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Rockville Names Jeffrey J. Mihelich as Next City Manager

New Hire Brings 30 Years of Experience in City Leadership

Jeffrey J. Mihelich, a Montana resident with more than three decades of experience in city management, will be Rockville's next city manager, the Mayor and Council announced Monday, June 3.

The Mayor and Council unanimously voted to appoint Mihelich, who will start Monday, July 15.

Mihelich is an International City/County Management Association credentialed manager with more than 30 years of experience in all areas of city management and community planning, including 13 years of executive-level management working directly with elected officials.

He most recently served four years as city manager of Bozeman, Montana. He previously served as deputy city manager of Fort Collins, Colorado, for six years.

With Bozeman, Mihelich was responsible for various daily city operations and oversaw 537 employees and a \$500 million budget.

Mihelich's accomplishments included creating Bozeman's Inclusive City Initiative, which reviewed city policies, training and frameworks in specific areas of treatment of minority populations; leading the development of the city's first-ever diversity, equity and inclusion plan, Belonging In Bozeman; and developing a new \$2.5 million annual grant program to support local social service providers.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be Rockville's next city manager," Mihelich said. "The Mayor and Council have a clear and exciting vision for the city, and I am eager to work with staff to help make their vision a reality. I look forward to engaging and creating lasting partnerships with the community, civic and business leaders, and other stakeholders."

Mihelich also served as the assistant city manager of Surprise,



Jeffrey J. Mihelich
City Manager

Arizona, from 2008 to 2014, and assistant village manager of Algonquin, Illinois, from 1996 to 2008. He holds a

master's degree in urban and regional planning from Portland State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin.

"The Council and I are excited to announce Jeff Mihelich as Rockville's city manager," Mayor Monique Ashton said. "Jeff Mihelich's significant experience as a credentialed city manager who is focused on results, in addition to his collaborative

and adaptive leadership style, is exactly what we need to foster strong partnerships and drive meaningful change in Rockville. His experience in managing growth communi-

ties, supporting sustainability, improving quality of life for all residents and creating successful public-private partnerships will be crucial as we navigate our city's future opportunities and challenges. Jeff's leadership will help us build a more connected and resilient community, and our entire Council is excited to work with him to continue to make Rockville the best place to live, work and play."

Mihelich was selected from four finalists after a nationwide search conducted by Raftelis. The City of Rockville operates under a council-manager form of government. The city manager is responsible to the Mayor and the Council for the day-to-day management of city operations. The city manager prepares a budget; recruits, hires and supervises staff; serves as the Mayor and Council's chief administrative officer; implements Mayor and Council policies; and provides professional recommendations. ❖

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Find Fireworks on the Fourth at Rockville's Independence Day Festivities in King Farm

A Rockville tradition, the city's annual Independence Day celebration, returns to King Farm on Thursday, July 4 with music, fireworks and fun.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration will once again be held at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm, which offers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of the fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration includes live music by Uncle Jesse Band at 7 p.m., the national anthem, performed by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company at 8:50 p.m., and a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, prepared food and beverage. Outside alcohol and barbecuing is prohibited.

There is no rain date. The entertainment and fireworks can be viewed from the park grounds.

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Parking will be available in lots on Shady Grove and Gaither roads and Piccard Drive, near the park. Accessible parking is available in the lot at the corner of Shady Grove and Gaither roads. Display an accessible parking pass when entering the event site. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

To prepare for the celebration, there will be no access to pickleball, basketball or tennis courts, dog park, football field, and parking lots at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park from 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 3 through noon Friday, July 5. All closures are subject to change.

For more parking and general information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314- 8620. ❖

Building a Better Recreation Pool

Outdoor Rec Pool to Close Aug. 16 for Renovations

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor recreation pool will close on Friday, Aug. 16, to allow a comprehensive renovation and reconfiguration to begin.

These will include improvements to accessibility, and modernized amenities and infrastructure that will provide new recreational features and pools for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

Construction is expected to last through May 2025. To accommodate renovation construction, other areas of the complex, including the outdoor fitness pool, indoor pools and fitness room are planned to remain open throughout the construction.

Plan ahead for your visit. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rsfc renovations for updates and check the swim and fitness center's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for hours and fees.

Sign up for the facility's email newsletter at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcentralerts. ❖

July Fourth in Rockville

City government will be closed Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.

The following city facilities will be closed: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers; the Rockville Senior Center; Croydon Creek Nature Center and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office; Glenview Mansion and the Rockville Civic Center business office.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will close at 6 p.m. Find summer hours for individual swim center facilities at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter. The Rockville Skate Park will be open.

Recycling and trash collections will occur as scheduled Monday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 3. Thursday collections will occur on Friday, July 5. For more information on recycling and trash collection, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters on July 4.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000.

Rockville's Independence Day Celebration, featuring fireworks, will be held 7-10 p.m. Thursday, July 4 at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, in King Farm. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday and in the article on this page. ❖

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New Public Record Request System to Enhance City Transparency and Customer Service

A new web-based platform that automates public records requests is enhancing Rockville's ability to respond to the public efficiently and effectively.

The public has a legal right to access records the city creates in the transaction of public business, unless the record is protected by law.

The JustFOIA system, launched in June at www.rockvillemd.gov/mpia, automates much of the processing of requests for information according to the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA). The system is also being used to process requests for the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) records that do not require processing under the MPIA. The platform allows users to track the status of requests, search city records archives using keywords and view a fee invoice, among other features. It replaces fillable forms for MPIA and RCPD records requests on the city's website and offers unlimited storage for records. Large files that are not easily emailed can now be shared by city staff simply by uploading them to JustFOIA where the requester can access them directly.

The platform is in use in other nearby municipalities, including the City of Gaithersburg. Customers report that administrative time spent on most requests decreased by about 80% when using the system.

The new tool is one way Rockville is promoting transparency and trust in government, a vital aspect of a high-functioning democracy.

New Webpage Will Help You Navigate Code Enforcement

The city has launched a new community enhancement code enforcement webpage.

