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Rockville's Antique and Classic Car Show brings over 500 vehicles to Rockville Civic Center Park on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Car Show Cruises into Rockville Civic Center Park

Rockville's annual Antique and Classic Car Show returns Saturday, Oct. 15.

The show's 59th edition will be held 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

The hills of Rockville Civic Center Park, home to the historic Glenview Mansion, offer a picturesque fall setting for collectors and enthusiasts to share memories of classic cars as they stroll among more than 500 vehicles from 32 car clubs, from Packard and Plymouth to Fiat and Ferrari.

The free show – one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region – is open to the public and features a flea market, car sales area and live music by Blue Sky Five. Food and drink will be available for

purchase.

This year's show will celebrate 50 years of BMW's M series. The special display will present vehicles from the high-performance arm of BMW's production line, which showcases updated engine, suspension, cosmetic and graphic features.

While admission is free, there is a \$20 fee to display a vehicle. Vehicle registration is open until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12. After that, owners must register on the day of the event.

To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov.

For show updates, follow the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Facebook. 🍁

Rockville Recognized for Award-Winning Comprehensive Plan

The City of Rockville has been awarded an American Planning Association Award from the APA's National Capital Area Chapter for Excellence in Planning for the city's recently adopted Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The award highlights the significant and successful efforts of the Mayor and Council, Planning Commission, staff and community, along with numerous other stakeholders, to produce a document that lays out Rockville's vision for its future.



More than 1,000 people took part in the plan's creation at more than 100 community

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City Hall Election Ballot Box is Open

A drop box is installed at Rockville City Hall to accept ballots until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 for Maryland's upcoming Nov. 8 gubernatorial general election.

Note that Rockville City Hall is not an in person polling location.

To vote by mail, you must request a mail-in ballot from the state Board of Elections at elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/index.html#mail_in_ballot or from the Montgomery County Board of Elections at www.777vote.org.



Maryland makes it easy to drop off your ballot in Rockville.

Requests for mail-in ballots for the gubernatorial primary must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Find more information about the 2022 gubernatorial general at www.elections.maryland.gov. 🍁



PARTNERS IN STOPPING GUN CRIMES ... The Rockville City Police Department, in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, collected more than 300 operable "ghost guns," 3D-printed guns, assault weapons, revolvers and pistols during a gun buyback event Aug. 27 at the RCPD station. To learn more about this hugely successful event, visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "buyback."

County to Hold Forum on Seven Locks Detention/Restoration Center/Bus Depot Plans

Montgomery County will hold a hybrid in-person/virtual community forum, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, on a planned bus depot and restoration center at a 25.8-acre site along Seven Locks Road.

The in-person event will be held at the Montgomery County Council first-floor lecture hall, 100 Maryland Ave. Once finalized, information about how to join the virtual meeting will be available at www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar and at www.rockvillemd.gov/SevenLocksProject.

The Mayor and Council oppose the county's plans to house a future Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Criminal Justice Complex and restoration center, and plans for a Montgomery County Public Schools/Ride On bus depot, at the site, which abuts eight city neighborhoods.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/SevenLocksProject for more information.

Halloween is Monday, Oct. 31

Rockville has no set hours for trick-or-treating.

City Police urge drivers to be extra aware. Find ways to celebrate on page 6.

For safety tips, visit RockvilleReports.com/tricks-for-making-halloween-a-treat-2.

Don't forget – we'll see you there!

ROCKTOBIERFEST

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
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Proposed rendering and plan of the mixed-use building at 1800 and 1818 Chapman Ave., with ground-floor retail, residential units above and the incorporation of public-use space.



Rendering of Lidl grocery store (foreground) and The Henson multifamily building (background) at the corner of Frederick Road (MD 355) and Metro Access Road.

City Seeks Feedback on Shopping Centers

Rockville will hold two virtual forums in November, for shopping center owners, property managers and tenants, for feedback on how the city can provide greater support. The forums will be held 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14 and 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Both are open to the public.

The city, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce have worked together to create smoother and more timely development and permitting processes, as well as improvements to requirements for permanent signage that allows shopping centers greater visibility.

To support new and existing businesses, future actions under consideration include changes to parking standards, improving opportunities for existing and new businesses and supporting redevelopment.

The forum will be conducted online via WebEx. Details will be available on the city's online calendar at www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.

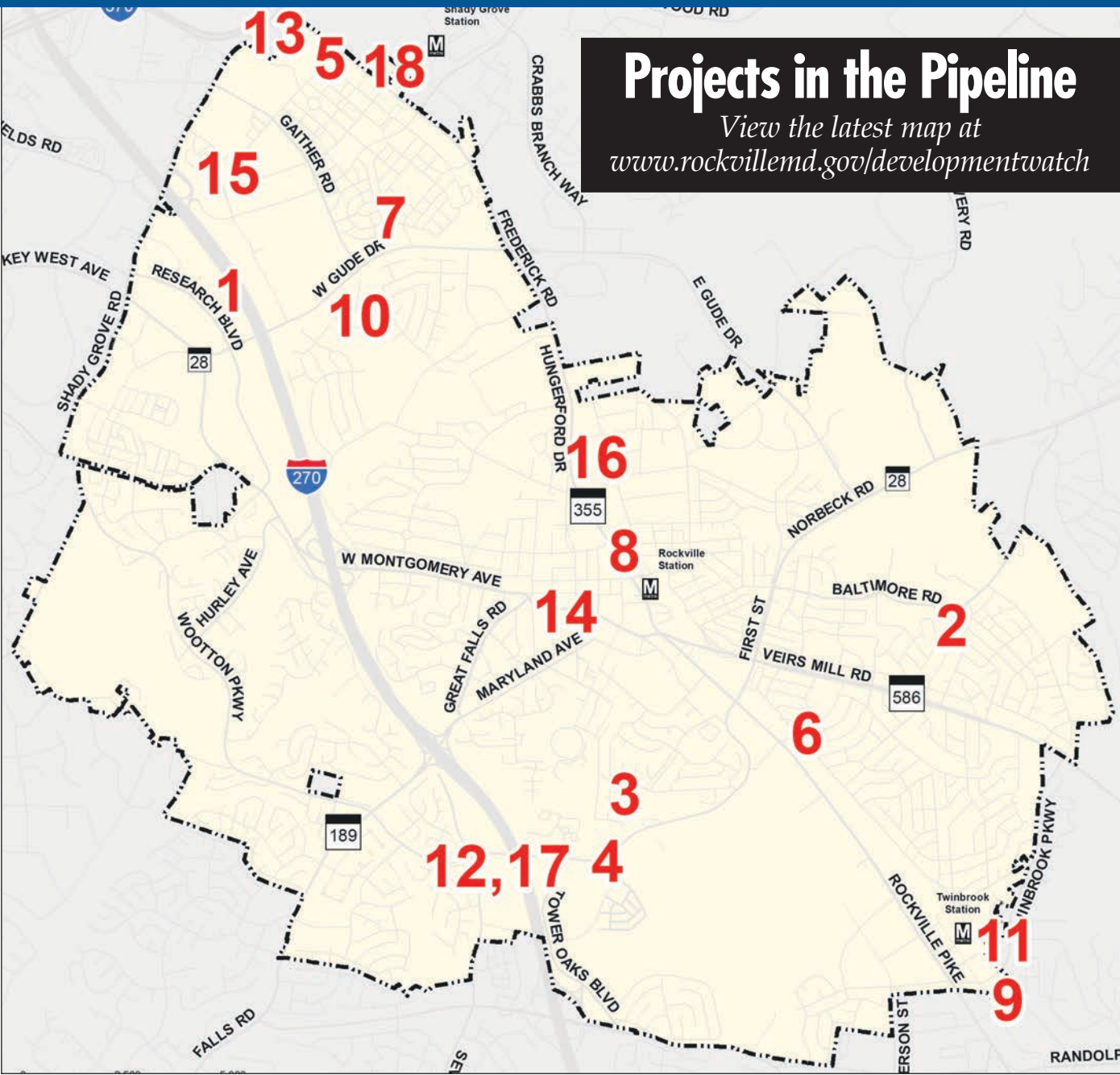
For more information, email Manisha Tewari at mtewari@rockvillemd.gov and/or Richelle Wilson at richelle@rockvilleredi.org.

ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE PARKING

2 HOURS OF FREE PARKING

NO VALIDATION REQUIRED

Major Development Review Applications



Recent Preapplication Submittals

- 2 Research Place:** Proposal to demolish the existing building and construct a 206,000-square-foot life-science building. Case PAM2022-00139.
- 312 Linthicum St.:** Proposal to expand capacity at an existing day care from eight children to 12. Case PAM2023-00141.
- 850 Nelson St. (Woodley Gardens project):** Proposal to complete improvements to the existing pool and construct a two-story education building. Case PAM2022-00137.
- 2200 Tower Oaks Blvd. (Streetscape at Tower Oaks):** Proposal to construct a residential development consisting of 85 townhouses. Case PAM2023-00140.
- 16100 Frederick Road (King Farm Farmstead):** Proposal to construct a parking lot on the King Farm Farmstead site. Case PAM2022-00136.

Applications Under Review

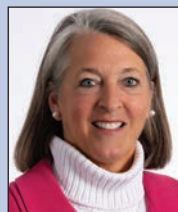
- 900 Rockville Pike:** Project plan amendment for a proposed 6,000-square-foot retail center, with approximately 9,000 square feet of office use. Case PJT2018-00010.
- 200 Watkins Overlook:** Final record plat for street dedication to Gude Drive. Case PLT2023-00612.
- 460 Hungerford Drive:** Final record plat for one lot to facilitate development of a proposed bank with a drive-thru. Case PLT2022-00593.
- 975 Rollins Ave. (Flagship Carwash):** Level 2 site plan application for a proposal to demolish the existing self-service car wash building, and complete changes to parking and circulation. Case STP2022-00446.
- 1040-1044 Carnation Drive:** Final record plat to resubdivide three residential lots and adjust property lines. Case PLT2022-00611.
- 1700-1818 Chapman Ave. (Twinbrook Commons):** Level 2 site plan application for a mixed-use building containing 437 multi-

- family residential units, 5,075 square feet of ground-floor retail and a parking garage. Case STP2022-00436. *See the rendering at left.*
- 11511 Fortune Terrace (Potomac Woods):** Final record plats 2-9 to implement the mixed-use development approved with STP2020-00399, including townhomes, multifamily, senior housing and a health fitness facility. Cases PLT2022-00594-PLT2022-00600.
- 16200 Frederick Road (King Buick redevelopment):** Final record plats 1-10 to implement the residential development approved with STP2022-00433 of 252 townhomes, 118 condominium townhomes and a 2,000-square-foot community building. Cases PLT2022-00601-PLT2022-00610.
- 22 W. Jefferson St.:** Level 2 Site Plan for a residential condominium development consisting of 12 multifamily-style condo units within the existing 22 W. Jefferson St. building and 17 new townhouse-style condo units with associated site improvements.
- 805 King Farm Blvd.:** Waiver for height to install additional rooftop equipment related to a new life-sciences use in the existing building.
- 91 Frederick Ave.:** Minor site plan amendment to modify the existing car wash facility to remove existing self-service bays, install self-service vacuums and pay stations in the area where the self-service car wash is currently located, and complete other site revisions.

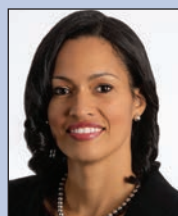
Recently Approved Applications

- 11511 Fortune Terrace (Potomac Woods):** Final record plat for one lot (for existing Lifetime Fitness facility) to facilitate development approved with STP2020-00399. Case PLT2022-00592.
- 15931 Frederick Road (Lidl and The Henson at Shady Grove Metro):** Level 2 site plan application for a proposed 30,000-square-foot grocery store (Lidl) and 191-unit multifamily building, with associated parking and site improvements. Case STP2022-00434. *See the rendering at left.*

WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING? This is the month for Czech, Polish or Italian Americans to celebrate their culture and heritage. October is also National Bullying Prevention Month, LGBT History Month, National Crime Prevention Month and Blindness Awareness Month, as well as Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs to mid-October.



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

Meetings Schedule: Mondays, Oct. 3, with work sessions Oct. 17 and 24, at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details.

The Oct. 17 meeting will be preceded by a drop-in session by telephone with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and Councilmember Monique Ashton from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

To participate, sign up by 10 a.m. the day of the drop-in at www.rockvillemd.gov/FormCenter/CityClerk-11/Sign-up-for-Dropin-Meetings-227.

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

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.

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

Mayor and Council to Hold First Budget Hearing

Community members can present their needs early in the Fiscal Year 2024 city budget process as the Mayor and Council hold their first budget hearing Monday, Oct. 17.

To testify at the public hearing, call 240-314-8280 by 10 a.m. Oct. 17, or submit testimony in writing to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov or Mayor and Council, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

The Mayor and Council are expected to review the budget process and approve the FY 2024 budget calendar during their meeting on Monday, Oct. 3.

Both Mayor and Council meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Find more information in the staff report when the agenda is posted several days

before the meetings at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Public participation in the budget process is a high priority for the Mayor and Council and city staff. A budget survey will be posted by Tuesday, Oct. 25 at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget, allowing community members to identify their budget priorities and options for maintaining a balanced budget. The responses will provide valuable input to the Mayor and Council for their budget discussions.

The \$148.8 million budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which began July 1, keeps the city's real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation the same. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax. Rockville has not increased the property tax rate since 1995. ❖

Tentatively, the initial stages of the Mayor and Council's budget process include:

- **Monday, Oct. 3:** Budget process discussion and calendar approval.
 - **Monday, Oct. 17:** Public hearing on Fiscal Year 2024 budget and discussion of Mayor and Council priorities.
 - **Tuesday, Oct. 25:** Community budget and priorities survey available for responses.
 - **Monday, Dec. 12:** Discussion of Mayor and Council survey results and priority setting.
 - Additional public hearings and work sessions will be held in 2023
 - The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the budget in May.
- For more info, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400.

