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Rocktoberfest Presents Ample Opportunity to 'Oompah!'

Rocktoberfest returns to Rockville Town Center on Saturday, Sept. 28 for a Bavarian-themed bash featuring bands, beers and bratwurst.

The sixth 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. This popular event attracts nearly 8,000 people each year.

Bavarian bands and pop rock cover acts taking to the stages include It's All Good, Mike Surratt and the Continentals, HFS, Sons of Pirates, Alt Washingtonia, and Rockville German Band.

Featured beverage vendors include 7 Locks Brewing, Clear Skies Meadery, Crooked Crab

Brewing Co., Denizens Brewing Co., Lone Oak Farm Brewing Co., Saints Row Brewing, Silver Branch Brewing Co., Third Hill Brewing Co., Twin Valley Distillers, Guilford Hall Brewery, Waredaca Brewing Co. and World of Beer.

The festival site is located next to Courthouse Square Park in Rockville Town Center and is within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station. 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. 🍀



MEET THE NEW BOSS ... Rockville's new City Manager Jeff Mihelich introduced himself to the community at a reception ahead of a July Mayor and Council meeting.

Mihelich is an International City/County Management Association credentialed manager with more than 30 years of experience in all areas of city management and community planning, including 13 years of executive-level management working directly with elected officials. He most recently served four years as city manager of Bozeman, Montana. He previously served as deputy city manager of Fort Collins, Colorado, for six years. Learn more about Rockville's new city manager at www.rockvillemd.gov/citymanager.



Find friends, food, shopping, beer and bands on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Rocktoberfest.

F. Scott Theater to Close for Upgrades to Accessibility, Sound

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and its social hall will close for nine months in late December for renovations that will improve accessibility and sound.

The venue will close Tuesday, Dec. 17 and reopen Sept. 1, 2025.

The primary focus of the renovations is to improve safety and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Changes will be made to the lobby, theater house and dressing rooms. The box office and restrooms will be expanded and wheelchair accessible.

New speakers will be installed in the theater house, upgrading the sound experience and making assisted listening devices more effective.

The ADA-seating section will be expanded and modified for easier and safer access.

The box office, which will move to the Rockville Civic Center Cottage during renovations, will sell tickets for some resident company performances that will be held at alternate venues. Hours will be 2-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and two Saturdays per month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

In-person box office hours will be subject to change. Tickets are always available to purchase at fscottfitzgerald.showare.com.

Direct questions about the closure to boxoffice@rockvillemd.gov. 🍀

City's Climate Action Projects Get a Boost from Grants

The summer saw Rockville receive grants that will allow the city to continue progress on its Climate Action Plan.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board approved \$371,000 for the city to install up to four bikeshare stations in Twinbrook and \$324,000 for design and installation of up to four electric vehicle charging stations in rights of way at 735 Monroe St. and 504 Blandford St., and at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and the Rockville Senior Center. The funding, resulting from the \$1 trillion federal infrastructure legislation passed in

2021, and administered under the Maryland Department of Transportation's Carbon Reduction Program, will expand access to bikeshare and to EV charging for residents without access to chargers at home.

A \$134,000 grant through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant will be used to install solar panels on the gym rooftop at Lincoln Park Community Center and replace a landscape equipment trailer with a trailer capable of charging electric landscaping equipment, to better comply with a county law to reduce air and noise pollution from yard

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Labor Day in Rockville

City government will be closed **Monday, Sept. 2** 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 Senior Center; Croydon Creek Nature Center and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office, which are closed Mondays; Glenview Mansion and the Rockville Civic Center business office. The Rockville Skate Park, which is closed Mondays in the fall, will also be closed.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. The outdoor recreation pool is closed for renovations. The outdoor fitness pool will have recreation swim hours over the holiday weekend. All customers should enter and exit via the indoor complex. For swim and fitness center facility hours and additional information, 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. 🍀



LEADING THE WAY

The FY 2024 Annual Report, inside, includes all the stats on how your city was working for you, top to bottom, from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

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Last Chance to Propose a Neighborhood Project

This month is the deadline for community members to propose neighborhood improvement projects to be considered as part of the Capital Improvements Program during the upcoming budget season.

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

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

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

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

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

Potential Beall Avenue Improvements Herald Art Project for Roadway Safety

Depending on fall weather, roadway improvements could be coming soon along Beall Avenue, dramatically changing the look of the street for drivers, riders and pedestrians.

Rockville, in partnership with VisArts, was among 25 cities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico chosen from an extensive pool of 200 applicants that have been awarded Asphalt Art Initiative grants through Bloomberg Philanthropies. A \$25,000 grant from the Bloomberg Asphalt Art Initiative will be used for the project in addition to Rockville's Art in Public Places funding.

The grant will be used to enhance Beall Avenue between Maryland Avenue and North Washington Street in Rockville Town Center.

The project, which is the first of its kind for the city, aims to improve safety and make the street more attractive for residents, visitors and businesses through a mural created directly in the street.

