



Prepare for Winter Weather

Find Out What You Need to Know This Season

While it's hard to guess how many inches of snow the Rockville area will receive this winter, it's important to know what to do, who to call and where to turn for help when severe weather hits.

"We're committed to keeping our roads safe for travel for residents and workers, and we want to make sure our crews are safe," said Craig Simoneau, director of Rockville's Department of Public Works. "Every winter we plan and prepare for winter weather, and by working with our residents, we can all make sure our roads and sidewalks are clear and safe."



Receive Inclement Weather Updates

When weather has the possibility of affecting a City recreation program, meeting or facility, every attempt is made to maintain standard operations, but sometimes changes must be made.

There are several ways to stay informed and learn about storm response efforts, closures and cancellations.

- Visit Rockville's website: www.rockvillemd.gov
- Subscribe to press releases via email: www.rockvillemd.gov/contacts/listservs.html
- Check Rockville's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cityofrockville
- Subscribe to text and email alerts: <https://alert.rockvillemd.gov/index.php>
- Follow Rockville on Twitter: @rockville411 and @alertrockville
- Watch Channel 11: available on channel 11
- Call an inclement weather line: numbers are listed at www.rockvillemd.gov/weather.html

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Help a Neighbor in Need

Many seniors depend on the help of volunteers. If you can help clear snow for a Rockville senior, call the Senior Center and center officials will work to pair you with a senior in need of help in your neighborhood. Call 240-314-8810.

Know When to Shovel

During a snow or ice storm, residents and business owners are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks, steps, driveways and parking spaces, and areas

that are for public use. Other things to keep in mind:

- Snow and ice must be cleared

within 24 hours when the accumulation is three inches or less, within 48 hours if accumulation is three to 10 inches and within 72 hours when the accumulation is above 10 inches.

• During a City Manager-declared snow emergency, Rockville residents are required to park and leave their cars on the even-numbered side of the street through the snow emergency parking period.

• If residents living next to a fire hydrant are able to do so, they should clear snow from the hydrant.

To learn more, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather.



CITY FOSTERS FRIENDSHIP WITH JIAXING, CHINA
A delegation of visitors from Jiaxing, China, spent an early November weekend with Rockville residents and leaders. The City of Rockville and the Rockville Sister City Corporation hosted an international friendship dinner, and the visitors attended the Rockville Summit as part of their cultural exchange. The City also dedicated a peony garden at Glenview Mansion with the visitors.

City Kicks Off Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Process

The Mayor and Council will continue to learn more about the City budget in work sessions this month, which will cover topics including City contracting, biennial budgeting, and costs and revenues associated with development.

On Monday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., the City finance staff will kick off the budget process for the 2014 budget, when they

present the budget preview to the Mayor and Council.

You can watch these work sessions and the budget kick off:

- In person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.;
- On Rockville Channel 11; or
- On the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

If you have comments about the budget, email mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.



Left to right: Maxwell, Ed, Ida, Patty, Pat, Jay, Niti, Vivaan, Tara, Jenna, Mary Ann, Ming Yen, Michael, Kristin

FINAL CLASS OF 2012 FALL ROCKVILLE U... The students gathered in late November at the city's Water Treatment Facility as part of their tour of city facilities. For more information or to register for next year's session, visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/rockvilleu/> or call Orlando Heyliger at 240-314-8343.

Rockville Facilities to Close for Holidays Recycling and Refuse Collection Dates Change

Rockville City Hall and all City facilities will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas Day and Tuesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Many facilities and programs will operate on a limited schedule on Mondays, Dec. 24 and 31.

Parking fees at meters will be suspended on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Recycling and refuse will not be collected on the holidays. Monday collection will occur as scheduled both weeks. Due to the holidays, collections are as follows:

HOLIDAY COLLECTION AT A GLANCE:

Tuesday → Wednesday

Wednesday → Thursday

Thursday → Friday

Friday → Saturday

The following list outlines the hours of operation for facilities and programs during the upcoming holidays:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center will be closed, Mondays, Dec. 24 and 31; and open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 26.
- Lincoln Park Community Center; Thomas Farm Community Center; and Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will be open Mondays, Dec. 24 and 31, Wednesdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Rockville Senior Center will close at 5 p.m. Mondays, Dec. 24 and 31.
- Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will open Mondays, Dec. 24 and 31, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about City facilities and programs, call 240-314-5000 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov.

Get Into It...

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Enjoy holiday classics performed by the ballet, chorus and band.

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The annual Rockville Holiday drive continues this month.

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Learn how easy it can be to pay your bill.

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Should Rockville join a heritage area? Voice your opinion.

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Help Keep Someone Warm

Donate a Coat in January

As the temperature continues to drop this winter, keep your neighbors in mind as you get ready to replace outgrown and gently-used jackets and coats.

The Lincoln Park Community Center is partnering with One Warm Coat to collect winter wear between Wednesday, Jan. 2, and Thursday, Jan. 10.

Donate any size, new or gently-used coat at one of the following drop-off locations:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center
- Lincoln Park Community Center
- Rockville City Hall
- Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
- Thomas Farm Community Center
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc or call 240-314-8780.

Club Rockville Celebrates the New Year

Students in grades 6 through 8 are not going to want to miss the next Club Rockville Saturday, Dec. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The "Almost New Year's Party" will be held at Dave and Buster's at White Flint Mall.

Games and a buffet meal are included in the admission price of \$15 for residents and \$19 for nonresidents. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Register through Rock Enroll for course #41277. A valid student ID is required to enter.

Club Rockville is a series of supervised events just for middle school children.

Pick Up Gifts at the Holiday Bazaar

Featuring handmade crafts and treats, books, and other gifts, the annual Holiday Bazaar at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, will help you get your holiday shopping done. This year's event will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The bazaar is sponsored by Rockville Seniors, Inc. and is open to all. You do not need to be a senior center member, or even a senior, to stop by and check it out.

Attendees may participate in a raffle for \$300 in giftcards.

For more information call 240-314-8800 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter.

Annual Poinsettia Sale Will Brighten Your Home

Beautiful and festive poinsettias make for wonderful holiday decorations, so order yours from the annual poinsettia sale today.

The sale is sponsored by the Elwood Smith Park Council and all proceeds benefit the City's summer playground program and the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund.