Mayor and Council to Review Rockville Station Study

Consultants from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will share an update on a study of the Rockville Metro station with the Mayor and Council at their Monday, Oct. 24 meeting.

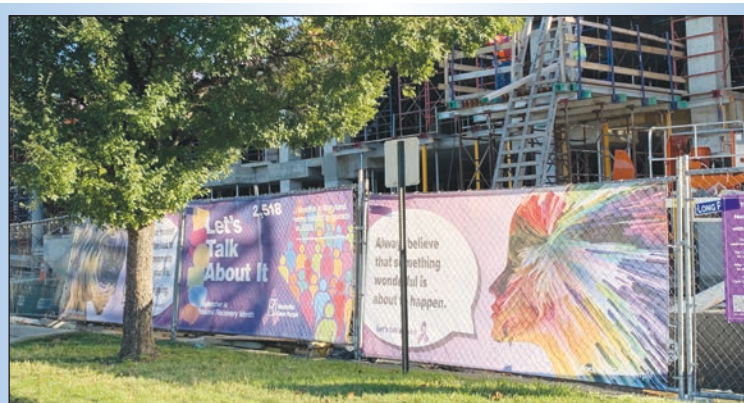
The WMATA team will share the draft results of a concept analysis and discuss four concept design options with the Mayor and Council.

This is an interim review of the analysis by the Mayor and Council in order to provide direction before holding two public meetings to share results of the concept analysis and receive feedback from the community.

The station, which opened in 1984, is a critical part of the city's transportation network, but is showing its age.

The study's goals are to develop recommendations for improvements to the station's aging infrastructure and connections with Rockville's downtown and neighborhoods to the east, and potential development opportunities at the site and strategies to increase bus and train ridership.

Find more information on the study at www.rockvillemd.gov/2356/Rockville-Station-Study or contact Manisha Tewari at mtewari@rockvillemd.gov. ❖



SEPTEMBER WAS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH ... and banners acknowledging the challenges and successes of recovery were displayed for the Rockville Goes Purple campaign at the site of Wegman's construction along Route 355.

The city thanks Saul Centers, Inc., for displaying the banners, and Saul and Clark Construction for the purple lights that illuminated the cranes. The banners are now being displayed at Rockville's community centers. (See page 4 for a recap of the Rockville Goes Purple campaign.)

'REDI' for a Restart REDI Helps Rockville Businesses Pivot Away from the Pandemic

The nonprofit charged with helping businesses launch, locate and expand in Rockville spent the most recent fiscal year preparing for a post-pandemic rebound, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., said in its annual report.

"Over the past few years, REDI's focus has been on helping local businesses adapt to the changing needs throughout the pandemic," stated the report for Fiscal Year 2022, which ended June 30. "Now as we are coming out of the pandemic, there is a need to respond to the shift in how businesses use office space as well as attract and retain employees."

REDI CEO Cindy Rivarde and members of REDI's board presented the report to the Mayor and Council on Sept. 12. The report detailed REDI's focus on business retention, expansion and attraction; support for city projects; workforce alignment; marketing; and small business assistance. The report included:

- A survey of over 7,000 Rockville-area businesses to gauge their needs, while meeting with the brokerage and development community to understand how the city is perceived in relation to competitors.
- Assisting with permit services to attract Tetracore, a biotechnology company that brought 150 jobs to Rockville.

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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 the Mayor and Council, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. 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.

While some meetings are canceled, other boards and commissions meetings will take place virtually. See times and dates, and ways to participate on city's online calendar: www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.aspx.

- **Oct. 12 and 26 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. (Meetings will be held by teleconference. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details closer to the meeting dates.)

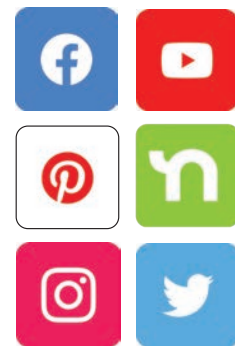
Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Education Commission (11)
- Environment Commission (1)
- Historic District Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (3)
- Human Services Advisory Board (1)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (3)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Youth Commission (11)

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

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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

► SPEAK UP ◀

Report potential fraud, waste and abuse related to City of Rockville government services and employees.

Call 1-866-921-6714

Email rockvillemd@integritycounts.ca
Visit www.integritycounts.ca/org/rockvillemd
For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/fraud-waste-abuse.

Synthetic pesticides cannot be used on lawns in Montgomery County –

IT'S THE LAW.

Por ley, en el Condado de Montgomery está prohibido usar pesticidas sintéticos en el césped.

MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Lawns

NO WEED & FEED ON LAWNS

No productos de "weed & feed" en el césped.

No Weed and Feed? No Problem!

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

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

Using a sharp mower blade to cut grass higher than 4 inches, pulling weeds by hand and overseeding – especially in the fall – to create a denser lawn where it’s harder for weeds to grow, are a few steps you can take to keep your lawn healthy and green, even without pesticides.

Learn more about the law and find tips for making a successful switch to an organic lawn at montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns.

Energy Action Is Climate Action

Celebrate Energy Awareness Month in October and Energy Efficiency Day (energyefficiencyday.org) on Wednesday, Oct. 5, and do your part to tackle climate change.

Get started on a home energy assessment at homeenergysavings.pepco.com/residential/energy-assessments for help understanding your home’s energy use and identifying ways to save money.

Visit the Montgomery Energy Connection at www.montgomeryenergyconnection.org to find actions, resources, activities and events to help lower utility bills, keep money in your pocket, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The recently passed federal Inflation Reduction Act will offer incentives for energy-efficiency upgrades and weatherization starting Jan. 1, 2023. Find out how much you could save at www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator.

Switch to green power and power your home with wind or solar, without any special equipment, by choosing a green energy supplier at www.mdelectricchoice.com.

And learn about Rockville’s Climate Action Plan, including how you can contribute to the city’s climate efforts at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate.

Comprehensive Plan Award

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meetings and workshops, public outreach events and listening sessions.

The plan highlights principles of equity and inclusivity, and is innovative, visually appealing, and developed with achievable goals.

The plan describes the core philosophy that guides development, conservation and capital improvement projects to improve quality of life in the community.

During the life of the plan’s 20-year time frame, decisions on land-use issues and budget priorities will be guided by how they conform to the plan.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/200/Comprehensive-Plan to find out more about the plan. 🍀

Mt. Vernon Stormwater Management Facility Improvements Complete

Mt. Vernon Place Has Reopened to Traffic

With the arrival of the fall planting season in September, city contractors began landscaping as the final phase of improvements to the Mt. Vernon stormwater management facility.

Mt. Vernon Place reopened to through traffic in late August after city contractors replaced a culvert at the stream crossing near Elwood Smith Park’s baseball/softball field and deepened portions of the pond to increase the stormwater management facility’s water quality treatment capacity. The improvements will

help prevent erosion and flooding downstream, and reduce pollution in local tributaries that flow to the Chesapeake Bay.

