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Rockville Receives \$4M in Earmarks for Emergency Ops, Storm Drains, Water Mains, Sewer Lines

The City of Rockville recently received more than \$3.9 million in federal earmark funding for a new emergency operations center, police radios, water main and sewer line rehabilitation, and storm drain improvements in the Potomac Woods neighborhood.

Earmarks allow members of Congress to request a portion of federal spending to be directed to specific projects or programs. Congress reinstated earmarks in Fiscal Year 2022, after an 11-year ban. Rockville received earmark funding in two separate legislative packages signed by President Joe Biden in March. The earmarks will help fund five projects:

- Interoperable police radio communications equipment: \$963,000.
- Water main rehabilitation: \$959,752.
- Potomac Woods storm drain improvements: \$900,000.
- Maintenance and emergency operations center: \$592,500.
- Sewer line rehabilitation: \$500,000.

Only one Rockville project was not funded — a \$997,500 request for security improvements to the city's water treatment plant.

An amendment to the city's FY 2024 budget will provide \$1.5 million to replace all emergency radios carried by police officers and in police vehicles. The proposed Capital Improvements Program includes new FY 2025 appropriations of \$13.4 million for water

and sewer infrastructure and \$1.9 million for stormwater infrastructure. The proposed CIP also includes \$6.4 million of carryover funding in FY 2025 for creation of new city offices and a Maintenance and Emergency Operations Center at 6 Taft Court, a 50,000-square-foot building the city purchased in 2019. The \$592,500 earmark will help purchase technology, including computers and monitors for the center.

Securing the earmarks was a joint effort by staff from the City Manager's Office, Department of Public Works and Rockville City Police Department to prepare potential projects to qualify for funding and be competitive with funding requests from other jurisdictions.

"This has been a very special and unique year for Rockville earmarks and grants overall," acting City Manager Craig L. Simoneau wrote in an email announcing the earmarks to the Mayor and Council and the city's senior staff. The earmarks capped a month in which the city was awarded nearly \$4.5 million in federal funding, including a \$568,000 grant for planning and design of a proposed pedestrian and bicycle bridge in Twinbrook.

Simoneau thanked the Mayor and Council for their advocacy for the projects and recognized the city's congressional delegation, including U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin and Sens. Benjamin L. Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, for their support. ✚



FRESH AIR AND SPLASHY SUMMER FUN ... The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor recreation pool, complete with large slide, sprayground and tot pool, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 27. The outdoor fitness pool will open for preseason swimming in May.

Spring's unpredictable weather means the exact date of the official first day for the fitness pool is developing. See below for ways to stay in the know for what the center has planned.

A complete renovation and reconfiguration of the outdoor recreation pool areas will be coming to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, including improvements to accessibility, and modernized amenities and infrastructure that will provide new recreational features and pools for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

To accommodate renovation construction, the outdoor recreation pool will close about Friday, Aug. 16. 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. Make sure to 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/swimcenter for updates.

Memorial Day and Juneteenth in Rockville

Rockville City Hall and some city facilities will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day and on Wednesday, June 19 as the city observes Juneteenth.

Recycling, trash and yard waste collection will be made one day later than usual during the week of May 27. During the Juneteenth holiday week, Monday and Tuesday collections will occur as usual. Wednesday and Thursday collections will occur one day later than usual. Find more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash.

The following Rockville facilities will be closed May 27 and June 19:

- Rockville Senior Center.
- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers.
- Croydon Creek Nature Center, which is always closed Mondays.
- Glenview Mansion and the Rockville Civic Center business office.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office, which is always closed Mondays. Tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.
- The Rockville Skate Park, which is always closed Mondays.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. May 27 and

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State Legislative Wins: Support for Climate Action, Vision Zero and Nixing Noisy Vehicles

State aid for improvements to David Scull Park and legislation supporting the city's affordable housing, climate action and Vision Zero efforts were among wins for Rockville during the Maryland General Assembly session that concluded April 8.

The city's Climate Action Plan sets goals for equitably reducing greenhouse gases and

preparing the community to adapt to a changing climate. State lawmakers approved the Brighter Tomorrow Act, which removes barriers to installing net-metered small solar systems and addresses the Climate Action Plan goal of increasing access to affordable, reliable, clean energy.

Lawmakers also approved

legislation authorizing the state Department of Transportation to designate a Vision Zero coordinator to hold quarterly meetings of representatives of state transportation agencies, analyze transportation infrastructure reviews following pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities, and advise the governor and state and local agencies about Vision Zero

and traffic and roadway safety. Maryland and Rockville have both set a goal of zero roadway deaths or serious injuries by 2030. A bill to make it easier for SHA to decrease speed limits on state highways within city boundaries — so-called urban highways — passed in the House but did not receive a

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Finding Out About Historic Preservation is as Easy as ABC

May is Preservation Month, and in recognition, the Historic District Commission will host "ABCs of Historic Preservation" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30.

The hybrid event will provide members of the community with an overview of historic preservation in Rockville.

Attendees will learn how local historic structures are designated and what designation means for a property, discover the social and economic benefits of historic districts, and meet historic district commissioners.

Attendees can register in advance to participate online at bit.ly/HistoricPreservationABCs. For those attending in person, the meeting will be held in the Mayor and Council chambers.

Preservation Month is an initiative of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The 2024 theme is "People Saving Places," to shine a spotlight on those who work to save places.

Learn more about the monthlong celebration at savingplaces.org/stories/history-of-preservation-month.

RHE Waitlists to Open for Housing Choice Voucher, Project-Based Voucher and Public Housing

Rockville Housing Enterprises opened its waitlists in April for the Housing Choice Voucher program, project-based voucher programs and public housing program.

To apply for the waitlists, find the online portal at myportal.rockvillehe.org and follow the instructions provided. RHE waitlists will remain open until further notice.

Applicants will be required to provide contact information, including an email address for the application process, and details about income sources, household members, and other information needed to determine program eligibility.

Applicants will be required to update their application information annually. Failure to update the application annually when notified will result in the removal of the waitlist application.

For more information about the waitlists or for assistance completing an online application, email Irving Hyde at ihyde@rockvillehe.org.

For more information about RHE, visit www.rockvillehe.org.

City Closures for May and June

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open for regular hours June 19. Outdoor pools open at noon on May 27. Due to the city's Memorial Day parade, access to the center's parking lot will be restricted until after noon. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for individual pool schedules or call 240-314-8750.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters on May 27 and June 19.

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

Rockville Recreation Guides: General registration opens 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 2.

"Life in Rockville": Find classes, programs and special events for all ages and interests.

"Adults 60+": A guide especially for the 60-plus community.

Find our guides at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide or in print at City Hall, community centers and libraries.

SBA Offers Loans for Businesses and Nonprofits Impacted by Key Bridge Collapse

Businesses and non-profits impacted by the March 26 collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore may be eligible for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the Small Business Administration.

The working capital loans offer up to \$2 million to meet ordinary and necessary financial obligations, such as fixed debts, payroll,

accounts payable or other bills affected by disruptions related to the bridge collapse. The loans have a fixed interest rate of 4% for small businesses and 3.25% for private nonprofits, with terms up to 30 years. They are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to weather the effects of the collapse without hardship.

The application filing

deadline is Monday, Dec. 30.

To apply online, or for more disaster assistance information, visit sba.gov/disaster, call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Dial 711 for telecommunications relay services.

Applicants must provide:

- A cell phone number,

email address and contact information.

- Social Security numbers and employer identification numbers.
- Financial information, e.g., income, account balances, monthly expenses, etc.
- A complete copy of their most recent federal income tax return.

Learn more at bit.ly/KeyBridgeEIDL. 🌸

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.

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 Engage Rockville: engagerockville.com/towncenter. 🌸

State Legislative Wins

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Senate hearing.

Rockville supported two bills that won approval as part of Gov. Wes Moore's affordable housing legislative package. One creates a state entity to provide financial assistance for redevelopment and investment in low-income communities. The other creates an office to educate and advocate for renters, establishing a tenants' bill of rights and provisions to protect renters from certain evictions and to limit the cost of security deposits.