Pre-orders are due by Friday, Dec. 7. Plants must be picked up Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road (at Mercer).

For more information and to order call 301-340-7049 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation.

Build a Gingerbread House

Get a taste of what it feels like to be an elf at the North Pole workshop and build your very own gingerbread house at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Be creative and learn the tricks of the trade, including how to make a chimney out of snickers. Working conditions will include plenty of hot cocoa and cookies for the family.

Pre-registration is required. Register through Rock Enroll for course #40261. The cost per family or group is \$40 for residents and \$45 for nonresidents. The fee includes one house and decorating supplies.

Holiday Happenings

Glenview Mansion Features Free Arts and Entertainment for the Holidays



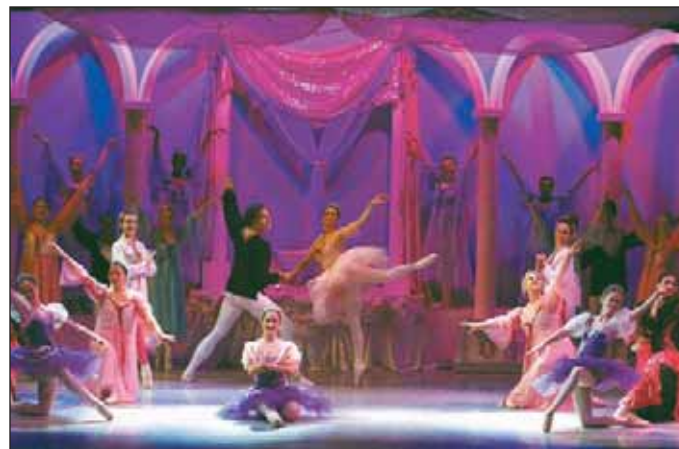
For four Sundays in December, the historic Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., will get visitors in the spirit with a series of holiday open houses.

The picturesque 19th-century home will be transformed into a holiday wonderland, and a variety of entertainment and activities will welcome visitors in search of seasonal festivities. All events are held 1-4 p.m. and are free.

This year's holiday celebration will showcase the

mansion's 15 rooms and numerous halls decked for the season, continuing the decades-long tradition. There is no admission fee to tour the mansion.

Glenview Mansion, including its art gallery, is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Visitors should call before visiting to ensure there are no private events scheduled. For information about Glenview Mansion, call 240-314-8660 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview. ❄️



Enjoy 'The Nutcracker,' Family Friendly Entertainment

The Rockville Civic Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," the holiday classic that has become a local tradition this month. "The Nutcracker" tells the story of Clara and her magical journey through the land of snowflakes and the kingdom of sweets.

Performances are scheduled for Saturdays, Dec. 1 and 8, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$12 for children (12 years and younger); and \$12 for seniors (60 years and older). Group rates are available.

The Rockville Civic Ballet is comprised of approximately

75 adult and youth dancers. The company, under the direction of Claudia Mangan, has presented "The Nutcracker" annually since 1974.

For tickets, call the box office at 240-314-8690 between 2 and 7 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.

The City of Rockville offers a variety of ballet classes for aspiring ballerinas and dancers. To see a complete list of classes and learn more about performing with the Rockville Civic Ballet, see the Recreation Guide or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation. ❄️

Celebrate the Season at Glenview Mansion

SUNDAY, DEC. 2
ART, MUSIC AND HOLIDAY CHEER
 1-4 p.m. Artists of VisArts Holiday Show and Sale
 1 p.m. Encore Singers
 2 p.m. Art Gallery Opening Reception: Rockville Art League Juried Members Show Awards Ceremony, 2nd Floor
 2 p.m. Rockville Singers
 3 p.m. Heart of Maryland Chorus, Sweet Adelines

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SUNDAY, DEC. 9
CHILDREN'S DAY WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS
 1 p.m. Heavenly Handbells of Trinity Lutheran Church
 2:30 p.m. Harmony Express – Men's A Cappella Chorus

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SUNDAY, DEC. 16
MUSIC & MERRIMENT
 1-4 p.m. Artists of VisArts Holiday Show and Sale
 1 p.m. Caroling Quartets from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
 2 p.m. The Supertones, CHAOS and The Acabellas of Wootton High School
 3 p.m. Richard Montgomery Madrigals

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ENJOY A LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY FIX...
 After finishing with your shopping list, visit us on Sunday, Dec. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Mansion will be decorated and the Gallery will be open to visitors.



SCHOOL OF ROCK(VILLE) RETURNS...
 Students from local high schools participated in the citizen education and awareness program in November. The students learn about Rockville's government and how they can get involved in their community. For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/neighborhoods.

Hear the Sounds of the Season in Rockville

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., will come to life with classic holiday and winter music during December.

The Victorian Lyric Opera Company Orchestra will present a special holiday show Friday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. This one-night only special

will feature Maestro Joe Sorge and the orchestra, joined by the Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington. The program will include choral and instrumental music of the season, plus "The Many Moods of Christmas," a series of four suites of Christmas carols for chorus and orchestra, arranged by the renowned conductor of the Atlanta Symphony, Robert Shaw.

Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors age 65 and older, and \$16 for students with identification.

Under the direction

of John Saint Amour, the Rockville Concert Band will present their annual holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3



p.m. Featuring familiar holiday tunes, this show is guaranteed to get you in the spirit of the season. Although tickets are not required, a \$5 donation is suggested.

Return to the theater the evening of Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. to enjoy classic carols from the Rockville Chorus, under the direction of Bryan Seith. Although tickets are not required, a \$5 donation is suggested.

For more information or to purchase tickets to any of these shows online, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts. ❄️

Mayor & Council

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



Mayor
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Tom Moore



Councilmember
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

Annual Financial Reports Explain City Finances

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to receive Rockville's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) at their Monday, Dec. 17, meeting.

The budget book is a planning document that outlines how the City will spend funds. The PAFR (pronounced paff-er) is a document that helps people to

more easily understand the City's financial structure and the City's finances after the fiscal year concludes.

On Dec. 3, the Mayor and Council will receive the City's audited financial report, which is referred to as the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The City's Finance Department prepares the CAFR in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and a firm of certified public accountants audits it. Because the CAFR can be a difficult document for non-financiers to understand, the City created the

PAFR several years ago.