The facility, near Richard Montgomery High School, was designed and constructed in 1980 and was retrofitted in 2003. This latest project addressed more than 18 years of sediment buildup.

Learn more about the project at RockvilleReports.com/city-awarded-state-grant-for-mt-vernon-storm-water-project. 🍀



It’s Electrifying! Climate Solutions Speaker Series to Examine Electricity and Reducing Waste at Home

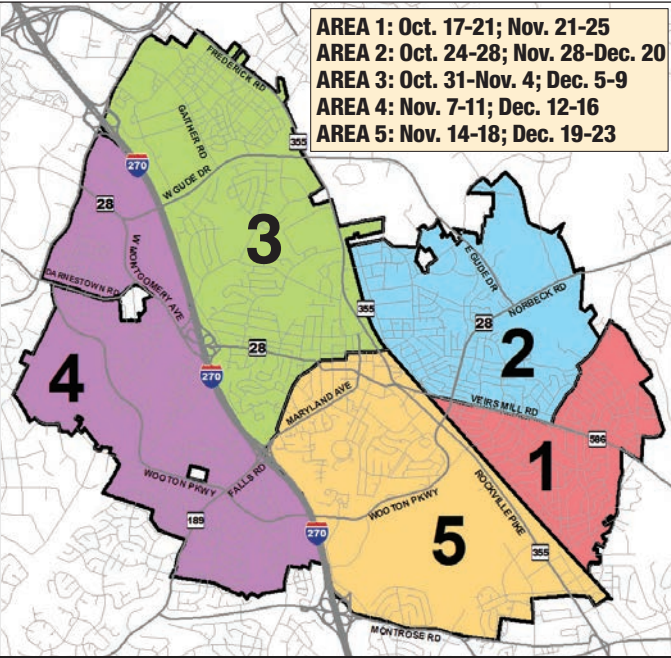
Upcoming free, virtual presentations from Rockville’s Climate Solutions Speaker Series will explore energy efficiency and how to reduce waste at home.

Thursday, Oct. 6: “Electrify Everything.” 7-8 p.m. Virtual. October is Energy Action Month and this year’s theme is “Electrify Everything.” Join Montgomery County Residential Energy Program Manager Larissa Johnson as she shares four things you can do right now to electrify your home. Once you make these changes, your home will be more comfortable, your indoor and outdoor air quality will be healthier, your monthly bills will be lower, and you will keep more money in your pocket. Fun giveaways will be mailed to those who

attend. Register at bit.ly/ElectrifyEverything2022.

Thursday, Nov. 3: “How to Reduce Waste at Home.” 7-8 p.m. Virtual. Learn practical steps you can take at home to reduce waste and lower your carbon footprint. Presented by Brenda Platt from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. Get tips on reducing food waste, food scrap composting, repurposing and reusing items, recycling, and more. Register at bit.ly/ReduceWasteAtHome2022.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters to subscribe to the city’s “Environment and Sustainability News” email newsletter for more event announcements, updates about city environmental efforts, news about Rockville’s first Climate Action Plan, and tips for living greener year-round. 🍀



See interactive map at www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection.

‘Leaf’ the Vacuuming to Us City Collects Leaves October to Mid-December

Rockville will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs in two rounds, beginning Monday, Oct. 17.

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.

Green Yard Tips

Consider environmentally friendly alternatives to raking, including leaving some leaves where they fall or using them as mulch in garden beds where they provide natural habitat for beneficial insects. Mowing over the leaves can break them up into tiny pieces that can filter into the grass, providing much-needed nutrients. Or consider composting leaves at home with other yard trimmings. 🍀



ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE ... wrapped up another National Recovery Month in September as part of the City of Rockville’s ongoing fight to bring awareness to the national impact of opioid addiction and signal hope for recovery.

Rockville Goes Purple officially kicked off Thursday, Sept. 8 as Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (at right) addressed a crowd in Rockville Town Square. To Newton’s right are (R to L) Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Karla N. Smith and artist Suzanne Firstenberg.

Learn more about Rockville Goes Purple at www.rockvillemd.gov/RockvilleGoesPurple. See Rockville 11’s recap of the Rockville Goes Purple kickoff. Visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search “Rockville Goes Purple Kickoff.”

LEARN MORE ON ROCKVILLE 11

www.youtube.com/cityofrockville



JOIN THE TEAM FOR CLEAN STREAMS ... Help remove litter from Rockville streams by volunteering for a stream cleanup. Student Service Learning credit hours are available. Registration is required. Interested in doing more? Adopt a local stream and host your own cleanups. For a list of upcoming stream cleanups and to register, or to apply to adopt a stream, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/636/Adopt-a-Stream. Find other ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer. For opportunities from around the county, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter.



Walk It Out This Walktober

Maryland celebrates Walktober with a series of webinars, held 10:30 a.m.-noon each Thursday in October.

The virtual series kicks off on Oct. 6 with a look at national efforts to increase pedestrian safety; the state of the walkability movement, including how to work with state and local officials toward new investments in walkability and accessibility; and data and trends that show walking for exercise and leisure is popular among adults of all ages.

The Oct. 13 session explores equity and walkability, including how to improve pedestrian infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods.

The Oct. 20 session examines walking and public health, with data about the value of walking and active living.

The final session, Oct. 27, will discuss how partners and creative approaches can improve transit and pedestrian infrastructure and promote safe walking opportunities. It will include a presentation by staff from the Montgomery County Planning Department about the county's data-driven "predictive safety analysis," which is designed to prevent severe and fatal crashes before they happen.

Register and learn more, including how to celebrate Walk Maryland Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at www.mdot.maryland.gov/walktober.

As Rockville strides into Walktober, the city is conducting studies to assess the feasibility of constructing new sidewalks along Frederick Avenue, Highland Avenue, Monroe Street, Nelson Street, Reading Terrace and Wood Lane. These studies will identify challenges such as right-of-way availability, conflict with utilities and other factors, and will include public meetings in early 2023.

Learn more about the role sidewalks play in improving pedestrian safety in the city at www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks. ✚

Meet a Rockville Employee: Nadege Dogbo

With a smile that welcomes visitors to City Hall and a friendly voice directing calls on the city's main telephone line, Nadege Dogbo started in July as an administrative assistant and switchboard operator. But she's by no means new to the City of Rockville. We asked her a few questions to get to know her better and learn more about her new role.

When did you join the City of Rockville?

I joined the city in 2016 while I was a senior in high school, and I have been here ever since.

You once worked at the front counter of the city's Inspection Services Division. Tell us more.

Working for Inspection Services was a really great experience. I had the pleasure of learning the new permitting system. Just as we were learning the system, the customers were learning along with us. I enjoyed working on different projects and helping callers troubleshoot permitting issues.

You have a lot of experience



Nadege Dogbo

in customer service. What did you do before joining the city?

