as redevelopment occurs and identifying appropriate light industrial uses.
- Reassessing traffic patterns and the road network to reduce truck traffic through the neighborhoods.
- Identifying compatible height, size and scale of new development as compared to the existing neighborhoods.

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

The City of Rockville Thanks Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI) for its Support of the Rockville Senior Center

RSI recruits volunteers to run the senior center's gift and thrift shop, book sales, bazaars and weekly bingo to raise money throughout the year. Proceeds and donations to the nonprofit organization support center needs such as supplies, furniture and equipment.



www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter

News You Can Use

City Earns National Recognition as a Great Place to Play

Mayor and Council Proclaim July as 'Recreation and Parks Month'

Rockville recently added a second consecutive "Playful City" recognition to its growing list of accolades.

The city was one of 241 communities honored by the KaBOOM! Playful City USA program. The national program honors cities, towns and communities across America that are working to ensure all children have easy access to balanced and active play in their communities.

In addition to Rockville's "Playful City" designation, the city has received recognition from other national organizations for its commitment to high quality recreation and parks programs. The city is a:

- "Let's Move! City," designated by First Lady Michelle Obama's Raising a Healthier Generation of Kids Campaign
- "Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) City," designated by the Institute for Public Health Innovation
- "Tree City USA" (26 consecutive years), designated by the Arbor Day Foundation

The Mayor and Council's support of these programs continued with their proclamation of July as "Recreation and Parks Month" in Rockville, celebrating all the ways that the city's recreation programs, parks and facilities make life better for the community. Nearly 9 in 10 city residents ranked Rockville's athletic fields, recreation centers, recreational programs, special events and programs for seniors as "excellent" or "good" in the most recent Community Survey (2014).

As part of this monthlong celebration of Recreation and Parks, the city is recognizing a few of its partners who help to ensure residents and visitors have high quality recreation programs and participant fees at moderate levels. They include:

- The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, whose mission is to financially support recreation and parks activities and facilities
- The Montgomery County Road Runners Club, which provides assistance to the city's youth sports programs, the Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest and the Rockville 10K/5K
- EU Services, which has supported programs and services and provided scholarships at Rockville's Lincoln Park Community Center for more than 20 years

In addition, the Rockville Recreation Fund provides about $50,000 each year in financial support to Rockville residents who would otherwise not be able to participate in city recreation programs. Proceeds from the Twilight Runfest are the main source of support of the Rec Fund. (See the article on page 1 for information about this year's Twilight Runfest).

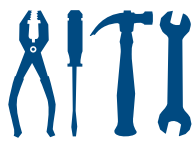
The man behind a great deal of the fundraising for the Rec Fund is the Rotary Club's Alan Tetervin. Tetervin has been the lead fundraiser for the Twilight Runfest for more than 10 years, raising more than $500,000 for the Rec Fund during that time.

Learn more about Rockville's recreation programs, parks and playgrounds at **www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation.**

Online Permits Now Available

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

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Occupancy



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

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Swim Center's South Pool Renovations to Start Soon

A major improvement project to replace the pool deck and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system in the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's indoor south pool is expected to get underway this summer.

The $2 million project is the first major renovation to the South Pool since it was built in 1968. Although the project will come with short-term alterations to the swim center's pool use schedule, the improvements will give swimmers a better experience at the facility in the long run.

Staff at the swim center are sending periodic updates on the project to the center's "Notify Me" email list. You can sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Learn more about the project and find pool schedules at **www.rockvillemd.gov/RSFCrenovations** or by contacting center staff at swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8750.

Friday, Sept. 4: Candidate filing deadline

Friday, Oct. 2: Voter registration deadline. Absentee ballots available after this date.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Election Day - Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Same-day registration and voting held at City Hall.

Rockville Voters to Elect Mayor and Council in November

Deadline for Candidates to File is Sept. 4

Rockville residents interested in running for mayor or a council seat may view the candidate information packet online at www.rockvillemd.gov/election15 or pick up a copy from the City Clerk's Office. The deadline to file as a candidate is Friday, Sept. 4.