Lawmakers approved \$250,000 for David Scull Park Improvements Project, which will include Americans with Disabilities Act-related enhancements, a new pavilion, removal of a storage building, storm pipe renovation and ornamental fencing. Requests for \$500,000 for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and for \$175,000 for the

county to renovate and preserve the historic Lincoln High School went unfulfilled.

Lawmakers also did not support legislation, backed by the Maryland Municipal League and Rockville, to authorize local governments to create a special 2% admissions and amusement tax on sales of food and beverage for on-site consumption.

In a win for Rockville, lawmakers approved a two-year pilot program for Montgomery and Prince George's counties to use noise abatement monitoring systems to help crack down on excessive noise from motor vehicles. The systems measure noise and take photos or videos of a vehicle's rear license plate, producing a citation that can be mailed to the vehicle owner.

For more information, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115. 🌸

Public Outreach on Zoning Code Rewrite to be Held in Fall

Fall is when the Rockville community will have its opportunity to chime in on a project to rewrite and update the city's zoning ordinance.

A consultant team is developing draft zoning regulations for the current phase of the project based on a diagnostic report that is a result of the team's analysis of the city's standing zoning ordinance.

The diagnostic report includes:

- An evaluation of the zoning ordinance against the objectives of the city's comprehensive plan and recommendations for revisions to bring them into alignment.
- A map-based assessment to determine whether existing zoning standards are consistent with the built environment.
- An organization and consistency analysis to highlight shortcomings in code language and organization.
- An assessment of administration and procedures to build an understanding of processes, supplemented by interviews with code administrators.
- A review of waiver and variance applications to identify potentially bur-

densome or unnecessary regulatory hurdles for residents.

Public outreach meetings are expected to be held in fall to present the diagnostic report and calibration report.

Among recommendations outlined in the report is an emphasis on the need for streamlined development review processes and clearer, more understandable language in the zoning ordinance, ensuring consistency with other sections of the city code.

New development and design standards will be necessary to promote housing variety while maintaining compatibility with existing neighborhoods. The report also proposes new standards for open spaces, neighborhood amenities and specific "community nodes," per the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan. It recommends a significant focus on development around high-capacity transit stations and reconsidering parking minimums in these areas.

The executive summary of the report and full zoning diagnostic report are available for review on the project webpage at www.rockvillemd.gov/2521/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite. 🌸

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TAKE A BOUGH, MEADOW HALL ... For Arbor Day, the City of Rockville joined students and staff to plant an eastern redbud tree at Meadow Hall Elementary School. The Mayor and Council proclaimed April 17 as Arbor Day at their April 8 meeting, urging the community to support tree care and community forestry. Rockville is proud to have been named a Tree City USA for 35 consecutive years. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/forestry and watch recap at www.youtube.com/cityorrockville.



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Propose a Project to Improve Your Neighborhood

With the Mayor and Council’s Fiscal Year 2025 budget deliberations set to wrap up in May, 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 upon 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. 🍀



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Mayor and Council to Discuss Rockville Metro Station Study on May 6

The Mayor and Council will discuss a study of the Rockville Metro station during their Monday, May 6 meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Two public meetings will be scheduled following the presentation to receive feedback from the community on concept designs.

Rockville is collaborat-

ing with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Montgomery County to conduct the study with the goals of developing recommendations for improvements to aging infrastructure, incorporating mixed-use development on Metro-owned property at the station, and strategies to increase bus and train

Mayor and Council to Vote on FY 2025 Budget in May

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to vote on Monday, May 6 on adoption of a city budget that demonstrates the city’s continued commitment to the implementation of adopted plans, community safety and policing, and economic development.

The budget covers Fiscal Year 2025, which begins Monday, July 1. In March, acting City Manager Craig L. Simoneau proposed an operating budget of \$168.9 million, a 74% increase over the FY 2024 adopted budget.

The Mayor and Council discussed changes to the proposal during work sessions on March 18, April 8 and April 15. They approved the advancement of several large capital projects, including improvements to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, ongoing conversion to LED streetlights, improvements to David Scull Park, 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 prioritized funding for items that align with adopted city plans, including the Comprehensive Plan, the Climate Action Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Under the city manager’s proposal, the city’s current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY25. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax. Rockville has not increased its property tax rate since 1995.

Find Mayor and Council agendas and staff reports, and videos of the acting city manager’s proposed budget presentation, budget work sessions and public hearings at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Meetings are broadcast on channel 11 on county cable and livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

For more information, including the adopted FY25 budget document, which will be available in July, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. 🍀

FY 2025 Budget Calendar

- Monday, May 6:** Adoption of the FY 2025 operating budget and Capital Improvements Program.
- Monday, July 1:** FY25 begins.

Note: Budget calendar dates are subject to change.



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The study will also explore options for incorporating new services, such as planned bus rapid transit along Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road,

and how to better connect the station with Rockville’s downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

Find more information on the study at www.rockvillemd.gov/2356/Rockville-Station-Study or contact Manisha Tewari, research manager, at mtewari@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8213. 🍀

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

Meetings Schedule: Monday, May 6, starting at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. May 13 and 20, and June 3 and 10. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details. The May 6 and June 3 meetings will be preceded by drop-in sessions by telephone or in-person with Mayor Monique Ashton and councilmembers Adam Van Grack in May, from 5:15-5:45 p.m., and Kate Fulton in June, from 5:30-6:30 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.
- May 8 and 22; June 12 and 26** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.)

- Vacancies**
- Community Policing Advisory Board (2; 1 student rep)
 - Cultural Arts Commission (1)
 - Education Comm. (1 youth rep)
 - Environment Commission (1)
 - Ethics Commission (1)
 - Human Rights Commission (3)
 - Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
 - Landlord-Tenant Affairs Comm. (3)
 - Planning Commission (2)
 - Senior Citizens Commission (2)
 - Transportation and Mobility Commission (1)
- For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



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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. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.



Register Your Bicycle

Registering your bike with the Rockville City Police Department makes it more likely that it could be recovered if lost or stolen. Once registered, bike owners are given a small sticker to attach to the bike frame. To register your bike and receive a registration sticker, visit the Rockville City Police Station at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. or fill out a form at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling. For more, call 240-314-8900 or email publicsafety@rockvillemd.gov.

Bike Racks Mean Business — And Grants Are Available

Studies show that businesses with bicycle parking near their storefront get a measurable sales boost.

Business owners without bicycle parking near their shop or office could qualify for a rack — provided and installed for free by the City of Rockville — under the city’s Bike Rack Grant Program. Learn more about the program and find an application by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and selecting “Bicycle Parking.”

Residents interested in seeing bicycle parking at specific locations can direct business owners to the website. For more information, contact Rockville’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at 240-314-8527 or bikeways@rockvillemd.gov.

Help Save the Bay While Saving Money With RainScapes Rebates

Rockville is proud to partner with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to help residents save money when installing sustainable landscaping and small-scale stormwater practices through the RainScapes Rebate program.

Eligible properties, including single-family homes and townhouses, homeowners and condominium associations, and other nonprofits can receive up to \$5,000 in rebates.

The list of eligible practices includes rebates for rain gardens, cisterns, green roofs, permeable paver retrofits, pavement removal and conservation landscaping. Property owners must apply before project installation and submit itemized receipts and/or final invoices for all project costs. Rebate amounts will not exceed documented costs. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes to learn more and apply.

Chesapeake Bay Trust staff will review and process rebate applications and perform site visits and are available to answer property owners’ questions. Email rockvillerebate@cbtrust.org.

The RainScapes Rebates program is part of the city’s efforts to meet its Climate Action Plan goals by creating private property incentives and education programs to promote tree planting and environmentally friendly landscape conversions and practices. Learn more about the Climate Action Plan at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate.



Pedal Power to the People During Bike Month in May

Rockville celebrates National Bike Month in May with rides to work and school and in memoriam, and neighborhood rides all summer long.

