



**41-44 Maryland Ave.
(Momentum at Rockville Station)**

A new residential project is proposed for Rockville Town Center, including up to 147 multifamily residential units.

The property lies within the Central Town Center and Core Character areas, west of MD 355 (Hungerford Drive), bounded by East Middle Lane, Maryland Avenue and East Montgomery Avenue.



**15815-15825 Shady Grove Road
(Shady Grove Innovation District)**

A new project is under review to replace the current office use structures on the corner of Shady Grove and Choke Cherry roads.

The new mixed-use development includes about 360 multifamily units with structured parking and a 145,000-square-foot lab building with a standalone structured parking facility and associated public and private amenities.

Know the Process, Stay Informed

- Check the latest major planning applications and/or attend an area meeting held by project applicants to provide input on projects being considered by city boards or commissions. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch.
- Find meeting schedules, agendas and information packets for the Mayor and Council and all city boards and commissions at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.
- Call 240-314-8200 to ask about development projects near you.



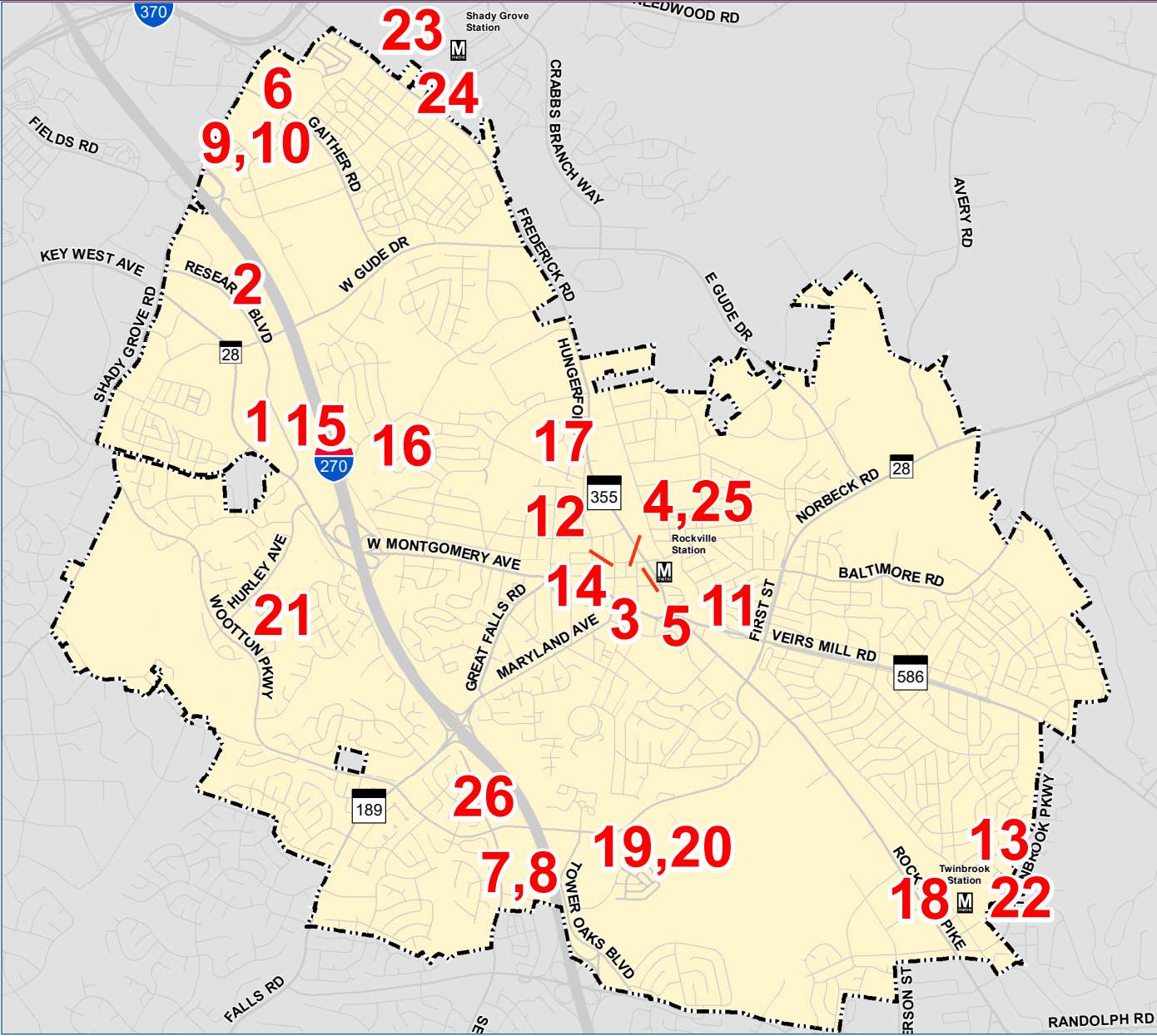
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RESOURCES FOR FEDERAL WORKERS ... Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers for a list of resources for federal employees and other workers impacted by the federal government transition.