For more information on the Bloomberg grant awardees and the Asphalt Art Initiative, visit bit.ly/RkvAsphaltArt.

New Wootton Parkway Speed Camera to Begin Issuing Citations

In a continuing effort to reduce the number of speeding vehicles in Rockville neighborhoods, the Rockville City Police Department deployed a speed monitoring system in late August near the intersection of southbound Wootton Parkway and Wootton Oats Court.

While the portable camera unit is fully functional, the department will not initially issue citations.

Beginning on or about Monday, Sept. 30, citations will be issued for vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit by 12 mph or more.

For more information, contact Maj. Michael England at 240-314-8913 or mengland@rockvillemd.gov.

Town Center Master Plan Review Continues

The review and approval process for the Town Center Master Plan update is continuing.

The Planning Commission is expected to review the plan at its Wednesday, Sept. 11 meeting and send it to the Mayor and Council to begin their review. The plan will come before the Mayor and Council several times in the fall as a part of the review process.

The overarching goal of

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

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



GREAT RETURNS FROM ROCKVILLE'S GUN BUYBACK ... The Rockville City Police Department, in partnership with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, collected 270 firearms during the department's third annual gun buyback on Aug. 17 at RedGate Park. The event provided an opportunity to dispose of unwanted firearms voluntarily, anonymously and safely. Participants turned in handguns, rifles, shotguns, assault weapons and ghost guns in exchange for gift cards. Rockville has had great success with this annual event, with 200 to 300 firearms turned in each year. Every gun turned in is one less gun that could be used in a serious crime, suicide or domestic violence incident, or accidentally discharged by a child. Rockville 11 takes you to this year's event. Visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "buyback."

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FY 2026 Budget Priorities Survey

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Your Voice Counts



SURVEY OPENS THIS MONTH



Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget

FIRST, PRIORITIES ... Rockville's online budget priorities survey gives community members the opportunity to offer input ahead of hearings later this fall. Find it, in English, Spanish and Simplified Chinese, beginning this month at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

Mayor to Discuss State of the City



Mayor Monique Ashton will discuss the state of the City of Rockville, 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in an event hosted by the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Chamber public policy chair Brian Barkley will moderate the discussion. Questions may be submitted ahead of time to marji@rockvillechamber.org.

The discussion will be preceded by a continental breakfast from 8:30-9 a.m.



IF YOU GO

WHAT: Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce State of the City conversation.

WHEN: 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. (Continental breakfast from 8:30-9 a.m.)

WHERE: Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

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Fall Outreach Coming for Zoning Ordinance Update

Public outreach will begin this fall on an update to the zoning ordinance. Public outreach meetings will be held to present the zoning diagnostic report and calibration tables for the project. Among recommendations outlined in the report is an emphasis on the need for a streamlined development review process and clearer, more understandable language in the zoning ordinance.

New development and design standards will be necessary to promote housing variety while maintaining compatibility with existing neighborhoods. The report also proposes new standards for open spaces, neighbor-

hood amenities and specific "community nodes."

The Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan recommends a significant focus on development around high-capacity transit stations and reconsidered minimums for parking in these areas. The zoning ordinance rewrite will implement changes to the zoning map as recommended in the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning-rewrite to read the diagnostic report. Meeting outreach dates will be added to the city's online calendar at www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar, when available. ❄️

Public Works Awarded Multiple Grants

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equipment.

The Maryland Energy Administration awarded Rockville four grants through a program for clean energy projects. They include \$130,000 to convert approximately 650 streetlights to LED fixtures, up to \$48,000 for up to eight EV charging ports for city fleet vehicles at the city's maintenance facility on Rothgeb Drive and the Recreation Services Building at Rockville Civic Center

Park, and up to \$63,000 toward LED lighting upgrades at Thomas Farm Community Center. Read more about the LED upgrades on page 4. MEA will also provide up to \$10,000 for a solar consultant to evaluate city-owned property to identify facilities where solar energy systems could be installed.

Learn more about Rockville's Climate Action Plan at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate. ❄️



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September Will Turn Purple for Opioid Awareness



In their ongoing effort to bring awareness to the national impact of opioid addiction and signal hope for recovery, Rockville's Mayor and Council will proclaim September as National Recovery Month.

Rockville Goes Purple is a campaign, alongside the city's county and state partners, that seeks to shine a spotlight on the national impact of opioid addiction and create awareness about the epidemic's impact on our community.

Members of the Mayor and Council were expected to attend the 9th Annual Montgomery County International Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month Launch, on Thursday, Aug. 29 at Memorial Plaza in Rockville.

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

The Rockville City Police Department will hold a training in the overdose reversal drug Narcan from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 28

at the department's headquarters, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

Rockville's Community Services Division and its community partners provide outreach, awareness and education throughout the year to support substance misuse prevention and early intervention with support from the city's portion of the state's Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Abatement Plan.