National Bike and Roll to School Day
Wednesday, May 8

Start a celebration or event at your school! Visit www.walkbiketoschool.org or check with your school to see how you can join in. Remember: Montgomery County requires anyone under age 18 to wear a bicycle helmet when riding or being carried on a bicycle, including a bicycle with training wheels, on a public street, in right of way, or on a sidewalk or bicycle path.

Bike Month Kickoff Ride
Saturday, May 11

Meet at 10 a.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Join Rockville officials and neighbors to celebrate National Bike Month. Pedal a casual 6-mile loop along multi-use trails and quiet residential streets to explore some of the city’s extensive and diverse bicycling infrastructure. The route includes a few paths, bridges and tunnels.

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee hosts rides throughout the summer. Find upcoming rides at facebook.com/bikerockville.

17th Annual Rockville Ride of Silence
Wednesday, May 15

Meet at 6:40 p.m. in front of Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave. in Rockville Town Square. Bring a helmet and bike for a police-escorted ride through neighborhoods to honor those who have been killed or injured on a bicycle. Riders must be comfortable riding on streets with traffic and riding approximately 10 miles in one hour. Visit www.rideofsilence.com for more details about this international event.

National Bike to Work Day
6:30 a.m. Friday, May 17

Registration is now open at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org for all 16 Montgomery County pit stops, including stops at Dawson’s Market in Rockville Town Square and at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Pit stops will have free snacks, beverages and bicycling giveaways while supplies last, and free T-shirts for the first 16,000 people in the Washington metropolitan region to register and stop by.

Visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search for “bike safety.” Learn more about bicycling in Rockville at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac.

Vision Zero: City Meets to Talk Complete Streets and Sidewalks

Rockville’s Vision Zero Action Plan is walking (and rolling) on with a new Complete Streets project and meetings about roadway improvements to improve safety for all.

In April, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ Transportation Land-Use Connections Program awarded Rockville \$80,000 for a Complete Streets feasibility study of Congressional Lane. The Complete Streets approach can reduce speeding vehicles by identifying potential improvements to help people drive, walk, roll, bike and use transit more safely. The study will examine the full length of Congressional Lane, from Rollins Avenue to Rockville Pike (MD 355), assessing roadway conditions and evaluating the impact of potential improvements on multiple modes of transportation. It will also include opportunities for the public to submit comments about proposed improvements. A consultant is expected to be chosen this summer with the project expected to begin in fall.

Rockville will also host meetings to discuss proposed sidewalk and intersection improvements throughout the city. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar for meeting details, including how to join the Monday, July 1 virtual meeting. Walk-and-roll-the-block meetings are scheduled for the following sidewalk feasibility studies:

- **Crawford Drive** (Rockcrest Circle to Hillcrest Park) at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21.
- **Wade Avenue** (Crawford Drive to Edmonston Drive) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21.
- **Crawford Drive** (Ardennes Avenue to Atlantic Avenue) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22.
- **Midway Avenue** (Crawford Drive to Stillwell Road) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22.
- **Brooke Avenue** (Lewis Avenue to Rockland Avenue) at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.
- **Halsey Road** (Ardennes Avenue to Henry Road) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.
- **Lemay Road** (Vandegrift



Avenue to Ardennes Avenue) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.

Meetings to discuss findings of the Twinbrook Safe Routes to School and Transit Access Study are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, and virtually at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 1. The study evaluated the intersections of Ardennes Avenue at Crawford Drive, Halsey Road, Halpine Road, Ridgway Avenue and Wainwright Avenue; Chapman Avenue at Bouie Avenue and at Twinbrook Parkway; and Lemay Road at Ridgway Avenue.

For more information about these and other projects related to the city’s Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzeroprojects. ➦

Road Resurfacing Scheduled Through June for Rockville

The State Highway Administration is paving, patching and sealing cracks on roadways in and around Rockville through late June.

Work is being done week-days, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Some overnight work may be necessary. During work hours, motorists can expect lane shifts and lane closures. Work is expected to be complete by late June, weather permitting, though additional lane closures and work hours may be necessary to keep projects on schedule.

Drivers are advised to slow down in the work zone for the safety of all drivers and the crews working to improve roads. Look for arrow boards, cones and barrels to safely guide motorists through the work zones.

In mid-April, SHA began resurfacing several sections of MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) through Rockville, from First Street to the bridge over Rock Creek, and in the Wheaton/Silver Spring areas.

Other pavement improvements in Rockville are patching on MD 355 (Rockville Pike) from Twinbrook Parkway to MD 911 (First

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BIKE LANES WITH VISION ... Complete Streets projects completed last year brought separated bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks and on-street parking and loading spaces to North Washington Street and East Middle Lane in Rockville Town Center. Find a Rockville 11 YouTube playlist at bit.ly/VisionZeroPlaylist with tips for safe biking, walking or rolling, and driving, and details about how the redesigned roadway benefits all users and advances the city’s plan to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at RedGate Park, 14500 Avery Road, Rockville.



AT REDGATE PARK



Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26

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FeelFree • The JoGo Project • Poehemia
The 19th Street Band • SoulTET • U.S. Navy Band Commodores
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The free Hometown Holidays Music Fest features local flavor of music and food vendors, including two stages of entertainment and activities for kids from noon-7 p.m. Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 at RedGate Park, 14500 Avery Road. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH.

The Hometown Holidays Music Fest website will help festivalgoers get ready for the weekend and get around while at RedGate Park. On the site you'll find:

- The complete festival lineup and performance schedule.
- Participating food court vendors and offerings.
- Transportation and parking options.



Hometown Holidays Highlights

KIDS ACTIVITIES

- Kid-friendly entertainment by Kidsinger Jim and Groovy Nate.
- Two sand dunes.
- A kids craft tent.
- Amusements provided by Ultimate Amusements. (Fee required.)



FOOD COURT AREA

- Available noon-7 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26.
- Featuring local food trucks and vendors, including DC Slices, Festival Concessions, Frosty Softy, J&G Catering, Kona Ice of Potomac, Pacha Mama, Phowheels, Pop-up Poutine, Silver Sons BBQ, Tatak Pinoy Fil-Asian Cuisine and Street Food, The Hotdog Hideout, and Trippy Tacos.

AND MORE FUN!

- Beverages, including soda, water and Michelob Ultra products will be available for purchase.
- Sponsor, community and political booths highlighting organizations serving our community.



- Cornhole and giant Connect Four.
- Snap a picture at our unique picture frame selfie station.
- Morning yoga with Thrive Yoga, 9-10 a.m. Sunday, May 26, at the RedGate Stage. Bring a mat and water to welcome Day 2 of the festival.





UBER IT
Save on an Uber ride home from Hometown Holidays. Scan the QR code found at the festival's beverage booth to receive \$10 off your ride home from 4-8 p.m. each day. The Uber pickup and drop-off will be at the Blair Ewing Center, 14501 Avery Road. Use the address when requesting your ride. Presented by the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation.



SATURDAY, MAY 25

Main Stage

	PERFORMER	GENRE
12:30-2 p.m.	U.S. Navy Band Commodores	Jazz, Big Band
2:30-4:30 p.m.	8 Ohms Band	Horn-Heavy Funk
5:30-7 p.m.	BonJourneyNY	Bon Jovi, Journey Tribute

RedGate Stage

Noon-12:30 p.m.	Groovy Nate	Kids Music
1-2:30 p.m.	DeSanguashington	Colombian Folk Fusion
3-4:30 p.m.	The 19th Street Band	Americana
5-6:30 p.m.	The JoGo Project	Jazz, Go-Go

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Main Stage

	PERFORMER	GENRE
12:30-2:15 p.m.	FeelFree	Reggae
2:45-4:45 p.m.	Capital Effect	Rock, Pop
5:45-7 p.m.	EVERCLEAR	Alt Rock

RedGate Stage

9-10 a.m.	Thrive Yoga	Yoga
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Kidsinger Jim	Kids Music
1-2:30 p.m.	Poehemia	Celtic Rock
3-4:30 p.m.	SoulTET	Soul, Funk, R&B, Jazz
5-6:30 p.m.	The Reflex	'80s Tribute

HTH Music Fest: Know Before You Go

General Information

- Bring beach chairs or blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so that those around you can see the show too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- Outside, prepared food is permitted.
- On-site recycling supports Rockville's sustainability efforts.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH and facebook.com/RockvilleHometownHolidays.
- RedGate Park is smoke- and vape-free.

