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Rocktoberfest to Return to Rockville

Rocktoberfest returns to Rockville Town Center on Saturday, Oct. 1 for a day of bands, beers and being together.

The fifth edition of the free festival, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., will include two stages of live music, food, beer sales by local breweries, and an artisan shopping area.

German and rock music acts will take the stage, including Mike Surratt and the Continentals, The Reflex, Under the Covers, Alt Washingtonia, Rockville German Band and Capital Effect.

Featured beverage vendors will include 7 Locks Brewing, Butterfly Spirits, Crooked Crab

Brewing Company, Dawson's Market, Denizens Brewing Co., Lone Oak Farm Brewing Co., True Respite Brewing Co., Twin Valley Distillers, Waredaca Brewing Co., and World of Beer.

The festival is within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station. Event parking will be \$5 in Rockville Town Square garages. Free parking locations include the County Council Office Building on Fleet Street, and the City Hall lot at 111 Maryland Ave.

Find the schedule of entertainment and more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest. 🍀

Be Rockville Ready and Be Prepared for Flooding

Anywhere it can rain, it can flood. With hurricane season here, it's important to know the risk and be prepared to reduce the impact of potential flooding.

Last year, the region experienced widespread flood damage from remnants of Hurricane Ida, which swept through Rockville as a tropical depression on Sept. 1.

Here are some tips you can

follow to be prepared:

Reduce Your Risk. By preparing now, you can protect your family, home and belongings from flooding.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers several publications to help you manage flooding risks. Find a few at mailchi.mp/rockvillemd/storm-flood-damage-survey-summer.

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City Hall lights will again shine purple for Rockville Goes Purple this month.

Mayor and Council Proclaim September as National Recovery Month

In their ongoing fight to bring awareness to the national impact of opioid addiction and signal hope for recovery, Rockville's Mayor and Council proclaimed September as National Recovery Month at their Monday, Aug. 1 meeting.

Lights at City Hall, the Rockville City Police Department headquarters and other city facilities will once again shine purple throughout September.

The city will hold several events throughout the month as part of Rockville Goes Purple, the city's continuing campaign to highlight the nationwide impact and dangers of opioid addiction.

The theme of the campaign is "Opioids: Let's Talk About It," which encourages dialogue about, and openness around, the problems of opioid addiction, and awareness about the dangers of stigmatizing addiction.

The Rockville City Police Department responded to 35 reports of heroin or opioid overdoses in 2021, a 52% increase from 2020, and three reports of heroin or opioid possession, a 66% decrease. There was one report of opioid sales.

Events Throughout the Month

Montgomery County will hold its **7th Annual Montgomery County International Overdose Awareness Day And Resource Fair**, kicking off Montgomery County Goes Purple at 5:30 p.m. at the Memorial Plaza between the circuit court and executive

office buildings, 101 Monroe St.

Rockville Goes Purple will formally kick off 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8 with an outside **"Behind the Mask"** art project hosted by VisArts at the Rockville Town Square plaza stage, 131 Gibbs St.

Members of the Rockville Mayor and Council and guests will speak, and attendees will be able to create art on two sides of a mask, representing the public and private aspects of addiction, and the need to discuss the struggle of addiction. The event will be led by an artist in recovery.

A **"Reframing Recovery"** art project will be projected from 8 p.m.-midnight, Thursday, Sept. 22 through Monday, Sept. 26 on the windows of VisArts' Studio 156, at 156 Gibbs St.

Tony Hoffman, a former Olympian and BMX athlete, will speak on addiction and recovery, from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Richard Montgomery High School.

Other events will include a **drug take-back day**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Rockville City Police Department parking lot at 2 W. Montgomery Ave., and **trainings in the opioid overdose reversal drug Narcan**.

Check the city's online calendar at www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar for information as details develop. To learn more about the Rockville Goes Purple campaign, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple. 🍀



IN THIS EDITION:
The Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report

Facts and figures on Rockville's progress from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

Labor Day in Rockville

City government will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

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

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. For swim and fitness center facility hours, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Recycling and trash collections will occur one day later than usual throughout the week. For more information on recycling and trash collection, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. 🍀

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Learn About Resources to Help Rehab Your Historic Home

Rockville will hold a virtual historic tax credit workshop, Tuesday, Sept. 27, alongside the Maryland Historical Trust and Montgomery County Historic Preservation Department.

The workshop will be held via WebEx at 7 p.m.

Guest speakers will be Dana Marks, a preservation officer with Tax Credit Programs of the Maryland Historical Trust, and Michael Kyne, a cultural resources planner with the Historic Preservation Section of the Montgomery County Planning Department.

Learn about federal, state and local preservation tax credits available to encourage investment in the rehabilitation and reuse of historic buildings, including:

- Basic information about each tax credit program.
- What properties are eligible for the county, state and federal tax credit programs.
- What projects and expenses are eligible for tax credits.
- How to prepare a county and/or state tax credit application.

