

## Rockville Mayor and Council Unanimously Adopt Town Center Master Plan

The Rockville Mayor and Council unanimously adopted the Town Center Master Plan during their Jan. 27 meeting, marking the final step of a nearly two-year process to shape the future of the city's downtown core. The decision comes almost exactly two years after the project charter was initially approved in January 2023.

The Town Center Master Plan outlines a comprehensive vision for the area, including zoning changes, urban design improvements and strategies to enhance economic vitality and community engagement.

The final approved plan is available at [engagerockville.com/towncenter](http://engagerockville.com/towncenter).

Nearly 1,000 residents, business owners, employees and visitors contributed feedback through meetings, public comments and testimony before the Mayor and Council or Planning Commission. That diverse input significantly strengthened the final plan.

With the plan now adopted, city staff will begin work on near-term actions outlined in the implementation matrix, which establishes timeframes for executing the plan's recommendations. Larger initiatives, such as proposed zoning changes, will require additional time and analysis. The Department of Community Planning and Development Services is exploring the best way to update zoning regulations to align with the plan's goals.

The Town Center Master Plan represents a significant milestone in Rockville's efforts to create a vibrant, inclusive and sustainable downtown area.

Residents can stay informed about the plan's progress through the Engage Rockville project page — [engagerockville.com/towncenter](http://engagerockville.com/towncenter) — which will continue to be regularly updated with the latest developments. ▶

## Community's Ideas Sought for Future of King Farm Farmstead

Rockville will be reaching out to its community to determine the future for King Farm Farmstead Park, a 7-acre, historic former farmstead at 1101 Grand Champion Drive.

The farmstead comprises eight buildings at the northern edge of the King Farm neighborhood, including the main residence, horse and dairy barns, and outbuildings. The site was designated as a historic district in 2006 and is part of the city's park system.

Several community engagement opportunities are planned and a survey will seek public input at [engagerockville.com/kingfarm](http://engagerockville.com/kingfarm), a site that will also act as a hub for the community to learn about the project and register for updates.

Three in-person community visioning open houses have been scheduled for: Wednesday, March 5, at Saddle Ridge Community Center, 300 Saddle Ridge Circle; Tuesday, March 25, at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive; and Tuesday, April 8, at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center,

12920 Twinbrook Parkway. A virtual community visioning meeting will be held Tuesday, April 22.

All meetings will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"This is an opportunity for the community to play an active role in shaping one of Rockville's historic treasures," said Tara Stewart, director of the city's Department of Recreation and Parks. "We look forward to hearing from residents and working together to reimagine the King Farm Farmstead as a vibrant, functional space for generations to come."

The farmstead project will draw on more than a decade of input, including task force studies, property assessments and economic analyses. This foundational work will guide discussions as the city collaborates with a consultant to evaluate potential uses for each building on the property.

Public input will guide the Mayor and Council's decision on the property's master plan.

To learn more, go to [engagerockville.com/kingfarm](http://engagerockville.com/kingfarm). ▶

## Spring Forward and Check Your Smoke Alarms

Clocks move forward an hour this month, providing an extra hour of daylight in the evening.

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 9 — an ideal reminder for homeowners to check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Alarms and detectors are the best way to notify you and your family of a fire.

State law requires that battery-operated smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years from the date of manufacture. Devices should also be tested at least once a month. State law also requires replacing older smoke alarms with new, sealed, long-life battery-powered smoke alarms.

Hardwired 120-volt electric smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years with new 120-volt smoke alarms with battery backup to ensure proper and timely operation in a fire. Homeowners with hardwired smoke alarms should not replace their devices with battery-powered alarms.

Fire code-compliant smoke alarms can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/firesafety](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/firesafety) or email Carl Young, city fire marshal, at [cyoung@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cyoung@rockvillemd.gov). ▶

## A New Brand Identity for the City and a New Look for 'Rockville Reports'

Community members and readers of "Rockville Reports" will notice a new look for the City of Rockville beginning this month as Rockville rolls out a new branding identity.

The Mayor and Council approved the new branding in July.

Since then, city staff have worked with the city's consultant to ready the new branding elements for their debut.

Readers will notice these new elements in this redesigned issue of "Rockville Reports," including a redesigned "R" logo and new colors and fonts in a new flag at the top of the front page.

On March 17, the city will re-

veal the new brand logos, marks, fonts and colors that will be found across city media, including on the city's website, digital and social media, Rockville 11 and in outreach materials and other publications.

Each city department will have their own color and department

logo.

The new brand design comes with a new brand motto — "Rise Together" — that encourages the community to come together to continue to make the Rockville the best place to live, work and play.

Organized around the idea of "Everyone in all we do," the city's

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# YOU'RE INVITED...

## to share ideas for the future of King Farm Farmstead!

We want to hear from you to help determine the future for King Farm Farmstead Park, a 7-acre, historic former farmstead at 1101 Grand Champion Drive.

### Community Visioning Open Houses: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Feb. 27:** Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. (Recreation and Park Advisory Board Meeting)

**March 5:** Saddle Ridge Community Center at King Farm, 300 Saddle Ridge Circle

**March 25:** Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive

**April 8:** Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway

**April 22:** Community Visioning Meeting (Virtual Only)

Visit [engagerockville.com/kingfarm](http://engagerockville.com/kingfarm) for more information, to RSVP and for a link to the April 22 virtual meeting.

Encuentre la información en [engagerockville.com/kingfarm](http://engagerockville.com/kingfarm).  
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Rockville Utilities

Rockville’s four utility funds are enterprise funds. They function like a private business, with costs fully recovered through user charges. The utility funds are the water fund, the sewer fund, the refuse fund and the stormwater management fund.

Revenue from the funds pays for repairs and replacement of aging water and sewer pipes and other infrastructure vital to providing these services, and for required payments to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission related to a regional wastewater treatment plant. The city does not control the amount paid for regional wastewater treatment.

The city’s rate structure is based on property classification, namely single family, multi-family and nonresidential, to distribute, as equitably as possible, the cost of providing water and sewer service.

For a table showing water and sewer usage charges for each classification, see the proposed budget when it is posted Friday, March 7 at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).