Safety: For the safety of all, please follow these guidelines: NO to:

Pets, tents, barbecuing or open flames. Outside alcohol. Wheeled recreational devices. Noisemakers, glass containers, drones or laser pointers. Weapons, illegal substances or explosives. Throwing footballs, flying discs, baseballs or other projectiles.

Assistance Needed: Rockville strives to provide access to all programs and services, regardless of ability. Contact 240-

314-8620 with questions about access to the Hometown Holidays Music Fest.

Getting to RedGate Park: By Car

- Free and ample parking is available at the festival. Accessible parking is located in Lot P with an ADA plate or placard.

By Rideshare

- Rideshare pickup/drop-off is located at the Blair Ewing Center, 14501 Avery Road. See at left for Uber info.

By Bike

- Bike parking in Lot P or at the 6 Taft Court entrance.

Shuttle Service

- This free, accessible shuttle runs from Rockville Town Center to RedGate Park from 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26.
- Rockville Town Center pickup/drop-off: Monroe Street between East Montgomery Avenue and Middle Lane. For directions, use 255 Monroe St.
- RedGate Park pickup/drop-off: Outside the accessible festival entrance.
- Hours: Shuttles will run approximately every 20 minutes from 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The last Rockville Town Center pickup is 6 p.m.



80th Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

9 a.m. • ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS

The City of Rockville-supported volunteer band and the Rockville Community Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America.

9:30 a.m. • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony, in the plaza at Rockville Town Square, includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus; a traditional wreath laying, led by American Legion Post 86; and the presentation of colors by the Rockville City Police Department Honor Guard. Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for the ceremony and parade.

10:30 a.m. • 80th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After the ceremony, the parade proceeds from Martins Lane and North Washington Street through Rockville Town Center (see map at right). The pa-

rade has something for everyone, with drill teams, marching bands, multicultural community groups, military units and more.



STEPHEN P. JOHNSON, GRAND MARSHAL

Stephen P. Johnson is a historian at the Department of Defense’s POW/MIA Accounting Agency, working to provide the fullest possible records and accounting of missing personnel to their families and the nation. He has been a civilian employee of the Department of Defense since 2010. From 2009 to 2015, he worked in various positions at the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office. He volunteered for the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy’s Personnel Accounting Consolidation Taskforce in 2014.

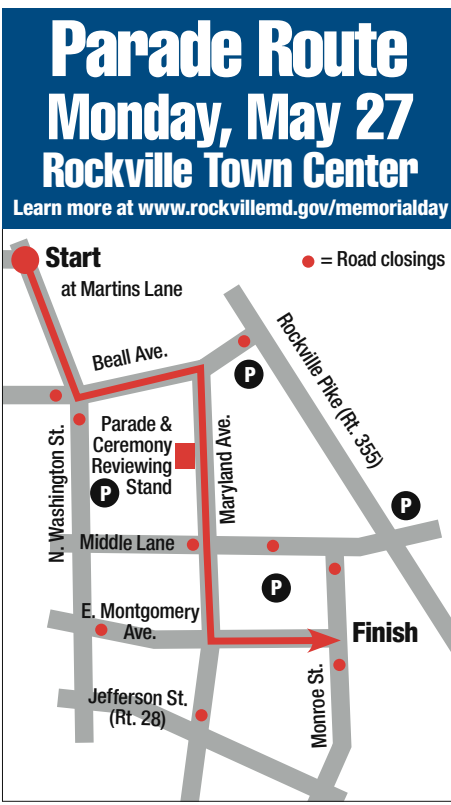
He holds a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in history from the University of

Washington, a Master of Arts in history and a doctorate in U.S. political and cultural history from the University of Maryland, College Park, specializing in constitutional law and political conflict, with a minor specialization in European military history of the 1500s-2000s.

Johnson was an enlisted member of the Air Force from 1977 to 1984, reaching the rank of staff sergeant. He was stationed in South Dakota and the United Kingdom, and served as a security specialist, primarily working on the flightline, guarding aircraft.

PARADE PARKING

On Monday, May 27, free parking is available at the Rockville Metro lots, City Hall lots and jury lot at Route 28 and Monroe Street. Paid parking is available in the Rockville Town Square garage located off Route 355 or North Washington Street. Cash and credit accepted. Accessible parking is available in the Rockville Town Center garage.



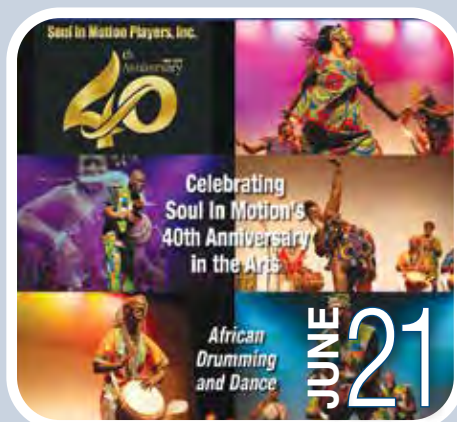
May-June CALENDAR

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



MAY

1,11 LITTLE EXPLORERS Take time with your little one to explore with a naturalist. Hiking, games and hands-on learning are part of the fun! Registration required. Ages 2-5. Register with course #31317 (May 1) or #31318 (May 11). \$8 R/\$10 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

1 THE 19TH CENTURY ODYSSEY OF A 21ST CENTURY PUBLIC HISTORIAN This Power-Point program illustrates how master docent and reenactor Clarence Hickey researched the life and medical career of Montgomery County Civil War examining surgeon Edward Stonestreet. Register with course #31689. \$6 M/\$9 NM. 2-3 p.m. **SR**

1 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.

3 A ROYAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA See article on page 11. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

3,4,5,10,11,12 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS" See the article on page 11. **FSF**

4 CROYDON CREEK NATURE CENTER'S NATIVE PLANT SALE Plant native in your garden this spring. The plant sale will have a variety of native plants that are both sun- and shade-friendly, while supplies last. See the ad on page 9. 9-11 a.m. Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road.

4,5 VISARTS' 12TH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL See the ad on page 12. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

5 FAMILIES OUTSIDE: BIRD WALK Explore the habitats of the John Hayes Forest Preserve with naturalist-led nature outings that will help you and your family enjoy the wonders surrounding the center. Adults and children must register and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 5 and older. Register with course #31321. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 11-12:30 p.m. **CC**

5 INVASIVE SPECIES PULL Volunteer in the Hayes Forest Preserve to make a difference in the community's environment! Gloves and bags provided. Event is free, but registration required. Ages 5 and older. Register with course #31325. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **CC**

8 ART APPRECIATION: FRIDA KAHLO AND DIEGO RIVERA Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera's often tumultuous story is best understood through Kahlo's remarkable self-portraits, Rivera's portrayal of his wife and muse, plus numerous photos taken of the couple. Register with course #31005. \$6 M/\$9 NM. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

8 ARTHRITIS: "WHY DO MY JOINTS HURT?" See article on page 11. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

8 ART RECEPTION Features the work of Val Fry's watercolor classes. Registration required with course #31183. Free. 4-5:30 p.m. **SR**

9 GLENVIEW MANSION-PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: 50 YEARS OF PEERLESS ROCKVILLE See the article on page 11. Register with course #28502. Free. 7-8 p.m. **GM**

11 BIKE MONTH KICKOFF RIDE Join Rockville officials and neighbors at City Hall for a casual bike ride to celebrate National Bike Month. This will be a 6-mile loop exploring some of the city's extensive and diverse bicycling infrastructure. See article on page 4. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **CH**

15 ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE Elder-SAFE Center provides the tools to spot signs of elder abuse. Register with course #31705. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

15 V HOW TO GO SOLAR WITH SOLAR SWITCH Learn how to get solar installed on your home or business's roof by taking part in the Capital Area Solar Switch group solar purchase program. Representatives with nonprofit Solar United Neighbors will walk you through the process. Find how to register at bit.ly/SolarSwitch2024. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

15 17th ANNUAL ROCKVILLE RIDE OF SILENCE See article on page 4. 6:40-8 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

17 NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY See article on page 4. 6:30-8:30 a.m.

18 SPRING FESTIVAL AND KIDS TO PARKS DAY CELEBRATION See ad at right. 10 a.m.-noon. **CC**



19 ROCKVILLE CHORUS PRESENTS "SONGS OF PEACE, HOPE AND LOVE" See article on page 11. 7:30-8:30 p.m. **FSF**

23 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK EQUIPMENT SHOW See article on page 12. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park 1800 Piccard Drive.