Most of my experience with customer service was at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, where I worked at the front desk, at the pool as a lifeguard and in the pool as an instructor. With the pandemic, we had to adapt to changes, which helped me learn how to engage with the public in a new way. Before joining the city, I worked at Harris Teeter as a customer service associate for two years and, for three years, as a caregiver at Homecrest Assisted Living in Silver Spring, where I cared for 15 residents.

Tell us about your new role.

I assist visitors or callers by researching information so that they can get their concerns addressed and direct callers to the right departments within Rockville or county government. I also support the City Manager's Office as needed. The most important part of my job is to welcome everyone.

Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Awards

Winners to be Honored at the 51st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 16.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will be presented to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

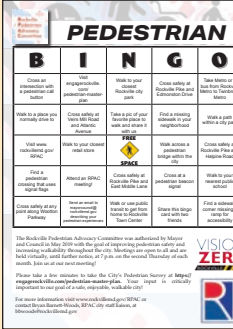
The F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The submission deadline is Monday, Nov. 14.

Walk This Way to Play Pedestrian Bingo

Celebrate Walktober this month in Rockville by experiencing our city on foot and transit while playing bingo.

Walktober presents a wonderful opportunity to walk while the weather is still warm. Pedestrian Bingo, sponsored by the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee, provides a way to experience the city just as people who regularly walk Rockville do.



Find a Pedestrian Bingo card on RPAC's webpage at www.rockvillemd.gov/rpac. Once you do, use your feet to hit the city's streets, completing activities such as walking to a city park, taking transit or searching for a neighborhood that's missing a sidewalk.

Once you call "Bingo!" after completing the activities in each square, bring your card to City Hall or contact pedestrian and bicycle coordination Bryan Barnett-Woods at bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov to get an "I Walk Rockville" button.

Find more Walktober activities in the article on this page.

Education Commission Holds First Meeting

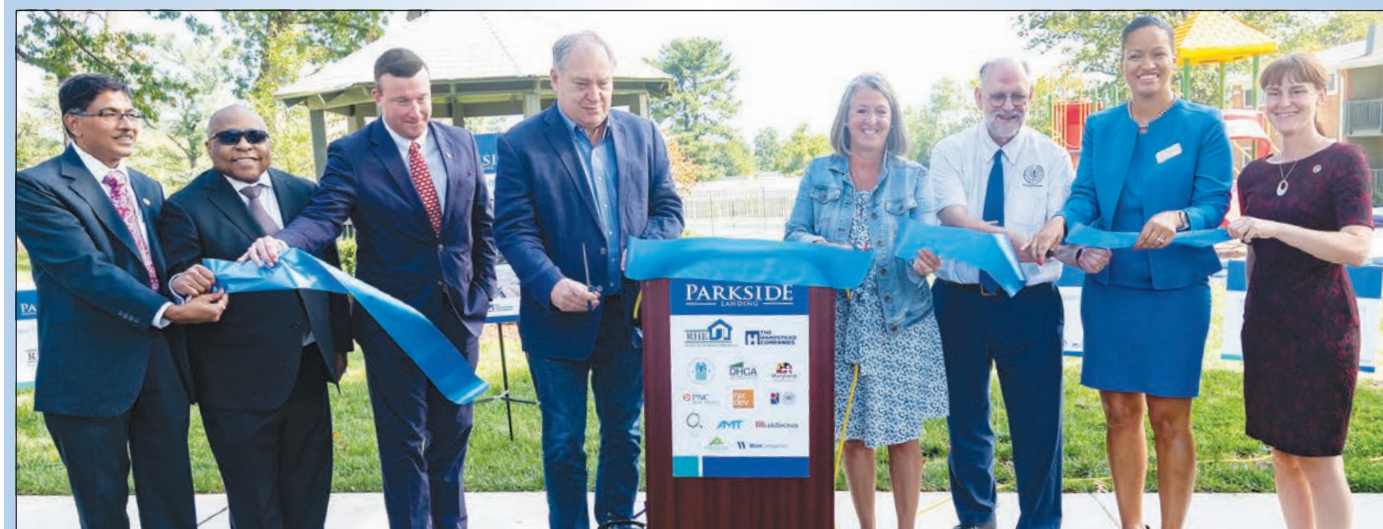
One of the city's newest advisory bodies, the Education Commission, met for the first time in September.

The 11-member commission was created by the Mayor and Council to support the city's students. The first meeting reviewed the ordinance that created the commission, its responsibilities and requirements, and how to become a member.

The commission is intended to maintain and grow collaborative relationships among the county's board of education, Montgomery County Public Schools, private and nonprofit schools, Montgomery College, parent-teacher associations, private and nonprofit school boards, home-school communities, and providers of early child care and education programs in the Rockville community.

Of the Education Commission's 11 members, four will represent public education; three, private, parochial and home schooling; and three will be educational professionals. Those members will serve for two years. One will be a student member, who will serve for one year.

Learn about the city's 22 boards and commissions, and how to apply, at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.



RIBBON CUT ON PARKSIDE APARTMENTS ... The Mayor and Council celebrated the reopening of Parkside Landing Apartments in September.

In the picture, from left to right: Aseem Nigam, director of the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs; Marvin Turner, field office director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Owen McEvoy, deputy secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich; Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton; councilmembers Mark Pierzchala and Monique Ashton; and Del. Julie Palakovich Carr.

Originally known as the Fireside Park Apartments, which was built in 1961, a 2018 fire destroyed three of the buildings comprising 32 apartments, displacing families. The property has been owned by RHE, the housing authority for the City of Rockville, since 2012.

Now the repaired, renovated, reopened and renamed property provides 177 modernized and upgraded affordable housing units serving families at or below 60% of area median income. Improvements made include fire sprinklers, trash enclosures, energy efficiency, and accessibility, in line with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

The total redevelopment cost, according to RHE, was approximately \$64 million. The City of Rockville provided \$2.5 million in loans and grants toward the acquisition and rehabilitation of the property.

Expanding and safeguarding Rockville's affordable housing options is a priority for the Mayor and Council.

TOP 10 LIST ... The City of Rockville ranked No. 10 on WalletHub's 2022 list of the most ethnically diverse cities in the U.S.! WalletHub compared more than 500 of the largest American cities based on ethnicity and race, language, and birthplace. Find the list at bit.ly/DiverseCities2022.

Performers Wanted for MLK Day

Groups or individuals who would like to perform during the city's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 16 are encouraged to apply by emailing specialevents@rockvillemd.gov by Monday, Oct. 10.

Please include a link to online audio or video, or digital audio or video files, of the proposed performance.

For more information about the celebration, contact Tyree Davis IV at tdavis4@rockvillemd.gov. For information about accessibility, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8112.

Rockville 10K/5K is Registering Runners

Running shoes laced up and ready to go? The 47th annual Rockville 10K/5K is registering runners until Friday, Nov. 4.

The oldest continuing foot race in Montgomery County — which includes a 1-mile fun run for kids — will take place the morning of Sunday, Nov. 6.

The kids 1-mile fun run begins at 8:10 a.m. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Runners should arrive before 8 a.m., at which time streets leading to the race will be closed to ensure a prompt start.

