



The City's pioneering environmental protection efforts will be recognized by state leadership in October in Hagerstown.

Rockville Earns Certificate of Sustainability City's Environmental Efforts Recognized Statewide

Rockville is the first Maryland municipality in the region to earn a "Certificate of Sustainability" under a new statewide environmental program.

The Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) program recognizes and assists communities working to protect their assets, as well as revitalize and improve their long-term quality of life. Twenty-four communities around Maryland are working toward their 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, and health and wellness.

The program is voluntary but achieving the minimum requirements and 150 points for certification is not easy.

In October 2011 the Rockville Mayor and Council agreed to sign on to the SMC pro-

gram and directed Rockville's Environment Commission to work with community partners and staff to form a Green Team. The team conducted a community sustainability survey to identify priorities, developed an action plan for certification and completed the application.

After a rigorous application and review process by the SMC staff and external industry experts, the program's executive committee approved the City of Rockville's certification, consisting of 18 actions earning 230 points, making it the second Maryland municipality to achieve this distinction. Berlin, Maryland was the first.

The award will be presented to the Mayor and Council representatives at the October Maryland Municipal League meeting in Hagerstown.

For more information, see the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/sustainability.

Charter Review Commission Seeks Community Participation

Community members are invited to share their opinion about the structure of Rockville's government with the newly established Charter Review Commission (CRC).

The Mayor and Council appointed the CRC June 18. The resolution establishing the CRC directs the commission to review:

- the length of the elected terms of the Mayor and Council;
- the number of members of the City Council; and
- the schedule by which elections for the Mayor and Council are held.

The City Charter was adopted in 1954 with reviews in 1971, 1983 and 2002.

The CRC would like to hear from residents and is developing plans for outreach and dialogue with the community.

For more information on how you can participate, or to review the minutes of the Charter Review Commission meetings, refer to the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/charter or contact the Office of the City Clerk at Clerk@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8280. ✦

Photo Credit: Cordelia Neff.



Seniors Can Enjoy a Concert Under the Stars

Enjoy a night of fun and dancing with a live performance by the Rockville Swing Band at a Concert Under the Stars.

Sponsored by the Senior Citizen Commission, the concert is 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The concert will be held at the

Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Admission is free, and drinks and dessert will be available for purchase. If interested in attending, be sure to register for this event by calling 240-314-8810. ✦

Las personas mayores pueden disfrutar de un concierto bajo las estrellas

Disfrute de una noche de diversión y baile con una actuación en vivo de la banda de swing de Rockville en un concierto bajo las estrellas.

Patrocinado por la Comisión de la Tercera Edad, el concierto es de 7-8:30 pm Martes, 11 de septiembre. El concierto se ll-

evará a cabo en el Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

La entrada es gratuita y las bebidas y el postre estará disponible para su compra. Si está interesado en asistir, asegúrese de inscribirse para este evento llamando al 240-314-8810. ✦

Rockville City Hall to Close for Labor Day Recycling, Refuse Collection Shifts One Day

Rockville City Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Most Rockville facilities and programs will not operate Sept. 3. Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be delayed by one day for all homes. Friday collection will be made on Saturday. For more information residents may call 240-314-8568 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. Indoor pools will be open noon to 8 p.m., the rest of the facility will be open noon to 9 p.m.

The following Rockville facilities and programs will not operate on Labor Day: City Hall; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Rockville Civic Center Park offices, including Glenview Mansion and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. The Lincoln Park, Twinbrook and Thomas Farm Community Centers and the Rockville Senior Center will also be closed for the day.

For more information about closings, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✦

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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.rockville.md.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.

- Sept. 10 (Monday)
- Sept. 24 (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.

In addition to Mayor Marcuccio, the upcoming councilmember scheduled is: **Mark Pierzchala**, Sept. 10.

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

IN BRIEF

Register to Vote at the City's Voter Van Sept. 8

Van Will Visit Rockville Neighborhoods



Rockville residents are encouraged to register to vote at a voter registration drive Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The drive will take place with a van staffed by volunteers who will travel from neighborhood to neighborhood throughout Rockville:

- Woodley Gardens Park: 9-10:30 a.m.
- College Gardens Park: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Great Wall Supermarket: 1-2:30 p.m.
- Lincoln Park Community Center: 3-4:30 p.m.
- Al Carbón Restaurant: 5-6:30 p.m.
- East Montgomery Avenue: (along the sidewalk close to the Regal Theater) 7-8:30 p.m.