The proclamation states that: "The Rockville Goes Purple initiative is increasing awareness of the dangers of opioids and other substances, and strives to reduce the number of lives lost to drug addiction in our community."

From July 2023 to June 2024, Maryland had 2,030 overdose deaths, of which 1,763 were opioids related. Montgomery County had 93 overdose deaths, 71 related to opioids.

Find out more about the Rockville Goes Purple campaign at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple. +

Summer of Safety: Advancing Vision Zero Projects for Rockville Roadways

Rockville advanced several Vision Zero projects this summer, including a study of potential safety improvements to Mannakee Street, construction of a sidewalk along West Gude Drive and a shared-use path along Scott and Veirs drives.

The projects are part of the city's Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.

In July, city staff completed the Mannakee Street Complete Streets Study. The feasibility study, funded by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Land-Use Connections Program, proposes roadway improvements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and traffic-calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles. A Complete Streets approach identifies potential improvements to help people drive, walk, roll, bike and use transit more safely. The city has already completed some of the proposed improvements at the intersection of Mannakee Street and Smallwood Road, and will continue to evaluate the proposed improvements to identify which can be completed

soon or as part of other ongoing roadway improvement projects.

The city also completed construction of a new sidewalk on the north side of West Gude Drive from MD 355 to Watkins Pond Boulevard. Replanting of the willow oak trees removed during construction is scheduled for this fall.

COG's Transportation Planning Board in July approved a \$200,000 grant for the design of a shared-use path along Scott and Veirs drives, between the city boundary and Wootton Parkway, with a connection to the Carl Henn Millennium Trail. This shared use path will be one component of a Bikeway Master Plan "Crosstown Route."

The board also approved a \$371,000 grant for the city to install up to four bikeshare stations in Twinbrook as part of the Maryland Department of Transportation's Carbon Reduction Program.

Read the Mannakee Street study and find more information about these and other projects related to Vision Zero at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzeroprojects. +

Rockville's Community Survey Returns 3,000 Randomly Selected Households Will Be Asked To Respond

Following a pandemic-driven hiatus, Rockville's biennial survey is returning and will start to land mid-September in some city mailboxes.

The community survey — which provides an opportunity for residents to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the city, the community's amenities and local government services — last took place in 2018. Previous survey solicitations were conducted every two years.

The 2024 survey will be the city's 11th and will be sent to a random sample of 3,000 households throughout Rockville over a roughly three-week period,

starting in mid-September. Those households will first receive a postcard letting them know the survey will arrive about a week later. Surveys will be available in print or can be taken online.

Survey results help the city improve the quality of services to you, your family and the community.

Translation services will be provided for those who need assistance.

Polco will conduct the survey. Responses will be anonymous.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/survey to see the 2018 survey and results of the 2024 survey, when published. +



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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. 9, 16 and 30, at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/Agenda Center for details.

The Sept. 9 meeting will be preceded by a drop-in session by telephone with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Barry Jackson, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Get Involved with the City

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

Boards and Commissions

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

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

- **Sept. 11 and 25** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.)

Vacancies

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

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



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

Police Non-Emergency: **240-314-8900**

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

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

Free Trees, If You Please

Rockville's annual Fall Tree Giveaway will open for online registration at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 at www.rockvillemd.gov/treegiveaway. Registrants will be able to pick up their trees from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

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

Six species are expected to be available. This list is subject to change based on nursery availability and species preferences cannot be guaranteed:

- Allegheny serviceberry (Amelanchier laevis).
- American plum (Prunus americana).
- Red osier dogwood (Cornus sericea).
- River birch (Betula nigra).
- Swamp white oak (Quercus bicolor).
- Virginia sweetspire (Itea virginica).

Interested in Planting More Trees?

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

Grants and Rebates Aid Energy-Efficient Lighting Upgrades at City Facilities

A state grant is helping Rockville meet the goals of its Climate Action Plan with funding to convert city facilities to LED lighting.

Upgrades are in progress at the Rockville Senior Center and Twinbrook Community Recreation Center using grants from the Maryland Energy Administration's Maryland Smart Energy Communities program, and rebates from Pepco's Energy Savings for Business Program. Combined, the senior center and Twinbrook projects are using \$150,000 in state grants and \$74,000 in rebates.

LED upgrades are planned for Thomas Farm Community Center during Fiscal Year 2025, which ends June 30. The \$92,000 upgrade project would be paid for with up to \$63,000 from the state grant and a Pepco rebate of up to \$12,000.

The state grant program supports local governments, state agencies, nonprofits, educational institutions and communities pursuing clean energy policies and projects aimed at reducing energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, increasing cost savings, and creating clean energy and economic development. The Thomas Farm project is expected to create \$10,868 in annual energy savings for Rockville.

The city completed similar upgrades to City Hall in 2023, using a \$50,000 MSEC grant and a \$57,000 Pepco rebate, and is already realizing cost savings through reduced energy use.

The LED upgrades are contributing to the city's Climate Action Plan goal of equitably reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change. The energy-efficient LED bulbs last up to 25 years and generate less carbon dioxide.