For more information, contact 240-314-8236 or history@rockvillemd.gov.

Bus Stops Remain Relocated at Rockville Metro Station

Ongoing Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration construction and paving work at the Rockville Metro station has been extended through at least early October.

All bus stops on the station's east Side remain closed and temporarily relocated due to the project, which began in June. Bus stops have been moved from the east side to either the west side or along Rockville Pike (MD 355). Riders should look for signs at the Metro station for help locating their bus stops. Ride On staff at the station will also offer rider assistance.

Find more, including a map of the relocated stops at bit.ly/RkvMetroBusStops0922.

Rockville: Protecting Renters in 2022

0.4% = the Voluntary Rent Guideline

Voluntary rent guidelines provide a recommended rate of rent increase based on the Bureau of Labor Consumer Price Index for rent of primary residences in for the D.C., Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia region.

Questions? Contact the Department of Housing and Community Development Housing and Neighborhood Services Division at 240-314-8300.

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.

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



MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Lawns



City Manager Rob DiSpirito and members of the city's public works department were joined by county fire and rescue officials and contractor Sagres Construction, Corp. on July 11 to celebrate the installation of the city's last low-flow fire hydrant. The new hydrant on Beall Avenue improves fire safety and water service reliability and is a milestone in Rockville's ongoing commitment to improve its water infrastructure.

Rockville's Commitment to Infrastructure Flows On with Milestone Hydrant Replacement

The city celebrated a milestone July 11 as the Department of Public Works Department replaced Rockville's last low-flow fire hydrant.

The achievement, nearly a decade-and-a-half in the making, underscores the Mayor and Council's commitment to maintaining Rockville's infrastructure through its water main rehabilitation program.

The replacement is part of the ongoing rehabilitation of the water main on Beall Avenue, which began

this spring. The project is part of the rehab program, launched in 2008, to replace every mile of pipe in the city's water system over a 100-year period. Since the Mayor and Council approved the program, city staff has managed over 22 miles of water main replacement totaling nearly \$30 million in construction.

When the program started, 67 fire hydrants were identified as having water flow rates of less than 500 gallons per

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Baltimore Road Project Enters New Construction Phase

Safety and access improvements continue to take shape along Baltimore Road, with construction continuing in September between Edmonston Drive and Avery Road and from Twinbrook Parkway to across from the Rockville High School driveway.

City contractors were scheduled to begin installing storm drain structures and pipe and concrete curb and gutter in late August between Edmonston Drive and Avery Road.

In addition, crews were to begin work on a pervious shared-use path, curb and gutter, and new concrete curb ramps on Baltimore Road's south side, from Twinbrook Parkway to across from the Rockville High School driveway.

Impacts will include lane

closures with flagger operations during the day, temporary driveway closures and construction noise. Be aware of signs marking a pedestrian detour and providing instructions for drivers. In the case of a driveway closure, property owners will be notified 72 hours in advance.

Roadway resurfacing between First Street and Edmonston Drive is also planned for the fall.

Over the summer, contractors completed several improvements on the block between Woodburn Road and Edmonston Drive, including construction of the storm drain system, water line relocations, curb and gutter installation, and shared-use path and sidewalk installation.

To learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/baltimore-roadproject.

Mayor, City Manager to Discuss State of the City

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and City Manager Rob DiSpirito will discuss the state of the City of Rockville, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, in an event hosted by the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Chamber public policy chair Brian Barkley will ask questions. A luncheon at 12:30 p.m., celebrating the chamber's 65th anniversary, will follow.

Questions may be submitted ahead of time to marji@rockvillechamber.org.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This event is free and open to the public.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Chamber of Commerce hosts conversation about the city.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.; anniversary luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Meet a Rockville Employee: Charnita A. Jackson

Charnita A. Jackson joined the city in April as community enforcement code inspector manager with the Department of Community Planning and Development Services. We asked her a few questions about her role to introduce her to the Rockville community.

What did you do before joining the city?

I was the director of property management with the Housing Opportunities Commission, Montgomery County. I was responsible for leading a division of 35 or more professionals. In my career at HOC, I had the experience of leading housing quality standards inspectors and the third-party inspection vendor, who performed initial and annual quality control inspections as a requirement of the housing choice voucher program.

What does your position entail and is there anything specific you'd like to tell us about it?

In my current role, I am responsible for leading code enforcement inspectors to ensure we are maintaining compliance with the ordinances and regulations of the City of Rockville. This includes property maintenance, fire

and safety, health, zoning, sign, construction, and permit compliance for commercial properties, and landlord-tenant regulations.

I am responsible for improving methods, techniques, policies and processes to increase the division's efficiency. You

should know that I purchased my first home in Rockville. I am proud to have invested in the city and now I can use my areas of expertise to improve our services to my fellow city neighbors.

Anything else we should know?