Registration costs \$35 online or by mail-in through Friday, Nov. 4, and \$45 for in-person or online registration after that.

Saturday packet pickup on Nov. 5 is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at RnJ Sports, 11910-R Parklawn Drive. Day-of race packet pickup opens at 7:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center, 801 Pleasant Drive, between the Fontina Grille and Baja Fresh restaurants.

The course begins and ends in King Farm and travels a scenic route along Redland Boulevard (west of Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.

For more information, a course map and to register, visit www.rockville10k5k.com.

Explore Courthouse Square and a Historic Cemetery with Peerless Rockville

Have you ever wondered what is written on that scroll in the hand of the fountain sculpture in front of the Red Brick Courthouse? Do you know the history of Rockville's Baptist cemetery?

Join Peerless Rockville at noon Wednesday, Oct. 5 for a free tour of the monuments and art of Courthouse Square in Rockville Town Center. The tour, which will meet at the fountain and last about 45 minutes, will unlock the fountain's symbols and visit other markers and monuments around the square.

A second tour, at noon Wednesday, Oct. 19, will explore the historic cemetery at 115 W. Jefferson St. Learn why this Baptist cemetery is next to the Methodist church, who is buried there and how changing street impacted the site.

Space for these tours is limited. Find more information and register at peerlessrockville.org.



Skate Sculpture Install

Artists Ryan McKibbin and Christian Benefiel affix a new sculpture to the fences of the Rockville Skate Park, the newest installation of the city's Arts in Public Architecture program.

The work, titled "Need to Shred," portrays iconic and historic moments in skateboarding.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/349/Public-Art and www.rockvillemd.gov/Skatepark.

The Boo is Back

Centers Hold Halloween Events

Halloween is nearly here and Rockville has events for families, from the very young to seniors.

Mini-Creep A Halloween

Held at Croydon Creek Nature Center from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and just for the little ones aged 2-6. Wear a costume and enjoy games, crafts, a snack, and hands-on fun to celebrate the season.

Register at www.rockville.md.gov/registration with course #24614. The cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 for nonresidents.

Croydon Creep

Get your costumes ready and celebrate Halloween at Croydon Creep, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at Croydon Creek Nature Center.

The free main event includes games, treats, crafts and more. Purchase tickets for a 30-minute guided hike through the forest, meeting creatures and collecting goodies as you go. Ages 6-12.

To register for a guided hiking slot, use course #24616 (6-6:30 p.m.); #24617 (6:30-7 p.m.); #24618 (7-7:30 p.m.); and #24619 (7:30-8 p.m.). Tickets are \$10 for residents, \$12 for nonresidents.

Toddler Time Halloween Peek-A-Boo Sunday

Calling all little pumpkins aged 2-5! Visit Lincoln Park Community Center in costume from 10 a.m.-



noon, Sunday, Oct. 23 to celebrate Halloween little-human style with a petting zoo, pony rides and crafts. Small snack provided. Limit of one guardian per child. Must preregister in advance with course #24634. The cost is \$30 for residents, \$40 for nonresidents.

Hallowine and Cheese

Get into the Halloween groove with the Rockville Senior Center, 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25. Wear your favorite costume, meet new friends and gather with familiar faces. Register with course #24064. Costs \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Monster Mash Dance

Dress up in a costume for pumpkin decorating, dancing and more, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. Refreshments sold by Twinbrook PTA. Please, no masks or costume props, such as sticks and swords. Register in advance with course #24551 or pay at the door. Entry fee is \$5 per person. All ages welcome. ✚

Democracy Spoofed, Murder and Blondes: This Month at Rockville's Civic Center Park

Capitol Comedy presents "Two Cheers for Democracy" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21.

Lose your blues and keep your composure with Capitol Comedy's "Two Cheers for Democracy." Six performers send up the Biden administration and the opposition with song parodies, comic sketches, mock commercials and fake news updates.

Tickets are \$30; \$25 for students and seniors.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Democracy for tickets.

Rockville Musical Theatre presents "Legally Blonde" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 28-Nov. 13. No matinee on Sunday, Oct. 30.

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture. Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law.

Tickets are \$26; \$23 for students and seniors. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/ Blonde for tickets.

Murder at the Mansion presents "Murder on the Oriental Rug" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6.

Anything can happen when half of the cast of "Murder on the Oriental Rug" bails out and the remaining

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Memory, Immune Systems and Better Eating, This Month at the Senior Center

Stay healthy and informed with seminars from the Rockville Senior Center in October.

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

Activities are in person, except where noted.

CarFit

A trained professional will check how you and your car work together. Attendees must have an appointment. Call Betty at 240-314-8803 to schedule. Presented by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Register with course #24077. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5. Free.

Memory Screenings

A nurse from Visiting Angels will give screenings for memory. The Alzheimer's Association will also be available.

Register with course #24661. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. Free.

Stress Reduction/ Meditation

Offers the tools to focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being, with time for meditation and discussion.

Register with course #24072. 1-2 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 10-Dec. 12. \$30 members/\$40 nonmembers. Hybrid.

Supercharge Your Immune System

Learn ways you can supercharge your immune system to help keep colds and flu at bay. Presentation and discussion by Adventist HealthCare.

Register with course #24083. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Free.

Home Safety and Fall Prevention Tips

Join Dr. Carlos Martinez of CAM Physical Therapy and learn safety tips to prevent falls at home.

Register with course #24643. 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12. Free.

Heart Disease and Stroke

An introduction to heart disease and stroke, including definitions, warning signs of arrhythmia, atrial fibrillation, coronary heart disease, heart attack and stroke. Presented by Circle of Rights.

Register with course #24086. 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19. Free.

Better Breather's Club

Educational topics and tips for lung disease and breathing issues in coordination with the American Lung Association. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month.

Register with course #24074. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Free.

Activities for People with Dementia and Memory Problems

This workshop helps with skill sets that provide daily activities for loved ones with memory problems. Presented by Maria Khadar, nurse and director of JK House of Grace.

Register with course #24080. 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26. Free.

Drug Takeback

Bring your old or unused prescription drugs to be disposed of properly by the Rockville City Police Department.

10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Oct. 27. Free.

Are Your Eating Habits Making You Sick?

Learn more about how sugar in your food affects sugar and fats in your blood. Presented virtually by Suburban Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Register with course #24666. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. Free. ✚

Connect with us on Social Media.



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel, (youtube.com/cityofrockville); learn about the city's milestone fire hydrant replacement; remember 9/11 at the city's remembrance ceremony; find out about the Rockville City Police Department's gun buyback (and see the article on page 1); and join us cutting the ribbon on Parkside Landing (see the brief on page 5).

October 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.
SFB Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrrove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.