The PAFR is a user-friendly summary of the City's audited financial report. It reports on financial matters as presented in the audited CAFR in a more readable and easy-to-understand format that eliminates the technical jargon required in the CAFR.

The PAFR is not a replacement for the

CAFR, but a supplemental document to further assist the public in their review of the City government's financial operations.

The Fiscal Year 2012 PAFR distributed on Dec. 17 will describe:

- The overall financial health of the City;
- The City's General Fund and the General Fund balance;
- The City's Enterprise Funds; and
- The City's total debt load.

The PAFR, CAFR and the City's adopted budget are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. ❖

LEARN MORE

PAFR, CAFR and the City's budget process, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

City Leaders Consider Changing Approving Authority for Selected Town Center Development Projects

Who should have the final say on whether minor projects proposed for the Town Center area are approved? That's the subject of a new zoning text amendment that the Mayor and Council authorized staff to file last month.

The Zoning Ordinance categorizes development applications as Level 1, 2 or 3. Level 1 projects are smaller in size, generate less traffic and impact a smaller area of the city.

City staff approve Level 1 project applications, the Planning Commission approves Level 2 and Mayor and Council approve Level 3. The amendment would put applications for Level 1 site plans that are lo-

cated in the Town Center Performance District before the Planning Commission for approval instead of city staff approval.

The Town Center Performance District is essentially the core of the Town Center area. Its borders are generally North Washington Street, the Metro tracks and East Jefferson Street.

Another key part of the proposed amendment would add requirements for public notification for development projects throughout the city. The proposed changes would require electronic notice to civic and homeowner's associations leadership— in

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Rockville Councilmember Named President of County Chapter of Maryland Municipal League

Rockville Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton was recently named president of the Montgomery County Chapter and district vice president for District 5 of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), the non-partisan association representing 157 municipalities and two special taxing districts.

Councilmember Newton will join Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio on the MML board of directors and will continue advocating for the fair and equitable treatment of municipalities – those entities closest to the people they represent.

When asked what she envisioned as immediate steps for the chapter, Councilmember Newton stressed the importance of the restoration of Highway User Revenue (HUR) funding and tax duplication. Said Newton, "Without the return of these funds, which legitimately belong to the municipalities, we cannot continue to safeguard

the citizens who traverse our sidewalks, cross our bridges and travel our roadways. The HUR and tax duplication monies must be restored to their pre-FY2010 levels and disbursed to Maryland's towns and cities so that we can continue to ensure public safety."

Councilmember Newton was first elected to the Rockville Mayor and Council in 2009 and is currently serving her third term on the MML legislative committee. In May, she was elected as the vice president of the Montgomery Chapter of MML. Her term as president is through May 2013.

Founded in 1936, the Maryland Municipal League is governed by a 31-member board of directors who serves as the leadership body in MML's mission to strengthen and support municipal governments through collaborative discussions and advocacy of common interests and concerns. ❖

Rockville Approves Loan to Purchase Affordable Housing

The City of Rockville will make \$1.8 million in loans and a \$200,000 grant to Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) so the housing authority can purchase the Fireside Park Apartments with the goal of maintaining the complex as mixed-income housing, affordable to a range of household income levels.

The Mayor and Council decided the issue at their meeting Nov. 5, when they authorized RHE to acquire Fireside Park. Montgomery County tentatively offered a loan of \$2.85 million to help RHE purchase Fireside, which was contingent on a combined City of Rockville/RHE commitment of \$2.5 million.

Rockville Housing Enterprises manages low- and moderate-income hous-

ing programs and properties in Rockville. With the \$36 million purchase of Fireside, RHE plans to preserve the complex as rental homes and plans to retain existing tenants. The loans from the City will be repaid over seven years.

RHE also asked the City to waive a portion of payments in lieu of property taxes (PILOTs) for the complex to help it preserve affordable rents. The Mayor and Council approved a PILOT waiver of \$24,256 that must be renewed annually.

The Mayor and Council considered these requests in September and October. The body held a public hearing on Oct. 8.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/mc/rhe_fireside_apts for more background. ❖

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

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

- Dec. 3 (Monday)
- Dec. 10 (Monday)
- Dec. 17 (Monday)

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

Along with Mayor Marcuccio, the councilmember scheduled is: **Bridget Donnell Newton, Dec. 10.**

IN BRIEF

Revised Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance to be Introduced

As the result of regulatory changes mandated by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Mayor and Council will review and discuss proposed revisions to its sediment control and stormwater management ordinance at a meeting in January.

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

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

Mayor and Council Continue Work on Ethics Ordinance

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

The Mayor and Council will engage in additional discussions about the proposed amendments at their meeting on Monday, Dec. 3.

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

The Mayor and Council held public hearings on the proposed amendments in September and October.

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

Revised Fire Safety Code Takes Effect Jan. 1

The City adopted a revised fire safety code last month for changes that will take effect on January 1.

The revised code will require all residential and commercial buildings in Rockville to meet minimum standards for fire safety. It adopts all of the provisions of the state requirements, while amending some portions to align Rockville's requirements with Montgomery County and the City of Gaithersburg.

The Mayor and Council held a public hearing on the topic in October. If you have questions or comments, contact the project manager Aaron Smith at 240-314-8250 or asmith@rockvillemd.gov.

Board and Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Sign Review Board (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

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

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

Mayor and Council to Review Rock Creek Watershed Study

Rockville's Mayor and Council is expected to review the final Rock Creek Watershed Study report this winter.

The report will be made available on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/watersheds/rockcreek.html.

The report evaluates current conditions and patterns in Rockville's section of the Rock Creek watershed that affect water resources and recommends a list of stormwater projects and program changes that can help address water quality issues.

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

The portion of Rockville within the Rock Creek watershed is highly urbanized, with the majority of the development occurring before environmental regulations were enacted. Much of this developed land has insufficient stormwater management and there is no treatment of the runoff from the large amount of impervious surfaces.

If you would like more information call Lise Soukup at 240-314-8874 or email lsoukup@rockvillemd.gov.

Dispose of Holiday Grease Properly

After preparing your holiday meal, remember to take as much care to properly dispose of turkey, ham and other grease. Pour grease into a can, let it cool and then put it in the trash for disposal.

When grease is poured down the drain instead of put into the trash it can solidify and form hard deposits and backups in sewer lines. These backups can cost you and the City time and money to repair.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment.