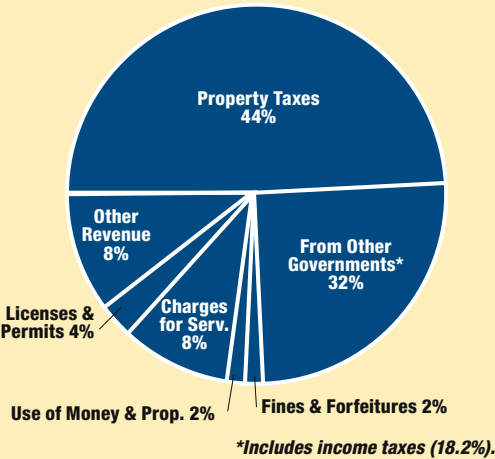
The budget includes a proposed \$30 annual increase in the refuse and recycling rate, to \$565 per household. The stormwater management rate would increase by \$7, to \$159 for the year.

Budget Survey

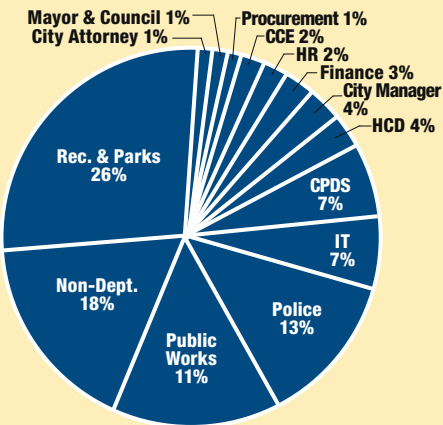
The community budget priorities survey is available in three languages at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).

Understanding the General Fund

Proposed FY26 General Fund Revenues



Proposed FY26 General Fund Expenditures



Budget Watch: Fiscal Year 2026

Rockville’s Mayor and Council begin budget deliberations this month with public hearings and work sessions focused on a Fiscal Year 2026 budget that prioritizes the Mayor and Council’s focus areas of public safety, economic development and housing.

The proposed budget will be available for review beginning Friday, March 7 at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).

City Manager Jeff Mihelich is scheduled to present the Mayor and Council with a FY 2026 budget proposal on Monday, March 17.

For information about how to testify at upcoming budget hearings or view the presentation on cable and online, see the FY26 budget calendar at right.

The budget, which covers the fiscal year that begins July 1, is scheduled for adoption by the Mayor and Council on Monday, May 5.

The proposed FY26 operating budget of \$174.9 million is a 3.9% increase over the FY 2025 adopted budget. The general fund budget, which supports the largest portion of the operating budget, is \$116.6 million, a 6.9% increase.

The city’s current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY26. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax. Rockville has not increased its property tax rate since 1995.

The proposed budget pri-

oritizes the city’s continued commitment to capital investments, including several large capital projects. (See the box below for details.)

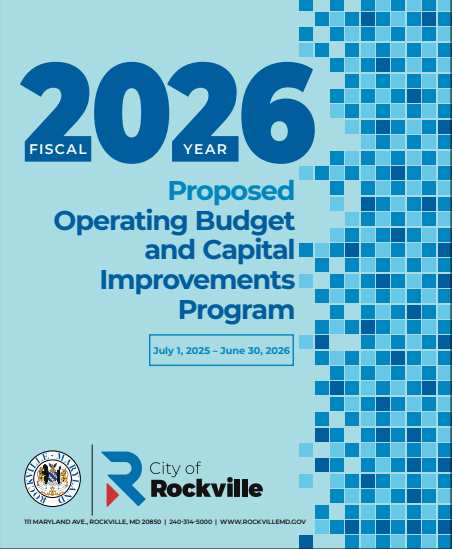
The proposed FY 2026-FY 2030 CIP, the five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance, supports 65 projects during the fiscal year.

The proposal also funds Mayor and Council focus areas and includes:

- Approximately \$10 million in new funding for the city’s Vision Zero Action Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Introduction of a two-year closed-circuit television security camera system modernization initiative.
- Two new full-time civilian positions in the Rockville City Police Department.
- Support for increased police officer recruitment incentive programs.
- Funding for the city’s annual gun buyback.
- More than \$1.5 million to promote safety and quality for the city’s drinking water and water treatment plant.
- \$250,000 for a new emergency response vehicle for the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department.
- \$1.6 million for Rockville Economic Development,

Inc.

- Five new full-time positions to support timely and efficient processing of plan reviews, permits and inspections, including the reinstatement of expedited building permit review processes.
- \$650,000 for the expected annexation of the Shady Grove Metro station.
- Support for the ongoing update of the city’s zoning ordinance.
- A \$250,000 transfer to and \$750,000 in new funding for the Housing Opportunities Fund to promote the preservation and addition of affordable housing, launch an employee homeowner-ship assistance program, and begin development of a homeownership down-payment assistance program for the community.
- Two new full-time positions to assist with the expansion of city programs addressing housing.



FY26 BUDGET CALENDAR

- **Friday, March 7:** Proposed FY 2026 budget and Capital Improvements Program posted to [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).
- **Monday, March 17:** Introduction and city manager’s presentation of the FY26 budget and CIP, budget work session, and public hearing.
- **Monday, March 24:** Public hearing and work session.
- **Monday, April 7:** Work session and close of community survey and budget public record.
- **Monday, May 5:** Adoption of the FY26 operating budget and Capital Improvements Program.
- **Tuesday, July 1:** FY26 begins.

Note: Budget calendar dates are subject to change.

For information about how to testify at hearings, find agendas, posted the week before each date at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

Meetings are broadcast on channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11), and available a day after each meeting at [www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand).

To review the proposed budget, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).



Offer Your Ideas

- Using the budget survey, in English, simplified Chinese and Spanish at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).
- At public hearings during Mayor and Council meetings on Mondays, March 17 and 24.



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## Meet the Mayor — Be the Mayor: City and Contest Offer Opportunities for Fourth Graders

### March 7 is the Deadline for the ‘If I Were Mayor ...’ Essay Contest

Rockville fourth graders have until Friday, March 7 to enter the Maryland Municipal League’s statewide “If I Were Mayor” essay contest.