Citizens age 16 and older are eligible to register. Those wishing to register must have proof of citizenship such as a photo ID or license. Absentee ballot applications will also be available.

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

Parking Changes in Rockville

Due to the construction of the Cambria Hotel, which is scheduled to begin in early October, parking in the Regal Theater parking lot bounded by Monroe St., Middle Lane, Maryland Ave. and East Montgomery Ave, will be limited to 120 spaces. Other parking options in downtown may be found at www.RockvilleREDI.org.



Germany Exchange Experienced

The FINEST! Performance Troupe recently travelled to Rockville's Sister City Pinneberg, Germany for a cultural exchange program. A big thank you goes out to the Rockville community for making their trip possible. See www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/finest for a list of all those who contributed.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

- Compensation Commission (1)
- Historic District Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (2)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Retirement Board (1)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (2)
- Sign Review Board (1)

Imagine and Plan for Rockville's Future

Help shape the future of our community by joining one of the six Rockville Summit Working Groups currently underway. The Rockville Summit is exploring how Rockville can best plan for future growth in an era of limited resources.

Open dialogue and inclusiveness remain the driving tenets of the organizers of this effort. Ideally, every person who lives, works or plays in Rockville would be engaged in this far-reaching effort. Therefore, new participants are welcome and encouraged to join throughout the process.

From June through October of this year, each working group is discussing a specific theme: Job Growth and Residential Workforce, Housing, Preservation of Rockville's Character, Education and School Capacity, Transportation and Traffic, and City Services and Budget.

Their findings will be presented at the 2012 Rockville Summit event on Saturday, Nov. 3. Last year's summit attracted nearly 200 attendees. This large community gathering will feature a comprehensive discussion of the

working groups' recommendations to inform an economic and growth roadmap for Rockville's future.

It's not too late to join one of the six Summit Working Groups.

Rockville Summit Working Group themes and meeting schedules:

- Job Growth and Residential Workforce, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Rockville Senior Center
- Housing, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 8 a.m. or Noon, Rockville City Hall
- Preservation of Rockville's Character, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Rockville Chamber of Commerce
- Education and School Capacity, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m., Rockville Senior Center
- Transportation and Traffic, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Rockville City Hall
- City Services and Budget, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m., Rockville City Hall

For more information on the Rockville Summit, and to confirm the most current and detailed information regarding meeting times and locations, check out the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/summit/. ❖



Mayor and Council Explore Storm Response, Planning City Was Prepared for Summer Storm, Looks at Improvements

Rockville was well prepared to handle the summer derecho that swept through the city, according to Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau.

"We found the hard hit areas, we mobilized enough equipment and brought in extra when we saw what [the storm severity] was," he said.

The Mayor and Council discussed the City's storm response at several meetings this summer and will explore how to build on the successful response.

City staff undertook a concerted response immediately after the storm passed. The response involved a partnership between the departments of Recreation and Parks, Public Works, Police, Information Technology, Finance and the City Manager's Office.

Many City facilities experienced power outages, including the Water Treatment Plant, Senior Center and outdoor pools at the Swim Center. A power surge damaged the city hall

generator and several information technology components, which caused the website to go down intermittently.

Staff maintained regular communication with other governments in the region, local utility companies and residents during the storm and aftermath. Facebook and Twitter proved effective communication tools during the emergency, particularly with the problems experienced with the website.

The areas of Rockville most affected by the storm were New Mark Commons and Fallsmead, followed by Potomac Woods, Twinbrook, West End and Hungerford.

The Mayor and Council plan to discuss additional contingency plans and preparations this year. For more information, watch Mayor and Council meetings most Monday nights at 7 p.m. on channel 11. ❖

– Contributed by
Antonio Barbera

Rewriting of Fire Safety Code Slated for 2013

Over the next five months, the City will be working to rewrite Chapter 9 of the City Code, which deals with fire safety.

The City's Inspection Services Division will take the lead on this project, and the Mayor and Council must vote to make amendments to the City's code.