The 2015 election will see three key changes:

Four-Year Term: For the first time, Rockville voters will elect a Mayor and Council to serve a four-year term. This change was favored by a majority of voters in a 2013 ballot question and then enacted by the current Mayor and Council. After 2015, the next city election will take place in 2019.

New Voting Machines: Rockville is the first community in Maryland to pilot a new optical scan voting system, which allows voters to feed their hand-marked paper ballot into an optical scanner for tabulation. The new system is used by many other states and will be implemented throughout Maryland in April 2016.

District 7 Polling Place Moving: Residents in the city's District 7 voting area (roughly west of I-270 and south of Route 28) will no longer vote at Ritchie Park Elementary School. The new polling place will be at the Latvian Lutheran Church, 400 Hurley Ave.

Learn more about the election and how you can register to vote at **www.rockvillemd.gov/election15.**

INFO. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Planning Commission Continues Work on 'Rockville's Pike Plan'

"Rockville's Pike Plan," the city's plan for land use, transportation, parks and other topics along a key 2-mile stretch of the Rockville Pike corridor, is being updated for the first time since 1989.

The city's Planning Commission has been discussing comments shared by the Mayor and Council. The commission formed a subcommittee to address the plan's language on maximum building heights, a key topic raised by the Mayor and Council.

Subcommittee meetings and commission meetings are open to the public. Agendas will be posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter and www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike as meetings are scheduled.

After the Planning Commission completes changes to the plan, it will forward the final version to the Mayor and Council for possible adoption.

Read the Mayor and Council's comments on the draft plan in the Planning Commission's April 8 agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast on Rockville 11 (cable channel 11) or live streamed at **www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11**.

Read the draft plan or its nine-page executive summary at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike. Hard copies are available for review at City Hall, the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries and Rockville community centers.

Fall Recreation Registration Opens in August

Rockville's Fall Recreation Guide will be available Friday, Aug. 7 at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. Registration for classes, programs and trips featured in the fall guide opens Thursday, Aug. 13. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center members and Rockville Senior Center members may register for classes and programs in their facilities beginning Tuesday, Aug. 11.

The guide also features drop-in sessions offered at city centers. The swim and fitness center offers drop-in classes for $7-$10 per class in fitness boot camps, cardio and strength training, yoga and more. Select the "Classes and Lessons" menu at **www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter**.

Register at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov or in person at any city recreation facility. For more information, call 240-314-8620 or visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation**.

Arts & Entertainment

THINGS TO DO IN ROCKVILLE

Meet the Artists Exhibiting at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

Rockville offers art lovers an intimate opportunity to meet local artists while appreciating their work when Glenview Mansion Art Gallery opens its exhibition each month.

Join us for these free receptions, which are open to the public. Enjoy the art on display and stay to listen to live music.

JULY EXHIBITION OPENING
1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 5

Meet the artists, including:

- The Art Gallery of Potomac – mixed media "Elements of Nature"
- Albert Feldman – fiber "Beyond Conventional Quiltmaking"
- Alice Marshall Martin – colored pencil "Ferns"

Enjoy entertainment from 2-3 p.m. featuring Nancy Scimone, performing French songs and American music by composers who lived in France.

AUGUST EXHIBITION OPENING
1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2

Meet the artists, including:

- April Rimpo – watermedia "Modes of Transportation"
- Shelley Marie – mixed media "(Un)Natural Abstracts"
- Caroly Johnson – photography "Illuminations"
- Kallin & Thweatt – paintings and sculpture

"The Piano Man," Jerry Roman, will perform from 2-3 p.m.

Glenview Gallery, in the mansion in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. It is closed on weekends and holidays. No tickets or reservations are required for the opening receptions and concerts or for visiting the gallery during normal hours.

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

ROCKVILLE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Still looking for something for your kids to do this summer?

Limited spaces remain in the following programs, so register today!

- Camps: more than 60
- Summer Playgrounds: supervised, drop-in program
- Teens on the Go: day trips for teens

www.rockvillemd.gov/summerprograms
240-314-8620

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Unveils Easy-to-Use Online Ticket Purchasing

Arts patrons in the Rockville area can now purchase tickets for a show at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre with a new, easy to use online ticketing system at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

The theater and the City of Rockville recently partnered with Tickets.com to establish the new online ticket sales system.