This year’s theme is “Building Community for a New Generation.” Students are asked to write an essay of no more than 275 words about what they would do, if they were mayor, to make their city, town or community better for the future, and how they would make sure that

people felt like they were part of the community.

One winning essay will be selected from each of MML’s 11 districts. Winners will receive a cash prize and a citation from the governor and will be honored, along with their parents and teacher, during an awards ceremony in late April.

In addition to winners chosen by MML, Mayor Monique Ashton will select a student attending school in Rockville to

serve as the city’s Mayor for a Day in May.

For more information, including contest rules and forms for submitting entries online, visit [mdmunicipal.org/mayors-essay-contest](http://mdmunicipal.org/mayors-essay-contest).

The Mayor and Council consider the contest to be a wonderful exercise in government studies and encourage fourth graders attending schools in Rockville to participate.

Mayor Ashton welcomes the



opportunity to speak with students about the essay contest, municipal government and what it is like to be Rockville’s mayor. Teachers or school administrators may email Judy Penny at [jpenny@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jpenny@rockvillemd.gov) to arrange a visit by the mayor, though a mayoral visit is not required for students to participate in the contest. ▶

## Help Shape Our Community

### TAKE THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE

# FY 2026 Budget Priorities Survey

AVAILABLE IN THREE LANGUAGES

## Your Voice Counts




Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget)

## Mayor and Council Ready Rockville’s EV Readiness Plan

Rockville’s Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan goes to the Mayor and Council for final adoption this month.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the plan during a work session on Feb. 24 and are scheduled to vote on the plan on Monday, March 24. Find video of the work session and a staff reports for both meetings at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

The plan contains 26 actions in four categories to help support the transition from combustion engine vehicles to electric vehicles for City of

Rockville residents, businesses and visitors. It identifies how the city can work with county, state and federal programs toward rapid adoption of electric vehicles, identifying where EV chargers are needed and recommending actions to support equitable charging access amid a growing demand. That includes identifying policy and permitting needs communicating the benefits and incentives available, installing grant-funded public chargers and converting fleet vehicles.

Read the plan at

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## March is Women’s History Month in Rockville

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to proclaim March as Women’s History Month at their Monday, March 3 meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

The 2025 theme for the month, “Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations,” focuses on women in the past and pres-

ent who have influenced and inspired others by dedicating their lives to education, mentorship and leadership.

Find a video the day after the proclamation on Rockville 11’s YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville), or tune in to channel 11 on county cable on the night to watch live. ▶

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS.** The public is welcome to participate in person or virtually.

**Meetings Schedule:** Monday, March 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and March 17 and 24, at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter) for details. A drop-in session from 5:15-6:15 p.m. with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Barry Jackson will precede the March 17 meeting.

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](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov) by 10 a.m. on the day of a community forum or public hearing.

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### Get Involved with the City

- **Send an email** to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

See times and dates on the city’s calendar: [www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar).

- **March 12 and 26** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).)

### Vacancies

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Board of Appeals (1)
- Community Policing Advisory Board (2)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Human Rights Commission (4)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (2)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Comm. (2)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (2)
- Transportation and Mobility Commission (2)
- Youth Commission (3)

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) or call 240-314-8280.



City Hall: **240-314-5000**  
Police Non-Emergency: **240-314-8900**  
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](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil). Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

## Dreaming of Spring? Plan Your Native Garden and Apply for a RainScapes Rebate

Rockville residents and nonprofits can receive up to \$5,000 in rebates for planting native landscapes, native trees, rain gardens and green roofs. Rebates are also available for rain barrels, cisterns, permeable pavers and pavement removal.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes) to learn more and apply. Questions? Email [rockvillerebate@cbrtrust.org](mailto:rockvillerebate@cbrtrust.org).

Did you know the City of Rockville has been certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation? Learn how you can get involved and turn your yard into a Certified Wildlife Habitat at [www.rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats).

## Lights Out for Climate Change Action

Rockville will turn out the lights in observance of Earth Hour, an international effort in support of climate change action.

Earth Hour encourages people to turn off all non-essential lights in their homes and businesses for one hour, from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, and do something positive for the planet. The city will participate by turning off all non-essential lights at its Gude maintenance facility.

Learn more and find ways to take part in Earth Hour every day at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).

## Grow a Team of Faithful Green Leaders

Is your religious congregation looking to grow a strong green team to help address climate change?

The Faithful Green Leaders Training program helps partner congregations acquire the knowledge, skills, tools and support they need to lead their communities in raising awareness and restoring the waters of the Chesapeake region.

The training, a free, three-session online workshop and series of optional monthly learning lab webinars, is provided by Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake. IPC is a grant partner with the City of Rockville through the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Teams taking the training will learn how to:

- Establish and grow a green team.
- Engage their congregation in exciting environmental education programs.
- Develop an action plan.
- Enhance communication skills to help spread the word.
- Improve grant-writing skills.
- Help your congregation use fewer single-use water bottles, less polystyrene foam, save on energy use and create less waste.

Online workshops will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25. Registration is limited. Register by Wednesday, March 5 at [www.interfaithchesapeake.org/march\\_2025\\_fglt](http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/march_2025_fglt).

# Earth Month for Early Birds

Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, but Rockville and Montgomery County celebrate throughout spring with the following events:

**Saturday, March 22:  
Earth Hour.**

8:30-9:30 p.m. *See the article on this page.*

**Saturday, April 5:  
Annual Potomac River  
Watershed Cleanups.**

*Stream cleanup sites include:*

- Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, 9:30 a.m.-noon.
- Maryvale Park, 812 First St., 10 a.m.-noon.
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, 9-11 a.m.

City staff will greet volunteers. Gloves and bags will be provided. Student Service Learning hours are available. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Space is limited. Registration required at [www.rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream).

**Saturday, April 26: City  
Nature Challenge**

9-10 a.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center. City Nature Challenge is an annual worldwide event that encourages people in cities to get outside and observe nature in their community. Participate with CCNC staff to make observations in the forest preserve. Download the iNaturalist app from an app store before attending. Naturalists will teach you how to use the app and lead you on an excursion in the forest preserve to make observations of wildlife big and small. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 6 and older. Register for course #35319 at [www.rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/registration).