The changes to the code are expected to be put into effect on Jan. 1, 2013. This coincides with the effective date of the state's fire code, which serves as the mini-

mum requirements for fire safety in Maryland.

A new ordinance will be introduced to the Mayor and Council in the fall.

Stakeholders will be consulted in order to ensure changes to Chapter 9 are easy to understand, are effective for first responders, and do not unnecessarily burden builders and homeowners.

If you have questions or comments, contact the project manager Aaron Smith at 240-314-8250 or asmith@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.

1,8,15,22,29 Saturday Farmers Markets Stock up on fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street on Saturdays, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

September Calendar

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

4,11,18,25 Tiny Tots Drop In Bring your toddler to Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive to play with friends in our gym, 10 a.m.-noon each Tuesday. Year membership: \$35 RES/\$50 NR, Day Pass: \$6 RES/\$8 NR

5,12,19,26 Toddler Time Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue, welcomes you and your toddler to play in the gym 10 a.m.-noon. A membership is required, day pass cost: \$3 RES/\$5 NR; annual cost: \$25 RES/\$35 NR.

5,12,19,26 Out to Lunch Wednesdays Take a midday break at the Wednesday Farmers Market, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy live music with lunch from noon-1:30 p.m. East Montgomery Ave.

7,8,9 John Philip Sousa's The American Maid aka The Glassblowers Enjoy an evening concert with full orchestra by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company. Call the box office for tickets: 240-314-8690. **FSF**

8 Voter Registration Drive The Human Rights Commission is hosting a daylong voter registration drive. See page 2 for more information. **FREE**

8 Ballet Open House Learn about Rockville's ballet classes and programs 10 a.m.-noon at Rockcrest Ballet Center. **FREE**

9 Scott Giambusso presents The American Songbook Bring the family to enjoy this performance as part of Glenview Mansion's Sunday afternoon concert series. The show begins at 2 p.m. in the Conservatory, 1st floor. **FREE GM**

9 Conservation Landscaping Workshop Learn how to make your lawn a greener, healthier place through the use of native

plants and other landscaping techniques at this workshop, 1-3 p.m. at the Croydon Creek Nature Center. To register email sphilbin@rockvillemd.gov. **FREE CC**

9-Oct.3 Art Exhibit See article on this page. **FREE GM**

10,17,24 Monday Morning Moms at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway allows you to have fun with your child and friends in our gym 10 a.m.-noon each Monday. A membership is required, day pass cost: \$5 RES/\$7 NR; annual cost: \$25 RES/\$40 NR.

11 Senior Center Concert Under the Stars Come out for a night of fun and dancing to the Rockville Swing Band. **FREE** See page 1 for more information. **SR**

14 Late Night Friday Kids grades 3 to 6 are invited to stop by Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, to hang with friends, 7-10:30 p.m. Cost: \$7 RES/\$10 NR before 6:30 p.m. the day of the event and \$10 RES/\$15 NR after 6:30 p.m. Register for course #40258.

15 Citizen Science Series - World Wide Monitoring Day Water is one of our most important natural resources. Learn the basics of water quality monitoring and head to our creek to practice your skills with staff from the City's Environmental Manage-



ment Division, 10 a.m.-noon. **FREE CC**

17 School's Out Fun Day Looking for something fun to do when school is out? Children ages 5 to 11 can participate in crafts, organized games, and other fun activities at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Register for course #41202; cost \$25 RES/\$29 NR.

19 Flu Clinic Rockville Senior Center members can prevent flu this year by getting a vaccination at the flu clinic, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Carnation Room. A Medicare or insurance card is required. **SR**

19 Go Green Lecture - Cloth Diapering Curious about cloth diapering? Lee-Ann from Lilly's Diaper Pad will discuss the benefits of cloth diapering, the different types of cloth diapers available and how to care for and maintain these diapers 7-8 p.m. Ages 16 and over. **FREE CC**

19 Montgomery Co. Honors WWII Veterans with Special Program County Executive Isiah Leggett will lead the special ceremonies honoring WWII Vets. 10:30 a.m., Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. For more information, call 240-777-7929.