This new resource provides comprehensive information on maintaining property standards, addressing common violations and ensuring neighborhood aesthetics, including how to report a code violation. The webpage also offers guidelines for preventing overcrowded dwellings and maintaining safe, visually appealing communities.

Residents can find details on exterior property upkeep, junk vehicle regulations, proper waste disposal and more. Rockville's Code Enforcement Division helps maintain the appearance of neighborhoods through its Community Enhancement Program. The division includes community enhancement code inspectors who conduct curbside inspections and respond to residents' concerns. Inspectors seek to educate residents about the city's various codes and ordinances, and work with residents to resolve code violations.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/codeenforcement or contact the Code Enforcement Division at 240-314-8330.

Celebrate the Fourth Safely

The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate. But leave the fireworks to the professionals.

The private use and possession of fireworks, including sparklers, is illegal in Montgomery County and carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail. Public fireworks displays require proper permits and insurance.

Fireworks were involved in an estimated 10,200 injuries in 2022 in the United States, according to a study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Of those, 73% took place in the month surrounding the July Fourth holiday.

Find the CPSC study and tips for firework safety at www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks.

Learn more about fireworks in Montgomery County at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/tips/citizens/fireworks.html.

To report illegal fireworks, call the Rockville City Police Department's non-emergency line at 240-314-8900.

Public Welcome to Review Town Center Master Plan Update

Members of the public are invited to review and provide feedback on the recently released draft of the updated Town Center Master Plan.

A formal review and approval process for the plan will begin this summer. The Planning Commission was scheduled to introduce the plan on Wednesday, June 26, and will hold a public hearing on the draft plan on Wednesday, July 10.

Following Planning Commission work sessions, the plan will be sent to the Mayor and Council for their review and adoption, potentially by fall.

The overarching goal of the master plan update is to strengthen Town Center by creating a cohesive vision for the planning area, one that meets the city's goals and provides a clear path for implementation.

Rockville Town Center comprises about 200 acres of the city, generally bounded by properties along Fleet Street to the south, South and North Washington streets along the west, and the railroad tracks to the east.

A new master plan is an opportunity to align Town Center with citywide goals for affordable housing, climate action, bicycle and pedestrian safety, racial equity and social justice, and more.

View the draft, provide feedback and learn about upcoming public meetings on the Town Center project page at EngageRockville.com/towncenter.

Improve Your Neighborhood: Propose a Project

The 2025 fiscal year has just arrived, but Rockville is already seeking input from community members about neighborhood improvement projects to be considered during the next budget season.

The city's Capital Improvements Program lays out how Rockville plans to invest, over a five-year period, in projects such as parks, roads, buildings and other infrastructure. As Rockville begins preparations for the budget process for Fiscal Year 2026, which begins July 1, 2025, residents are encouraged to tell the city about the condition of streets and parks and help plan new facilities or infrastructure upgrades to meet community needs.

To tell the city what capital projects are needed in your neighborhood, complete and submit the form at www.rockvillemd.gov/Propose-a-Project by Friday, Sept. 13.

Proposals cannot serve a private purpose or be located on private property and should have an equal, accessible benefit to all community members. If submitted on behalf of a neighborhood group, the proposal should be discussed and agreed on by the neighborhood group before submission. Neighborhood groups can provide the Mayor and Council with formal input about a project submission at any time during the budget process via a letter, email or online budget survey, or by addressing the Mayor and Council at a budget public hearing.

A summary of all proposals submitted will be provided to the Mayor and Council, the city manager and applicable city department staff, and will be included as part of the public record, beginning with the first budget public hearing in the fall. Learn more about the city's budget process at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

For more information about CIP proposal submissions, contact Hjarman Cordero at hcordero@rockvillemd.gov.

BEAT THE HEAT: Extreme Heat

Heat-related deaths are preventable

WHAT: Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

WHO: Children, Older adults, Outside workers, People with disabilities

WHERE: Houses with little to no AC, Construction work sites, Cars

HOW TO AVOID: Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages, Stay cool in an air conditioned area, Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes

During extreme heat the temperature in your car could be deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°

Inside 109° Time Elapsed: 20 minutes

Inside 118° Time Elapsed: 40 minutes

Inside 123° Time Elapsed: 60 minutes

HEAT ALERTS: Know the difference.

HEAT OUTLOOK: Minor Excessive heat event in 3 to 7 days

HEAT WATCHES: Excessive heat event in 12 to 48 hours

HEAT WARNING/ADVISORY: Excessive heat event in next 36 hours

DID YOU KNOW?

Those living in urban areas may be at a greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas.

Sunburn can significantly slow the skin's ability to release excess heat.

Most heat-related illnesses occur because of overexposure to heat or over-exercising.

During 1999-2009, an average of 658 people died each year from heat in the United States.

\$30 BILLION estimated total cost of the 2012 US drought and heatwave.

For more information on ways to beat the heat please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response



DESERVEDLY DECORATED ... The 35th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards, held June 5 at Lakewood Country Club, honored Rockville City Police Department officers, including (L to R): Cpl. Renae McEvoy (Distinguished Service Citation), Cpl. Jessica Rogers (Lifesaving Award), Cpl. Brandon Thomas (Distinguished Service Citation), Cpl. Phil Lew (Distinguished Service Citation) and Sgt. Javier Baquero (Distinguished Service Citation). Non-pictured members of the RCPD receiving awards were Officer Nathan McKinnon (Distinguished Service Citation) and mental health specialist Beth Loftus (Unsung Hero Award). Rockville II takes you to the awards at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Public Safety Awards."

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Mayor and Council Approve Budget to Maintain Services and Sustain Progress

A \$168.3 million city budget adopted by the Mayor and Council in May maintains city services and emphasizes priorities and focus areas for the year ahead.

The adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which begins July 1, is an increase of 7.1% over the Fiscal Year 2024 adopted budget. It keeps the city's real property tax rate at \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax. Rockville has not increased the property tax rate since 1995.