- V** Virtual Program/Offering
F Facebook Live Event



1,8,15,22,29 **ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET** Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

1 **ROCKTOBIERFEST** Two stages of entertainment, including German and rock music. Beverages for sale by local breweries and participants, food and an artisan shopping area. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Center. *See ad on page 1.*

1,2 **ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS “MOON OVER BUFFALO”** 8 p.m. Oct. 1; 2 p.m. Oct. 2. \$22; \$20, students and seniors. **FSF**

2 **FAMILIES OUTSIDE: FALL FINDINGS** Explore habitats of the John Hayes Forest Preserve with naturalist-led nature outings that help you and your family enjoy wonders surrounding the center. Adults and children must register; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3 and older. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 2-3 p.m. **CC**

3 **V** **PLANT PARTS AND PUMPKINS** Explore the pumpkin's parts and functions in more detail. Register with course #23757. \$6 M/\$9 NM. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

5 **COFFEE WITH A COP** *See article on page 8.* 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

5 **AAA CARFIT** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #24077. Free. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **SR**

5,19 **PEERLESS ROCKVILLE TOURS** *See the article on page 6.*

5,19 **OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB** Spend an hour investigating and learning about nature. Play games, perform experiments and explore the forest preserve. Dress for the weather; time is spent outside. Meets every other Wednesday. Ages 7-11. Meets Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2. \$40 R/\$50 NR. 4-5 p.m. **CC**

6,27 **I HAVE A QUESTION** Calling a company's support department and countless menus can be frustrating. Got a question? Ask the teacher. Register with course #23985. \$14 M/\$27 NM. 9-10 a.m. **SR**

6,28 **LITTLE EXPLORERS** Take time with your little one and go exploring with a naturalist. Hiking, games and hands-on learning are all part of the fun! Registration and adult participation are required. Ages 2-5. Register with course #24592/24593. \$8 R/\$10 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

6,13,20,27 **V** **WALKTOBER SEMINARS** *See the article on page 5.* 10:30 a.m.-noon.

6 **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT SEMINAR** Make changes to your Medicare coverage. Join or switch to a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plan during open enrollment. Learn your options with Senior Health Insurance Program. Register with course #24531. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

6 **MEMORY SCREENINGS** A nurse from Visiting Angels will be available to give a screening for memory. Alzheimer's Association also available. Register with course #24661. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

6 **V** **“ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING”** *See article on page 4.*

7 **FIRST FRIDAY: MONTHLY CONCERTS AT TOWN SQUARE** 5:30-9 p.m. Rockville Town Center Park.

8 **CROYDON CREEK CAMPFIRE: MISUNDERSTOOD CREATURES** Gather around the campfire with your friends for stories, snacks and more. An adult must accompany children and all participants must register. Ages 5 and older. Register with course #24610. \$6 R/\$7 NR. 6:30-7:30 p.m. **CC**

9 **ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND PRESENTS “CORNUCOPIA OF SOUNDS”** *See article on page 6.* 3-5 p.m. **FSF**

11 **SUPERCHARGE YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM!** Supercharge your immune system to help keep colds and flu away. Presented by Adventist HealthCare. Register with course #24083. 1-2 p.m. Free. **SR**

13 **LATINO ART AND CULTURE** The concept of a collective Latino identity began to emerge in the United States in the mid-20th century. Explore how Latino artists shaped the movements of their day. Presented by the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Register with course #23760. \$6 M/\$9 NM. 11 a.m.-noon. **SR**

14 **BEER TASTING CAMPFIRE** Gather around the fire to taste some of True Respite's brews while learning the history of their company, the process of brewing beer and how it relates to our environment. Ages 21 and older. Register with course #24601. \$20 R/\$25 NR. 6:30-8 p.m. **CC**

15 **FALL COMMUNITY INDOOR YARD SALE** Browse and buy at the annual yard sale. For more information email lpcc@rockvillemd.gov 8. 8 a.m.-noon. Richard Montgomery H.S.

15 **ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW** *See article on page 1.* 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park.

17 **MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING** *See article on page 3.*

19 **EMPOWERING MY WELL-BEING** Discover simple tricks for adding fruits and vegetables to meals while still eating your favorite recipes. Learn about the advantages of SNAP benefits for individuals 60 and older. Register with course #24533. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

19 **HEART DISEASE AND STROKE** *See article on page 6.* 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

20 **HIKE WITH A NATURALIST AT REDGATE PARK** Naturalists from Croydon Creek are heading out to the parks! Join them to hike different parks in Rockville and discover the flora and fauna. Hikes will last about an hour and could be up to one mile. Trail quality may vary and bathroom access may be limited. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 1-2 p.m. RedGate Park, 14500 Avery Road.

21 **MINI-CREEP** A Halloween event just for the little ones! *See article on page 6.* Ages 2-6. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

22 **CROYDON CREEP** Get your costumes ready and celebrate Halloween. *See article on page 6.* Ages 6-12. 6-7 p.m. **CC**

23 **TODDLER TIME HALLOWEEN PEEK-A-BOO SUNDAY** *See the article on page 6.* 10 a.m.-noon. **LP**

24 **SOCIAL SECURITY** Join Diana Varela, a public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration, who will discuss the benefits of having a Social Security account. Register with course #24537. Free. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

24 **TRADITIONAL AMERICAN GHOST STORIES** J.T. Turner spins a spooky mix of ghostly traditional tales, from light and silly to dark and scary, such as “The Fiddler of Maine,” “John and the Ghost,” and more! Presented by The Actors Company. Register with course #23913. \$6 M/\$9 NM. 1-2 p.m.

25 **HALLOWINE AND CHEESE** *See the article on page 6.* 4:30-6 p.m. **SR**

26 **ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND MEMORY PROBLEMS** *See the article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. **SR**

27 **SENIORS' DRUG TAKEBACK** *See the article on page 6.* 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

27 **ARE YOUR EATING HABITS MAKING YOU SICK?** *See the article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. **SR**

28 **MISUNDERSTOOD ANIMALS** Heard that a bat can get caught in your hair or that touching a toad can give you warts? Just in time for Halloween, learn about spooky animals and debunk common myths about them. Register with course #23916. Free for residents/\$4 NR. 1-2 p.m. **CC**

28 **MONSTER MASH DANCE** *See the article on page 6.* 7-9 p.m. **TC**

28,29 **ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS “LEGALLY BLONDE”** *See the article on page 6.* **FSF**

29 **NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** *See article on page 8.* Rockville City Police Station parking lot, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

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

This Month in Rockville Arts

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performers are stuck playing all the roles — and not everyone sticks to the script. This interactive murder-mystery spoofs old-fashioned whodunits and live theater. Includes dessert, a cash bar and an optional Mission BBQ dinner.

Tickets are \$35 for individuals; \$30 each in groups of two. Tickets and Mission BBQ are \$55 or \$50 each in groups of two. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/MATM2022 for tickets.

Last Chance for Pavilion Parties

The last day to rent a park pavilion is Monday, Oct. 31. Celebrate the outdoors one last time this year by reserving a pavilion today. Call 240-314-8660 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/parks for more information.

Buy tickets online and learn more about performances and events at

Rockville Civic Center Park: Visit www.rockville.md.gov/theatre; call 240-314-8690; or visit the box office, 2-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more info, email theatre@rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville Concert Band presents “Cornucopia of Sounds” 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

A concert featuring a selection of pieces with a thematic background in American and European music.