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Development Watch



Recent Preapplication Submittals

1. **1600 Research Blvd.:** Preapplication area meeting for a proposal to redevelop the office property into a residential development with 205 units, including townhouses and stacked condominiums. Case 2026-103-PAM.
2. **2 Research Place:** Preapplication area meeting for a proposal to redevelop the office property into residential developments of 68 two-over-two condominium units. Case 2026-141-PAM.

Applications Under Review

3. **107 Fleet St.:** Final record plat to resubdivide into two lots to facilitate improvements under STP2024-00481. Case PLT2025-00626.
4. **198 E. Montgomery Ave. (BLVD Lofts):** Major site plan amendment for the conversion of street-level commercial space into 13 residential loft dwelling units. Case STP2025-00503.
5. **255 Rockville Pike:** Level 2 site plan for the change of use from office to residential with a vertical expansion. Case STP2025-00505.
6. **2097-2101 Gaither Road (Park Plaza):** Level 2 site plan for a proposal to redevelop the property into 646,000 square feet of life-science uses. Case STP2024-00482.
7. **11511 Fortune Terrace (Potomac Woods):** Final record plats to resubdivide the property into 32 townhouse lots and six parcels to facilitate improvements under STP2025-00497. Cases PLT2024-00624 and PLT2024-00625.
8. **11511 Fortune Terrace (Potomac Woods):** Final record plat for one lot, a total of 65,759 square feet of residential area to facilitate improvements under STP2025-00497. Case PLT2025-00631.
9. **15815-15825 Shady Grove Road, 2 Choke Cherry Road, 2094 Gaither Road (Shady Grove Innovation District):** Level 2 site plan for a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with lab and office space, and multifamily residential units. Case STP2024-00492.
10. **15815-15825 Shady Grove Road, 2 Choke Cherry Road, 2094 Gaither Road (Shady Grove Innovation District):** Final record plat for five parcels and 136 lots. Case PLT2025-00632-PLT2025-00636.
11. **210 First St. (Church of God):** Final record plat for one lot. Case PLT2025-00641.
12. **41-44 Maryland Ave. (Momentum at Rockville Station):** Project plan to develop a 12-story multifamily building, including 147 residential affordable housing units. Case PJT2025-00023.

13. **5906 Halpine Road:** Final record plat for lots one and two, parcel A-1. Case PLT2025-00642.
14. **22 W. Jefferson St.:** Final record plat to dedicate a portion of the road frontage to the state. Case 2026-96-PLT.
15. **1455 Research Blvd.:** Level 2 site plan to redevelop the office site into residential development of 78 townhouses, 56 two-over-two units and 72 multifamily units. Case 2026-101-STP.
16. **850 Nelson St.:** Ownership plat to create two lots for financing purposes. Case 2026-107-PLT.
17. **622 Hungerford Drive:** Final record plat for Lot 2, Block A. Case PLT2025-00643.
18. **1500 Rockville Pike:** Level 2 site plan for phase two of approved project plan PJT2018-00011, for a proposal of up to 413 multifamily dwelling units, up to 77,500 square feet of commercial use and open public spaces. Case 2026-149-STP.