A recent study resulted in the Mayor and Council adopting a set of water and sewer rates for FY 2025-2027. The water usage charge per 1,000 gallons, which assumes average use of 14,000 gallons per quarter, will be \$7.96 in FY 2025, up from \$7.44. The sewer usage charge per 1,000 gallons will be \$11.06, up from \$10.90. The budget also includes an increase of \$32 per year for recycling and trash collection and a \$6 increase in the annual stormwater management fee, to \$152 for a single-family residence or customer of equivalent size.

The Capital Improvements Program includes new appropriations of \$34.5 million to support 48 projects, including Americans

with Disability Act improvements to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, ongoing conversion to LED streetlights, improvements to David Scull Park and Lincoln Park Community Center, renovation of the Maintenance and Emergency Operations Facility at 6 Taft Court, and implementation of the RedGate Park and Arboretum master plan. The Mayor and Council also funded items related to the city's Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan.

The operating budget includes the addition of six police officers, a pilot enforcement assistance program to help residents facing hardship bring their property into code compliance, a program access supervisor to aid people with disabilities in accessing city recreation and park programs, a senior transportation engineer, a building plans examiner, and a \$1.4 million allocation to Rockville Economic Development, Inc. that includes support for business incentive funds and a branding project to enhance Rockville's appeal to the life sciences business sector.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget, where the adopted budget will be posted in July. ✚

Mayor and Council's Adoption of Guiding Principles Steer Budget Decisions

The Mayor and Council emerged from discussions this spring with guiding principles that informed the development and adoption of the city's Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

The budget for FY 2025, which begins July 1, outlines planned spending on city programs, services, infrastructure and administration. It reflects Mayor and Council priorities and sets a course for city government, including the daily work of city departments.

The FY25 budget outlines five guiding principles the Mayor and Council agreed to during priority discussions between March and May.

They include three focus areas: public safety, economic development and housing. These focus areas "represent opportunities to make positive change in specific arenas that the Mayor and Council care deeply about and where the city has considerable leverage to make an impact and produce improved outcomes for our residents, businesses, and visitors," states the "Guiding Principles and Priorities for FY 2025" section of the budget document.

The two other guiding principles, called "core quality of life commitments," are effective and efficient service delivery and stewardship of the environment and infrastructure.

"The two Core Commitments broadly represent the most vital work of the city that directly contributes to Rockville being an outstanding place to live, work, play, and thrive," the budget states. "They reflect the ongoing provision of excellent municipal services and programs, responsibility for the resources entrusted to the city, and the resulting shared quality of life that is valued and expected by the community."

City staff will continue to review the guiding principles each year, incorporating them throughout the budget document by listing the applicable principle with each operating budget goal and capital project description. "In both cases, the reader can connect the high-level vision of the Mayor and Council to day-to-day activities of the departments," the budget states.

Find FY25 budget details in the article on this page and at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. ✚



MAYOR FOR A DAY, THE ROCKVILLE WAY ... Rockville welcomed Callie Walker, winner of the "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest, in May. Walker, a fourth-grader at St. Mary's School, was interviewed by Rockville 11 and visited the Rockville City Police Department, the Department of Public Works Equipment Show, and Croydon Creek Nature Center, and had lunch with Mayor Monique Ashton. She was also recognized at the May 20 Mayor and Council meeting, where she read her winning essay. Learn more at RockvilleReports.com/st-marys-school-fourth-grader-to-be-rockvilles-mayor-for-a-day. Find video of Callie's day as mayor at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Mayor for a Day."

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS. The public is welcome to participate in person or virtually, until further notice.

Meetings Schedule: Mondays, July 8 at 6 p.m. and July 29 and Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details. The July 8 meeting will be preceded by a drop-in session by telephone with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Kate Fulton, from 5-5:45 p.m.

Share comments live during community forum. Sign up by calling the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations at 240-314-8280 by 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. All comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor and Council at the meeting and added to the agenda for public viewing on the website.

If you wish to submit comments in writing, please email mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by 10 a.m. on the day of a community forum or public hearing.

Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, live-streamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

Get Involved with the City

- **Send an email** to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to Mayor and Council, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** Find ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

See times and dates, and ways to participate on the city's online calendar: www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.

- **July 10 and 24; Aug. 14 and 28** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.)

Vacancies

- Community Policing Advisory Board (5; 1 student rep.)
- Cultural Arts Comm. (1)
- Education Comm. (1 youth rep.)
- Environment Comm. (1)
- Ethics Comm. (1)
- Human Rights Comm. (2)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Comm. (3)
- Planning Comm. (2)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (2)
- Transportation and Mobility Comm. (1)

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.

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City Hall: **240-314-5000**

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24-Hour Utility Emergency Report Hotline: **240-314-8567**

STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

No Weed and Feed? No Problem! Pesticide Prohibition Doesn't Mean Lifeless Lawns

Montgomery County's pesticide law barring the use of most nonorganic pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas and childcare facilities also applies in the City of Rockville.

Organic lawn care is healthier for children, pets and the environment. And it doesn't mean your lawn has to be any less healthy or green.

Here are some simple things to do to make a successful switch to an organic lawn:

- **Take a soil test.** Tests cost \$10-18 and will help you plan for what your lawn needs for good soil health.
- **Feed your soil (not with fertilizers).** Core aerate the lawn if the soil is compacted, and feed the soil with compost, earthworm castings, compost tea or other natural materials to boost soil microorganisms.
- **Mow smart.** Set your mower blade to cut higher than 4 inches and sharpen your blades after every 12 hours of use. Leaving the lawn longer is healthier for the grass, helps to reduce weeds and does not mean you'll cut the grass any more often. Rather than bagging lawn clippings, just leave them to fertilize your lawn.
- **Use your hands, not herbicides.** Pull a few weeds a day, or for an hour or two of healthy exercise each week. Leave some clover to help provide nitrogen to the soil, and tolerate a few dandelions, violets or other flowering plants that are good for pollinators and wildlife. Avoid quick or frequent watering sessions, which encourages weeds to grow. Water deeply, and infrequently, to promote healthy grass root growth.
- **Overseed and fight weeds.** The denser your grass, the harder it is for weeds to become established. Check with a local landscape supplier or company that mixes certified seed blends for our region to get the best grass for your lawn. Fall is best for broad overseeding, but you can repair bare or thin patches of lawn in spring and summer.