Assisted Listening Devices Installed at City Hall

The City recently installed an assistive listening device system in the Mayor and Council Chambers to accommodate individuals with hearing limitations. Now, visitors to public meetings can take advantage of a headset, which will amplify the sound in the room allowing for a more enhanced listening experience.

The new system helps to bring the City into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for public meetings.

The system's use is not limited to those with hearing impairments. The headsets can help anyone who has difficulty hearing due to distance, background noise or the room's acoustics.

For accommodations during a meeting, contact a member of the Rockville II staff or front desk attendant.

Plant a Tree to Save Money

Pepco and Arbor Day Foundation Giving Away Trees to Save Energy

Pepco is working with the Arbor Day Foundation to educate customers about energy conservation and provide energy-saving trees on a limited basis.

By planting the "right tree in the right place," customers can produce a landscape that will cool their home in the summer, tame winter winds and avoid collisions with power lines and buildings.

To claim a two to four foot tree for planting:

- Visit <http://energysavingtrees.arborday.org>;
- Map your house using the online mapping function;
- Learn about the best trees and placement of trees to plant in your yard;
- Calculate your energy savings; and
- Submit your information to the Arbor Day Foundation and Pepco.

Rockville is home to one of the most robust tree canopies in Maryland. Contribute to the beautification and cooling of the community by taking advantage of this program while supplies last.

News You Can Use



Focus on the Environment



Rockville Receives Multiple Green Awards in 2012

Rockville's concerted efforts to become a leader in environmental sustainability has earned several local, state and national awards in 2012.

- **Bethesda Green Magazine Green Champion:** Rockville was one of five recipients of the 2012 Bethesda Magazine Green Awards. The awards recognize local businesses, non-profits, communities and individuals that are leaders in environmental protection.
- **Sustainable Maryland**

Certification (SMC): At the 2012 Maryland Municipal League fall conference, Rockville was one of four municipalities honored for achieving this certification.

Rockville was the second of the 157 municipalities in Maryland to achieve certification – a process that involves setting goals and completing a series of actions in areas relating to water and air quality, waste management, energy, local economic development, planning and land use, local food, and health and wellness.

- **2012 National Environmental Project of the Year:** The College Gardens Park Stormwater project was selected by the American Public Works Association (APWA) as this year's winner. The renovated park successfully blends attractive community amenities, functional stormwater management, habitat restoration and education.
- **Green Power Community:** For the second consecutive year, Rockville earned recognition in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Community Challenge, a national competition challenging communities to voluntarily use more renewable energy sources for their electricity needs. For more information about all of the City's environmental programs visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment or contact environment@rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville's Environmental Volunteers Rock

Residents, businesses and organizations make a difference through recycling, using renewable energy, serving on boards and commissions, and volunteering.

In 2012 more than 400 volunteers and community partners dedicated more than 1,500 hours working to clean and protect the local environment. In 2012,

volunteers:

- collected 259 bags of trash from local streams;
- placed 424 storm drain markers;
- monitored the health of three stream sites; and,
- removed invasive species and planted native plants.

In addition, the behind the scenes work that goes into making Rockville green

would not be possible without the efforts of the Environment Commission and committees.

Volunteers are instrumental in promoting Rockville's sustainability initiatives. To learn how you can volunteer and contribute to Rockville's ongoing success, see www.rockvillemd.gov/environment.

King and Taff Award Nominees Sought Annual Awards Honor Individuals and Groups

The City of Rockville's Human Rights Commission (HRC) is seeking nominations for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award and the F. Michael Taff Award. The nominations are due Wednesday, Dec. 5. The awards will be presented at Rockville's annual Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration Monday, Jan. 21.

The Taff Award honors an individual, business or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. This contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility, raise public awareness, or in

any way further the cause of people with disabilities. Federal, state, and local government agencies are not eligible for the award, but they are encouraged to nominate other worthy organizations and individuals. The award bears the name of F. Michael Taff, a former chairperson of the Rockville Human Rights Commission who demonstrated a particular commitment to people with disabilities throughout his lifetime.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award honors a Rockville high school student who has demonstrated that he or she has

helped to advance the goals and dreams of Dr. King. Examples may include breaking down barriers, promoting acceptance of peers, or developing diversity awareness programs.

Applications are available on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/events/MLKday.htm. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 5, to the Rockville Human Rights Commission via mail to 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville MD 20850 or via fax to 240-314-8130.

Any individual with a disability who would like to receive this information in

Support the Holiday Drive Donate Toys, Gift-cards before Dec. 13

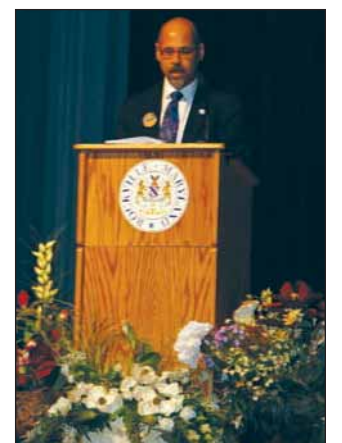
Rockville needs your help to make the holidays special for everyone in our community. For more than 40 years the Rockville annual holiday drive has been distributing food and toys to local families during the holidays. Your support will make a difference.

New toys for kids of all ages can be dropped off at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.; Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway; Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive; Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane; and Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive before Thursday, Dec. 13.

Monetary donations and \$15 gift certificates to stores such as Giant, Safeway, Target, Best Buy and Old Navy, are also needed. They should be sent to City of Rockville Community Services, 30 Courthouse Square, Suite 100, Rockville, 20850.

This year, Rockville anticipates helping more than 1,300 children in 530 homes with food and toy donations through the support of community members like you.

For more information contact the Division of Community Services at 240-314-8300.



David Smith chairs the Human Rights Commission. another form should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8108.

For more information about the award or the annual celebration, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/MLKday.htm or call 240-314-8316.

In The Community

Rockville Summit Fosters Community Engagement

Among Rockville's greatest assets are its location in relation to the nation's capital, employment options, sense of community, and even its ethnic food options, according to the more than 100 community members who attended the Rockville Summit 2012 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre on a Saturday morning early last month.

The summit, convened to conclude a process that began late last year to plan for the city's future, included reports from six working groups comprised of volunteers from the community, who met for four months earlier this year to discuss core issues facing the city in the coming years. Attendees used their cell phones to participate in live polling on topics related to the future of Rockville.