At my core I am a houser (a person who houses), and work diligently to ensure that all customers have a home that is code compliant. I have been in affordable housing since the early 2000s and hold several certifications in affordable housing programs. I have extensive experience with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Real Estate Assessment Center, housing quality standards, and code inspections, from supervision to implementation.



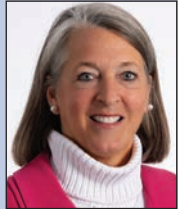
Charnita A. Jackson
Code Inspection Mgr.



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel, ([youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville)): The Rockville Senior Center's 40th anniversary; see what we were up to for National Night Out; and Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra visited the senior center.

Mayor & Council

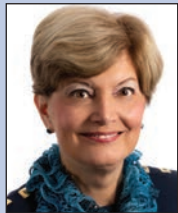
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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS. The public is welcome to participate in person or virtually, until further notice.

Meetings Schedule: Mondays, Sept. 12 and 19 at 7 p.m.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details.

The Sept. 19 meeting will be preceded by a drop-in session by telephone with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala 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/City-Clerk-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. To practice responsible social distancing, Mayor and Council meetings will be conducted by teleconference and 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.

Vision Zero: Sidewalks, Safety Audits and Speed Cameras

Sidewalk feasibility studies, intersection safety audits and upgrades of speed and red-light camera systems are among the steps Rockville is taking toward meeting its Vision Zero goal, city staff said in an Aug. 1 update to the Mayor and Council.

Adopted by the Mayor and Council in July 2020, Vision Zero seeks to eliminate traffic and pedestrian deaths and serious injuries while increasing safe, healthy and fair mobility for all. The priority initiative includes a plan of engineering, enforcement and education actions the city is taking to meet the goal.

Over the next six months, the city and a contractor will conduct feasibility studies for six potential sidewalk projects. The potential projects come from a list of 20 sidewalk gaps identified by staff and reviewed by Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee. The studies will assess the feasibility of constructing new sidewalks at these locations after a field study to identify challenges, such as right-of-way availability, conflict with utilities and other factors that could make construction impossible or too expensive. The feasibility studies will include an invitation to residents to learn about the projects.

The city is also working with the State Highway Administration to conduct intersection safety audits and consider traffic signal improvements at 11 state-maintained intersections. Identified by the city through a crash analysis and an evaluation of pedestrian safety and accessibility, the intersections include priority crossings and unsignalized intersections along Rockville Pike, Hungerford Drive,

and Veirs Mill, Frederick and Norbeck roads. The audits are expected to be completed by fall, with improvements completed by summer 2023.

The Mayor and Council on Aug. 1 approved a contract to upgrade and add new traffic cameras in the city. The city operates 10 red-light cameras and 17 speed camera systems, including six fixed-pole cameras, nine portable camera units and two mobile van cameras. The city's speed cameras are limited to school zones and residential districts. Red light cameras can be used anywhere. The city will replace all speed and red-light cameras with cameras utilizing new and better technology and improved photo quality, and will add new vans customized to the city's needs.

For more details, including a staff report and video of the update to the Mayor and Council, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter and select the Aug. 1 meeting listing.

Learn more about Vision Zero at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero.

Traffic and Transportation Commission Seeks New Member

The city's Traffic and Transportation Commission is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy. The nine-member body is appointed by the mayor, with the concurrence of the council, for three-year terms, and advises the council and Planning Commission on traffic matters in the city. Find more information, including how to apply, at www.rockvillemd.gov/123/Traffic-and-Transportation-Commission. ✚

Apply Now for Project Funding that Benefits Low- and Moderate-Income Households

Rockville is now accepting online applications for an anticipated \$263,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funding for the fall of Fiscal Year 2024.

The Mayor and Council will hold a virtual public hearing on community needs for CDBG projects at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12. Applicants are encouraged to attend and instructions for how to join the meeting will be included in the agenda accompanying the meeting, which will be published at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter, closer to the date.

The CDBG program is a fed-

eral grant for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals, and provides grants to housing providers for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods.

FY '24 grants will fund projects from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Online application must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

An online application can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg. Contact Allison Hoy at 240-314-8304 or ahoy@rockvillemd.gov for more information. ✚

Serve Our City: Youth and Education Commissions Are Recruiting

Rockville's two newest commissions — one for youth, the other for education — are recruiting members.

The 11-member Youth Commission, comprised of 16-21-year-olds who live or attend high school or Montgomery College in the city, develops recommendations for the Mayor and Council about programs, policies and legislation to promote the health and well-being of young adults by identifying, monitoring and evaluating youth services, programs, and activities offered in Rockville and surrounding areas.

Five members of the Youth Commission will be appointed for two-year terms and six members for one-year terms.

The 11-member Education Commission was created by the Mayor and Council to support the city's students.

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. ✚



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www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

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.

- **Sept. 14 and 28** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (Meetings will be held by teleconference. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details closer to the meeting dates.)