The Mayor and Council and members of the city's Environment Commission presented Environmental Excellence Awards to Terry Pinkston (holding plaque at left), Westmore Commercial Condominium Association, Inc. (represented by Gary Deol, holding plaque at center) and Jyoti Bisbey (holding plaque, right), during the May 20 Mayor and Council meeting.

Rockville Honors Community for Environmental Excellence

The Mayor and Council and the city's Environment Commission honored two community members and a condominium association in May with Environmental Excellence Awards recognizing contributions to Rockville's environmental health and sustainability.

Terry Pinkston received the Carl Henn Environmental Excellence Award for Outstanding Individual Environmental Stewardship for planting wildlife habitat at home and at a hospice center, and teaching others the importance of native gardens.

Jyoti Bisbey received the Carl Henn Environmental Excellence Award for Outstanding Individual Environmental Stewardship for serving as a community role model by removing litter from our ponds and creeks.

Westmore Commercial Condominium Association, Inc. for Outstanding Leadership in Environmental Practices for inspiring and supporting its auto service members' efforts to clean up and remove trash and debris, preventing pollution to waterways.

Find more informa-

tion and video of the awards presentation, with the May 20 Mayor and Council meeting listing at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter or search "Environmental Excellence" at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville).

Do you know someone deserving of recognition for their environmental efforts? Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/awards for award categories and guidelines, nomination forms and eligibility. ✚



New Flooding Protection Guide Now Available

Rockville's flooding guide, "Go With the Flow: A Homeowner's Guide to Responsible Stormwater Solutions" is now available at www.rockvillemd.gov/flooding.

The guide features information about reducing flooding impacts to your home and neighborhood and is available in English, Spanish and Simplified Chinese. It provides helpful tips if you are experiencing flooding problems or thinking about adding impervious surface area to your property, such as constructing or expanding a driveway, patio or home addition.

Each section provides steps for identifying the source and severity of flooding, potential solutions, and a contractor to confirm and execute the right solution for your property, as well as how to apply for rebates to offset flood mitigation project costs. ✚

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- ✓ Medical Equipment Loans



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New Online Resource Highlights Climate-Friendly Energy Incentives

A new online resource from the city's Environmental Management Division features incentive programs to help community members play their part in Rockville reaching its Climate Action Plan goals.

The resource, at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate/incentives, highlights the variety of energy, solar, electric vehicle and flood protection incentive programs available from the City of Rockville, Montgomery County, the state

of Maryland, the federal government, Pepco and community organizations.

The webpage highlights how to help protect the environment and your wallet when taking on your next home project with links to

the Montgomery Energy Connection, Capital Area Solar Switch, Electrify MC, the city's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, tax credits and discounts for electric vehicles and chargers, RainScapes Rebates, energy and solar for low- and moderate-income homes, the Montgomery County Green Bank, and federal Inflation Reduction Act tax credits, as well as upcoming rebates from the state for electric appliance and home energy efficiency and from the county for electric leaf blowers.

The Climate Action Plan, adopted by the Mayor and Council in January 2022, sets goals of equitably reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change and improving community resilience to extreme weather. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate. ✚

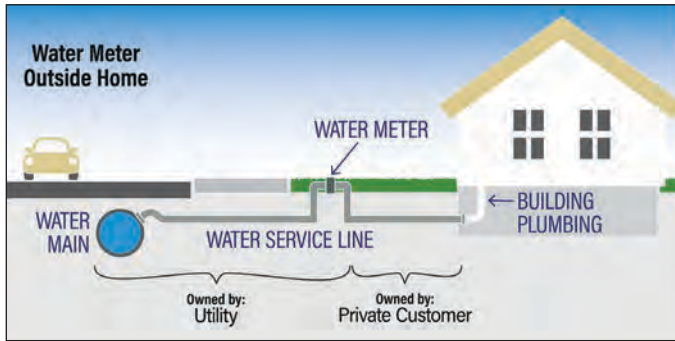


ROCKVILLE CELEBRATES FREEDOM AT THE ROCK ... Rockville community members, the Mayor and Council and city staff joined Montgomery County for a Juneteenth celebration on June 15 at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown. The celebration, with the theme of "Forever Unshackled," featured music and performances, film screenings, food and an artisans market. Rockville 11 takes you there at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville). Search "Juneteenth."



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofrockville): Revisit Memorial Day and the eighth annual Pride festival; see the big machines of Rockville Equipment Show; and find out all about the ABCs of how your city handles historic preservation.





Rockville is coordinating with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water) to ensure all residents have safe water. WSSC Water provides additional information to their customers at wsscwater.com/lead.

Help Us Help You: The City Seeks Public Input for Inventory of Water Service Lines

A map posted to Rockville's website in June will enable residents to help the city identify materials used in the water service lines throughout the city, as required by recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule changes.

records to determine the service line material for many customers whose water is supplied by the City of Rockville. However, many addresses remain where the service line material is yet unknown. The city may ask property owners for their



Shiny or dull brown or greenish: You have a copper service line.



Smooth and red, blue, black, or white: You have a plastic service line.



Grey or silver, and a magnet sticks to it: You have a galvanized steel service line.



Grey or silver and shiny when scratched and a magnet does not stick to it: You have a lead service line.

The Lead and Copper Rule Revisions require that all water service providers, including the City of Rockville, prepare an inventory of materials used in water service line pipes on both public and private property. As part of creating that inventory, a service line inventory map is now available at www.rockvillemd.gov/LCRR. The map allows users to review information the city has on file regarding the material used in service lines on public and private property.

City staff has reviewed

assistance in inspecting and determining the material used in private service lines. Rockville will conduct a survey later this year with steps customers can take to determine the material of their service line and report the material to the city.