Currently on sale at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre:

- "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (eight performances from July 10-26, presented by Rockville Musical Theatre)

Single tickets will go on sale July 1 for the following:

- "The Great Gatsby" (Oct. 2-11, presented by Rockville Little Theatre)
- "Footloose" (Oct. 30-Nov. 15, presented by Rockville Musical Theatre)
- "Lend me a Tenor" (Jan. 15-24, 2016, presented by Rockville Little Theatre)
- "Our Town" (April 29-May 8, 2016, presented by Rockville Little Theatre)

Tickets to Rockville Civic Ballet 's Summer Production will be available online in early July. The ballet will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 1 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug 2. Tickets are $17 for adults and $13 for children 12 and under and seniors (60+). Group rates are available.

The Victorian Lyric Opera Company has announced its 2015-16 season. A concert performance of "The Gypsy Baron" will run Sept. 11-13, followed by fully staged productions of "Robin Hood" (Feb. 26-March 6, 2016) and "HMS Pinafore" (June 10-19, 2016). Subscription packages and single tickets will go on sale later this summer.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, nestled in Rockville's Civic Center Park at 603 Edmonston Drive, is used primarily by community theater groups and professional touring companies. The theater and its social hall are available as rental venues for public and private events.

Subscription packages for multiple performances may be purchased through the box office.

For more information, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre** or call the Box Office at 240-314-8690.

Roll Through Summer with Rockville Bike Rides

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee hosts a number of free bicycle rides throughout the summer. You are invited to participate in these free, family-friendly rides:

Tuesday Evening Bike Rides on July 7, 14, 21, 28. The hourlong neighborhood ride is suitable for families, including riders under 12 accompanied by an adult. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. 6:30 p.m. Meet at Best Western, 1251 W. Montgomery Ave.

Ride the Rockville Bicycle Beltway on Sunday, July 12. Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail Ride, a shared-use path making a 10.6-mile loop around the center of Rockville. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. 10 a.m. Meet at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

Kidical Mass Family Ride on Saturday, July 18. Kidical Mass is a nationwide movement to get kids with their families out on bikes in their communities. Rides are at the pace of the slowest rider on a combination of shared-use paths, bike lanes and low-traffic residential streets. Visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac**. 10 a.m. Meet at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane.

Save the date for the **Carl Henn Memorial Ride** on Saturday, Sept. 19. Meet at 9 a.m. at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Registration is free but riders must RSVP at **http://carlhenn2015memorialride.eventbrite.com**.

Visit www.meetup.com/bikerockville for more impromptu rides and last-minute changes. For more information about the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac**.

FREE FOR ALL IN THE PARKS

July 9 • 7:30 p.m.
JAMES MABRY
Acoustic blues guitar never sounded so good. *Maryvale Park, 1000 First Street*

July 16 • 7:30 p.m.
AMERICAN LEGENDS: ***featuring Billy Finch and Minerva.***
Impersonators extraordinaire, from Sinatra to Dangerfield. *Pump House Park, 401 S. Horners Lane*

Visit Rockville Parks on Thursday Evenings this Summer for Great Family Fun!
FREE and open to the public.
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair, bug repellent and a picnic.

City of Rockville Get Into It

www.rockvillemd.gov/arts • 240-314-8620

SAVE THE DATE!

Maryland Public Television presents the

Our Town–Rockville

Film Screening

Join the Mayor and Council for a free, outdoor public premier

Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.

(Rain date: Friday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.)
at the Dawson's Market Stage at Rockville Town Square, between Maryland Avenue and Gibbs Street

Enjoy free live music by Burt the Dirt.

"Our Town – Rockville," a 60-minute documentary, features Rockville's everyday people and places, city landmarks and events and includes footage recorded by community members.

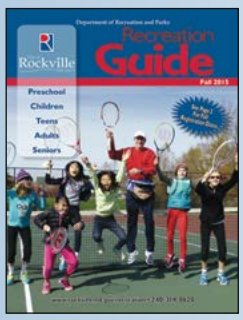
www.rockvillemd.gov/ourtown

July/Aug. Calendar

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

FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** GM, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** FSF, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** CC, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration is required, register 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. Use course numbers found in the calendar to register at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov.