21,22 Fathymn, Fashion Show See the latest trends as The Finest! Performance Troupe put on a fashion show. Call the box office for tickets: 240-314-8690. **FSF**

22 Croydon Creek Campfire - Welcome Fall Celebrate the official first day of fall on the autumnal equinox. Discover what the equinox means and how nature adjusts to transition from summer to fall, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All ages. Cost: \$4 RES/ \$5 NR. **CC**

23 F. Scott Fitzgerald's Birthday Celebrate in Town Square, 1-4 p.m. with activities, treats and more. **FREE**

25,27 Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra Auditions Join one of the area's most fun youth orchestras and practice your performance skills. See page 4 for more information. **FSF**



26 Good Neighbor Award Nominations Due Do you have a good neighbor? Tell us about it. See page 4 for more information.

27 Routine Health Screenings for Seniors: Risks vs. Benefits Dr. Ayesha Jafri will discuss the recommendations for routine health screenings for older adults at the senior center, 1-2 p.m. **FREE SR**

29 Saturday Story and Hike Stop by the nature center on Saturday mornings for story-time and a hike. A naturalist will read a story then lead a craft based on the theme of the story 10-11a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult; ages 2-5. Cost: \$3 RES/ \$5 NR. **CC**

29 DEA Drug Take-Back Event Stop by the Rockville City Police Department and discard your unused and expired prescription medications. This program helps keep drugs off the street and out of landfills and the local water supply by disposing of them properly. **FREE**

29 Healthy Living Expo Check out exercise classes, health screenings and more in Rockville Town Square, noon-3 p.m. **FREE**

Boards and Commissions

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

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

11 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

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

13,21,27 Charter Review Commission 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13; 8 a.m. Sept. 21; and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27

19 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Lane. Meets the third 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.

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

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

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Hosts Free September Show

Exhibit Features Paint and Screen Print Art

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive will host a free show this month featuring Marlene Frazier, Rachel Sultanik and Bobbi Shulman, which will run Sunday, Sept. 9, to Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Frazier is a digital photographer, Sultanik creates prints and Shulman works in mixed media.

The show will open with a chance to meet the artists at a free community reception Sept. 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m., and will feature a musical

performance.

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

wheelchair accessible.

For additional information about the monthly shows, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell, arts programs specialist, at jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8682. **+**



Rockville REWARDS

WHAT: Rockville Rewards Kick-off Sales Event, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

WHO: Open to the Public; hosted by Rockville Rewards business and non-profit partners

WHERE: Rockville Rewards participating eateries and retail establishments throughout Rockville. For a complete list of where to purchase your card for \$15 during this special event, check out www.rockvillerewards.com

WHY: Typically sold for \$25 by participating nonprofits, get yours during the kick-off event and save \$10 off the purchase price AND use it at the business the very same day! Prices go back to \$25 on September 12th!

What is the the Rockville Rewards Card?
The easiest way to save money while supporting locally owned businesses, nonprofits, charities and schools. All card sales are donated to the participating nonprofits. When cardholders show their card at participating businesses, they are awarded a special discount. Valid from Sept. 1, 2012-Aug. 31, 2013, you can use your card an unlimited amount of times.

Get your Run in with the Fall Youth Cross Country Program

Boys and Girls Grades 1-6 Eligible to Participate

The City of Rockville is offering a cross country program, featuring practices and meets, this fall. Boys and girls grades one through six are eligible to participate in the program.

Volunteer coaches will conduct practices on weekdays beginning the week of Sept. 10. The practices will prepare the young athletes to compete in five Saturday morning meets.

In order to facilitate participation, special accommodations (as appropriate for the individual) will be made for individuals with handicapping conditions.

The registration fee is \$55 for residents and \$65 for nonresidents, and the course number is #39631. To register, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports and download the flier and registration form.

Financial assistance with the registration fee is available. Call 240-314-8620 for more information.



Help Kids; Be a Mentor

In an effort to help elementary school students develop academic and social skills, the City of Rockville will conduct a mentoring program this fall.

Adults and high school students have the opportunity to volunteer to help elementary school students with homework, games and life skills through bonding and connection. As part of the program, mentors meet with other mentors and mentees in a group setting.

High school students can use this opportunity to earn Student Service Learning credit hours. Training for mentors is provided.