The keynote address at the event was presented by Edward T. McMahon, senior resident fellow for sustainable develop-



ment at the Urban Land Institute. McMahon encouraged Rockville to consider what he has identified as the secrets of successful communities:

1. Develop a shared vision for the future.
2. Inventory regional and local assets.
3. Build plans around the enhancement of assets.
4. Use education, incentives, partnerships, and voluntary initiatives -- not just regulation.
5. Pick and choose among development proposals.
6. Cooperate with neighbors for mutual benefit.
7. Consider community character as well as ecol-

ogy and economics.
8. Have strong leaders and committed citizens.

The working groups studied and developed recommendations related to issues of city services and budgeting, education and school capacity, housing, job growth, preserving Rockville's character, and transportation and traffic. Late last month the Mayor and Council was expected to hear a City staff report on the summit and the recommendations from the working groups, and begin a discussion and consideration of appropriate next steps.

Read more about the summit on the city's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/summit. You will find the full polling questions and audience results; each working group's report; and a list of residents who served on each group. ❖

Pay Your Utility Bill Online

Have you ever thought to yourself: "How can I make paying my utility bill easier?" or "How can I ensure that my utility bills are paid on time, every time?"

As a customer of the City of Rockville, you have the ability and option to pay your utility bills online at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/online_utilitybill.htm. To pay online, visit the website and set up a user ID and password. It is also possible to enroll in auto pay so that your credit or debit card is automatically charged each time you are billed.

To have utility bill payments automatically taken out of your checking or savings account visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/utility-electronic-transfer.pdf.

To receive your bill by email visit www.rockvillemd.gov/e-gov/ebill.html and fill out the form.

For more information about utility billing, contact the Revenue Division at 240-314-8420 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/utility.htm. ❖

IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Rockville will collect Christmas trees as part of its regular recycling collection. The trees will be taken to the Montgomery County Recycling Center, where they will become mulch.

Residents should place cut trees at the curb for pick up on regular recycling days, and they should remove all ornaments and metals, wires, stands and decorations, including tinsel. Trees should not be bagged.

Unwanted artificial trees should be dismantled and placed in the gray refuse cart for regular weekly collection. Artificial trees that are too large to fit in the cart can be collected by appointment as one of your allowed six bulk collections per year or taken to the Montgomery County Transfer Station.

For more information on recycling and refuse service, Christmas tree collection or to make a bulk collection appointment, call 240-314-8568. The mulch at the recycling center is available year-round and can be picked up, for free, at the center, next to the transfer station at 16105 Frederick Road.

Parking in Town Center Remains Open During Construction

Construction of a new mixed-use building on a portion of the Regal Theatre parking lot is underway and parking in the lot has been reduced approximately in half with 120 spaces available for parking during construction. Regal Row businesses remain open.

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

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

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

Online Permitting to be Available Soon

The City will implement an online permitting application in early 2013. This will allow contractors and homeowners to submit and obtain certain permits online.

Some electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits will initially be available to contractors for application and issuance online.

When the system is active, contractors and homeowners will be required to create a user account on their first visit and all online permits will be paid for with a credit or debit card.

Homeowners will be limited in the types of permits they may apply for. Only contractors are permitted to perform work with gas or electrical systems where the service or service cable is involved.

Contractors and homeowners will be able to obtain permits for emergency replacement 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This will allow customers to obtain a permit and then schedule an inspection for the next business day, even if the emergency repairs occur during the weekend or holiday.

Information on the new online permitting system should be available on the ISD web page in the early part of 2013. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/ISD for more information.

Fall Leaf Collection Comes to a Close for 2012

Fall leaf collection began in October in some sections of Rockville and will continue through mid-

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

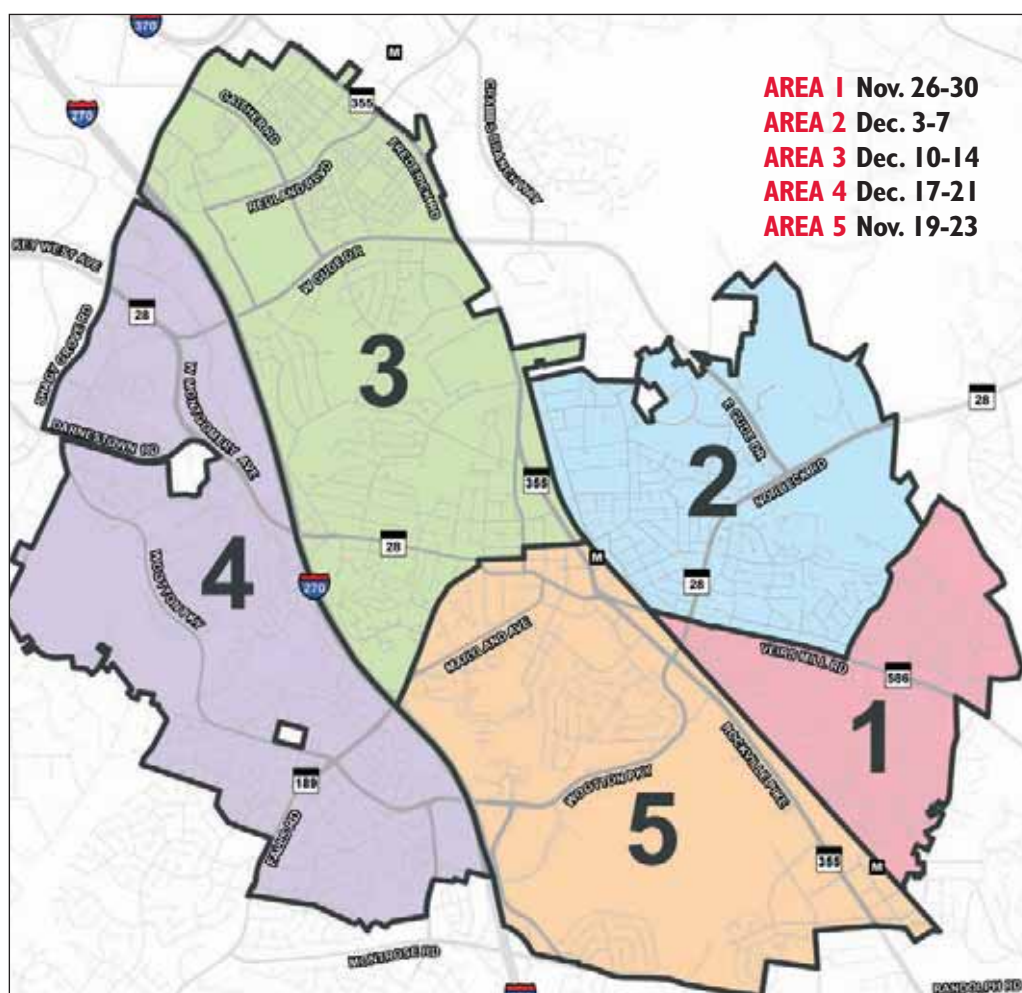
leaves to the curb or just next to the pavement if no curb exists. Leaves can be raked any time before col-