**Saturday, April  
26-Sunday, April 27: Pull  
for the Planet.** *Various  
locations.*

Help restore native habitat by volunteering to remove non-native invasive garlic mustard from Rockville parks. Pull sites include Croydon Creek Nature Center, RedGate Park, Dogwood Park and Falls Grove Park. Student Service Learning hours are available. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required at [www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors).

**Sunday, April 27:  
Science Day**

Noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College,



Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St. *See the article on this page.*

**Saturday, May 3:  
Native Plant Sale**

9-11 a.m. at Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road.

**Saturday, May 17:  
Spring Festival and Kids  
to Parks Day**

10 a.m.-noon at Croydon Creek Nature Center. Bring the whole family to celebrate Kids to Parks Day with Croydon Creek. Enjoy nature games and crafts, woodland hikes, live animal meet and greets, sustainability exhibits and local vendors.

**Find More Spring  
Activities at Croydon  
Creek Nature Center**

Looking for more to do outside? Croydon Creek Nature Center offers hikes, campfires, nature outings, youth camps and more throughout the year. Learn more and register at [www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek).

• **Weed Warrior**

**Workdays.** Join Rockville Weed Warrior Leaders for non-native, invasive plant removal workdays. SSL hours available. Space is limited. Find upcoming events and register at [www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors).

• **Adopt-A-Stream.**

Groups can adopt a Rockville stream and host cleanups to help keep litter out of local waterways. Apply at [www.rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream).

• **Plog Rockville.** Pledge to clean up litter while you walk, jog or run through Rockville and receive a free plogging bag while supplies last. For more details and to take the pledge, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/environment](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment).

• **Environment and Sustainability News.** Sign up for seasonal email newsletter updates on environmental events, volunteer opportunities and climate action news throughout the year. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters) and select "Environment and Sustainability." ▶

# Rockets to Robots, Snakes to Stream Science — Rockville Science Day Offers Something for All

Explore rockets, robots, chemistry, reptiles and more at Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 27.

This Rockville tradition, now in its 34th year, will be held from noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St. The free event offers individuals and families a chance to experience hands-on science and technology-related exhibits, activities, games and demonstrations from 100 local organizations and businesses.

Games, demos and exhibits include building and launching rockets, and exploring telescopes, robotics, backyard wildlife, ship models, microscopes, snakes, stream science, coding challenges, math puzzles, chemistry in action, electric vehicles, quadcopters, archaeology mini-digs, 3-D printing, brain games and much more.

Admission and parking are free. Food will be available for purchase. The event will be held rain or shine.

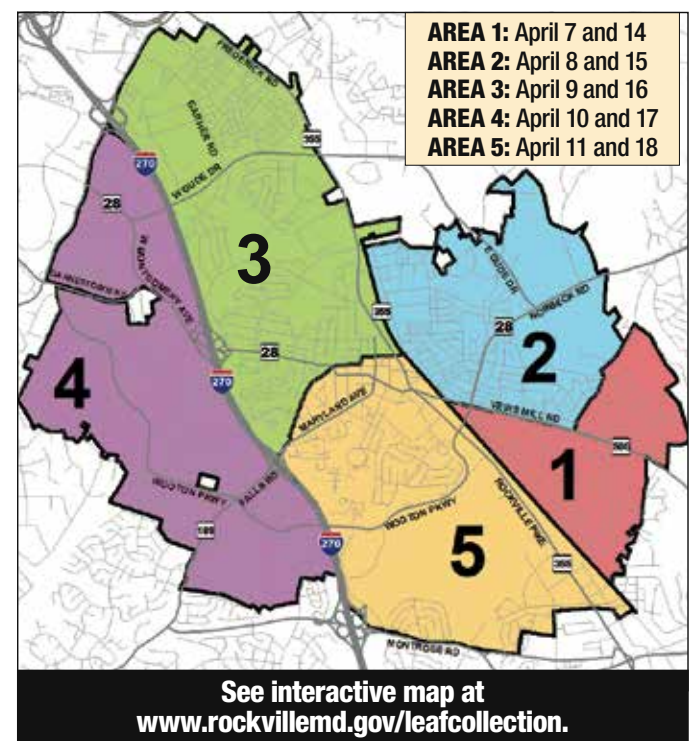
Visit [rockvillesciencecenter.org/rockville-science-center.org](http://rockvillesciencecenter.org/rockville-science-center.org)

day for more information about the event, including exhibitor registration, sponsorship and volunteering. Student Service Learning hours are available for students 16 and older who help with exhibits on Sunday and/or with setup on Saturday.

## Can't Wait for Science Day?

The Rockville Science Center hosts classes for all ages and engaging activities in the center's storefront at 36C Maryland Ave. and the Rockville Makerspace at 33F Maryland Ave. RSC also hosts after-school and homeschool classes, winter and spring break programs, and summer camps. Learn more about these and other upcoming events at [www.rockvillesciencecenter.org](http://www.rockvillesciencecenter.org).

The Rockville Science Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit supported by the generous donations of its members and sponsors, including the City of Rockville. Learn how to support RSC at [www.rockvillesciencecenter.org/support](http://www.rockvillesciencecenter.org/support). ▶



## Spring Rake!: April Leaf Collection

The city will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs from Monday, April 7-Friday, April 18 in five collection areas throughout Rockville.

Rake leaves next to, but out of, roadways, gutters and bike lanes, and away from parked vehicles. Leaves should be raked by 6 a.m. on the first day of their collection period,

but no earlier than one week before the collection dates to avoid grass damage or fire hazards. Remove sticks and other objects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or other vehicles.

Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains, along stream banks or directly into streams. ▶

### Rockville's Climate Action Plan

| PROGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | FEATURE |
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| <h4>Flood Mitigation Assistance</h4> <p>Rockville's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program offers financial assistance through matching reimbursement funds to residents and property owners who have installed approved practices on their properties to mitigate damage from flooding.</p>  |         |

Learn more at [rockvillemd.gov/floodassistance](http://rockvillemd.gov/floodassistance)

# Working on a Historic Property? You Could Qualify for a Tax Credit

Restoring or repairing the outside of a historic home? Preserving the exterior of a historic structure? You could be eligible for a property tax credit.

Rockville participates in a tax credit program for local structures designated as historic.