July

3 Independence Day Observed City Hall will be closed. *See article on page 1.*

4,11,18,25 Saturday Farmers Market Get your pick of fresh fruits and vegetables as they become available throughout the season. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

4 Independence Day Celebration Celebrate July Fourth with two stages of entertainment and fireworks. 7-10 p.m. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Road, in King Farm. *See article on page 1.*

5 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Free Opening Reception and Sunday Afternoon Concert. 1:30-3:30 p.m. *See article on page 6.* GM

6-12 July Lifeguard Training Course The American Red Cross lifeguard training course will certify students in lifeguard training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and first aid. Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course and pass a prescreen test. Course #51493. 6-10 p.m. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane.

7,14,21,8 Tuesday Evening Bike Rides The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee hosts a free, hourlong neighborhood ride suitable for families, including riders under 12 accompanied by an adult. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 6:30 p.m. Meet at Best Western, 1251 W. Montgomery Ave. *See article on page 6.*

9,16,23,30 Polliwog Adventures A weekly event for kids to learn about nature in a hands-on environment. Dress for the weather. Adult participation is required. Preregistration strongly recommended as spaces are limited. July 9: Marvelous Mammals (course #51950); July 16: Slimy Salamanders (course #51951); July 23: Water Wonders (course #51952); July 30: Little Gardeners (course #51953). 10-11 a.m. CC

9 Free for All in the Parks James Mabry - Blues. 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Maryvale Park *(see ad on page 6).*

10-26 "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" presented by Rockville Musical Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. on July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 26, and 2 p.m. on July 19. *See article on page 6.* FSF

12 Ride the Rockville Bicycle Beltway 10 a.m. Meet at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive. *See article on page 6.*

16 Free for All in the Parks – Legends Musical Show 7:30-8:30 p.m. Pump House, 401 South Horners Lane. *See ad on page 6.*

17 Family Movie in the Park Watch a movie on the big screen with your family and friends. Cost: $3 per person (popcorn and refreshments will be sold). 8:30 p.m. Isreal Park at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

18 Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest Rockville Town Center. *See article on page 1.*

18 Kidical Mass Family Ride 10 a.m. Meet at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. *See article on page 6.*

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

18 Saturday Story & Hike Enjoy story time and a hike. Dress for the weather. Adult participation is required. Register for course #51959. 10-11 a.m. CC

18 Celebrate Honeybees Learn about honeybees and explore beekeeping, honeybee biology and honey extraction. Registration for all participants is required. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register for course #51958. 1:30-3 p.m. CC

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

22 Eric Energy at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center Eric Energy is a live, interactive, hands-on science show exploring air, matter, sound, electricity and more. FREE. 4-6 p.m. 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy.

30 Shazam Magic Show A live, audience-inclusive show featuring one of the youngest working magicians in the area, who brings a strong connection to a young crowd and the showmanship of years of experience. FREE. Call 240-314-8830. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

August

1,8,15,22,29 Saturday Farmer's Market Get your pick of fresh fruits and vegetables as they become available throughout the season. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

2 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Free Opening Reception and Sunday Afternoon Concert 1:30-3:30 p.m. *See article on page 6.* GM

6,13,20 Polliwog Adventures: Explore a new topic in natural history each week through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Dress for the weather. Adult participation is required. Preregistration strongly recommended. Aug. 6: Birds of Prey (course #51954). Aug. 13: Backyard Jungle (course #51955). Aug. 20: Maryland Reptiles (course #51955). 10-11 a.m. CC

7 Science Tellers Super Heroes Storytelling and science experiments in a theatrical learning setting. Families are encouraged to attend. FREE. 3-5 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

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

23 Family Ramble: Creek Crawl Take a botanical stroll with a naturalist through the Hayes Forest Preserve. Trails are not stroller-friendly. All participants must register, including adults. Register for course #51972. 1:30-2:30 p.m. CC

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.

July2 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the first Thursday of every month.