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

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

Rockville officials also encourage alternative methods such as mulching or composting for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/leaf.htm or call 240-314-8570 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. ❖



Staying in Town for Winter Break?

Rockville Has Childcare Options for You

Whether you have an elementary or middle school student, the City has a program to keep your child safe and entertained while school is out.

Kids in grades 6 through 10 can check out one of the daytrip programs just for them.

- Snow Tubing: Thursday, Dec. 27, 2-8 p.m. Course #42066; cost \$25 resident/\$29 non-resident.
- Washington Wizards Game: Friday, Dec. 28. Course #42067; cost \$15 R/\$19 NR.

Elementary school students can spend a couple of days hanging out with their friends.

- Winter Break Fun Days at Thomas Farm C.C.: Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Course #41565 (Thursday) and course #41566 (Friday); cost each day is \$33 R/\$35 NR.
- Winter Escape at Lincoln Park C.C.: Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Course #40366 (Thursday) and Course #40371 (Friday); cost each day is \$35 R/\$49 NR.
- Winter Wonderland at Twinbrook C. Rec. C.: Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Course #42057 (Thursday) and Course #42058 (Friday); cost each day is \$35 R/\$49 NR.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation or call 240-314-8620.



Make Plans to Attend the 14th Annual Bridal Expo

Rockville's picturesque Glenview Mansion is hosting the 14th annual Bridal Expo on Sunday, Jan. 27, offering anyone planning a wedding or other special occasion a chance to browse and sample the many services that go into making a memorable event.

The Bridal Expo will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

The expo will feature more than 30 vendors who will highlight their services, including caterers, florists, cake makers and designers, musicians and DJs, photographers and videographers, personal care attendants, rental accessory companies and travel agents.

In addition to all the vendors on hand, brides and grooms can get a peek at Glenview Mansion and its beautiful grounds. Staff of the mansion will be available to answer questions about hosting an event.

Tickets for the event are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. For more information about the expo, call 240-314-8660.

Play a Winter Sport

Get involved in adult team sports this winter. Women's volleyball, co-rec volleyball, men's basketball and co-rec table tennis are all available and registration is open.

- League play begins:
- Jan. 3: Women's volleyball
 - Jan. 4: Co-rec volleyball (Fridays)
 - Jan. 6: Men's basketball
 - Jan. 7: Co-Rec volleyball (Mondays)
 - Jan. 9: Co-rec table tennis

Learn more and download a registration form at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports, or call 240-314-8620.

Arts & Entertainment

Arts Groups Offer Opportunities to Perform and Participate

Rockville's arts groups provide high-quality, family-friendly productions throughout the year with local talent and support.

Whether you are a trained artist, a talented amateur performer, interested in volunteering for a backstage crew, or able to offer other support, these groups can use your skills and help.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.



Rockville Concert Band

Performing music that ranges from Dixieland to Broadway to Big Band and beyond, the Rockville Concert Band has been entertaining audiences with free energetic and entertaining concerts for more than 50 years.

The band is comprised of approximately 70 adult volunteers who play percussion, brass and wind instruments and is administered by a board of band members.

Individuals interested in joining the band or volunteering should email rconcband@aol.com.



Rockville Chorus

The chorus performs a varied repertoire of leading composers like Bach, Mozart, Shaw and many others.

With approximately 70 adult members selected through auditions, the chorus features a mix of voices and performing styles that blend together to create a beautiful and engaging concert experience.

Individuals interested in auditioning should contact Julie Farrell, arts program specialist, at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.



Rockville Civic Ballet

The Rockville Civic Ballet consists of approximately 75 dancers of all ages who enchant and delight audiences with their performances of classic ballets and original works.

The company performs holiday, spring and summer productions at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

Individuals interested in auditioning for the ballet can contact Betty Wisda at 240-314-8681 or bwisda@rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra

Featuring some of the region's talented youth performers, the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra is a unique opportunity for instrumental student musicians to further their skills and perform for enthusiastic audiences.

The orchestra is comprised of students who play the violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, French horn, low brass and percussion.

For more information, including audition dates and requirements contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe includes approximately 60 cast members ranging in age from 5 years through adulthood. The troupe, founded in 1989, is comprised of students from Rockville and surrounding areas and performs energetic and exciting musical shows throughout the year.

For more information about the troupe and the audition process, contact Jan Golden, recreation program supervisor, at 240-314-8630 or jgolden@rockvillemd.gov.

Get Ready, Get Set, Get Into It
Sign up for a New Recreation Program

Registration for winter recreation programs in the City of Rockville begins Friday, Dec. 14, for Rockville residents and opens to all Friday, Dec. 21. Programs are offered in arts, dance, fitness, nature and sports for children, teens, adults and seniors.

Registration is easy. View the Rockville Winter Recreation Guide online at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide then register through Rock Enroll, the City's online registration system. To register through Rock Enroll, set up an account by filling out the online registration form.

Registration is also taken at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. and City facilities.



Rockville offers hundreds of classes and programs, and many one-day outings.

The City of Rockville is committed to providing diverse, interesting and high quality recreational and leisure opportunities. To learn more, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

Rockville Art League Showcased at Glenview Gallery



Sculpture, painting, mixed-media artworks and more will be on display at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr. Rockville Art League members will return to the gallery for their annual juried show, Sunday, Dec. 2, to Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The show will open with a reception held in conjunction with the Glenview Mansion Holiday Open House, Sunday, Dec. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more details about the open house see page two.

Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday

and Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; and closed official City holidays. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible.