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

25,26 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS MUSIC FESTIVAL See the insert in this edition. Noon-7 p.m. RedGate Park, 14500 Avery Road.

27 MEMORIAL DAY See article on page 1 for facility closures and page 7 for Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade details.

29 ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR See the article on page 11. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

30 HOSPICE CARE Jewish Social Services supports physical, emotional and practical end-of-life needs with compassion and cultural sensitivity. Register with course #31239. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

30 BALLROOM DANCE PARTY A partner-free ballroom dancing class that uses genres of music from pop, rock, musicals, Latin and more. Dance the hustle, jive, swing, salsa, quickstep and more. Register with course #31100. \$7 M/\$10 NM. 1:30-3 p.m. **SR**

JUNE

2 ROCKVILLE PRIDE See article on page 12. 2-5 p.m.

4,11,18,25 TUESDAY EVENING RIDE WITH THE ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Bicycle rides in June will start at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive. See the article on page 4. 6:30-8 p.m.

5 ASK AN EV (ELECTRIC VEHICLE) OWNER Visit evadc.wildapricot.org/ask. 7:30-8:30 p.m.

6 AROUND THE WORLD IN A DAY Celebrate International Day at the Rockville Senior Center. See article on page 11. \$5 M/\$8 NM. 1-3 p.m. **SR**

7,8,9,14,15,16 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS "RUDDIGORE" See article on page 11. **FSF**

12 WALKING SERIES: MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD Enjoy the outdoors and increase your fitness while experiencing beautiful local trails. Designed for the active participant. Some trails may include uneven surfaces. Transportation provided. Bring a bag lunch. Register with course #31103. \$12 M/\$15 NM. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

13 SENIOR HOUSING RESOURCE EXPO See article on page 11. Free. 10-1 p.m. **SR**

13 TEENS SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY Celebrate the start of summer in style on the rooftop of VisArts with a safe, secure and supervised party exclusively for teens. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. RSVP using course #32570. 7-9:30 p.m. 115 Gibbs St.

15 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION See article on page 12.

15 SUDS & SOLES 5K See article on page 12. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rockville Town Center.

19 JUNETEENTH See article on page 1 for facility closures.

19 MEDICARE SOLUTIONS Meet with a local insurance advisor for an overview of Medicare coverage options, enrollment options and commonly used terms, with time for questions and answers. Register with course #31286. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

20 JUNETEENTH/PRIDE AUTHOR EVENT See article on page 12.

21 FATHER'S DAY COOK IN See article on page 11. \$7 M/\$9 NM. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

21 SOUL IN MOTION PLAYERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT See article on page 11. 7:30-9:30 p.m. **FSF**

23 GLENVIEW MANSION OPEN HOUSE See article on page 11. Free. 1-4 p.m. **GM**

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

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

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

Farmers Market Returns with Food Benefit Matching Programs, Parking Changes

The Rockville Farmers Market opens for the season on Saturday, May 18 with a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$20 for customers using their federal nutrition benefits, and new parking details.

Entering its 13th year, the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money program removes economic barriers for food-insecure shoppers, by increasing access to fresh produce and increasing purchasing power. Customers can receive a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$20 weekly when they shop with SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/ Electronic Benefits Transfer), P-EBT (Pandemic EBT) and WIC-FVC (Women, Infants and Children-Fruit and Vegetable Checks) at the market. Matching funds can be used to purchase locally grown and produced items including fruits, vegetables, meat, cheese, dairy, baked goods, eggs and honey.

The program aims to fight hunger while investing directly in farmers, strengthening the local food system. Customers can stop by the market tent, located at the market entrance for more information.

The market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 18, in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center. Parking will not be permitted in the jury parking lot this year. Free parking is available in the Montgomery County parking garage at the corner of Monroe and East Jefferson Streets, which is across Monroe Street from the market and adjacent the Montgomery County Council Office Building. Free and accessible parking can be found in the lot at 200 Monroe St.

The market gives shoppers their pick of farm-fresh produce and more from regional growers/producers, transforming itself weekly as fruits and vegetables become available throughout the season.

Find a list of vendors and learn more about the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money program and the market at www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers.

Speed Limit Changes Mean Motorists Must Drive 35 on City Streets

All Rockville streets now have speed limits of 35 mph or less after the city completed speed limit reduction work on Gude Drive and Wootton Parkway in late April.

The changes, which do not include state roads, updated signs to reduce speed limits from 40 to 35 mph on the following segments:

- Wootton Parkway in both directions between Seven Locks Road and West Edmonston Drive.
- West Gude Drive in both directions between Piccard Drive and MD 355, and westbound between Research Boulevard and MD 28.
- East Gude Drive in both directions between Southlawn Lane and MD 28.

The latest changes follow the city working with the State Highway Administration to reduce the speed limit from 40 to 35 mph along a section of Veirs Mill Road, a state road also known as MD 586. The suggestion for that change, which is expected to take effect later this spring, followed a Dec. 26 crash that killed a pedestrian who was crossing near Atlantic Avenue in Twinbrook.

The speed limit reductions are being made to advance the city's Vision Zero Action Plan and to enhance the safety of all city roadway users. Find the article on page 4 to learn more about the Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.

City staff is working with SHA to review speed limits on other state roads in the city. Residents can raise concerns about state roadways at mdot.sha.my.salesforce-sites.com/customer-care/request_for_service.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 9 – 11 A.M.

CROYDON CREEK NATURE CENTER'S

Native Plant Sale

NEW LOCATION
ELWOOD SMITH
COMMUNITY CENTER
601 HARRINGTON RD
ROCKVILLE, MD 20852



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Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor the City's First Responders

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation will be honored for their service to the community at the 35th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards on Wednesday, June 5 at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road.

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Tables for 10, sponsorship opportunities and program advertisements are available. Joseph Olmo, a reporter for NBC4 Washington and Telemundo 44, will emcee.

The Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce is collecting donations to the non-profit First Responders Children's Foundation, which provides financial support to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty and families enduring significant financial hardship due to tragedy.

For more information, and to register, visit bit.ly/RkvPSAwards24.

Climate Solutions Speaker Session: Outreach and Restoration Grant Program

Does your organization have a green project in the works? Learn how your nonprofit, faith-based group, homeowners association or community organization can apply for grant funds through the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Outreach and Restoration Grant Program in the latest installment of Rockville's Climate Solutions Speaker Series.

The webinar, from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 4 on Zoom, will cover the grant program's goals and priority areas, how and when to apply, and tips for crafting a strong application.

The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program is a competitive water quality grant program that funds projects to reduce storm-water pollution and protect natural resources. Examples include permeable pavers and pavements, native landscaping, large-scale tree plantings, community outreach and engagement in reducing pollution, and environmental and sustainability projects that assist or benefit underserved communities.

Register at bit.ly/CBTGrants2024.

Can't attend the session? Learn more about the program at cbtrust.org/grants/outreach-and-restoration.

Road Resurfacing

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Street) and crack sealing on MD 28 (West Montgomery Avenue) from Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg to Hurley Avenue, and on MD 28 (Key West and West Montgomery avenues) from Broschart Road to Hurley Avenue.