July7,27 Board of Supervisors of Elections 10 a.m. Meets as needed.

July8,Aug.5 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

July11 Board of Appeals 9 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month and is televised on Rockville 11.

July14 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

July16 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month.

July16,Aug.20 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

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

July21,Aug.18 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

July22 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 621-A Southlawn Lane.

July22 Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month.

July23 Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. at the Rockville City Police Department, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month. Meeting locations vary.

July28,Aug.25 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Aug.5 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

Vacancies

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

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

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to the Mayor and Council, c/o City Clerk, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 or fill out and submit an Expression of Interest Form, which can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

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

Cuatro de julio, velada, el presupuesto y estudio en Southlawn

El siguiente es un resumen de algunas de las principales noticias en esta edición de "Rockville Reports":

Disfrute de los fuegos artificiales, música en vivo y el espíritu de la comunidad el 4 de julio

La celebración del día de la Independencia en Rockville contará con música en vivo y fuegos artificiales de 7 a 10 p.m. el sábado, 4 de julio en Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, en King Farm. (la fecha alterna si llueve es el domingo, 5 de julio) Encuentre información sobre el estacionamiento y más en www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday o por correo electrónico specialevents@rockvillemd.gov o llame al 240-314-8620.

Los vecindarios de Rockville tendrán una velada

Los vecindarios serán anfitriones de fiestas de barrio como parte de la celebración de la Velada Nacional del Departamento de Policía de la ciudad de Rockville el martes, 4 de agosto. Este programa de larga duración crea conciencia acerca de la prevención de la delincuencia y drogas, genera apoyo para programas de lucha contra la delincuencia y fortalece el espíritu de la comunidad y las asociaciones de colaboración ciudadana. Obtenga más información en www.rockvillemd.gov/nno.

El Alcalde y el Consejo adoptan un presupuesto de $123.4 Millones

El Alcalde y el Consejo aprobaron en mayo un presupuesto operacional de $123.4 millones

para el Año Fiscal 2016 que mantiene la misma tasa de impuesto sobre la propiedad por octavo año consecutivo. El promedio anual de las facturas residenciales para los servicios públicos para una familia de cuatro se incrementará en un $40.25. El Programa de Mejoras Capitales (CIP, por sus siglas en inglés), el plan de cinco años de la ciudad para financiar nueva construcción y mantenimiento de la infraestructura, incluye $25.3 millones en fondos nuevos para apoyar 56 proyectos, entre otros, la rehabilitación de los establos lecheros de King Farm Farmstead, aceras nuevas y la reparación de un puente vehicular. Para obtener más información visite www.rockvillemd.gov/budget o llame al 240-314-8400.

Rockville se compromete a un estudio del área industrial de Southlawn

Este verano dio inicio un estudio de posibles soluciones para disminuir el impacto de usos industriales en el este de la ciudad El público está invitado a participar en las reuniones públicas en septiembre, las cuales todavía no se han programado. El estudio cubre 101 acres al oeste de Gude Drive y First Street, al norte de Lincoln Street, al sur de Lofstrand Lane y al este de North Horners Lane. Obtenga más información en www.rockvillemd.gov/southlawnstudy o contacte a Clark Larson en clarson@rockvillemd.gov o al 240-314-8200.

Neighborhood Notes

IN BRIEF

Go Solar with Rockville's Solar Co-op

The Rockville Environment Commission's efforts to organize a neighborhood solar co-op are making progress.

The Environment Commission is planning a meeting in late July to provide an update on the co-op's progress and details about how to join. The co-op plans to select a contractor in July, but it's not too late to join. Look for meeting details and more information at http://mdsun.org/rockville or email solarteam@mdsun.org.

By going solar together, participants save up to 25 percent on the cost of a rooftop solar system and have the support of the group throughout the process. Participants negotiate a group discount and receive technical assistance and guidance throughout the process.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes or find Rockville 11's report from a recent information session by visiting **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube** and searching for "Rockville Solar Co-op."