Recently Approved Applications

19. **2000 Tower Oaks Blvd.:** Final record plat for one parcel to facilitate improvements under STP2024-00473. Case PLT2025-00640.
20. **2200 Tower Oaks Blvd. (Tower Preserve):** Final record plat for 82 lots, a total of 6.1 acres of residential area, to facilitate improvements under STP2024-00473. Case PLT2025-00627-PLT2025-00630.
21. **2401 Wootton Parkway (Rockshire Village):** Final record plats for 60 lots, a total of 7.3 acres of residential area to facilitate improvements under STP2024-00493. Case PLT2025-00637-PLT2025-00639.
22. **12501 Ardennes Ave. (Twinbrook Place):** Level 2 site plan to convert existing office space into a 181-unit residential building with three additional stories, totaling approximately 60,000 square feet. Case STP2024-00465.
23. **15903 Somerville Drive (Shady Grove Metro):** Annexation of Shady Grove Metro station. Case ANX2023-00147.
24. **15931 Frederick Road (Lidl & The Henson):** Final record/ownership plats for one lot and dedication and two ownership lots to facilitate improvements under STP2022-00434. Cases PLT2024-00622 and PLT2024-00623.
25. **198 E. Montgomery Ave. (BLVD Lofts):** Project plan to convert street-level commercial space into 13 residential loft dwelling units. Case PJT2025-00020.
26. **1307 Seven Locks Road (Montgomery County Diversion Center):** Mandatory referral for the renovation of the existing building and construction of associated site improvements. Case STP2025-00512.



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Budget Survey, Now Available Online, Offers Opportunity for Input on Priorities

Mayor and Council to Hold First Budget Hearing in November

An online survey is now available for community members to identify their budget priorities and options for maintaining a balanced budget ahead of city budget hearings that will begin later this fall.

Public participation in the budget process is a high priority for the Mayor and Council and city staff. The community budget priorities survey at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget is available in simplified Chinese and Spanish, as well as English. Survey responses provide valuable input to the Mayor and Council for their budget discussions.

Community members can present their needs early in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process as the Mayor and Council hold their first budget hearing on Monday, Nov. 10. To testify

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

The \$175.5 million budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which began July 1, maintains the city's real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax.

The city manager's FY27 budget proposal will be published in March, followed by public hearings and work sessions before the budget is adopted in May.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400.



ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE WRAPS ... The city's campaign to highlight the dangers of opioid addiction and signal hope for healing throughout September's National Recovery Month has wrapped for this year. Members of the Mayor and Council joined county and state leadership in attending Montgomery Goes Purple's International Overdose Awareness Day ceremony in late August. The city held a Lunch and Learn this month with Tree of Hope, featuring LaTonia Rich, co-executive director of the organization, as speaker, pictured above.



PUTTING THE COMMUNITY IN COMMUNITY POLICING ... The Rockville City Police Department's open house on Sept. 6 offered community members an opportunity to tour the police station, explore the tools officers use in their daily duties and meet some of the men and women who protect and serve Rockville. Learn more about RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police and find more photos on the department's Facebook page. Rockville 11 takes you to the open house at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "2025 police open house."

SAVE THE DATE FOR *Rockville* MEANS BUSINESS

Thursday, Nov. 20
9 a.m.-noon

(DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 A.M.)

Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park

603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20851

Ample free parking available.

Rockville's Department of Procurement is hosting this event to share information about doing business with city government.



Minority-, female-, disabled- or veteran-owned businesses are especially encouraged to attend.