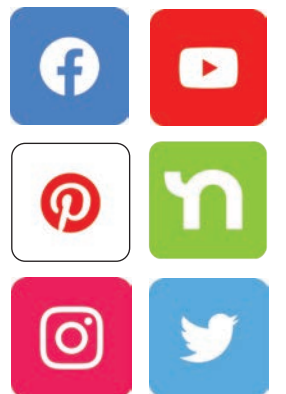
Vacancies

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

- Education Commission (11).
- Historic District Commission (1).
- Planning Commission (2).
- Senior Citizens Commission (2).
- 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.

Free Trees, If You Please

The City of Rockville will give away a limited number of native trees and shrubs to Rockville residents during a pickup event from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. *Here's what you need to know:*



Trees will be available to City of Rockville residents only. Limit one tree per household.

Preregistration is required and opens Thursday, Sept. 1 at www.rockvillemd.gov/treegiveaway. No walkups.

Five species are expected to be available. This list is subject to change and species preferences are not guaranteed:

- Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*).
- White fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*).
- Sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*).
- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*).
- Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*).

Interested in planting more trees?

The Rockville RainScapes Rebates Program offers rebates of up to \$150 per native tree to single family residences, homeowners' associations, condominium associations and nonprofits in the City of Rockville. To learn more and apply, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

Rockville Awarded State Grant for Energy-Efficient Streetlights

The City of Rockville was recently selected to receive \$449,750 for light-emitting diode streetlight conversion, as part of the Maryland Energy Administration's new Streetlight and Outdoor Lighting Efficiency Pilot Grant Program.

The SOLE Pilot Grant Program selected 11 awardees, comprising local governments and school districts, to receive grants totaling over \$1.6 million for upgrades to streetlights and other pole-mounted outdoor lighting fixtures.

The city plans to use the funds as part of the first phase of the LED Streetlight Conversion Capital Improvements Program, under which about 1,800 city-owned and maintained streetlights will be converted. The lights included in Phase I are of the more common, less decorative types on metal poles, allowing the city to maximize the benefits of conversion from the start. They are located throughout the city but are predominantly on the city's west side.

A grant agreement is expected to be presented to the Mayor and Council for approval this fall.

The SOLE grants defray the cost to acquire and install clean, cost-saving LED fixtures and controls. They are anticipated to result in the replacement of nearly 6,000 inefficient fixtures statewide with highly energy-efficient alternatives.

The SOLE Pilot Grant program stemmed from "LED Streetlight Conversions in Maryland & Virginia: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategies in 2020," a study and report funded by a U.S. Department of Energy grant and conducted with partners that included Clean Energy Solutions Inc., the National Association of State Energy Officials, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

"These advanced fixtures can reduce electricity consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 50% to 70% while improving light quality," MEA Director Mary Beth Tung said in a news release announcing the awards. "Efficient street and outdoor lighting improvements are one of the most valuable energy efficiency measures – and most beneficial in terms of community aesthetics – that a local government or organization can undertake."

Climate Solutions Speakers Series Takes on Climate Change at Home

Rockville's Climate Solutions Speaker Series returns this fall with free virtual presentations exploring flood preparedness, energy efficiency and how to reduce waste at home.

Thursday, Sept. 8: Dealing with Flooding — What Can You Do?

7-8 p.m. Virtual. Join this interactive session to learn how to reduce flood risk, presented by Kevin Wagner, community assistance program manager with the Maryland Department of the Environment. Topics will include how to identify flood risk, ways to reduce flood risk in and around your home or business, and a brief overview of flood insurance and other types of coverage. Register at bit.ly/DealingWithFlooding2022.

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 foot-

print. 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. 🌱

WRANGLING RADON IN ROCKVILLE RESIDENCES ... Rockville Housing Enterprises, the City of Rockville's public housing agency, has been awarded \$157,870 in funding by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to protect city residents from potential radon exposure. The funding will support radon testing and mitigation demonstrations. Rockville is one of nine cities throughout the U.S. awarded funding through HUD's new Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration Program Notice of Funding Opportunity for public housing agencies. Read more at bit.ly/3brbuLh.



Be Ready for Flooding

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Find more resources at www.fema.gov/flood-maps/know-your-risk/homeowners.

Insure your property. Flood damage isn't covered by standard homeowners insurance policies, and flood damage is expensive. Just an inch of floodwater can cause more than \$25,000 in damage. Talk to your insurance agent about flood insurance

or visit floodsmart.gov.

Report storm flood damage. If you are a City of Rockville resident or property owner who has experienced flood damage associated with severe weather events, you can help city staff 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 minor flooding issues, find tips on how to evaluate runoff on your property, and practical, sustainable ways to reduce runoff, with "Slow

Mayor and Council Adopt Energy Disclosure and Radon Laws

The Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance on July 18 that applies Montgomery County's home energy disclosure and radon testing laws to the sale of single-family homes and townhomes in Rockville. The change provides home buyers with access to important home health and energy information. It is proposed to take effect on Sunday, Jan. 1.