Water service lines are small pipes that carry water from water mains into homes and other buildings. The City of Rockville owns part of the service line, from the main to the meter. Customers own the other part, from the meter to the building. ✚

Rockville's Drinking Water Remains Safe and Reliable Amid City System Enhancements

Rockville's water once again met or exceeded all federal water quality regulations limits, the city's Department of Public Works said in the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report released July 1.

The city's water treatment plant, on the banks of the Potomac River, serves 70% of Rockville, or approximately 13,000 accounts and 52,000 community members. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission serves the remainder of the city.

Plant operators actively monitor water quality to ensure protective levels of chlorine and corrosion control, which prevents lead and copper in distribution pipes from leaching into drinking water. The plant incurred one monitoring violation in 2023. Due to a clerical error, the plant did not monitor or test for Phase II/V Synthetic Organic Contaminants for the third quarter (July 1-Sept. 30). This was not an emergency and did not require customers to take any action. More information is available in the report.

A plant upgrade project that began in 2021 is nearing completion. The project replaced aged electrical equipment, components

that provide primary power to the plant and workspaces dating to the plant's opening in 1958, as well as the main building's roof and HVAC system. Upcoming projects include network security improvements and a chemical feed project to replace chlorine gas with sodium hypochlorite (liquid chlorine).

"These improvement projects will enhance system reliability and community safety and provide safer workspaces for employees," Craig L. Simoneau, the city's director of public works, said in a letter introducing the report.

As part of recent Lead and Copper Rule Revisions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rockville is preparing to inventory all water service line materials on public and private property. The city will prepare a lead service line replacement plan and review corrosion control treatments based on rule revisions. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/LCRR.

To learn more about the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/waterquality. ✚

Connect with us on Social Media.



A SPOTLIGHT ON PROTECTING HISTORY ... A monthlong national celebration of the benefits of protecting historic buildings and structures concluded in May with the Rockville Historic District Commission's seminar, "ABCs of Historic Preservation." The hybrid event, which gave members of the community an overview of historic preservation practices in Rockville, is now available to watch on Rockville 11's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search for "ABCs."



Go Around the World in a Day at the Senior Center

More than 20 countries will be represented through the Rockville Senior Center's diverse membership in August.

For International Day, 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, celebrate Rockville's local cultures with food, music and dance.

Seniors who are interested in showcasing their culture through dance, music or photographs can contact Alexis D'Angelo Swope at 240-314-8800.

Register with course #31287 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. Tickets cost \$5 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. The senior center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive.

Peerless Presents: The Montgomery County Poor Farm and Rockville Images

Peerless Rockville in July presents the history of a home for people with disabilities and celebrates a half-century with a look at Rockville history through 50 photographs.

The Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series presents "The Montgomery County Poor Farm: Its History and Its People" at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11 at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Join historian Julianne Mangin and Katherine Rogers, Peerless collections manager, for an illustrated, in-person presentation. For nearly 160 years, the Almshouse at the Montgomery County Poor Farm was the last resort for poor people who were unable to take care of themselves due to physical, mental and developmental disabilities. A look at their stories, including how they lived and died, sheds light on conditions there. Despite the oversight of county officials and the efforts of reformers, the Almshouse was a place where the poor were neglected, abused and exposed to unsafe conditions until it closed in 1948. Register at www.peerlessrockville.org or using course #32186 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. The presentation is free.

As Peerless Rockville celebrates its 50th anniversary, join Ralph Buglass, author of "Images of America: Rockville," for "Rockville's History in 50 Images," a presentation at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 20 at the Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square. The free, illustrated presentation will cover 50 vintage photographs documenting key events and developments from Rockville's establishment as a Colonial crossroads community through its present-day status as a vibrant, diverse municipality and seat of county government. Register at www.peerlessrockville.org.



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING? Not only does July recognize American independence (see page 1 for celebration details), it marks National Parks and Recreation Month (so enjoy one of Rockville's 67 parks and numerous summer programs). If eating out is your thing — say while you're in a Rockville park — July also celebrates baked beans, hot dogs, grilling, ice cream and ... picnics! August is devoted to dogs, Black business, wellness, immunization and crayons.





Beating Feet (and the Heat) On City Streets

Runners took to the streets of Rockville Town Center on June 15 as the Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville presented the Suds & Soles 5K. This year's race featured 1,004 5K finishers out of 1,196 registrants and 50 participants in a kids fun run. Racers were supported by 175 volunteers. Find more photos and full race results at www.mccrrcsudsandsoles.org. Credit: D. Reichmann.



Rockville Shows Its Pride

The city celebrated its LGBTQ community with music, information and conversations, and art at Rockville Pride on June 2 at Rockville Town Square. Learn more about Pride at www.rockvillemd.gov/pride. Rockville II takes you to the celebration at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Pride."



Pride In Our City's Culture

Rockville celebrated the intersection of Juneteenth and Pride with a conversation exploring the intersection of the LGBTQIA+ and Black communities on June 20 at Rockville Memorial Library. The discussion featured Andre Bradley and representatives of local nonprofit SMYAL and the city's Human Rights Commission. A Black LGBTQ author and Rockville resident, Bradley's debut novel "Trailer Park Prince" was published in June by Tiny Ghost Press. Rockville II takes you to the conversation at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Conversations with Pride."



Global Bites Equals Cultural Delights

Rockville is celebrating culinary paradise until Saturday, July 6 through Explore Rockville's Global Bites Fest. The 15-day food festival kicked off June 22 in Rockville Town Square with a one-day, in-person event. Global Bites promotes the city's diverse cultural mix of restaurants. Explore Rockville is a program of Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Learn more at explorerockville.org/global-bites-fest or see a preview on Rockville II's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Global Bites."

Health and Wellness Coming Up in July-August at the Senior Center

Stay healthy, informed and entertained with seminars and events from the Rockville Senior Center in July and August.

Register with the course number at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. Learn about 60-plus programs, courses, activities and services at www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or by calling 240-314-8800. For more information, see the "Adults 60+" recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/life.