Upgrading to LED bulbs at home is an easy way to save on energy costs and reduce your carbon footprint. Pepco offers residential and commercial programs to support the EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act. Find them at homeenergysavings.pepco.com.

Learn more about EmPOWER Maryland and find additional energy-saving opportunities at energy.maryland.gov/pages/facts/empower.aspx.



Mayor and Council to Hold Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Funds Needs

The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing during their Monday, Sept. 9 meeting on housing and community development needs for Community Development Block Grant funding in Fiscal Year 2026.

Testimony from the hearing will be used by the Mayor and Council to determine funding decisions. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

CDBG are federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to local and state governments to support a wide range of community development activities. CDBG funding will become available in fall 2026.

Rockville has received roughly \$263,000 annually in CDBG funding over the last several years.

Find information about the grant program and eligibility requirements at www.rockvillemd.gov/cdbg.

Applications for CDBG are open and must be completed by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.

CDBG provides federal funding for housing and community development programs that benefit low- and moderate-income people. Rockville's CDBG funding comes through Montgomery County.

Projects can include roofing repair, hot-water heater and window replacements, and kitchen and bathroom renovations, for example.

For more information, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at 240-314-8300. ❖



PAINTING THE PLOW TO PREVENT POLLUTION ... Campers in Croydon Creek Nature Center's Conservation Service Learning program in July designed and painted an environmentally friendly message on a snowplow blade used by Department of Public Works trucks. The "Don't Be Salty, Save Our Streams" message seeks to spread the word about protecting our wildlife and environment by using less salt to treat icy driveways and sidewalks. Campers learned how using more salt isn't always effective and can lead to higher levels of salt in the region's drinking water supply. Find video of the painting project on the City of Rockville's Instagram. Learn how to be "salt smart" this winter at RockvilleReports.com/salt-smart. And, when it snows, look for the plow in action, helping to clear a city street near you.



Fall for a More Sustainable Lawn and Garden with These Tips

Fall is the perfect season to take environmentally friendly steps for healthier, more sustainable gardens and lawns.

Fall Wildlife Gardening

Help pollinators, birds and other wildlife thrive by leaving flower stalks and seeds over the winter. Plant goldenrod, asters and other native plants that bloom in fall. Use fall leaves as mulch in your garden beds. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats.



Choose Lawn Alternatives

Replacing some of your lawn with native ground cover, wildflower gardens and native trees can help

save time and money while reducing air and water pollution. Learn more and apply for a RainScapes Rebate at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

Organic Lawn Care

Aerating your lawn and adding grass seed in the fall can help prep your lawn for winter and spring. Remember, most "weed and feed" and synthetic pesticides are prohibited in Rockville. Learn more about organic lawn care at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns.

Join a Weed Warrior Workday

Help restore native habitat in Rockville parks by joining a non-native, invasive plant removal workday. Student Service Learning hours are available. Space is limited and registration is required. View the schedule and register at www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors. ❖

Rockville at the Ready: Flooding Preparation Means Mitigation

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. Rockville provides a variety of resources to prevent and prepare for flooding. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/flooding to:

- Get the guide. "Go With the Flow: A Homeowner's Guide to Responsible Stormwater Solutions" is available in English, Spanish and Simplified Chinese. It provides steps for identifying the source and severity of flooding, finding potential solutions, and consulting a contractor to confirm and execute the right solution for your property. It also explains how to apply for rebates to offset flood mitigation project costs.

- Learn about the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Rockville offers matching reimbursement funds up to \$5,000 to residents and property owners who make flood protection improvements to their properties.
- Report storm flood damage. Rockville residents or property owners who have experienced flood damage associated with severe weather can help the city understand the impact of intense storms on our community by taking the Storm Flood Damage Survey.
- Be Prepared for Future Flooding: Check out tips and resources for knowing your flood risk, reducing your risk, considering flood insurance and preparing for future flood events. ❖



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofrockville): Rockville celebrates its Safe + Sound employees (you can also read the article about it on page 5); and take a bite out of crime with National Night Out 2024.

City Police Achieve Accreditation for 10th Time

The Rockville City Police Department has once again been reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Accreditation is earned through a rigorous and comprehensive review of professional standards in law enforcement. RCPD has been an accredited law enforcement agency since 1994. This is RCPD's 10th consecutive accreditation cycle. During the recent four-year accreditation cycle, RCPD was compliant with 178 out of 183 stan-

dards, a rate of 97%. The RCPD's efforts to remain accredited were led by Lt. Kenneth Matney and support service coordinator Max Crago. Matney, Lt. Bill Nieberding and Deputy Chief Andrew Powell attended the CALEA hearings in Winston Salem, North Carolina in July, where the department learned it had again achieved accreditation. Learn more about the accreditation process at www.calea.org and about RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. 🌟



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PARTNERS IN CRIME PREVENTION ... Rockville celebrated National Night Out on Aug. 6 as Rockville City Police Department officers, city elected officials and city staff joined neighbors at gatherings across the city. In its 41st year, National Night Out is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs, and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships. See more of how Rockville celebrated: Visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "National Night Out 2024."