The goal is to protect public health from radon exposure and promote home energy efficiency, an objective of the city's Climate Action Plan.

The new law takes effect on Jan. 1 to allow residents and businesses time to comply with the requirement and to coincide with National Radon Action Month.

Radon, which was Rockville's focus for Building Safety Month in May, is an invisible, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas. While no immediate symptoms will signal its presence, exposure at high levels can cause cancer. Testing is the only way to know a home's radon levels.

The city's building code requires all new single-family construction to include passive radon mitigation, such as subfloor preparation, installation of a soil-gas retarder, the closure of potential radon entry routes and the installation of vent pipes.

Learn more about radon, including how to get a \$3 test kit at www.rockvillemd.gov/radon. 🌱



READ ALL ABOUT IT! ... IN YOUR INBOX ... Sign up for the city's many email newsletters, featuring weekly roundups of city news and events, regular updates about arts and culture, planning and development, the environment and sustainability, and news from our nature, senior, and swim and fitness centers. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters.



SIGN ME UP FOR THE SENIOR CENTER! ...
"I've got to tell you, I've never seen a senior center like this." That was U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra's first comment upon touring the Rockville Senior Center on Aug. 11. As soon as he saw the center's woodworking studio, Becerra (hands folded in the dark suit) declared himself ready for a Rockville Senior Center membership. Becerra dropped by the center to discuss the Inflation Reduction Act and how it would change how seniors access prescription drugs. He also took the time to listen to questions and concerns from a panel of 12 Rockville seniors, led by Senior Citizens Commission chair Anne Herbster.



GUN BUYBACK BRINGS OUT COMMUNITY PARTNERS ... Rockville police Chief Victor V. Brito (center), flanked by Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Monifa B. McKnight and Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy, announced Rockville's gun buyback event last month. The Saturday, Aug. 27 event provided an opportunity to dispose of unwanted firearms voluntarily, anonymously and safely.

Fall Into the Season with Boosted Food Benefits at the Farmers Market

The City of Rockville and Rockville Farmers Market is doubling its dollar-for-dollar match for customers using their federal nutrition benefits at the city's weekly market.

Customers can now 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 Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money programs remove economic barriers for food-insecure shoppers by increasing access to fresh produce and increasing purchasing power. Eat Fresh Rockville is sponsored in part by grant funds provided by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.

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's entrance, for more information.

The market is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 20, in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.



It 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. Market rules and regulations and a preordering program provide for quicker, safer shopping.

Fall offerings include apples, cider, gourds, potatoes and pumpkins. The market also features plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local wine and spirits, knife sharpening, meat and coffee.

Learn more about the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money program and find a list of participating vendors and approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables at www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers, or call 240-314-8620 for more information.

For more updates, follow the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockvilleFarmersMarket. 🍁

Human Rights Commission Seeks Student Ambassadors

Rockville's Human Rights Commission is seeking 10 students to serve as HRC Student Ambassadors in its third annual Student Ambassador Program.

Ambassadors will serve as liaisons between the HRC and their high schools. The program will accept two students each from Richard Montgomery, Rockville and Thomas S. Wootton high schools, and four students who attend other Rockville high schools or who live in Rockville but attend high schools outside Rockville. Students must be 10th-, 11th-, or 12th-graders. Student Service Learning hours will be available.

HRC student ambassadors will serve an eight-month term, starting in October, and will:

- Participate in HRC meetings and teleconferences.
- Act as a liaison between the HRC and the student ambassador's school, including faculty, student organizations and the student body at large.
- Assist the HRC in planning and executing programs and initiatives, including promotion, volunteer recruitment, fundraising and other activities.
- Provide suggestions and feedback on ways to improve HRC programs and initiatives.

An application is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights. Apply by 5 p.m. Sept. 24. If necessary, virtual interviews for selected applicants will held Oct. 4-8.

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.

MLK Day Celebration Performers Wanted

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 speialevents@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.



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ... September is National Preparedness Month. Are you ready? The Rockville City Police Department offers a list of items to have in a kit at home and a "go" bag, in case you have to leave home fast, due to an emergency. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/272/Emergency-Preparedness for the list, as well as tips for creating a family emergency plan and about staying informed during an emergency. Visit ready.gov/september for more.

Practice good petiquette in our parks!



Keep your pet on a leash at all times.

If your pet makes a mess, clean it up!

Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremonies

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. The Veterans Day ceremony will be held Friday, Nov. 11. The Memorial Day ceremony will be held Monday, May 29.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.

Contact 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.

Rockville 10K/5K is Registering Runners Now

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.

Improve Your English with the Rockville Senior Center

Online English classes for seniors, 10 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, include:

- Reading • Speaking
- Listening • Pronunciation

Visit bit.ly/rscenglish, call 240-314-8800 or contact program coordinator Aмоke Alakoye at aalakoye@rockvillemd.gov to register.