No tickets required; \$5 suggested donation

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

The Montgomery Art Association will exhibit varied media from Sunday, Oct. 16 to Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Meet the artists 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The gallery is closed on official city holidays. ❖

‘REDI’ for a Restart

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- Revamping the Incentive Review Committee to improve access to grants through REDI's Small Business Impact Fund.
- Hiring consultants who assessed the economic impact of land use category changes on Research Boulevard and a market analysis of the King Farm Farmstead.
- Collaborating with city staff to present the Mayor and Council with strategies for annexing properties into Rockville.
- Working with city staff to develop a market report of the city's shopping centers.
- Creating a forum for area businesses to discuss how to help businesses attract talented workers.
- Hiring a full-time communications manager with tourism, economic development and marketing experience to staff

a revived Marketing Committee.

- Launching the **Rock East District**, the city's first commercial district.
 - Partnering with Visit Montgomery to launch a **tourism website** at ExploreRockville.org.
 - Adding seven **Maryland Women's Business Center Advisory Board members** to participate in strategic planning for MWBC.
 - Gaining **GrowthWheel Framework certification for MWBC business consultants**, enabling them to better assist small businesses in planning for sustainable growth.
 - Facilitating over 70 **entrepreneurship workshops** for over 2,500 attendees.
- Find the report and video of the presentation with the Sept. 12 Mayor and Council meeting listing at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.
- Learn more about REDI at rockvilleredi.org. ❖

Rockville to Host Salute to Service at Veterans Day Ceremony

Rockville will honor veterans of our nation's armed forces with a ceremony on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11.

The ceremony is planned for 11 a.m. at Veterans Park, at the intersection of MD 28 and Rockville Pike. Free parking will be available at Sandy Spring Bank, 611 Rockville Pike.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will include a wreath laying and a presentation of colors. A reception will follow at American Legion Post 86, at 2013 Veirs Mill Road.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

Rockville's annual Veterans Day and Memorial 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. 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 honor those who have served.

Contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or aknox@rockvillemd.gov to participate or learn more.

For video of past ceremonies, search "Memorial Day Ceremony" or "Veterans Day Ceremony" at youtube.com/cityofrockville.

A Safer Way to Throw Away on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Drive-Up and Drop-Off Collection is Oct. 29 at the RCPD Station

The Rockville City Police Department offers a safe, free and anonymous way to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 29.

In cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration, city police will accept leftover – including expired – prescription drugs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Rockville City Police Station parking lot at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. To make it quick and convenient, officers will be outside with easy drive-up and drop-off access, so there is no need to get out of your vehicle.

Illicit drugs, liquids, needles, sharps or syringes cannot be accepted, only pills or patches. All returned medications will be destroyed by the DEA.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a convenient and responsible means of disposal, keeping prescription drugs from potentially polluting our drinking water while educating the public about the potential for abuse or theft of these medications.

Learn more about National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at dea.gov/takebackday. For more information about the city's take-back, contact Cpl. Ronnie Crowe at 240-314-8974 or rcrowe@rockvillemd.gov.

Residents can now also safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medication, with no questions asked, in a new prescription drug drop box that is available to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in the front lobby of the Rockville City Police Station. For more information, visit RockvilleReports.com/prescription-drug-drop-box-debuts-at-rockville-city-police-station.



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.

2022 Rockville Holiday Drive is Officially Underway

For Close to 50 Years, Drive has Encouraged Heartfelt Giving

For nearly a half century, through the Holiday Drive, Rockville has sponsored outreach that brings the community together each year to provide food baskets, gift certificates and toys to needy Rockville families throughout the Thanksgiving and December holidays.

Here are some ways you can make a difference in 2022:

- Send a tax-deductible contribution (checks can be made payable to

Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, and sent to 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.) Donations help Rockville buy healthy food options for individuals and families.

- Organize a canned food drive (with a focus on healthier food like low-sodium beans and soups, no-sugar-added canned fruits and whole-wheat pasta).
- Pack or deliver Thanksgiving food baskets.

- Organize a toy or book drive to collect new unwrapped toys or books (new books for children of all ages, including teenagers, are needed).
- Donate \$15 Giant Food gift certificates or \$25 Target gift certificates.

The Holiday Drive relies entirely on monetary contributions, donated food and new toys from local individuals, schools, businesses and organizations.

- You can donate food at City Hall and city rec-

reation facilities until Friday, Nov. 11 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Make a cash donation online at bit.ly/HolidayDriveDonate.
- Food, toys and gift cards distributed by the Holiday Drive are donated or purchased using donated funds. All donations of money and goods are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Frederika Granger at fgranger@rockvillemd.gov. 🍅

Have a Cup o' Joe and Get to Know Your City Police

National Coffee with a Cop Day is Oct. 5

Get to know the men and women who protect and serve our city.

The Rockville City Police Department invites community members for National Coffee with a Cop Day from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Starbucks in the Falls Grove Village Center, 14941 Shady Grove Road.

Chief Victor Brito, RCPD commanders and officers will be on hand for informal, real one-on-one conversations with community members.

Coffee with a Cop helps to break down barriers be-

tween police officers and the community they serve in a casual atmosphere where residents can sit with officers, ask questions and share what's on their mind.

As part of its community policing mission, the RCPD strives to get to know community members, build trust, and discover mutual goals with the Rockville community the department serves.

Learn more about the RCPD and its mission at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. 🍅



PROTECTING AND SERVING UP A DOGGONE GOOD TIME ... The Rockville City Police Department welcomed more than 300 community members to an open house on Sept. 10, featuring vehicle and equipment displays, K-9 demonstrations, a moon bounce, games, a DJ, food, treats, information booths, a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the opportunity to meet city police officers. Rockville 11 recaps the day at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "RCPD Open House." Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police.



MANY CHEERS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS ... The Mayor and Council thanked Rockville's volunteers for serving our city, during an appreciation party on Sept. 14 at Glenview Mansion. More than 2,600 volunteers, including Sadiya Sow (pictured, at left, with her mother Leila Diop), served Rockville during the fiscal year that concluded June 30, resulting in an estimated savings to the city of more than \$1 million. That included 141 community members who contributed their expertise and 2,400 hours of their time to serve on city boards and commissions; 279 volunteers who contributed to cleaner waterways by removing 167 bags of trash through the Adopt a Stream program; and more than 25,000 volunteer hours contributed to the city's Recreation and Parks programs. Sadiya was honored for helping students learn how to read. Rockville 11 takes you to the party at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Volunteer Appreciation." Find ways to serve our city at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.



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WHAT IS REDI? ... Rockville Economic Development, Inc. is the nonprofit charged with helping businesses launch, locate and expand in Rockville. The public-private partnership, formed by the city in 1997 and formerly known as the Greater Rockville Partnership, works to strengthen and broaden Rockville's economic base through business entrepreneurship, expansion, retention and recruitment programs. See page 3 for news about REDI's Fiscal Year 2022 report. Learn more about REDI at rockvilleredi.org.