(Left to right) Marcus Odorizzi, Alexander Morales, Jason Burdette and Jamie Sydykov.



(Left to right) William Moore, Jr. and Sydykov.

Safety Above All

The city's safety and risk, public works and recreation and parks teams took part in a ceremony to recognize Safe + Sound Week, a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe. During the ceremony, the city recognized Rockville employees for their contributions to promoting safety in city operations. Awardees were Alexander Morales, a maintenance worker with the Department of Recreation and Parks; Jason Burdette, a crew supervisor; and William Moore, Jr., a maintenance worker with the Department of Public Works. Morales was recognized for being detail-oriented, observant and cautious, asking safety-related questions and researching how best to protect himself and his crew. "His awareness and interest in safety, as well as his excellent communication skills make him a great member of the crew," his nomination states. According to Burdette's nomination, "can be called upon to promptly address job site hazards and concerns brought to his attention. Working in trenches is one of the most hazardous jobs that the Department of Public Works employees perform, and Jason and his crew's safety performance and low frequency of injuries is a testament to his emphasis on safety through the performance of his and his crew's work." Moore's "hands-on experience and direct involvement in day-to-day operations lend substantial value to his contributions to improving workplace safety," according to his nomination. Morales, Burdette and Moore each received a \$500 check and a citation from their department heads in recognition of their awards. 🌟



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DO NOT put batteries with recycling or trash.

Take all batteries to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/dropoff) or a battery recycler for special disposal.



Human Rights Commission Seeks Student Ambassadors

Rockville's Human Rights Commission is seeking 10 students to serve as HRC Student Ambassadors in its sixth 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 from grades 10, 11, or 12. 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.

Apply by Friday, Oct. 11 at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights. If necessary, virtual interviews will held for selected applicants.

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 Monday, Nov. 11. The Memorial Day ceremony will be held Monday, May 26. Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served. Contact Cristina Willis at 240-314-8610 or cwillis@rockvillemd.gov to participate or learn more. For video of past ceremonies, search "Memorial Day Ceremony" or "Veterans Day Ceremony" at youtube.com/cityofrockville.

New Grant Program Will Open Soon for Applications

Applications will open soon for a new grant for local organizations that partner with Rockville to support community services and enrichment programs that benefit city residents and visitors. What was previously the Human Services Nonprofit Grant and the Community Organization Grant have been combined into one grant program — the Community Services and Enrichment Grant Program — making the application process easier and more efficient for applicants and for the city. Local nonprofit community organizations that provide services to and/or enrichment programs for Rockville residents are encouraged to apply. The amount of funding for the grant program will be about \$1.2 million. Grants will be awarded to about 35 applicants. Applications open Monday, Sept. 9 for the Fiscal Year 2026 grant application period. The deadline to apply is Monday, Oct. 14. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/grants on Sept. 9 to apply and for instructions for accessing the portal. Details about technical sessions for applicants to learn how to apply will be listed on the webpage. For more information, contact Sarah Maizel at smaizel@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8304, or Abe Bruckman at abruckman@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8111.



READY FOR SEPTEMBER ...

The City of Rockville encourages community members to prepare for emergencies and disasters during National Preparedness Month. Be informed. Make a plan. Build a kit. More information on each of these activities can be found locally at www.rockvillemd.gov/emergencypreparedness and on the national site at www.ready.gov.

Glenview-Peerless to Examine 'What Makes Gatsby Great?'

"What Makes Gatsby Great?" asks the latest installment of the Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series, an illustrated presentation by Jackson R. Bryer, professor emeritus of English at the University of Maryland and co-founder and president of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society.

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

When "The Great Gatsby" was published in May 1925, reviews were mixed, and sales were well below expectations. Many readers were disappointed that the author of "This Side of Paradise" and "The Beautiful and Damned" had seemingly abandoned his portraits of young denizens of the Jazz Age and written an entirely different sort of novel. In the nearly 100 years since, "The Great Gatsby" has come to be regarded as one of the greatest works of American literature, with sales well over 250,000 copies annually. This talk explores Fitzgerald's intentions in writing his third novel and its excellence as a literary work.

Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration with course #32187.

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

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

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Become a youth mentor today!**

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

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

Music, Mystery and Murder, This Month at F. Scott Theater

Razvi Music presents "Esther Ballet" 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7; 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

The ancient story of Esther comes alive in this orchestral score, written and conducted by Maryland composer Daniel Razvi. All the intrigue of the story – from romance to villains, from power struggles to personal sacrifice and good triumphing over evil – are displayed in this captivating musical performance. Features the Ballet Embodiment dancers.

Tickets cost \$75. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Esther for more information and tickets.