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This Month at the F. Scott and Glenview Mansion

Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents 'The Brigands'

8 p.m. Sept. 2 and 3; 2 p.m. Sept. 4.

Join a company of villainous bandits as they attempt to pull off their greatest heist yet — robbing a wealthy prince of his riches. But, in a society where inequality runs rampant, are we sure we know who the true villains are? W.S. Gilbert's charming English translation of Offenbach's classic operetta ably maintains the humor and gravitas of the original French setting.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheBrigands for more information.

Tickets are \$28, \$26 for seniors 65 and older, and \$24 for students.

Rockville Little Theatre presents 'Moon Over Buffalo'

8 p.m. Sept. 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1; 2 p.m. Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Opening night preshow talk at 7:30 p.m.

Centering on fading stars of the 1950s, George and Charlotte Hay, and their one last shot at stardom. Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his remake of "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they're actually performing.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Buffalo for more information. Tickets are \$22, and \$20 for seniors 62 and older and students.

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery 'Rockville Art League Award-Winning Artists'

On exhibit: Varied media from Sunday, Sept. 11-Friday, Oct. 7 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Drive.

"Meet the Artists" from

1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible gallery, on the second floor of Glenview Mansion, is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on official city holidays.

Rockville Chorus to Hold Auditions

The Rockville Chorus will hold auditions for alto, bass and tenor voice parts on Monday, Sept. 12.

To schedule a time, contact Arts Programs Supervisor Betty Wisda at bwisda@rockvillemd.gov.

The Glenview Mansion-Peerless Rockville Speaker Series to Discuss 100 Years of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

At the 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 installment of the Glenview Mansion-Peerless Rockville Speaker Series, the RVFD will discuss their exciting history.

On March 9, 1921, 51 men gathered at the office of the Potomac Electric Power Co. to form the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department.

Today, the department has a diverse complement of over 270 volunteers, supported by almost 100 Montgomery County career firefighters. Over the past 100 years, calls to the RVFD rose from about 200 incidents a year to tens of thousands.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be held at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration with course #23556.

Buy tickets online and learn more about performances and events at Rockville Civic Center Park: Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre; call 240-314-8690; or visit the box office, 2-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more info, email theatre@rockvillemd.gov.

Richard Powers to be Honored with F. Scott Fitzgerald Award

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival will honor acclaimed National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Powers, on Saturday, Oct. 15, with the 2022 F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Achievement in American Literature.

The award has been presented to some of America's most distinguished writers, including Richard Russo, Annie Proulx, Norman Mailer, Pat Conroy, John Updike, Joyce Carol Oates and Amy Tan.

The festival will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Rockville on Oct. 15.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival was established in 1996 to celebrate the centenary of F. Scott Fitzgerald's birth and the city where Fitzgerald, his wife and daughter are buried — the festival is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. The festival is for writers, book lovers and Fitzgerald fans.

For more information and to register visit www.fscottfestival.org/registration.

For Fitzgerald's 127th birthday, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, the festival committee will present a free virtual discussion of the author's "other"

novel, "The Beautiful and Damned," featuring panelists William Blazek, Kirk Curnutt and David W. Ullrich, editors of "F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Beautiful and Damned: New Critical Essays."

The festival sponsors two short story contests: for students, open to Montgomery County high school students, and adults, open to residents of Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. The winners and two runners-up in each contest will be announced, awarded cash prizes, and will read from and comment briefly from their stories on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 6.

The Writer's Center in Bethesda and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival, at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, will present readings in tribute to Powers and the festival's theme of "Stories and the More-Than-Human," featuring Hugo and Nebula Award-winning science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson, novelist Priyanka Champaneri and novelist Eugenia Kim, with concluding remarks by Powers. The event will be at the center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda.

For details, visit www.writer.org/event/richard-powers. For more information on the festival, visit www.fscottfestival.org.

Take Advantage of Senior Wellness This Month

Back Pain, Better Breathing and Finding Balance: This Month at the Senior Center

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

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. See the "Adults 60+" recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/life for more information.

Activities are in person and held 1-2 p.m., except

where noted.

Relief From Back Pain

Join Dr. Carlos Martinez, from CAM Physical Therapy and Wellness Services, to learn ways to relieve your back pain and how a physical therapist can help.

Register with course #23016. Wednesday, Sept. 7. **Fall Risk Screening**

Receive fall prevention education from Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital staff and complete a questionnaire to assess your risk of

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WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING ... Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15 and runs to Oct. 15. And September is the month for better breakfasts, but also blueberry popsicles, chicken, honey, Italian cheese, mushrooms, papaya, potatoes, rice and wholegrains — so we're torn. This is also the month for national preparedness (see the ticker on page 5) and don't forget that Sept. 22 is Car Free Day.