Aphasia Support Group

Helping stroke survivors with aphasia overcome social isolation through guided communication activities, such as board games, arts, crafts and music in a supportive environment.

Register with course #32593. Wednesdays, July 10, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Better Breather's Club

Meets monthly, with presentations on relevant topics and shared tips for respiratory issues.

Register with course #32526. Thursday, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

Hearing Loss and Cognitive Functions

Dr. Rose Buchbinder discusses the importance of hearing tests and the psychosocial impacts of hearing loss. She will cover the latest research and whether hearing aids have the potential to enhance the overall cognitive health of those affected by hearing loss.

Register with course #32575. Wednesday, July 24, 1-2 p.m. Free. Hybrid.

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

Dr. Mona Kaleem, an ophthalmologist from the Wilmer Eye Institute, will discuss glaucoma and its effect on eye health. She will detail diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

Register with course #32540. Friday, July 26, 1-2 p.m. Free. Online.

Stress Reduction/ Meditation

Offers the tools to focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being, with time for meditation and discussion. Betty Figliure has taught meditation, guided imagery and stress reduction classes for more than 30 years.

Register with course #32527. Mondays, July 8-Aug. 26, 1-2 p.m. \$24 members/\$34 nonmembers. Hybrid.

The Benefits of Good Posture: Body Mechanics and Ergonomics

Explore the advantages of maintaining good posture and body mechanics. Discover how proper alignment can improve health, boost confidence and enhance your overall well-being with practical tips and exercises. Presented by CAM Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation.

Register with course #32562. Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1-2 p.m. Free. Hybrid.

We Need to Talk

How to have a conversation about transitioning from driving. AARP representatives will discuss the meaning of driving, how to have the discussion (and who should initiate it), and the economics of driving and alternatives.

Register with course #32592. Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Hybrid.

A Clinical Perspective on Swallowing Wellness

Ianessa Humbert, an expert in swallowing and swallowing disorders, will review how swallowing impairments happen, who they happen to, impacts on quality of life and how to live with or solve a swallowing problem.

Register with course #33134. Thursday, Aug. 29, 1-2 p.m. Free. Online. 🍀

July and August In the Arts

Rockville Concert Band presents "Summer Evening of Pops." 7 p.m. Sunday, July 7

Bring a lawn chair to Rockville Town Square Plaza and enjoy a free outdoor concert. In the case of inclement weather, call 240-314-8681 after 5 p.m. to inquire about cancellation status.

The following are coming to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Rockville Musical Theatre presents "Disney's The Little Mermaid." 7:30 p.m. July 5, 6, 12 and 13; 2 p.m. July 7 and 14.

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above, bargaining with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's "The Little Mermaid" is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages.

Tickets cost \$26; \$23 for students and seniors.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Ariel for information and tickets.

Rockville Civic Ballet Presents "Satie Suite" and "The Odyssey" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21

Two original Rockville City Ballet works in celebration of 50 years of innovation, directed by Eleanor Simpson and Erin Kwong.

Tickets cost \$17; \$13 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older. For more information, visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheOdyssey.

Tom's Elton Tribute. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The world's No. 1 Elton John tribute band will play all the hits by Elton John, including "Bennie and the Jets," "Tiny Dancer," "Rocket Man," "Candle in The Wind," "Don't Let the Sun

Go Down on Me," "I'm Still Standing," "Crocodile Rock" and "Your Song." They will also perform classic album tracks.

Tier 1 tickets cost \$35 and \$20 for children. Tier 2 tickets cost \$30 and \$15 for children. For more information, visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Elton.

Sahara Dance presents "Summer Caravan & Bellydance Evolution: The Jungle Book." 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

Sahara Dance, D.C.'s center for Middle Eastern dance, presents its annual Summer Caravan show combined with Bellydance Evolution's "The Jungle Book," a theatrical belly dance production.

The production is created and directed by the renowned artist and choreographer Jillina Carlano.

Tier 1 tickets cost \$50; \$45 for seniors; and \$40 for children. Tier 2 tickets cost \$35; \$30 for seniors and \$25 for children. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/SaharaDance for tickets.

Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein." 8 p.m. Aug. 30 and 31; 2 p.m. Sept. 1.

In the fictional duchy of Gerolstein, a young and spirited grand duchess has a keen interest in military matters. She whimsically appoints the handsome but inexperienced soldier, Fritz, as the new general of her army. Despite her infatuation with Fritz, he is already in love with the charming Wanda. The grand duchess's romantic advances lead to a series of comedic misunderstandings and political machinations.

Presented in semi-staged concert format with full orchestra.

Tickets cost \$28; \$26 for seniors 65 and older; and \$24 for students. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Duchess for more information and to buy tickets. 🍀

Join Rockville's Youth Mentoring Program and Empower Kids Through Education and Sports

ROCK-KIDZ: Dedicate just one hour a week to mentoring elementary school students, boosting their grades and self-esteem.

Sports Mentors: Coach, mentor, guide and inspire young athletes to greatness.

Make an impact. Become a youth mentor today!

Questions? Contact C.J. Rucker at crucker@rockvillemd.gov.

To apply, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/2075/Mentoring.

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DID YOU KNOW? ... Rockville has six resident companies that call F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre home: Rockville Civic Ballet; Rockville Chorus; Rockville Concert Band; Rockville Little Theatre; Rockville Musical Theatre; and Victorian Lyric Opera Company. Be sure to catch one of their performances this season. Go to www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre to see a complete schedule or order your tickets from the box office at 240-314-8690. See the performances article above.

JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

FACILITIES LEGEND:

- CC** Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.
LP Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

- CH** Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.
SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.

- V** Virtual Program/Offering
H Hybrid: Offering both Virtual and In Person
F Facebook Live Event



JULY 6, 13, 20, 27
AUG. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



JULY 17



AUG. 1



AUG. 14

JULY: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **TUESDAY EVENING RIDE WITH THE ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Bicycle rides in July will meet at Westat Parking Lot (1600 Research Blvd.). *See article on page 8.* 6:30 p.m.