If your property in Rockville is designated by the city as historic and you spent at least \$1,000 on exterior maintenance between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024, you may be eligible for a reduction of your property taxes for the coming year, up to 25% of the approved expenses.

Eligible projects include:

- Exterior painting.
- Uncovering and repairing original siding.
- Repairing roofs or replacing them in-kind.
- Repointing brick or stone foundations or chimneys.
- Repairing windows, architectural trim or ornament.
- Repairing and maintaining outbuildings, such as barns and garages.
- Restoring a documented feature, such as a dormer or porch, that was altered or removed.

The city is accepting applications for work completed in calendar year 2024. For more information, contact 240-314-8236 or [history@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:history@rockvillemd.gov).

Applications must be sent to [history@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:history@rockvillemd.gov) by Tuesday, April 15. ▶



**Suds & Soles 5K**

Presented by **City of Rockville** and **Montgomery County Road Runners Club**

**Saturday, June 15**  
**7:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Suds & Soles offers a race for the entire family!**

This fun 5k runs through neighborhood streets and begins and ends in Rockville Town Center with a post-race party featuring beverage samples, light refreshments and live music. The race also features a KidZone, which includes a Kids Fun Run and activities for children ages 10 and younger.

Scan the QR code or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsand-soles](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsand-soles) to register.



**Spotted Lanternfly is a nuisance pest in the urban landscape that does not bite or sting.**

1. Search on tree trunks, stone surfaces, vehicles and any smooth surface for egg masses. Masses will have a gray putty-like covering on them.
2. Scrape masses from surfaces. Be sure to remove entire egg mass and wax coating.
3. Dispose of masses in sealed bag with alcohol or hand sanitizer.
4. Squash all other insect stages.

(Shown Actual Size)

Approximately 2-inch wingspan by 1-inch body.

**Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect. Stop. Scrape. Squash.**



**Report Sightings to MDA**  
[DontBug.MD@maryland.gov](mailto:DontBug.MD@maryland.gov) or 410.841.5920

**City of Rockville**  
Get into it

**Stay in the Know About Development in Rockville**

Sign up for the monthly "Development Watch" e-newsletter.

- Check the latest major planning applications.
- Use the interactive map.
- Attend area meetings held by project applicants.
- Provide input on projects under consideration.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch).

# Slower Speeds Coming to First Street

## Vision Zero Makes Progress with Improvements and Public Meetings

The State Highway Administration approved Rockville's request to reduce the speed limit on a segment of First Street by 5 mph, to 35 mph, and will replace signage this month between Veirs Mill and Baltimore roads.

Meanwhile, Vision Zero planning and projects are making progress as Rockville continues creating safer travel routes for all.

The city plans to install a temporary pedestrian safety improvement this month by adding flex posts — separating the travel lane from a marked no-parking zone — at Mannakee Street and Smallwood Road. A concrete pedestrian refuge island, providing a place for pedestrians to wait while crossing Mannakee Street, will be installed as a permanent improvement when the street is resurfaced this summer.

Another concrete pedestrian refuge median will be constructed to ease pedestrian crossings and slow vehicle traffic on Twinbrook Parkway at Meadow Hall Drive when Twinbrook Parkway is resurfaced later this year. Staff evaluated the intersection at the request of residents and the Twinbrook Community Association.

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, to discuss the Congressional Lane Complete Streets study. Staff will solicit comments and suggestions from residents and answer questions. Find meeting details with the March 27 calendar listing at [www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar). Comments can be submitted at any time to Bryan Barnett-Woods, the city's Vision Zero coordinator, at [bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov).

Last year, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments awarded Rockville \$80,000 to assess roadway conditions and evaluate potential improvements along Congressional Lane between Rollins Avenue and Rockville Pike (MD 355).

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 for staff to share three proposed alternatives to add bicycle facilities along East Jefferson Street between Rollins Avenue, and Congressional Lane, and along Halpine Road, between East Jefferson Street and Rockville Pike (MD 355). Staff will also solicit comments and suggestions from the public and will answer questions. Find details with the April 30 calendar listing at [www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar). Comments can be submitted at any time to [bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov).

The projects are part of the city's Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. Find more information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzeroprojects](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzeroprojects). ▶



[rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers](http://rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers)

**RESOURCES FOR FEDERAL WORKERS ... Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers) for a list of resources for federal employees and other workers impacted by the federal government transition.**

**R11** **LEARN MORE ON ROCKVILLE II**

[www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville)

# County to Provide Free, Virtual Tax Preparation Appointments Through VITA

Montgomery County is hosting free, in-person and virtual federal and state tax preparation sessions throughout tax season for low- to moderate-income families that earned \$67,000 or less in 2024.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which is run by the Montgomery County Community Action Agency, provides IRS-certified volunteers from nonprofit and public agencies who can help low- to moderate-income families maximize their tax refunds and credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, and e-file their federal and state tax forms.

In-person appointments are available until Thursday, April 10 at sites throughout Montgomery County and in Rockville, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Community Action Agency, 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 320.

Appointments are also available through CASA, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Fridays and some Saturdays. For information, call 240-491-5774, email [lprockvilletaxes@wearecasa.org](mailto:lprockvilletaxes@wearecasa.org) or visit [wearecasa.org/impuestos-maryland](http://wearecasa.org/impuestos-maryland).

Virtual Friday appointments are available by calling 240-777-1123. TTY users can call Maryland Relay 711.

For more info, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback) or email [VITA@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:VITA@montgomerycountymd.gov).

# City's Financial Assistance Program Can Help in an Emergency

Facing eviction? Utilities about to be shut off? Need help paying for prescription medication?

Emergency financial assistance is available to eligible Rockville residents facing a financial crisis through the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program.

Referrals for emergency food, clothing, financial and employment counseling, and other assistance are also provided.

All applicants for financial assistance must have a court-issued notice of eviction or a notice of pending disconnection. Applicants may be asked to first apply to the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Montgomery County DHHS will submit a referral to the City of Rockville Community Services Division on behalf of eligible city residents.

For more information on REAP, including how to apply, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/reap](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/reap).

To donate to the REAP program and help neighbors in need, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/donate](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/donate). One hundred percent of donated funds go to Rockville families.