September CALENDAR

FACILITIES LEGEND:

- CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 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 Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

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

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



- 10 DOGGIE DIP DAY** See ad on page 8. \$10 per dog. Noon-3 p.m. **SFC**
- 12,19 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING** See information on page 3. 7 p.m. **CH**
- 12 ROCKVILLE CHORUS AUDITIONS** See article on page 6.
- 13 ART APPRECIATION: VAN GOGH'S VISION OF A STARRY NIGHT** Joan Hart, director of Museum One, will discuss Van Gogh's painting "The Starry Night." Register with course #23881. 10:30 a.m.-noon. **SR**
- 13 FALL RISK SCREENING** See article on page 6. Register with course #23014. 1-2 p.m. **SR**
- 17 FALL FESTIVAL** Lawn games, food truck, crafts, exercise demos. Free to attend for all ages. Register with course #24519. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**
- 20 FLU SHOT CLINIC** See article on page 6. 10-1 p.m. **SR**
- 22 I HAVE A QUESTION** Calling a company's support department can be a hassle. Going through the countless menus can be equally frustrating. Register with course #23038. 8-10 a.m. **SR**
- 22 STATE OF THE CITY CONVERSATION** See article on page 2. 11:30 a.m. **GM**
- 22 V FINDING A HAPPY BALANCE** See the article on page 6. Register with course #23565. 1-2 p.m. **SR**
- 22 LOS VETERANOS: LATINOS IN WORLD WAR II** The overlooked history of Latinos in World War II. Presented by the National WWII Museum. Register with course #23759. 2-3 p.m. **SR**
- 23 ALL ABOUT BEES** September is National Honey Month. Hear from Croydon Creek's volunteer beekeeper about honeybee science and keeping bees in Rockville. Register with course #23882. 1-2 p.m. **SR**
- 23,24,25,30 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "MOON OVER BUFFALO"** See the article on page 6. **FSF**
- 24 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville City Police Department parking lot, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.
- 24 TAIWAN BUBBLE TEA FESTIVAL** A free, family-friendly event that includes live bands and cultural performances, as well as vendors offering bubble tea, traditional cuisine and commemorative merchandise. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Square.
- 24 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STUDENT AMBASSADOR APPLICATION DEADLINE** See article on page 5.
- 24 V F. SCOTT FITZGERALD LITERARY FESTIVAL DISCUSSION OF "THE BEAUTIFUL AND DAMNED"** See article on page 6.
- 27 V VIRTUAL HISTORIC TAX CREDIT WORKSHOP** See article on page 2. 7 p.m.
- 27 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: TONY HOFFMAN** See article on page 1. Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive.
- 30 HISPANIC FESTIVAL** Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Entertainment, lunch and time with friends. Register with course #24658. 11-1 p.m. **SR**

- 1 7th ANNUAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY AND RESOURCE FAIR** Montgomery County Goes Purple kickoff, ceremony of remembrance and candlelight vigil. 5:30 p.m. Memorial Plaza, between the circuit court and county executive office buildings, 101 Monroe St.
- 2 FIRST FRIDAY: MONTHLY CONCERTS AT TOWN SQUARE** Visit www.rockvilletownsquare.com for more information. 5-9 p.m. Rockville Town Square.
- 2,3,4 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS "THE BRIGANDS"** See article on page 6. **FSF**
- 3,10,17,24 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET** Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 5 LABOR DAY** City government will be closed. See article on page 1.
- 7 RELIEF FROM BACK PAIN** See article on page 6. 1-2 p.m. **SR**
- 8 ETHICAL BUYING AND INVESTING** Probe ethical buying/investing issues. Register with course #23931. 11 a.m.-noon **SR**
- 8 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: "BEHIND THE MASK"** art project hosted by VisArts. See the article on page 1. 4:30 p.m. Rockville Town Square plaza stage, 131 Gibbs St.
- 8 V DEALING WITH FLOODING — WHAT CAN YOU DO?** See article on page 4. 7-8 p.m. Register at bit.ly/DealingWithFlooding2022.
- 9 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY** See article on page 8. 9 a.m. Courthouse Square Park.
- 9 PAINTING WITH YOUR GRANDCHILD** Paint ceramics with your grandchild to celebrate Grandparents Day. Cookies and lemonade will be served. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Each participant must preregister with course #23886. Supplies included in fee. \$5 M/\$7 NM. 4-5 p.m. **SR**
- 10 ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE** See article on page 8. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. RCPD station house, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

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

Senior Wellness

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falls. Receive exercises to do at home or be referred for outpatient physical therapy.

Register with course #23014. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Better Breather's Club

Featuring educational presentations on a range of topics and tips to help you understand lung disease and treatment options.

Register with course #23566. Thursday, Sept. 15.

Finding a Happy Balance

A Suburban Hospital physical therapist

will share practical and useful changes to prevent falls at home and on the move.