For a list of all major SHA projects, visit mdot-sha-project-portal-maryland.hub.arcgis.com. To view real-time traffic conditions, visit md511.maryland.gov.



ROCKVILLE'S FORESTRY INSPECTOR TALKS ENVIRONMENT WITH MIDDLE-SCHOOL CLASS ... Following a handwritten invitation from a Silver Spring International Middle School student, Natasha Shangold, the City of Rockville's forestry inspector, found herself in front of Delia Dunlap's eighth period Model United Nations class, where she discussed invasive species and the importance of local ecosystems.

The first-day-of-spring visit was sparked by a letter from a student named Gracyn, who was encouraged by Dunlap to reach out to professionals in the field after a class discussion on environmental threats. Gracyn's invitation landed on Shangold's desk in the Department of Community Planning and Development Services.

"I immediately handwrote her back and then emailed her teacher that I would love to visit and speak to her class," Shangold said.

During her visit, Shangold discussed her work and took the students on an educational walk to a nearby forest alongside a creek, where she demonstrated how to identify various trees and pointed out invasive plants that threaten local vegetation.

"The students asked great questions (and a couple of funny ones)," Shangold said of the visit. "Afterwards, I thanked Ms. Dunlap and notified her that I would love to come back again."

Discover more about Rockville's forest and tree preservation at www.rockvillemd.gov/1066/forest-and-tree-preservation.



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofrockville): The Mayor and Council proclaim Arbor Day; Wootton Acatonics a cappella team is recognized for its national wins; and meet Rockville City Police Department dispatcher Keschia Paul.

Save The Date - July 19

www.RockvilleDuckDerby.com



Rockville Swim and Fitness Center



Earn Energy from the Sun — Make the Solar Switch

Lower your energy costs, become energy independent and be part of the renewable revolution: Join Solar Switch to learn about options for installing a solar energy system on the rooftop of your home or small business.

Learn more about Solar Switch during the virtual Climate Solutions Speaker Series session, “Going Solar with Solar Switch,” from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. Register to attend at bit.ly/SolarSwitch2024.

Solar Switch, formerly the Capital Area Solar Co-Op, is open for applications through Wednesday, July 24. Electric vehicle chargers are also offered in this group-driven, cooperative purchase discount program. Financing for all incomes is available.

For more about the co-op, visit www.solarunitedneighbors.org/maryland.

Don't own a roof — or have one that's shaded? Consider joining a community solar project. Learn how at www.solarunitedneighbors.org/go-solar/community-solar.

Save Energy — and Money — With These Energy-Efficiency Tips for Summer

Small energy-saving habit changes and upgrades can help you save money, be cool and stay comfortable all summer long. Try these when the weather gets warm:

- **Set it and forget it.** Using a programmable or smart thermostat can keep your home cool when you need it — and help you avoid running your air conditioner when you don't.
- **Cool down with a fan.** Fans keep air circulating, allowing you to raise the thermostat a few degrees and stay just as comfortable while reducing air conditioning costs.
- **Close your shades.** Sunlight passing through windows heats your home and makes your air conditioner work harder. Keeping blinds or drapes closed on sunny days helps block this heat.
- **Replace filters as needed.** Dirty air filters make your air conditioner work harder to circulate air. By cleaning or replacing the filters monthly, you can improve energy efficiency and reduce costs.

Find more resources and tips at montgomeryenergyconnection.org.

Checklist to Reduce Mosquito Breeding on Your Property

Mosquito species that have the potential to spread viruses prefer to breed in small amounts of standing water near where people live and work. They typically do not breed in natural areas like streams and ponds.



- **Empty out water from children's toys and plastic containers.**
If possible, bring indoors. Cover large toys and sand boxes with tightly fitting tarps, or drain weekly.
- **Remove trash from yard.**
As little as a bottle-cap full of water is enough for mosquitoes to breed.
- **Clean out roof gutters and downspout screens.**
If possible, replace corrugated downspouts with smooth PVC.
- **Store recycling bins out of the rain. Dump out any water at least weekly.**
Even though bins have drain holes, small amounts of water may still collect.
- **Add an aerator or fountain to birdbaths or ornamental ponds.**
Mosquitoes do not breed in moving water.
- **Tighten tarps and pool covers to minimize folds.**
If water still collects, shake out the tarp at least weekly.
- **Fix outdoor leaks and dripping faucets.**
Get rid of puddles from window air conditioners.
- **Dump and scrub saucers under potted plants, and flush birdbaths at least once a week.**

Where to Check:

- Front yard.
- Deck.
- Backyard.
- Roof and gutters (follow safety precautions).
- Along edge of the property.
- Balconies (apartments too!).

Note: Mosquito species of concern typically do not fly more than 150 yards from where they breed.



Members of the Montgomery County Council, Rockville Mayor and Council, and the city's Environment Commission joined City of Rockville staff and Pepco officials April 15 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for two publicly available electric vehicle charging stations on Vinson Street.

Rockville and Pepco Unveil New EV Charging Stations

Rockville is taking steps to meet the growing demand for electric vehicle chargers with the launch of new EV charging stations at location across the city.

Pepco officials joined members of Rockville's Mayor and Council and city staff April 15 for a ribbon-cutting of the two chargers on Vinson Street adjacent City Hall. Find Rockville 11's coverage of the event at youtube.com/cityofrockville and on channel 11 on county cable systems during May.

Additional Level 2 on-street chargers have been installed in Fallsgrove, with three chargers at 312 Prettyman Drive, and near the Twinbrook Metro station, with four chargers at 1800 Bouie Ave.

The next step in the city's partnership with Pepco is to add a DC fast charger at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive, where two Level 2 chargers and one DC fast charger already exist, and four Level 2 chargers at Mattie J.T.

Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

These public chargers will be integrated into a public charging network managed and maintained by Pepco. The Maryland Public Service Commission approved this pilot utility charging program and sets the rates for charging. Learn more about the network and find charging locations at bit.ly/EVsmartNetwork.

Rockville is developing the city's first EV readiness plan. The plan will help identify ways the city can work with county, state and federal programs to better facilitate a rapid adoption of electric vehicles and meet a growing demand for charging. Find the EV Readiness Plan at engage.rockville.com/evplan.

Electric vehicles cost less to operate, produce no exhaust, improve air quality and health, and will help the Rockville achieve goals of its Climate Action Plan. Learn more about the Climate Action Plan at www.rockville.md.gov/climate.

How to Be Aware and Be Prepared for Flooding

Anywhere it can rain, it can flood. Follow these tips to know the risk and be prepared to reduce the impact of potential flooding:

- **Insure your property.**
Flood damage isn't covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies and is expensive. An inch of floodwater can cause more than \$25,000 in damage. Talk to your insurance agent about flood insurance or visit floodsmart.gov.
- **Reduce Your Risk.** Take steps before a flood to protect your family and home by having an emergency plan, installing a water alarm and storing important documents in a watertight box. Find more resources at www.floodsmart.gov/first-prepare-flooding.
- **Take Advantage of the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.**

Rockville offers up to \$5,000 in matching reimbursement funds to residents and property owners who make flood protection improvements to their properties. Find program guidelines, eligibility requirements and apply at www.rockvillemd.gov/floodassistance.

- **Report storm flood damage.** Rockville residents or property owners who have experienced flood damage associated with severe weather can help us understand the impact of intense storms on our community. Take the Storm Flood Damage Survey and find additional resources at www.rockvillemd.gov/flooding.

For tips on solving minor drainage issues and wet yards, read “Slow It. Spread It. Sink It: A Homeowner's Guide to Sustainable Home Drainage” at www.rockville.md.gov/drainageguide.

Protect Pollinators: Plant Natives, Provide Water, and Preserve Habitat and Insect Life

June 17-23 is National Pollinator Week.

Bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and other garden helpers play an important role in the food chain by fertilizing plants that produce seeds, berries, fruits and other plant foods. But pollinators worldwide are in decline due to habitat loss, climate change, invasive species and pesticides. Check out the tips below to learn how to do your part to help pollinators.