3 **V** **ASK AN EV (ELECTRIC VEHICLE) OWNER** Are you shopping for an EV? Do you have questions about your new EV? Or are you just curious about EVs? If you answer “yes,” then join EVADC for its online Ask An EV Owner event. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visit evadc.wildapricot.org/ask.

4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** *See article on page 1.* 7-10 p.m. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park.

5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 **ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE: “DISNEY’S THE LITTLE MERMAID”** *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

6, 13, 20, 27 **ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET** Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

7 **ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND: “SUMMER EVENING OF POPS”** *See article on page 6.* 7 p.m. Rockville Town Square Plaza, 131 Gibbs St.

9 **SCIENCE TUESDAYS** Presentations and conversations with a scientist on the second Tuesday of the month, each focusing on a different topic. No scientific background is required, just curiosity. Co-sponsored by Rockville Science Center. Register with course #32167. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

10 **H** **SEE ME** A special event for adults living with dementia and their care partners, held in collaboration with Access Smithsonian. Explore and discuss items from the Smithsonian Institution’s collection. This event is free, but space is limited so registration with course #32180 is required. Free. 10:30 a.m.-noon. **SR**

11 **MEDICARE FRAUD AND ABUSE** Discover how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse in this free seminar from the Montgomery County State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers. Register with course #32185. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

11 **BALLROOM DANCE PARTY** A partner-free ballroom dancing class featuring genres from pop, rock, musicals, Latin, and more. Dance the hustle, jive, swing, salsa, quickstep and others. Register with course #31931. \$7 M/\$10 NM. 1:30-3 p.m. **SR**

11 **GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: “THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY POOR FARM: ITS HISTORY AND ITS PEOPLE”** *See article on page 5.* Free. 7 p.m. **GM**

14 **PEACE DAY IN THE PARK** *See article on page 4.* 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

16 **CARNATION PLAYERS ICE CREAM SOCIAL** What antics are the Carnation Players, the one and only theatrical senior performing group at the Rockville Senior Center, getting into this time? Head to this ice cream social and find out. Register with course #32159. Free for members/\$5 NM. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

17 **FLOWER ARRANGING** Learn about basic floral design during a fun-filled hour hosted by Flowered. Make and take a small mason jar of beautifully arranged locally grown flowers, foraged greenery and store-bought flowers. All materials provided. Register with course #31778. \$30 M/\$40 NM. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

17 **SENIOR SCIENTISTS PROGRAM** Designed to engage and empower seniors by involving them in research activities, and providing educational and interactive experiences tailored to their interests and capabilities. This program aims to foster seniors’ curiosity, enhance their cognitive well-being, and encourage active participation in the world of research. Register with course #32594. Free. 1:30-3 p.m. **SR**

17 **TRAVEL TRAINING** What transportation options are available in Montgomery County? A mobility specialist from Connect-A-Ride provides an overview of public and private programs, and volunteer organizations for those who need wheelchair-accessible transport, escorted transportation and more. Register with course #32172. Free. 9 a.m.-noon. **SR**

18 **BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT** Enjoy an entertaining, fun, and social morning. The tournament is open to all senior center members. Tournament participants must register with course #32534. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

20 **“ROCKVILLE’S HISTORY IN 50 IMAGES”** *See article on page 6.* Free. 3 p.m. Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square.

20, 21 **ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET: “SATIE SUITE” AND “THE ODYSSEY”** *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

24 **HEARING LOSS AND COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS** *See article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. **SR**

25 **CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK MOBILE MARKET** Free fresh produce for anyone. No income requirement. 2-4 p.m. **SR**

26 **V** **KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE** *See article on page 6.* Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

29 **MEET THE NEW CITY MANAGER** Reception before Mayor and Council meeting. *See article on page 1.* 5-6:30 p.m. **GM**

30 **FRIENDS AT FIRST SIGHT** Get to know fellow members you may or may not have met yet in this fast-paced event. Engaging games and giveaways, and light refreshments. Register with course #32561. \$5. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

31 **MOVIES IN THE PARKS: “THE EMPEROR’S NEW GROOVE”** *See article on page 8.* Falls Grove Park, 700 Falls Grove Drive. 8-10 p.m. Free.

AUGUST: 1 **TODDLER STORYTIME** Seniors read to toddlers, ages 2-5 from children’s books provided by the Rockville Senior Center. A simple craft planned by staff will follow. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Register with course #31835. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

1 **BIG OR SMALL, FIRE SAFETY IS FOR ALL** Learn how to prevent home fires, escape in two minutes and recover afterward. Register with course #32532. Free. 1-2 p.m.

1 **SHAPES IN NATURE** From the spiral of a snail shell to the arc of a rainbow to a cube of quartz, nature is full of beautiful and surprising shapes. Join staff from Croydon Creek Nature Center to discover fascinating secrets behind some of these shapes and create beautiful sun print artwork with outdoor objects to take home. Register with course #31843. \$10 M/\$12 NM. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

2 **SENIOR PLANET — INSTAGRAM BASICS** Explore how to create, edit and share Instagram posts and stories, and how to manage your audience. Register with course #32183. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET** Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

6 **FITNESS WORKSHOP — BASIC SELF-DEFENSE** Become aware of your surroundings and focus on your safety. Protect yourself by learning a few techniques to defend yourself and disable an assailant if necessary. Improve your muscle strength and balance through specific self-defense movements and develop increased self-confidence. Instructor: Paula Ohlandt. Register with course #32563. \$15. 1-2:15 p.m. **SR**

6 **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** *See article on page 8.*

7 **FOILING FRAUD: FOR YOU AND OTHERS** Tools to detect fraud and what to watch for, why fraud is organized crime, how to combat the psychological tricks used by cybercriminals, and best practices and reputable resources. Hybrid. Register with course #32181. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

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7 **MOVIES IN THE PARKS: “THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE”** *See article on page 8.* Montrose Park, 451 Congressional Lane. 8-10 p.m. Free.