Register with course #23565. Thursday, Sept. 22.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Given by Giant pharmacists. Attendees must bring Medicare/insurance cards or pay cash.

Call 240-314-8800 to register and indicate preference for regular or high-dose vaccine.

Register with course #23695. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20. **+**

Milestone Hydrant Replacement

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minute – below the optimal flow to provide the capacity and water pressure needed to fight fires. With July's replacement of the hydrant on Beall Avenue – marked by a ceremonial valve opening – all low-flow hydrants have been replaced.

The final hydrant replacement isn't the end of the water main rehab program, the water main rehab program will continue to prioritize water

main replacements with a focus on pipe age, water quality, water main breaks and internal pipe corrosion, which reduces water flow. The new pipes will lead to fewer breaks and leaks, improving water quality and reliability and providing better water pressure in the water system.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/water. For Rockville 11's report on this milestone, visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "hydrant." **+**

The Rockville Sister Cities Corporation
Invites you to join us for Rockville's annual



Saturday, Sept. 24

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rockville Town Center

This family-and kid-friendly event is open to all and includes live bands and cultural performances, as well as vendors offering bubble tea, traditional cuisine and commemorative merchandise. This is a FREE event. Come and join the fun at Rockville Town Center!

Contact the Rockville Sister Cities Corporation:

email: RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.org,
phone: 240-314-5029 or visit: www.rockvillesistercities.org

* This event will comply with all City of Rockville, Montgomery County, state of Maryland and CDC guidance.

Car Show Cruises into Rockville Civic Center Park in October

Rockville's annual Antique and Classic Car Show returns on 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 through 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. Food and drink will be available for purchase. While admission is free, there is a fee to display a vehicle, with an early bird registration fee of \$10 through Sunday, Sept. 11, and a \$20 fee from Monday, Sept. 12 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.

Doggy Dip Day

Saturday, Sept. 10 • Noon-3 p.m.
Your pooch can paddle in the pool at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center!



Fee is \$10 per dog.

Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
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Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

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

City to Reflect and Remember on 21st Anniversary of 9/11

The City of Rockville will mark the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and remember county residents who lost their lives with a ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9 at Courthouse Square Park, at the corner of East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue in Rockville's downtown.

The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will include a presentation of colors and remarks by Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.

The 9/11 memorial at Courthouse Square Park remembers the 11 Montgomery County resi-

dents who lost their lives on Sept. 11: William Edward Caswell, Dr. Gerald Paul Fisher, Capt. Lawrence D. Getzfred, Michele M. Heidenberger, Angela Marie Houtz, Teddington Hamm Moy, Lt. Darin H. Pontell, Scott A. Powell, Todd Hayes Reuben, Patricia J. Statz and Ernest M. Willcher.

The memorial, commissioned by the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council and designed by artists Gene and Susan Flores, includes a grassy area circled by 11 benches – one dedicated to each victim, with an inscription related to that



person's character. It also includes a plaque, covered by two doors, bearing the victims' names. The artists worked with astronomers to design the memorial so that on Sept. 11 the morning sun briefly illuminates each name. ✚

City Police to Host Community Open House

An open house at the city's police station will offer an opportunity to get to know the men and women who protect and serve Rockville.

The Rockville City Police Department will welcome the community to an open house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, 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.

The RCPD station is located at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Free parking will be available two blocks away at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

To find video of RCPD's 2019 open house, visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "RCPD Open House."

Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ✚

Become a Sports Coach and Inspire Your Team

Did you have a coach who had a positive impact on your life, growing up? Now's your chance to be that inspiring adult!

Recreation and Parks' Sports Division is looking for volunteer coaches for youth sports leagues in soccer and cross country. Volunteer coaches conduct all youth league team practices and games — and volunteer head coaches are eligible to receive a 10% discount for one participating family member per team coached!

Coaches get to pick the time, day and location of their practices, and can keep their children's friends together on a team.

For more information, call 240-314-8620 or email sports@rockvillemd.gov. ✚



A NIGHT OUT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ... Twenty neighborhoods hosted block parties and cookouts as Rockville celebrated National Night Out on Aug. 2. Members of the Mayor and Council, Rockville City Police Department and Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office visited gatherings. For 39 years, National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, has raised awareness about crime and drug prevention, generated support for anti-crime programs and strengthened community spirit and community policing partnerships.

2022-23 Mentoring Program



More information? Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring
Questions? Contact Cecil Rucker at crucker@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8217.

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Rockville has opportunities for volunteer mentors. Work one-on-one with students and have the unique role of providing a solid support system.



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BACK IN THE DAY ... The latest work of Rockville's Art in Public Places was installed just outside the city's maintenance facility off of Gude Drive, the September 2013 edition of "Rockville Reports" states. The stainless-steel sculpture by artist David Hess, called "Public Service," represented the dedicated work of the Rockville's Department of Public Works and Recreation and Parks Department.