Armenian Youth Center of Greater Washington Inc. presents "Armenian Cultural Night" 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. Cocktail hour: 5-6 p.m.

Celebrate the rich heritage and vibrant culture of Armenia. Experience the soul-stirring vocals of Sevak Amroyan, a renowned singer from Armenia, in a musical journey transcending borders. The Hamazkayin Van Dance Ensemble will bring Armenian folk dances to life.

Tier 1 tickets cost \$125; \$75 AYF/Homenetmen. Tier 2 tickets cost \$75; \$50 AYF/Homenetmen.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/CulturalNight for tickets and more information.

Rockville Little Theatre presents "Veronica's Room" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 20-29.

Written by Ira Levin and directed by David Dieudonne.

This chilling mystery thriller by the author of "Rosemary's Baby" explores the thin line between fantasy and reality, madness and murder. Students Susan and Larry find themselves guests enticed to the Brabissant mansion by its dissolute caretakers, the lonely Mackeys. Struck by Susan's strong resemblance to Veronica Brabissant, the long-dead daughter of the family for whom they work, the older couple gradually induce her to impersonate Veronica briefly to solace the only living Brabissant, her addled sister who believes Veronica remains alive.

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

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Veronica for tickets and more info.

Meet the Artists of Salon 8

Meet the artists of Salon 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Leigh Culver, Angela Lacy, Marta Legeckis, Yoshimi Matsukata, Emilie McBride, Margitta Hanff Potts and JoAnne Ramsey present their unique perception of the world through the medium of watercolor. The exhibition features a wide range of subjects, from florals to cityscapes, and showcases a variety of watercolor styles and techniques.

The exhibition runs Sunday, Sept. 8-Friday, Oct. 4. ✚

Jesmyn Ward to be Honored with F. Scott Fitzgerald Award

The 28th annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival will honor author and two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

Since 1996, the award has been presented to some of America's most distinguished writers, including Richard Russo,

Annie Proulx, Norman Mailer, Pat Conroy, John Updike, Amy Tan, Barbara Kingsolver and Richard Powers.

The festival will take place from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at Montgomery College's Theatre Arts Building, 51 Mannakee St. This year's theme is "Writing the Hard Stories."

As well as Ward, a highly acclaimed

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Celebrate Senior Center Month at Rockville Senior Center

The national celebration of Senior Center Month in September is all about "powering connections." Where better to do that than the city's hub of activity for the 65 and older community at the Rockville Senior Center?

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. For more information, see the "Adults 60+" recreation guide at www.rockville.md.gov/life.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Hispanic Heritage Festival from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, with entertainment, music, lunch and dancing at the Senior Center (\$15 members/\$22 nonmembers; course #31211).

Learn about your Medicare options from the Montgomery County State Health Insurance Assistance Program at a Medicare Open Enrollment Seminar, noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26. Sessions are free and held at the senior center from 10-11:30 a.m. (course #33017) and from noon-1 p.m. (course #33018; en español).

The free Family Fall Festival, 1-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 will have games, music, exercise demos, crafts and food trucks (course #33619).

The Rockville Senior Center will celebrate Montgomery County's annual Active Aging Week from Monday, Sept. 30-Sunday, Oct. 6. Events include the Maryland Relay, 10-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30 (course #33195); Morning Meditation, 11:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Oct. 2 (course #33764); Rolling into the Morning, 11:30 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Oct. 3 (course #33763); Flat Band Class, 1-1:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 (course #33762); and Zumba Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4 (course #33765).

Flu Shot Clinic

Prepare for flu season with a flu shot provided by Giant pharmacists. Flu,

COVID-19, etc., are available. Participants must bring Medicare or other insurance cards. Call 240-314-8800 to register and indicate if you want high- or regular-dose flu vaccine.

Course #32574. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Age with Grace

Guidance for maintaining personal hygiene with aging.

Course #33007. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18. Free.

Healthy Eating as We Age

Learn the benefits of eating healthily, how to make healthy eating fun and what food choices to make.

Course #32576. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Free.

Fall Risk Assessments

Physical therapists from Adventist Rehabilitation Center will assess your mobility and discuss how to help your balance and avoid falls. Call Betty Figlure at 240-314-8803 to schedule an appointment.

Course #32542. 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25. Free.

National DEA Drug Take Back at Senior Center

Rockville City Police Department officers will take unused, unwanted and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal.

10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Sept. 10. Free.

Peripheral Neuropathy Webinar

Dr. Omid Motabar will share management tools on peripheral neuropathy, as well as research and treatments.

Course #33621. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26. Free.

Aphasia Support Group

A monthly group that helps stroke survivors, particularly those with aphasia, overcome social isolation through guided communication activities, enhancing conversational abilities in a supportive environment.

Course #32503. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Better Breather's Club

A monthly meeting featuring educational presentations and tips on respiratory issues, facilitated by an American Lung Association instructor.