Watch Rockville 11's news segment on the program to see how your participation can be life-changing at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

For more information, or to volunteer for the program, contact Cynthia Bangali at 240-314-8317 or cbangali@rockvillemd.gov, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/ncs/mentoring.



Rockville to Host Classic and Antique Car Show

Festival Showcases 500 Automobiles

Car enthusiasts are invited to register their prized-possessions for the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show.

The annual show is scheduled to take place Saturday, Oct. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the grounds of Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

The show is a fall festival with a display of more than 500 antique and classic automobiles. The show is one of Rockville's most popular annual events and features 24 car clubs, from Packard to Ferrari. Visitors are encouraged to get up close and personal with antique cars and see how cars have changed through the years.

For more details on the car show, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm.

Neighborhood Notes

Nominate a Good Neighbor for 2012

Do you know a family member, friend or neighbor who helps to enhance your neighborhood? Have they performed a good deed or provided a service that you feel deserves recognition? You can honor them with a nomination for the Good Neighbor Award.

The Good Neighbor Award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Rockville residents who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The program is designed to honor those who make a difference in our community without seeking or receiving recognition for their service.

Nominees are sought in two divisions: adult and youth.

- The nominee must be a resident of the City of Rockville
- The nominee must not be

employed by the City of Rockville

- The nominee must have made a significant contribution to their community during the current calendar year

The Good Neighbor Award is the City's way of recognizing the residents who are committed to preserving, maintaining and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods and our community.

This year, the awards ceremony will be held at a Mayor and Council Meeting in October. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Sept. 26. To nominate a Good Neighbor, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/city-manager/gnaward.htm.

Public Comment Sought on Heritage Area Management Plan

Rockville residents are invited to submit testimony on the City of Rockville Amendment to the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the plan into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, 111 Maryland Avenue.

The public hearing draft materials are available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan.

The Public Hearing

Draft of the City of Rockville Amendment to the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan; and, proposed language for the Comprehensive Plan to adopt the entire Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan by reference, have been sent to the Maryland State Clearinghouse for the required 60-day review.

Address written comments to: David Hill, Chair, City of Rockville Planning Commission, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, or Planning.Commission@rockvillemd.gov.

If you have any questions, contact Robin Ziek, project manager, at 240-314-8230, or email history@rockvillemd.gov.

Focus on Students

Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra to Hold Auditions - Student Musicians in Grades Four through Nine Sought

The Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra (RRYO) provides a unique opportunity for dedicated instrumental music students who want to improve their abilities to participate in a beginning youth orchestra program.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Sept. 27, for the 2012-2013 orchestra. To audition, a student must demonstrate proficiency on his/her instrument by playing musical scales, a solo selection (music of his/her choice)

and sight reading.

The orchestra consists of approximately 50-60 students in grades four through nine and is comprised of violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, trumpets, trombones, French horns, low brass and percussion.

If offered a seat in the orchestra, the member must pay a fee of \$150 for Rockville residents or \$185 for non-residents. Weekly rehearsals take place Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p. m. at the Social Hall of the F. Scott Fitzgerald

Theatre, Rockville Civic Center Park.

Members are also required to participate in concerts at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in January and June.

The audition fee is \$15. Call 240-314-8682 or email jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov to establish an audition date and time to fit your schedule.

For more information on the RRYO or audition expectations, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/rryo.htm.



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.

School of Rock(ville) Accepting Applications



School of Rock(ville) is a free, 4-day, student citizens awareness program sponsored by the City of Rockville. This program has been designed to teach students, grades 9-12, about Rockville's history, its government, and how to make a difference in your community.

Through dynamic interaction with staff, School of Rock(ville) will answer questions about City government and help develop the skills necessary to get involved in the community. School of Rock(ville) can

help students by:

- Learning about the foundations and principles of government.
- Demystifying local government
- Putting you in contact with the human side of public service
- Providing networking opportunities among students with similar interests, neighborhoods, and City officials and staff

School of Rock(ville) is open to any Rockville student in grades 9-12 who is curious about the dynamics of their community, likes hands-on

learning, and enjoys having fun. Class size is limited to 15 students, and participants must be able to attend the entire program in order to get a certification of completion from the City. Students must work out their schedules, and have permission of parents and school to attend. The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 15.

For more information email Rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8345, or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/neighborhoods to submit an application.



Get Into It

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