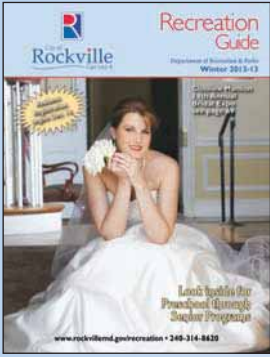
The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is housed on the second floor of the historic 19th-century mansion. The gallery hosts monthly exhibits featuring the work of Rockville visual artists and performing groups.

For additional information about the Rockville Art League exhibit and other monthly shows, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.



FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov and click on recreation registration on the right side.

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

December Calendar

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

1 Natural Holiday Crafts

Spend the morning using a variety of natural or recycled objects to create holiday crafts and ornaments at Croydon Creek Nature Center. Pre-registration required; cost \$8 RES/\$10 NR. **CC**

1,2,8,9 The Nutcracker

Take a magical journey with the Rockville Civic Ballet. See page 2 for more information. **FSF**

2-28 Glenview Mansion Art Show

Take in the arts at this monthly show featuring the juried works of the Rockville Art League. See page 6 for more information. **GM**

2,9,16,23 Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses

Enjoy a day with your family as you prep for the holidays. See page 2 for details. **FREE GM**

3,10,17,24 Mommy and Me

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

4,6,11,13,18,20,27 Tiny Tots Drop-In Run

crawl and play. A great way to spend time with your children and friends in our gymnasium at the Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. All you need to participate is a membership.

5 MLK and Taff Award Nominations Due

Nominate a stu-

dent, adult or organization for their promotion of human rights for all. See page 4 for more information.

5,12,19,26 Toddler Time

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

5,19 Toastmasters

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

8 Holiday Bazaar

Rockville Senior Center is in the holiday spirit. See page 2 for details. **SR**

14 Resident Recreation Registration

Sign up for your favorite course today. See page 6 for more information.

14 Victorian Lyric Opera Company Orchestra Holiday Show

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the season at 8 p.m. See page 2 for more information. **FSF**

15 Gingerbread House Workshop

Get a taste of what it feels like to be an elf at the North Pole workshop. See page 2 for details.

15 Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra Winter Concert

These talented students are not to be missed. See page 2 for

more information. **FSF**

16 Rockville Concert Band Holiday Concert

Fun and festivity are the name of the day with these performers. See page 2 for more information. **FSF**

16 Rockville Chorus Holiday Concert

Get into the holiday spirit with a show by these talented musicians. See page 2 for details. **FREE FSF**

21 Nonresident Recreation Registration

Sign up for your favorite course today. See page 6 for more information.

21 Late Night Friday Kids

in grades 3 to 6 have Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive all to themselves from 7 to 10:30 p.m. to enjoy supervised games, computers and activities. Refreshments will be sold. Pre-registration is \$7 residents and \$10 non-residents. The fee at the door is \$10 residents and \$15 nonresidents beginning at 6:30 p.m. Register for course #40260.

27,28 Winter Break Fun Days

Grade school children will enjoy supervised fun with their friends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. See page 6 for details.

27,28 Winter Escape

Grade school children can spend the days having fun with friends. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. See page 6 for details.



27 Snow Tubing for Teens

Feel the breeze through your hair as you swoosh down the slopes on a big inflatable rubber tube. We're heading to Ski Liberty for this winter break adventure. Cost includes snow tubing, transportation and supervision. Detailed information will be mailed upon registration. Pick-up and drop-off is from Julius West and Wood Middle Schools; 2 to 8 p.m. Register for course #42066; cost \$25 RES/\$29 NR.

28 Washington Wizards Game for Teens

Enjoy your winter break with friends cheering on the Washington Wizards basketball team as they take on the Orlando Magic. Price includes ticket and supervision. Bring money for Metro fare and food. Register for course #42067; cost: \$15 RES/\$19 NR.

29 Almost New Year's Party

Middle school students can ring in the New Year. See page 2 for more information.

Boards and Commissions

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

4 Traffic and Transportation Commission

7:30 p.m. Typically meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

6 Recreation and Park Advisory Board

7 p.m. Meets at Glenview Mansion.

6 Environment Commission

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

8 Board of Appeals

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

12 Sign Review Board

9 a.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

12 Planning Commission

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

12 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee

7:15 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

12 Rockville Sister City

7:30 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

20 Historic District Commission

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

19 Rockville Housing Enterprises

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

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



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addition to an existing requirement to give written notice to property owners within a certain radius of a site.

Before the Mayor and Council can decide whether to adopt the amendment, the Planning Commission will review and comment on the amendment at a regular meeting and the public will be invited to weigh in at a public hearing held by the Mayor and Council.

A final decision may not come until early 2013. ❖

Prepárese para el clima de invierno Averigüe lo que debe saber esta estación

Si bien es difícil adivinar cuantas pulgadas de nieve caerán en el área de Rockville este invierno, es importante saber ¿qué hacer, adónde llamar y a quién acudir? por ayuda cuando se desate el temporal.

"Hemos asumido el compromiso de mantener seguras las pistas para que puedan viajar los residentes y trabajadores y queremos estar seguros que nuestro personal estará a salvo," dijo Craig Simoneau, Director del Departamento de Obras Públicas de Rockville. "Cada invierno planificamos y nos preparamos para el clima invernal, y trabajando con nuestros residentes, todos podemos hacer posible que nuestras pistas y veredas estén despejadas y seguras."

Reciba las últimas noticias sobre las inclemencias del clima.

Cuando el clima tiene la posibilidad de afectar el programa de esparcimiento de una Ciudad, reunión o instalación, se hace todo lo posible para mantener las operaciones estándar, pero a veces se deben realizar cambios.

Hay varias maneras de mantenerse informado y aprender sobre los esfuerzos de respuesta en casos de tormentas, cierres y cancelaciones.

- Visite el sitio web de Rockville: www.rockvillemd.gov.
- Suscríbese a los boletines de prensa a través del correo electrónico: www.rockvillemd.gov/contacts/listservs.html.
- Consulte la página de Rockville en el Facebook: www.facebook.com/cityofrockville.