# Switch to Solar, Together, This Spring

Lower your energy costs, become energy independent and participate in the renewable revolution: Join Capital Area Switch Together to learn about options for installing a solar energy system on the rooftop of your home or small business.

The spring campaign for Switch Together, previously called Solar Switch, opens to applications on Wednesday, March 19 and will remain open through Wednesday, June 4. Financing for all incomes is available. Learn more at [solarswitch.com/CapitalArea](http://solarswitch.com/CapitalArea).

Don't own a roof — or have one that is shaded? Consider joining a community solar project. Learn how at [www.solarunitedneighbors.org/go-solar/community-solar](http://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/go-solar/community-solar).

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWS!**

[www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters)

Memorial Day Parade  
Participants Wanted

Is your organization interested in participating in the city's Memorial Day parade? Parade applications are now available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/memorialday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/memorialday).  
The city's 81st annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, May 26, in Rockville Town Center. Interested groups should review the parade rules and application to determine if they are eligible to participate. Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 4.

Glenview-Peerless Presents Rockville's  
Role in a Civil Rights Milestone

The Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series presents a look at Rockville's role in school desegregation in "Thurgood Marshall, the NAACP and a Civil Rights Milestone in Rockville," from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.  
Peerless Rockville volunteer historian Ralph Buglass will explore how a 1936 case in a Rockville courtroom was an early step toward the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision that overturned school segregation.  
The talk will also examine how the case, brought about by a lawsuit by William Gibbs, a teaching principal in Rockville who sued for equal pay for Black teachers, took on national significance and helped lead to a countywide NAACP chapter.  
Admission is free, but space is limited. Register using course #32190 at [www.rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/registration) or [bit.ly/PeerlessMarshallNAACP](http://bit.ly/PeerlessMarshallNAACP).

Veterans and Military Members Wanted  
for City Ceremonies

Rockville's annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies each include a member of the military as a featured speaker. Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have retired from, or currently serve in, the United States military are eligible to take part in the ceremonies.  
The Memorial Day ceremony will be held Monday, May 26. The Veterans Day ceremony will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11.  
Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.  
Contact Cristina Willis at 240-314-8610 or [cwillis@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cwillis@rockvillemd.gov) to participate or learn more.



Welcoming the Year of the Snake

Rockville marked the Year of the Snake on the Chinese zodiac calendar as the city held its 17th Lunar New Year celebration on Feb. 1. The free celebration, organized in partnership with Rockville's Asian Pacific American Task Force, brought neighbors together for multicultural performances, interactive displays and kids crafts. The city's Asian population is one of its fastest-growing groups and represents over 20% of Rockville's total population. Rockville 11 takes you to the celebration at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://youtube.com/cityofrockville). Search "Lunar New Year."



Health and Wellness, This  
Month at the Senior Center

Stay healthy, informed and entertained with seminars and events from the Rockville Senior Center in March.  
Register with the course number at [www.rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/registration). Learn about 60-plus programs, courses, activities and services at [www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter) or by calling 240-314-8800. The senior center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive.  
See the "Adults 60+" recreation guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/life](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/life) for more information.  
**Memory Café**  
Offers a fun and relaxed way for people with early-stage memory loss to connect with one another. Must contact Laura Byer at 240-844-3608 or [lbbyer@alz.org](mailto:lbbyer@alz.org) prior to attending.  
Register with course #34102. Noon-1:30 p.m. Mondays, March 3 and 17. Free.  
**Healthy Sleep**  
Getting the right amount of high-quality sleep is important for your physical and mental health. Learn about common sleep challenges and steps you can take to improve sleep. Presented by Leah Vicente, Humana Marketpoint representative.  
Register with course #34081. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. Free.  
**The Benefits of Good Posture: Body Mechanics and Ergonomics (Rescheduled)**  
Explore the advantages of maintaining good posture and using proper body mechanics. Learn how alignment can improve health, boost confidence, and enhance well-being with practical tips and exercises. Presented by Daniel Lentscher, director of industrial rehab, CAM Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation.  
Register with course #34079. 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. Free.  
**Aphasia Support Group**  
Offers help to stroke survivors with aphasia to overcome social isolation through guided communication activities.  
1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. Free.  
**Age with Grace**  
Guidance in maintaining personal hygiene with age. Presented by Smith Life Home Care.  
Register with course

#34097. 10-11 a.m. Thursday, March 13. Free.  
**Laser Gum Therapy and Dental Tips (Rescheduled)**  
Dr. Thy Nguyen, of Crown Dental, will discuss basic dental hygiene and health care, and explain how LANAP/laser gum therapy is used for treatments.  
Register with course #34088. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, March 13. Free. Hybrid.  
**Fall Asleep/Stay Asleep**  
Learn how to relax into slumber, stay asleep and get your best rest. Presented by Leah Vicente, Humana Marketpoint representative.  
Register with course #34082. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. Free.  
**Better Breather's Club**  
Provides information and tips to manage respiratory issues.  
Register with course #34086. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Free.  
**The Power of Music to Enhance Your Daily Life and Good Health**  
This interactive conversation with Ruthlee Adler, a music therapist, explores the many ways music can enhance well-being and daily life.  
Register with course #34080. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. Free.  
**Keeping Your Good Health: Self-Help with Jin Shin Jyutsu**  
An ancient art of balancing the body's energy for optimal health and healing. Learn simple hands-on techniques for daily maintenance, pain relief and immune system support. Presented by Betty Figlure, a JSJ practitioner and senior center wellness coordinator.  
Register with course #34089. 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26. \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers. Hybrid.  
**Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Webinar**  
Dr. Otis Brawley of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center will discuss colorectal cancer prevention, screening, diagnostics and treatment, focusing on reducing racial, economic and social disparities in health care.  
Register with course #34087. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, March 27. Free. Virtual. ▶