Fall Sports Registration Underway

Get together with friends or make new ones playing in Rockville's fall youth or adult sports leagues. Registration is now open for these fall leagues:

- **Youth Co-Rec Soccer**: Teams are organized by age and school. Players receive a team shirt and socks. Registration deadline: Sept. 8.
- **Youth Cross Country**: The program holds one team practice per week and five meets. Open to girls and boys in grades 1-8. Registration deadline: Sept. 8.
- **Youth Tennis Tournament**: Two USTA-sanctioned tournaments: A 12U tournament on Aug. 22 (deadline to register is Aug. 14) and a 10U tournament on Sept. 26 (deadline to register is Sept. 16).

Adult leagues are:

- **Co-Rec Soccer 7s**: Seven-a-side soccer (starting lineups must have minimum of three women). Games are Thursdays between 7-10 p.m. at a Rockville field (Location TBD). Registration deadline: Sept. 4.
- **Men's Softball**: Weeknight doubleheaders; 14 games plus playoffs. Teams can select from "D" or "C"/"D" competitive divisions. Registration deadline: Aug. 10 or once the league is full.
- **Co-Rec Softball:** Open to men and women 18 and older. Games are Friday nights at Broome Park. Registration deadline: Aug. 24.
- **Adult Tennis Tournament**: The city hosts its annual USTA tournament Sept. 11-13. Registration deadline: September 4.
- **Women's Volleyball**: A set of three games on Thursday nights at Broome gymnasium. Registration deadline: Aug. 24.
- **Co-Rec Volleyball**: A set of three games on Monday nights at Broome gymnasium. Registration deadline: Aug. 24.
- **Men's Basketball**: Games are played on Monday nights at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. Registration deadline: Sept. 10.
- **40th Annual Rockville 10K/5K:** Sunday, Nov. 1 at King Farm Village Center. Select from the 5K, 10K or kids 1 mile fun run.

Find more information and register for these leagues and events at **www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports**.

Meet Your Neighbor: Jazz Musician Terry Marshall

NAME: Terry Marshall
OCCUPATION: Professional musician
WHY HE'S A NEIGHBOR YOU NEED TO KNOW: His passion led him to pursue a career in music. Hard work made that career a reality for this 10-year Rockville resident.

With technology making it easier than ever for musicians to record, distribute and promote an album on their own, Marshall self-released his CD, turning down offers from record labels. "I could do better than all that stuff," he said.

Why he's Rockville:

"I love the schools, my daughter's at Beall Elementary," said Marshall, a 10-year resident of Rockville. "I feel safe here, I feel comfortable… The city services are really, really good. I really enjoy the conveniences. I really enjoy everything about the city. It's a really nice place to live."

Marshall's daughter was his inspiration for a song he wrote, which is a unique samba in 3/4 time and is his favorite song to play. "It just gives you a real exciting way to play jazz in three."

How he's motivated:

"With music, the thing is, if you're able to and willing to do the work part of it – if you're willing to practice, if you're willing to learn your instrument, if you're willing to deal with the different aspects of the music business, then that's the thing that calls you."

Email **meetyourneighbor@rockvillemd.gov** *to nominate someone for "Meet Your Neighbor." Watch the videos:* **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube**.

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

Learn about Water Safety this Summer

Rockville 11 visited the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center at the start of the summer swimming season to learn about water safety. Hear important safety tips when you watch the video on the City's YouTube channel at **www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube**.

Businesses Invited to Partner with Rockville Rewards

Rockville Rewards cards support local businesses, while providing a consumer discount and helping raise money for local charities, schools and nonprofits. Businesses can partner with the program to increase brand recognition and acquire new customers.

- No fee for businesses to participate.
- Customize your discount (offered to cardholders for one year).
- Non-profit partners keep 100 percent of the card sales price.

Rockville Rewards is a program of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Rockville, open to any business in Rockville. Register your business today at **www.rockvillerewards.com/business-registration**, or e-mail **jane@rockvillechamber.org**.

Connect with us on Social Media.

WALKING TOWN MEETING IN TWINBROOK… ***Community members joined Rockville's Mayor and Council along a two-mile walking route in the Twinbrook neighborhood on Saturday, June 6, for a walking town meeting. The gathering gave residents a chance to share what's going on in their neighborhood with city leaders and city staff.***

Get Into It

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