- Suscríbese a alertas de texto y correo electrónico: <https://alert.rockvillemd.gov/index.php>.
- Siga a Rockville en Twitter: @rockville411 y @alertrockville.
- Vea Canal 11: disponible en los proveedores de cable en el canal 11.
- Llame a una línea de condiciones climáticas inclementes: Los números están disponibles en: www.rockvillemd.gov/weather.html.

Sepa cuándo debe sacar la nieve con pala

Durante una tormenta de nieve o hielo, los residentes y propietarios tienen la responsabilidad de despejar la nieve de aceras, escalones, pistas, estacionamientos y áreas de uso público. Otras cosas que debe tener en cuenta:

- La nieve y el hielo debe despejarse dentro de 24 horas, cuando la acumulación es de 3 pulgadas o menos, dentro de 48 horas si la acumulación es de 3 a

- 10 pulgadas y dentro de 72 horas cuando la acumulación supere 10 pulgadas.
- Cuando el Administrador de la Ciudad declara una Emergencia por Nieve, se le solicita a los residentes de Rockville, estacionar y dejar sus autos en el lado de las veredas pares durante el periodo de estacionamiento de emergencia.
- Si es posible, los residentes que viven cerca de una boca de incendios deben despejar la nieve de la boca de incendios.

Ayude al vecino si lo necesita

Muchas personas ancianas dependen de la ayuda de voluntarios. Si usted puede ayudar a limpiar la nieve para un anciano de Rockville, llame al Centro del Adulto Mayor y los funcionarios del centro trabajarán para contactarlo con un anciano que necesite ayuda en su vecindario. Llame al 240-314-8810.

Para aprender más, diríjase a www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather. ❖

2013 Camp Guide Coming Soon

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camps. The 2013 camp guide will be available Thursday, Jan. 3, on Rockville's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation and at Rockville City Hall, community centers and libraries.

The guide will not be mailed, so plan to visit the website or pick one up while you are out and about next month.

Resident registration will begin Tuesday, Jan. 22, and nonresident registration will begin Friday, Feb. 1. Register through Rock Enroll on the Internet, mail, fax or in-person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

With more than 50 camps to choose from in Rockville, including new camps added this year, students ages 3-16 will find something to suit their tastes.

For more information contact 240-314-8620.

Receive Neighborhood News Electronically Each Month

Learn about events and news in Rockville's neighborhoods with the monthly electronic newsletter, "News from the Neighborhoods."

Published by the City's Neighborhood Resources Division, the newsletter is designed to help residents connect with their fellow neighbors and local government.

The Neighborhood Resources Division is based on the core belief that a strong partnership with neighborhoods will improve City services and strengthen communities. The program supports and empowers neighborhood associations, and facilitates effective communication between the community and City government.

To sign up for "News from the Neighborhoods" visit www.rockvillemd.gov, click on Subscribe to News on the left side of the page and enter your email address.

For more information about Rockville's neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Resources Division, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Notes

Meet Your Neighbor: Roald Schrack

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



Mr. Roald Schrack was born August 26, 1926 in Fort Meade, Florida. His mother passed away when he was five years old, and he was raised by his father. Schrack was sent to live with his grandparents in Indiana, where he lived on their farm until he moved to New York to start high school in 1940. He attended one of the finest schools in New York City and believes that his years there have enriched his life.

Schrack was drafted into the Army in 1945, and spent time after the

war teaching in the service. He received his bachelor's degree in physics in 1949, and soon after he earned his Master's and PhD. He moved to Rockville in 1959, where he instantly felt a connection to the community.

As a Rockville resident, Schrack has been a big part of the community in more than one way. He served on the Parent Teacher Associations for his children's schools, was a Rockville representative on Cable TV Montgomery for 29 years, served on

the Rockville City Beautification Committee and is a committed gardener. He formed the Alliance of Rockville Citizens and later in 2010, formed the Rockville Community Coalition.

"Rockville is a wonderful city that provides its citizens with benefits not found in a normal community," said Schrack. "I have had disappointments aplenty, but the rewards far outweigh them."

Schrack is best known for his detailed analyses of the Rockville elections starting from 1985 to present, and was a part of the Charter Review Commission in 2002. He writes and publishes his opinions on blogs, testifies at Citizen's Forums, and is actively involved in every facet of city life. Schrack's contributions and dedication to the Rockville community are endless. ✦

Focus on Numbers You Can Use

Opt Out of Newspaper and Ad Delivery

Many residents in Rockville receive newspapers and advertisement supplements, which are left in driveways and on front walks. We have heard from some of you that you would like to opt out of these services, but may not know who to call. For your convenience, here is a list of the providers and their phone numbers.

- Gazette Newspapers: 301-670-7350
- Examiner: 703-846-8500
- Washington Post: 1-800-477-4679. ✦

Public Hearing Scheduled on Proposed Heritage Area Plan

A proposal for Rockville to join an existing state heritage area in Montgomery County will be the subject of a public hearing before the Mayor and Council at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.

If the Mayor and Council approve an amendment to the county's Heritage Area Management Plan, the City and local heritage and non-profit organizations could be eligible for grants and loan assistance for a variety

of projects that support heritage tourism efforts, such as buying, developing, and programming non-designated historic buildings and non-historic buildings in active tourism use.

The public hearing follows action by the Planning Commission in recent months, which included a public hearing before that body. After the upcoming public hearing, the public record will remain open

through Dec. 28. A decision on the issue may follow in early 2013.

The public may submit written comments for the record to the City Clerk's office, at cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov.

If you would like to see the proposed amendment text, please contact Robin Ziek at 240-314-8230, or by email at history@rockvillemd.gov, or see the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov. ✦



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.

right around the corner

 parking	 shopping
 buzz is building	 dining

Exciting things are coming to Rockville Town Center!

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

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

Charter Review Commission Continues Work

The Charter Review Commission was formed by the Mayor and Council in April 2012 to review and evaluate Article II, Section 1(a), and Article III, Section 4 of the City Charter regarding:

- the length of the elected terms of the Mayor and Council,
- the number of members of the Mayor and

- Council,
- the schedule by which elections for the Mayor and Council are held, and
- additional related topics that the commission believes are appropriate.

After holding four Town Hall meetings throughout Rockville, the Charter Review Commission will take feedback received from

the public and continue the process of formulating a final report, to be presented to the Mayor and Council.

To learn more about the Charter Review Commission, and to see a schedule of upcoming commission meetings, please visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/charter/. ✦



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