Weddings, Photography and Bingo,  
This Month at the Civic Center

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Social Hall is closed for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements through Monday, Sept. 1.  
The box office is operating from the Rockville Civic Center Cottage, behind Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, selling tickets to offsite performances.  
Box office hours are 2-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on alternate Saturdays. Friday and Saturday hours are subject to change.  
Call ahead or check [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre) before planning a visit.  
**Rockville Concert Band Presents "I Am ... A Celebration of Life"**  
3 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at the Theatre Arts Building, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.  
Featuring "Tutued Toucan Can-Can" by Erika Svanoe, "Amazing Grace" by Frank Ticheli, "Irish Tune from County Derry" by Percy Grainger, "I Am ..." by Andrew Boysen and more.  
No tickets required; \$5 suggested donation. Visit [rockvilleconcertband.org](http://rockvilleconcertband.org) for more information.  
**Annual Glenview Mansion Wedding and Events Expo**  
1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 23.  
The annual Glenview Mansion Wedding and Events Expo promises love, laughter and happily ever after at Glenview Mansion.  
Enjoy more than 30 vendor exhibits and samples, including catering, wedding cakes, photography, musical entertainment, floral arrangements, tenting services, event planning and much more.  
The event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required, although the public can RSVP by registering with course #35152.  
**Rockville Civic Ballet Presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Saturday Night Social"**  
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30.  
Directed by Eleanor Simpson and Erin Kwong, and held at the Theatre Arts Building, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.  
No tickets required; \$10 suggested donation. For more details, visit [friendsrcb.org](http://friendsrcb.org).  
**North Bethesda Camera Club**  
Meet the artists of the North Bethesda Camera Club 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30.  
"The Art of Nature" will be on exhibit at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery from March 30-Friday, May 9.  
The ADA-accessible gallery, on the second floor of Glenview Mansion, is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on official city holidays.  
**Murder at the Mansion presents "Bingo B4 Murder"**  
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at Glenview Mansion.  
It's bingo night at the local retirement community, but after a series of unlucky draws, the bingo caller is murdered and all the players are suspects. It's all fun and games until someone yells "bingo!" Tickets include dessert. Cash bar available. Recommended for ages 15 and older.  
Tickets cost \$35; \$30 for seniors 65 and older and students 14 and older. Add on Maggiano's Little Italy pasta buffet for an additional \$30 (two hours before performance).  
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 240-314-8690 or visit [fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Bingo](http://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Bingo). ▶

CITY OF ROCKVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS

# Summer JOBS

Working with summer camps is a fun and rewarding experience!

We have a variety of shifts available between June 16 and Aug. 22.

- Activity leaders must be at least 16 years of age, enjoy being active and working with children.
- Camp directors must be at least 21 years of age, enjoy and have experience working with children and have experience in a childcare, camp or school setting.
- Paid training provided.

Apply at [rockvillemd.gov/careers](http://rockvillemd.gov/careers)

# March 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 Program/Offering  
**f** Facebook Live Event



**2 FAMILIES OUTSIDE: VERNAL POOLS** Explore the habitats of the John Hayes Forest Preserve with naturalist-led outings. Learn about vernal pools and the wonders surrounding the center. Adults and children must register; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 5 and older. Register with course #34145. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **CC**

**3,17 MEMORY CAFE** See article on page 6. Free. Noon-1:30 p.m. **SR**

**3,10,24 STRESS REDUCTION/MEDITATION (HYBRID)** Tools to focus, relax and find a peaceful state of being. Instructor Betty Figlure has taught meditation, guided imagery and stress reduction for over 30 years. Register with course #34085. \$40 R/\$50 NR. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**4,5,6 MURDER AT THE MANSION PRESENTS "BINGO B4 MURDER"** See article on page 6. **GM**

**4,18 V FRIENDSHIP SKILLS** Strengthen social connections through practical tips on making and maintaining friendships. Meets first and third Tuesdays. Register with course #34077. Free. 1-2:30 p.m.

**5 HOW TO PREPARE FINANCIALLY FOR A SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY** Learn about financial planning for transitioning into senior living. Covers assessing financial resources, costs of different communities and funding options like insurance and government programs. Register with course #34098. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

**5,15 LITTLE EXPLORERS** Hands-on sensory activities, crafts, games, stories and hikes for ages 2-5. Each session has a different nature theme. Preregistration required. Register with course #34135 (March 5) and #34136 (March 15). \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

**5,25 KING FARM FARMSTEAD COMMUNITY VISIONING MEETINGS** See article on page 1. 6:30 p.m.

**6,20 V POSITIVE AGING ALONE** A group for seniors living alone or anticipating being alone. Socializing, peer support and tips for positive aging. Meets first and third Thursdays. Register with course #34076. Free. 1-2:30 p.m.

**11 HEALTHY SLEEP** See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**11 SCIENCE TUESDAYS** Monthly scientist-led discussions on various topics. No scientific background required. Meets second Tuesday of each month. Register with course #33842. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**11,18,25 FAITHFUL GREEN LEADERS TRAINING** See article on page 4. 7-8:30 p.m.

**12 GOALS OF CARE** Understand health care options and end-of-life decisions through in-depth consultations. Presented by Frederick Health Hospice. Register with course #34095. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

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

**12 APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP** See article on page 6. Free. 1:30-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**13 AGE WITH GRACE** See article on page 6. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

**13 H LASER GUM THERAPY AND DENTAL TIPS** See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**13 THURGOOD MARSHALL AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN ROCKVILLE** See article on page 6. Free. 7-8 p.m. **GM**

**14 FLASHLIGHT HIKE** Explore nocturnal animal behavior with a guided night hike. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Ages 5 and older. Register with course #34142. \$6 R/\$7 NR. 7:30-8:30 p.m. **CC**

**16 ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND PRESENTS "I AM ... A CELEBRATION OF LIFE"** See article on page 6. Theatre Arts Building, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.

**18 DON'T GET FOOLED** Learn to recognize and avoid elder abuse, fraud and scams. Presented by the Juanita C. Grant Foundation. Register with course #34100. Free. 11 a.m.-noon. **SR**

**18 FALL ASLEEP/STAY ASLEEP** See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**20 BETTER BREATHERS CLUB** See article on page 6. Free. 1:30-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**22 EARTH HOUR** See article on page 4. 8:30-9:30 p.m.