Seats are limited. Find more information as it becomes available at www.rockvillemd.gov/procurement.



THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS.

The public is welcome to participate in person or virtually.

Meetings Schedule: Monday, Oct. 6 and 20, at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.rockville.md.gov/AgendaCenter for details. A drop-in session from 5:15-6:15 p.m. with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember David Myles will precede the Oct. 20 meeting.

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

If you wish to submit comments in writing, please email mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov 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.rockville.md.gov/boardscommissions.

See times and dates on the city's calendar: www.rockville.md.gov/calendar.

- **Oct. 8 and 22.** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.)

Vacancies

- Board of Appeals (1)
- Board of Supervisors of Election (1)
- Cultural Arts Comm. (3)
- Education Comm. (1)
- Ethics Comm. (1)
- Human Rights Comm. (1)
- Human Services Advisory Board (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Comm. (2)
- Planning Comm. (2)
- Transportation and Mobility Comm. (1)
- Youth Comm. (4)

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.

Serve Our City: Participate in Service Month in Rockville Parks

Celebrate Montgomery County Community Service Month in October by volunteering in a city park.

Help remove litter from Rockville streams and protect our waterways by joining a stream cleanup. Want to go at your own pace? Adopt a local stream and host your own cleanups. Find cleanups and register or apply to adopt a stream at www.rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream.

Join a Rockville Weed Warrior workday to help remove non-native invasive plants from local forests and help restore biodiversity. Find workdays and register at www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors.

Student Service Learning credit hours are available. Registration is required.

Find other ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

For more opportunities around the county, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter.



Don't trash batteries—find a safe drop-off spot to recycle @call2recycle.org



Speaker Series to Present Rain-Ready Rebates and Flooding Solutions

Join city staff and the Chesapeake Bay Trust from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 as the latest installment of Rockville's Climate Solutions Speaker Series offers information about monetary incentives to beautify your yard and help protect your home from flooding.

Attend in person at the Taft Center, at 6 Taft Court, or online. A link to join online will be provided after registration. In-person space is limited, and registration is required. Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

"Rain Ready: Sustainable Solutions for Rockville Residents" will provide information about rebates and grant programs for native plants and trees, rain gardens, permeable pavers, interior and exterior flood protection projects, community stormwater grants, and more.



Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes

Take Energy Action for Climate Action in October

Celebrate Energy Action Month in October and Energy Efficiency Day on Wednesday, Oct. 1, and do your part to tackle climate change.

What You Can Do

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

Montgomery County also offers a home electrification help desk and grants for replacing fossil fuel-fired equipment with efficient, electric appliances like heat pumps and hot water heaters. Learn more at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/energy/homes/electrify-mc.html.

Get started on a home energy assessment. Visit homeenergysavings.pepco.com/residential/energy

assessments for help understanding your home's energy use and identifying ways to save money.

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

Learn more about Energy Efficiency Day at energyefficiencyday.org.

What the City is Doing

The city has replaced 2,000 streetlights as part of Phase 1 of the LED Streetlight Conversion project and awarded a contract for Phase 2, which will replace about 600 additional lights as part of the three-phase, 3,200-light project.

Read more about the city's progress on its Climate Action Plan at RockvilleReports.com/building-a-greener-future-year-three-of-climate-action. Learn how to contribute to the city's efforts, at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate.

Open Houses Offer Overview of Flood Resiliency Planning

Rockville is developing its Flood Resiliency Master Plan to protect the community's from future flood risks caused by climate change, and we want to hear from you.

Visit engagerockville.com/floodplan to register for an upcoming open house, take the community survey and learn more about the plan.

An in-person open house will be held 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. A virtual open-

house will be held, via Webex, from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Rockville residents in attendance at either open house will be eligible to enter a free raffle to win a rain barrel.

For questions, email floodplan@rockvillemd.gov.

If you require a reasonable accommodation or translation, contact the city by Friday, Oct. 17 at floodplan@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8877.