Course #32526. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. Free. ✚

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

FACILITIES LEGEND:

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

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

- V** Virtual Program/Offering
H Hybrid: Offering both Virtual and In Person
Rockville Goes Purple Event



2 **LABOR DAY** City Hall closed. *See article on page 1.*

V 3,17 **FINDING INNER PEACE** Explore ideas from Michael A. Singer's book, "The Untethered Soul: The Journey Beyond Yourself." Group meets first and third Tuesdays of the month to discuss and consider Singer's approach. Register with course #32177. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

V 4 **ASK AN EV (ELECTRIC VEHICLE) OWNER** Are you shopping for an EV? Do you have questions about your new EV? Or are you just curious about EVs? If you answer "yes," then join EVADC for its online 'Ask An EV Owner' event. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visit evadc.wildapricot.org/ask.

5 **FITNESS WORKSHOP — RESTORATIVE YOGA** Yoga that encourages physical, mental and emotional relaxation. Appropriate for all experience levels, restorative yoga is practiced at a slow pace, focusing on long holds, stillness and deep breathing. Includes work on the mat. Register with course #32548. 2-3:15 p.m. \$15. **SR**

7,14,21,28 **ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET** Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

7 **RCPD OPEN HOUSE** *See article on page 8.* Meet the men and women who protect and serve Rockville. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville City Police Department, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

7,8 **RAZVI MUSIC PRESENTS "ESTHER BALLET"** *See article on page 6.* 7-9 p.m. **FSF**

8 **MEET THE ARTISTS (SALON 8)** *See article on page 6.* 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

10 **NATIONAL DEA DRUG TAKE BACK AT THE SENIOR CENTER** *See article on page 6.* **SR**

10 **PAINTING WITH CATHY: FUN WITH FALL FUNGI** Paint a variety of mushrooms on mugs and take home your own, whimsically decorated by you. Instructor Cathy Pasquariello brings instructions and supplies. No painting experience required. Register with course #32938. 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$13 M/\$16 NM. **SR**

11 **9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** *See article on page 8.* Courthouse Square Park, corner of East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue. 9-10 a.m.

11 **HEALTHY EATING AS WE AGE** *See article on page 6.* 10-11 a.m. **SR**

11,21 **LITTLE EXPLORERS** Is your little one curious about nature? Join a naturalist for crafts, hands-on sensory activities, games, stories, hikes and more all with a nature theme. Preregistration is required with course #33135. Ages 2-5. \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

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

12 **GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: "WHAT MAKES GATSBY GREAT?"** *See article on page 6.* 7 p.m. **GM**

14 **ARMENIAN YOUTH CENTER OF GREATER WASHINGTON INC. PRESENTS "ARMENIAN CULTURAL NIGHT"** *See article on page 6.* 6-10 p.m. **FSF**

17 **STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS WITH MAYOR ASHTON AND GREATER ROCKVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** *See article on page 2.* Questions may be submitted ahead of time to marji@rockvillechamber.org. 8:30-11 a.m. **GM**

17 **FITNESS WORKSHOP — BEYOND LIMITS: NAVIGATING EXERCISE WITH HEALTH CHALLENGES** An empowering workshop that addresses the intersection of fitness and health conditions. Register with course #32943. 12:15-1:30 p.m. \$15. **SR**

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

18 **SENIOR SCIENTISTS PROGRAM** Designed to engage and empower seniors by involving them in research activities and providing educational and interactive experiences tailored to their interests and capabilities. Register with course #32594. Free. 1:30-3 p.m. **SR**

20 **HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL** *See article on page 6.* 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

21 **TAIWAN BUBBLE TEA FESTIVAL** *See ad on page 6.* Free. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

20-22,27-29 **ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "VERONICA'S ROOM"** *See article on page 6.* 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. **FSF**

22 **CARL HENN ANNUAL MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE** A casual 13-mile neighborhood ride in honor of longtime Rockville resident and community activist Carl Henn, who died in July 2010. No one will be left behind. Check out www.meetup.com/bike-rockville for more information, impromptu rides and last-minute changes. All riders must wear a helmet to take part. 10 a.m. **TF**

22 **PEACE DAY CELEBRATION AT MATTIE J.T. STEPANEK PARK** *See ad on page 8.* Free. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park

22 **AUTUMN EQUINOX FAMILY HIKE** Learn about the equinox and look for signs that autumn, one of nature's busiest times of year, is beginning. Ages 5 and older. Register with course #33156. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$5 R/\$6 NR. **CC**

24 **FLU SHOT CLINIC** *See article on page 6.* **SR**

25 **FALL RISK ASSESSMENTS** *See article on page 6.* 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

25 **OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB** Each meeting investigates the forest preserve. Play games, perform experiments and more. Dress for the weather as a majority of time is spent outside. Meets every other Wednesday. Ages 6-11. Register with course #33143. 4:30-5:30 p.m. \$60 R/\$70 NR for five sessions. **CC**

26 **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT SEMINAR** *See article on page 6.* Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

26 **PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY WEBINAR** *See article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. Free. **SR**

26 **SELF-HELP MASSAGE TIPS FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH** Learn easy self-help massage for yourself or your family. Helpful for headaches, tummy aches and reducing pain or swelling. Helps bring ease and relaxation from tension and stress. Register with course #32541. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. **SR**

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

27 **FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL** *See article on page 6.* 1-4 p.m. Free. **SR**

28 **ROCKTOBIERFEST** *See article on page 1.* 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Center.