13 **SCIENCE TUESDAYS** Presentations and conversations with a scientist on the second Tuesday of the month, each focusing on a different topic. No scientific background is required, just curiosity. Co-sponsored by Rockville Science Center. Register with course #32167. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

14 **TAX PLANNING THROUGH FOUR STAGES OF RETIREMENT** Insights into pre- and post-retirement tax planning such as: Social Security tax traps, Medicare premium triggers, IRA challenges, estate planning and investment portfolio pitfalls. Register with course #32571. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

14 **TOM CRIDLAND PRESENTS “TOM’S ELTON TRIBUTE”** *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

14 **MOVIES IN THE PARKS: “ENCANTO”** *See article on page 8.* Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive. Free. 8-10 p.m.

16 **AROUND THE WORLD IN A DAY** *See article on page 5.* 1-3 p.m. **SR**

21 **THE BENEFITS OF GOOD POSTURE: BODY MECHANICS AND ERGONOMICS** *See article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. **SR**

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24 **SAHARA DANCE: “SUMMER CARAVAN & BELLYDANCE EVOLUTION: THE JUNGLE BOOK”** 4 p.m. *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

28 **ALL-DAY EXERCISE** Preview classes on offer this fall with several free, 25-minute class demonstrations offered throughout the day. Some virtual options will be included. Register with course #32533. Free. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

28 **WE NEED TO TALK** *See article on page 6.* 1-2:30 p.m.

29 **HOARDING AND DECLUTTERING** Understand the behavior, how to help yourself or your loved one, and the steps to start decluttering. Register with course #32577. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

30, 31 **VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY: “THE GRAND DUCHESS OF GEROLSTEIN”** 8 p.m. Aug. 30 and 31; 2 p.m. Sept. 1 *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • M = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR

National Night Out to Unite City Police and Community for Crime Prevention

Meet Neighbors, Connect with Police Officers on Aug. 6

Celebrate our city's neighborhoods on Tuesday, Aug. 6 as the Rockville City Police Department and Rockville communities take part in National Night Out.

Now in its 41st year, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships. Neighborhoods will host block parties featuring cookouts, bounce houses, carnival games and giveaways.

McGruff the Crime Dog will stop by several block parties to spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message. The Mayor and Council and RCPD officers will also visit many of the gatherings.

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

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/nno. To register your block party, contact Cpl. Ronnie Crowe at 240-314-8974 or rcrowe@rockvillemd.gov.



New Hot Box Trailer is a Better Pothole Repairer

A newly purchased hot box trailer is making pothole repair practically painless for the city's Department of Public Works. Traditional asphalt repair takes two to three hours. "With this new machine, in [about] 20 minutes, they can roll over to a pothole, make those repairs and then move on to the next spot in the city," said operations maintenance superintendent John Hollida. And the trailer costs about a third less than the vehicle crews formerly used. See the hot box trailer at work: Visit [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) and search "Hot Box."



Trailblazing Scout Blazes Trails ... And Much More

Boy Scout Victor Murchison of Troop #1094 brought 24 troop members and friends to Falls Grove Park in May to complete his Eagle Scout service project. The group improved the trails behind Thomas Farm Community Center by installing new trail posts, replacing directional signs, repainting trail blazes, and mulching sections of the trail to make them safe and navigable for users.



Like Bikes? See the City by Pedal Power

Explore the city by bike with friends in July.

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee leads casual neighborhood rides of about one hour on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Routes are on paved, shared-use paths, some sidewalks and some short sections of quiet streets. The group rides at the pace of the slowest rider, so no one gets left behind. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

Rides meet in the parking lot of Westat, 1600 Research Boulevard, at 6:30

p.m. on Tuesdays July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee meets virtually to discuss bicycling issues in Rockville on the first Wednesday of each month. For agendas, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Find information about upcoming RBAC meetings and more upcoming rides at www.meetup.com/bike-rockville and facebook.com/bikerockville. Learn more about bicycling in the city at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 🍀



PROCLAIMING THE GOOD WORK OF PUBLIC WORKS ... Mayor for a Day Callie Walker (front row, center) presented a proclamation declaring May 20-24 as National Public Works Week in Rockville on a May 23 visit to the city's Equipment Show at Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park. Joining her were Department of Public Works staff (L to R) Steven Hernandez, Yaolin Fennell, James Boone, Jim Woods and Adam Hollander. This year's Public Works Week theme, "Advancing Quality of Life for All," highlighted the way public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities. Learn more about this year's Mayor for a Day on page 3. Hear Callie read the proclamation as Rockville II takes you to the show at youtu.be/rhcnhQIzEQc.



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In the Park and on the Big Screen: Rockville's Movies in the Parks

Four Movies. Four Weeks.
Four Neighborhood Parks.

Mark your summer entertainment calendar for Rockville's free outdoor Movies in the Parks, on the big screen at neighborhood parks throughout the city on Wednesdays from July 31 to Aug. 21.

Bring chairs, blankets, food and nonalcoholic beverages and enjoy four family-friendly movies at four different neighborhood parks. Movies begin

at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) and are free.

The 2024 schedule is:

- "The Emperor's New Groove" (Rated G) on July 31, at Falls Grove Park, 700 Falls Grove Drive.
- "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (PG) on Aug. 7, at Montrose Park, 451 Congressional Lane.
- "Encanto" (PG) on Aug. 14, at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive.
- "Matilda (1996)" (PG) on Aug. 21, at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/moviesintheparks. 🍀



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BACK IN THE DAY ... In the August 1964 issue of the "City of Rockville Newsletter" (motto: "An informed citizen is a better citizen" — we still agree with that sentiment), the city recognized one of its own who was headed to the national stage. A photo and caption read: "MISS MARYLAND, Donna Marie McCauley of 508 First Street, Rockville, receives the City's top honor, a key emblem with the City Seal, from Mayor Frank A. Ecker. Miss McCauley will compete in the Miss America contest at Atlantic City in September."