Plant native flowering plants in your garden, reduce the size of your lawn and don't plant non-native invasive plants.

Plant host plants to provide essential habitat. Butterflies need special host plants as food for their caterpillars. Native oak trees are host to over 400 butterflies and moths. Monarchs rely on only one host plant, milkweed.

Provide water for pollinators. Fill a shallow bird-bath with gravel or create a muddy patch in a corner of your yard.

Plant dense shrubs where hummingbirds can



nest and native plants with bright red and orange tubular flowers to provide food. Supplement as needed with a nectar feeder.

Leave hollow stems, fallen logs and bare patches of sandy soil. Most native bees are solitary and lay eggs in tiny tunnels in hollow stems, dead trees, fallen branches or sandy soil.

Avoid using pesticides. Most insects are a sign of a healthy garden and an important food source for birds.

Find more tips and resources at www.rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats.

Rockville INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebration
Thursday, July 4 • 7-10 p.m.
Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park
1800 Piccard Dr., Rockville
LIVE MUSIC FIREWORKS AT DUSK
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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.

GRILL WITH SKILL — DO IT SAFELY ... Nicer weather means it's time to grill. When you do, be safe! Only grill outdoors, well away from your home, deck and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill. Keep the grill clean and free from grease or fat buildup. Never leave a grill unattended. Find these tips and more at www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/grilling.

Summer Jobs

Working with summer camps is a fun and rewarding experience! We have a variety of shifts available between June 17 and Aug. 23.

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



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Health and Wellness Coming Up in May-June at the Senior Center

- Stay healthy, informed and entertained with seminars and events from the Rockville Senior Center in May and June.

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.

Arthritis: “Why Do My Joints Hurt?”

Learn about forms of arthritis, who’s affected, if there’s a cure and what you can do to keep moving. Presented by CAM Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation.

Register with course #31219. Wednesday, May 8, 1-2 p.m. Hybrid.

Aphasia Support Group

A group that aims to help stroke survivors, particularly those with aphasia, overcome social isolation through guided communication activities that include arts and crafts, music and board games, to enhance their conversational abilities in a supportive environment.

Register with course #31244. Thursdays, May 9 and June 13. 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Better Breather’s Club

A monthly meeting, featuring presentations on relevant topics and shared tips for respiratory issues.

Register with course #31216. Thursdays, May 16 and June 20. 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Stroke Prevention Webinar

Protect yourself and loved ones from stroke by understanding and controlling the risks. Leila Thomas, a stroke research registered nurse with the NIH stroke program at Suburban Hospital, discusses risk factors and prevention strategies. This webinar will outline an action plan, and vital signs and symptoms to be aware of, using the B.E.F.A.S.T. strategy.

Register with course #31615. Thursday, May 30, 1-2 p.m. Online.

Boost Your Bone Health

With age, bones tend to shrink in size and density, making them weaker and more likely to fracture. Join Dr. Michele F. Bellantoni, clinical director of the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology with Johns Hopkins Medicine, as she outlines bone health during the aging process, along with osteoporosis prevention and improvement.

Register with course #32596. Thursday, June 27. 1-2 p.m. Online. ✚

Peerless Presents: Revolutionary War-Era History, Juneteenth and Celebrating 50 Years

May and June bring Peerless Rockville presentations about Revolutionary War-era Rockville and a historic Black church’s connection with the fight for emancipation, and a celebration of the historic preservation nonprofit’s 50th anniversary.

Register for the following programs at www.peerlessrockville.org or using the city course number where indicated at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

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Art and Performances Through May-June, at the Civic Center

- Glenview Mansion Annual Open House. 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 23.**

Interested in hosting an event at the beautiful, historic Glenview Mansion? The mansion caters to the unique needs of every type of event and can make any special occasion extraordinary. Experience a guided tour and contract your event before prices increase.

Group tours will be held every half hour and event reservations can be made onsite. Free to the public, refreshments provided. RSVP using course #32612 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

The Rockville Chorus presents “Songs of Peace, Hope and Love.” 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

A concert, directed by Linda Garrettson, accompanied by Arielle Bayer.

No tickets are required, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Rockville Little Theatre presents “Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express.” 8 p.m. May 3, 4, 10 and 11; 2 p.m. May 5 and 12.

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. By morning, an American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Was it the colonel, the countess, the American traveler or the Russian princess? The passengers become suspects and world-famous detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer before they strike again.

Adapted by Ken Ludwig and directed by Laura W. Andruski. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/MOE for more information and to purchase tickets.

Tickets cost \$22; \$20 for students and seniors.

On Exhibition at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

Talk to members about their artwork on display in the Rockville Art League Juried Members’ Spring Show from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

From 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, meet the artists behind the Rockville Art League Members’ Themed Summer Show, “Water, Water Everywhere!”

Both events are free.
- Soul In Motion Players 40th Anniversary Concert. 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21.**

Celebrate Soul In Motion’s 40th anniversary in the arts. Featured entertainers include: Earth Wind & Fire Tribute Band, (House Band); Soul In Motion African Dancers and Drummers (guests of honor); Sugar Bear (Experience Unlimited); 30-second video vignettes from the past 40 years. Cocktail attire.

Tickets cost \$85; \$75 for seniors; and \$70 for children.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Soul40 for more information and to buy tickets.

Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents “Ruddigore.” 8 p.m. June 7, 8, 14 and 15; 2 p.m. June 9 and 16.

Robin Oakapple has been living as a farmer for years, working up the courage to ask Rose Maybud for her hand, but he is hiding a secret – he is actually Sir Ruthven, the Baronet of Ruddigore, and has been hiding in disguise. Why? Because of a curse placed on the family by a witch generations ago that states the Baronet of Ruddigore must commit some kind of a crime every single day, or else he will die in terrible agony.

Presented fully staged with full orchestra.

Tickets cost \$28; \$26 for seniors (65 and older); and \$24 for students.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Ruddigore for more information and to buy tickets.

Rockville Musical Theatre presents “Disney’s The Little Mermaid.” 7:30 p.m. June 29 and July 5, 6, 12 and 13; 2 p.m. June 30 and 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 more information and to buy tickets. ✚

Registration Open for Summer Camps

Rockville’s summer camps are open for registration — and it’s time to plan your adventure!

Summer Blast Camps feature full-day and extended-day hours at local schools and community centers. Park Adventure Camps will have full- and half-day options, and will be held at neighborhood parks throughout Rockville.

Summer Blast and Park Adventure camps both welcome children aged 5-12 and are open from June until mid-August.

Camp activities feature swimming, field trips and a variety of games, crafts, water activities and outdoor playtime.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/camps for more information and view the “Summer Camps 2024” guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/life.

Rockville Senior Center Celebrates Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month and the Rockville Senior Center is planning activities and programs to celebrate.

The 2024 theme is “Powered by Connection,” which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on health and well-being.

And never was there a better time to connect with the vibrant 60-plus community at the Rockville Senior Center, with activities, trips, classes, arts and enrichment, courses, programs and support groups.

See what’s on offer with the “Adults 60+ Recreation and Services Guide” online at www.rockvillemd.gov/life. Register and browse online listings at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Highlights in May and June include:

Around the World in a Day: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 6.

More than 20 countries are represented through the center’s diverse membership. For International Day, celebrate Rockville’s local cultures with food, music and dance. Register with course #31287. Tickets cost \$5 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

Second Annual Senior Resource Housing Expo: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, June 13.

Free and open to the community. The expo highlights information about local housing facilities for older adults, as well as services and companies that promote aging in place.

Line Dance Party with Gizelle: 3:30-4:45 p.m. Thursday, May 16 and June 13.

Popular social dances, swing, salsa and line dancing. Register with course #31104. No partner necessary. \$21 for all seniors.

Seniors Teaching Seniors: 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays, May 10-24.

Learn from your fellow seniors at this three-part coding course for beginners. Register with course #31237. Free.