28 **F. SCOTT FITZGERALD LITERARY FESTIVAL** *See article on page 6.* 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Montgomery College, Theatre Arts Building, 51 Mannakee St.

28 **NARCAN TRAINING** *See article on page 3 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple.* 9 a.m.-noon. Rockville City Police Department, 2. W. Montgomery Ave.

30 **MARYLAND RELAY** Learn about this free public service that allows people who are unable to use a standard telephone to make and receive phone calls. Register with course #33195. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

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

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

F. Scott Fitzgerald Award Honoree

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Author Jesmyn Ward

American writer, educator and cultural critic, and David Ignatius, a journalist and novelist.

American novelist and professor of creative writing at Tulane University, speakers will include Kiese Laymon, a prominent

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, the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council, and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc.

The festival is open to everyone, especially writers, book lovers and Fitzgerald fans. For more information and to register visit www.fscottfestival.org. ✚

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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. 7, featuring vehicle and equipment displays, K-9 demonstrations, a moon bounce, food, 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. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held Saturday, Sept. 14.

To find video of past RCPD open houses, visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "RCPD Open House."

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

Rockville's Car Show Returns in October to Rewind Some Sweet Rides

The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, a city tradition for more than six decades, rolls into Rockville Civic Center Park on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The show will be held 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the picturesque park at 603 Edmonston Drive. Home to the historic Glenview Mansion, the hills of Rockville Civic Center Park offer a fall backdrop for collectors and enthusiasts to share memories 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 by Bad Influence Band. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

While admission is free, there is a fee to display a vehicle. Participants must preregister. The early bird registration fee through Wednesday, Sept. 11 is \$10. Registration is \$20 from Thursday, Sept. 12 until 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, or when registration is full. There will be no registration on the day of the show.

The early bird fee to sell a car or reserve a flea market space is \$30 through Wednesday, Sept. 11 and \$40 thereafter.

To show or sell a car, reserve a flea market space, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email special_events@rockvillemd.gov.

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

Fall Registration Is Now Open

- **"Life in Rockville":** Find classes, programs and special events for all ages and interests.
- **"Adults 60+":** A guide especially for the 60-plus community.

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



Fall Into Farm-Fresh Food at the Rockville Farmers Market

The Rockville Farmers Market offers fall produce and a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$20, for customers using their federal nutrition benefits.

The market is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 23, in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

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

Now in its 13th year, the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money program removes economic barriers for food-insecure shoppers by increasing access to fresh produce and increasing purchasing power.

Customers can receive a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$20 weekly when they shop with SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Electronic Benefits Transfer) and WIC-FVC (Women, Infants and Children-Fruit and Vegetable Checks) at the market.

Matching funds can be used to purchase locally grown and produced items including fruits, vegetables, meat, cheese, dairy, baked goods, eggs and honey. The program aims to fight hunger while investing directly in farmers, strengthening the local food system.

Customers can stop by the market tent, located at the market entrance, for more information.

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. 🍅



City to Mark 9/11 Anniversary with Mayoral Remarks at Memorial Ceremony

The City of Rockville will mark the 23rd anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and remember county residents who lost their lives with a ceremony at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 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 Monique Ashton.

The 9/11 memorial at Courthouse Square Park remembers the 11 Montgomery County residents who lost their lives on Sept. 11: William E. Caswell, Dr. Gerald P. Fisher, Capt. Lawrence

D. Getzfred, Michele M. Heidenberger, Angela M. Houtz, Teddington H. Moy, Lt. Darin H. Pontell, Scott A. Powell, Todd H. 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. 🍅

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Celebrating Mattie's birthday and 20 year peace legacy!

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Community mosaic & peace craft activities
Ribbon cutting & Peace Procession
includes children, leaders & ALL attendees!
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All are welcome - FREE event

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Sunday, Sept 22, 2024
11 am - 2 pm
Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park
1800 Piccard Drive, Rockville, MD

Inclement weather location:
World of Beer (196 E. Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD)

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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Thefts from vehicles are up. Most cases are due to vehicle doors being left unlocked. Deter criminals. Don't forget to lock your vehicle doors.

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BACK IN THE DAY ... "New Mark Commons, a 65-acre Rockville subdivision that began development in 1967, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places," reported "Rockville Reports" in its September 2017 issue. "The subdivision was conceived by Edmund J. Bennett, a Montgomery County native whose firm received over 35 national and local awards for innovative architectural techniques, building design and site planning." New Mark Commons was innovative for combining "clustered and free-standing houses within a rolling, wooded landscape."