**23 ANNUAL GLENVIEW MANSION WEDDING AND EVENTS EXPO** See article on page 6 and ad on page 8. Free. 1-4 p.m.

**24 PODCASTS WITH SENIOR PLANET** Learn about podcasts, how to find them and popular listening options. Register with course #34094. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**25 THE POWER OF MUSIC TO ENHANCE YOUR DAILY LIFE** See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**25 FITNESS WORKSHOP — POWER UP! NUTRITION FOR WORKOUTS** Learn about pre- and post-workout nutrition and strength training. Instructors: Matthew Miller, Jackie Fritz. Register with course #34943. \$18. 1:30-2:45 p.m. **SR**

**26 H KEEPING YOUR GOOD HEALTH: SELF-HELP WITH JIN SHIN JYUTSU** See article on page 6. \$10 M/\$15 NM. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**27 EL CÍRCULO DE DERECHOS** Presentaciones en español. Insíbase con el curso #34106. Gratis. 11 a.m.-noon. **SR**

**27 COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WEBINAR** See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**27 V CONGRESSIONAL LANE COMPLETE STREETS STUDY VIRTUAL MEETING** See article on page 5.

**29,30 ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET PRESENTS "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" AND "SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL"** See article on page 6. Theatre Arts Building, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.

**30 MEET THE ARTISTS: NORTH BETHESDA CAMERA CLUB** See article on page 6. Free. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

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

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR)



**FUNDRAISIN' AND FREEZIN' FOR A REASON ...** A team of officers and civilian staff from the Rockville City Police Department took the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge on Jan. 31 at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. The team took a dip in a chilly Chesapeake Bay and collected over \$3,400 in donations toward the 19,000 athletes and Unified Sports teammates of Special Olympics Maryland. RCPD's annual effort is coordinated by Cpl. Ronnie Crowe, the department's community services officer. Visit the Rockville City Police Department on Instagram and Facebook for more photos and a video of how Acting Chief Jason West took the plunge in absentia.

## Rockville Rebranding

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brand statement says, in part: "The City of Rockville is an aspirational and resilient organization of public servants that exists to foster open discourse, unparalleled quality of life and an inclusive community culture. Emboldened by a deep commitment to the growth, success and health of all residents, our unique brand of 'dynamic diversity' is not stagnant or singularly defined."

The brand pillars are built the idea of dynamic diversity and include safety/trust, connectedness, creativity, innovation, freedom and empathy.

For more information, find the staff report and video of the Mayor and Council's branding discussion with the July 29 Mayor and Council meeting listing at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter). ▶

## EV Readiness

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[engagerockville.com/evplan](http://engagerockville.com/evplan).

Electric vehicles cost less to operate, produce no exhaust, improve air quality and health, and — according to drivers of EVs in the city's fleet — are a delight to operate. The EV plan will also help Rockville achieve the goals of its Climate Action Plan. Learn more about the Climate Action Plan at [www.rockvillemd.gov/climate](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/climate). ▶

## Register Now for Spring Sports

Looking to connect while competing on the field? Rockville's adult and youth sports leagues are now recruiting for spring play.

Spring leagues available are: men's softball; co-rec softball; co-rec indoor volleyball; co-rec outdoor sand volleyball; co-rec kickball; and co-rec soccer. Game nights vary. Registration deadlines for adult league players and teams are in late March.

Youth sports for spring are youth T-ball, coach pitch baseball, soccer, and track and field. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 13. Practices begin at the end of March, with games and track meets beginning in mid-April.

Coaches are needed for teams in spring youth sports leagues. If you're interested in taking part, contact [sports@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:sports@rockvillemd.gov).

Visit [rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports](http://rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports) for league details and registration information, or call 240-314-8620

## International Night 2025

Friday, April 11, 6 p.m.



**New location:** Montgomery College Rockville Campus, Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/internationalnight](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/internationalnight)



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## Hometown Holidays to Return to Rockville Town Center in May

The City of Rockville's annual Hometown Holidays festival returns to Rockville Town Center in May with two days of local entertainment, food and shopping followed by the city's annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade.

In its 37th year, the community celebration returns to Rockville Town Center for the first time since 2019 — but with a different look than yesteryear. This year's festival will offer a more local, community-based focus and will encourage festivalgoers to join their neighbors and show their Rockville spirit.

Hometown Holidays at Rockville Town Center will feature two stages of entertainment for all ages and music from a variety of genres, including rock, pop, country, bluegrass, blues and more. Food and beverages from local restaurants and vendors will be available for purchase, including local flavor from around the world with a preview of this summer's Explore Rockville Global Bites campaign. A new shopping area will feature a variety of local artisans. Kids activities will include yard

games, crafts and kid-friendly performances. Outreach booths will connect attendees with festival sponsors, community groups and city services.

The location in the city center offers many ways to get to the festival, including via Metrobus and Metrorail, Ride On, rideshare, biking or walking. Free and paid parking lots will be available.

The Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade, a city tradition for 81 years featuring more than 60 dance, marching and community groups from around the region, will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, May 26 in Rockville Town Center. This year's parade theme is "Magic in America."

Find more information about the parade, including how to participate, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/memorialday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/memorialday) and in the article on page 6.

Find more about Hometown Holidays at Rockville Town Center, including applications for artisans, food vendors, and community and political groups, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH).



**"ROCKVILLE ROLL CALL" takes a closer look at the Rockville staff members who serve our city.**

**Rockville 11 talks with Veronica Mitchell, the new boards and commissions and volunteer coordinator with the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office.**

**Boards and commissions allow community members to partner with city staff to shape Rockville's future by sharing expertise and advising the Mayor and Council. They also address a wide range of topics, from the environment to human services to city elections.**

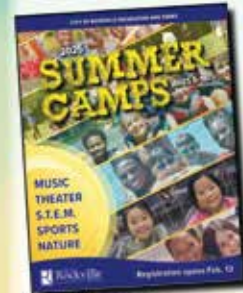
**In order to take part, you must live in the City of Rockville. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/boards](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boards) or contact the Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280.**

**Find "Rockville Roll Call" on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable.**



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## Need help paying for CAMPS?



**City residents who qualify for:**

- FARMs (Free and Reduced Meals).
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- Rental Assistance.
- Supplemental Security Income.

**You may be eligible to receive \$175 towards each camp week.**



To apply for financial assistance, email documents to [registration@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:registration@rockvillemd.gov) or apply in-person.

Call 240-314-8620 for more information.



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