A Royal Mother’s Day Tea: Friday, May 3.

Be a guest of the senior center for a tea party to celebrate mothers and friends. Includes tea, an assortment of tasty treats and music by harpist Wynne Roos. Show off your best hats and attire for this festive occasion. Register with course #31214. Cost: \$12 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

Father’s Day Cook In: Noon-1 p.m. Friday, June 21.

Celebrate Father’s Day month with burgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill. Lunch includes toppings, beverages, a side and dessert. Contact the center about vegetarian options. Register with course #31288. Cost: \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

Annual Health Fair: 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.

Information for maintaining good health, a raffle, healthy snacks and health tests will be available at this free event with local vendors, prizes and more. Register with course #31207.

Learn more about the Rockville Senior Center at www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter. The center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive.



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH? ... Sit up and pay attention — May is Correct Your Posture Month! That’s not all. May also recognizes Asian Pacific American heritage, older Americans, building safety, eggs, hamburgers and salad, as well as awareness for Lyme disease, cystic fibrosis, strokes and mental health. June is for African American music appreciation, roses, turkeys, DJs, accordions and — importantly — Pride Month (see the article on page 12).

Last Call to Lace Up for the Suds and Soles 5K

Register now for the Suds and Soles 5K. The Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville are teaming up again to present this 5K race at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15. The course begins and ends in Rockville Town Center and winds through neighborhood streets. The race is open to all ages and features a tiered pricing structure offering limited slots at reduced prices. Adult registration starts at \$37. Register early and save. Race-day registration will be available only if slots remain. The post-race party will feature live music and refreshments, including beverages from local breweries. Adult runners will receive free beverage samples with their registration. A KidZone will feature activities for children 10 and younger. For more information and to register, visit www.mcrrcsudsandsoles.org. Proceeds benefit the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. and MCRRC's youth and beginning running programs. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles.

Sponsors Wanted for Rockville Pride

Rockville is seeking sponsors to help celebrate its LGBTQ community during the eighth annual Rockville Pride festival. Hosted by the city's Human Rights Commission, Rockville Pride will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 2 in Rockville Town Square Park. The deadline to apply to become a sponsor is 5 p.m. Friday, May 10. Find more information, including a sponsorship application, at www.rockvillemd.gov/pride or contact Tyree Davis IV at 240-314-8112 or tdavis4@rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville to Celebrate Juneteenth with Montgomery County and Local Author

The City of Rockville will once again join Montgomery County in celebrating Juneteenth with live music, food, art, films and awards on Saturday, June 15. Look for a City of Rockville table and city representatives at the celebration. The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights and the County Executive's African American Advisory Group coordinate the program, which also features the African American Living Legend Awards on Friday, June 14, honoring county residents who have helped shape the cultural heritage of the African American community. Find more details about Juneteenth, as they become available, at www.rockvillemd.gov/juneteenth. The city will celebrate the intersection of Juneteenth and Pride with an event on Thursday, June 20, featuring Andre Bradley. A Black LGBTQ author and Rockville resident, Bradley began writing in 2006 as a soldier serving in Iraq. He is a U.S. diplomat, competitive video gamer and author of adult, young adult and middle-grade fantasy fiction. His young adult novel "Trailer Park Prince" will be published in June by Tiny Ghost Press. Learn more about Pride in the article above. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when the Union army arrived in Texas bearing federal orders proclaiming the end of slavery. In July 2020, the Mayor and Council approved a resolution making Rockville the first municipality in Maryland to recognize Juneteenth as a paid city holiday. City facilities will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on Wednesday, June 19. See the article on page 1 for details.

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Peerless Rockville Events Coming Up

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fessor emerita of American history at Cornell University, discusses the events between the Boston Tea Party and the beginnings of the Revolutionary War, in her presentation "1774" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 on Zoom. Free.

The Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series presents "50 Years of Peerless Rockville" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive. Peerless Rockville Executive Director Nancy Pickard and past executive director and founder Eileen McGuckian will discuss the organization's mission, memories, successes and challenges in celebrating Rockville's history. Register with course #28502. Free.

Peerless Rockville holds its 50th Anniversary Gala at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, at historic Glenview Mansion, with dinner, drinks, music, raffles and fellowship. Tickets: \$125.

Historian Susan Soderberg presents "Our Local Revolutionary War Patriots: Men of the Hungerford Resolves — June 11, 1774" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, on Zoom. The presentation explores what led 10 men to sign the Hungerford Resolves, who they were, their existing historic houses, what they did in the Revolution, and how they contributed to the newly forming governments of Maryland and Montgomery County. Free.

"Hungerford 250!" from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, June 9 at Courthouse Square, marks 250 years since the Hungerford Resolves with a reading of the resolves and three lectures on the Colonial context of Rockville, the role of taverns in Colonial America and how Colonial events contributed to the formation of our young country. Free.

Join Peerless Rockville at Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church's Juneteenth Festival from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the church at 21 Wood Lane. As part of the festival, Peerless Rockville will present on the oldest historically Black church in Rockville's connections to emancipation and its historic stained-glass windows, and on the contributions of Rockville's own U.S. Colored Troops in Texas in 1865. Presentation times are yet to be determined. Free. Donations encouraged. ✚



12th Annual VisArts' **ROCKVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL**
May 4-5, 2024 / 10 AM-5 PM / Rockville Town Square
130 Artists / Artisan Market / Chalk Art Contest / Food Trucks / Craft Beer + Wine

Equipment Show to Highlight How Public Works is 'Advancing Quality of Life for All'

Climb into the operator's seat of some of the big trucks used by the city's Department of Public Works as the City of Rockville joins the American Public Works Association to celebrate National Public Works Week, Monday, May 20-Friday, May 24. The highlight of the week will be the city's annual Equipment Show from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive. The free show includes displays, demonstrations, balloons, popcorn, coloring books and other giveaways, and the chance to meet some of the public works employees who provide important services that keep Rockville running. It features exhibits on recycling and trash, environmental management, the city's water treatment plant, water and sewer operations, and stormwater management. School and daycare groups are welcome. APWA first sponsored National Public Works Week in 1960. Today, more than 32,000 APWA members in the U.S. and Canada use the week to energize and educate the public about the important contributions of public works, including planning, building, managing and operating infrastructure and services in our communities. This year's Public Works Week theme, "Advancing Quality of Life for All," highlights the way public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities. Follow the celebration on Facebook and Twitter at #NPWW and #AQOLFA. Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, streets, recycling and trash, transportation, fleet services, engineering, and environmental and right-of-way management. To learn more about Rockville's Department of Public Works, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks or call 240-314-8500. ✚



Spring Community Outdoor Yard Sale
NEW Location! Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park
Saturday, May 4 • 7 a.m.-Noon
It's Springtime! Let's get into those closets and basement storage areas, find some treasures to sell and make some easy money at our annual Spring Community Yard Sale.
• Vendors must pre-register with payment to secure a space. Payment holds one parking spot and one 6-by-3 feet table.
• Set-up time is 6-7 a.m. Only one table permitted per spot, when providing your own table. Table cannot exceed 6-by-3 feet.
• Rain date May 5 (7-11:30 a.m.). Free to the public to shop.
Interested vendors can purchase:
City provided table, \$35 #31580 • Additional table, \$35 #31581
Bring your Own Table, \$25 #31582 (Only one BYOT table permitted per parking spot)
Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. No weapons or food can be sold.
City of Rockville
For more info, call 240-314-8780
www.rockvillemd.gov/ipcc
Register at rockvillemd.gov/registration



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BACK IN THE DAY ... The May 1970 issue of the "City of Rockville Newsletter" reported that "The official ground breaking of the \$8,000,000 apartment-townhouse complex in downtown Rockville took place March 21." The article reported that Rockville Renewal Associates, with principal partner Carl M. Freeman, was building the 422-unit complex of two high-rises, garden apartments and townhouses. The complex, now known as the Americana Centre, received local historic designation in 2017 for representing the 1960s and 1970s urban renewal era.