Matching Grant Program Seeks Projects to Improve Communities

Applications Open Nov. 3

The city's matching grant program helps neighbors work together to accomplish common goals that support the health, vitality and inclusivity of the place they call home.

Community Empowerment Matching Grant applications will open Monday, Nov. 3. The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 5.

Neighborhood, civic or homeowners associations, community groups, organized groups of neighbors and student groups are eligible to apply. Neighbors and organizations willing to match funding through cash, in-kind donations and volunteer hours are also eligible.

Applications are reviewed and grants awarded by the City Manager's Office. Grants typically range from \$500-\$1,000, must benefit a clearly identified area within city limits and may address any or all of the following objectives:

• Building community:

Projects that promote the development or sustainability of a neighborhood association or community group. Activities that foster diversity, equity

and inclusion.

• **Community improvement projects:** Projects that improve shared space within a neighborhood or strengthen community identity. This may include landscape improvements and maintenance, natural features management, benches, painting or certain exterior improvements. Bonus points will be awarded if two or more groups work together on a project.

• **Livability initiatives:** Projects that provide educational and outreach opportunities that strengthen social connections between neighbors or neighborhoods. This may include improving safety, addressing a neighborhood challenge or conflict, serving low-income seniors or finding ways to welcome newcomers to Rockville.

For additional information, contact Sarah Maizel at 240-314-8304 or smaizel@rockvillemd.gov.

To see the objectives for matching grants, and for an application form and additional information, visit rockvillemd.gov/communityempowerment.

Synthetic pesticides cannot be used on lawns in Montgomery County – IT'S THE LAW.

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

MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Lawns



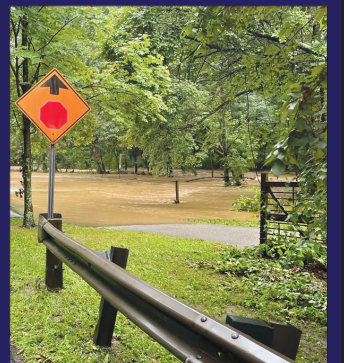
Help Shape Rockville's Flood Resiliency Plan

Join the conversation to help shape how Rockville prepares for future flooding with effective, equitable and sustainable solutions for our city.

Visit engagerockville.com/floodplan to:

- Take the Flood Resiliency Survey.
- Register for a community open house in person on Thursday, Oct. 23 or virtually on Wednesday, Nov. 5.
- Map your flooding experiences on the interactive map.

Questions? Email floodplan@rockvillemd.gov.



Events to Get You Walking, Biking and Rolling 'Round Rockville This Month

October brings events focused on getting around in Rockville on foot and on wheels

The annual Carl Henn Memorial Bike Ride pedals off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 from Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive. This casual 13-mile neighborhood ride is in honor of the long-time Rockville resident and community activist who died in July 2010. Riders must be at least 15 years old. No one will be left behind. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac.

Meanwhile, the city is installing new bicycle repair racks this fall along the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, at Rockcrest Park in Twinbrook and Crooked Creek Drive in King Farm. Learn more about the racks at bit.ly/BikeRepairRack.

Rockville celebrates “Walktober” with a Neighborhood Walk and Roll on Thursday, Oct. 16. Meet at 6 p.m. at the intersection of Crawford Drive and Wade Avenue near the entrance to Hillcrest Park. Join members of the Rockville Pedestrian

Advocacy Committee, city staff and elected officials to walk, roll and learn about pedestrian initiatives, city projects and the city’s Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. Until then, learn more about Vision Zero at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero. The walk and roll route is just under 1 mile.

RPAC hosts a candle-light vigil to remember traffic victims at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 at the front entrance of Rockville City Hall.

Looking for a fun, unstructured way to celebrate Walktober? Find a Pedestrian Bingo card on RPAC’s webpage at www.rockvillemd.gov/rpac. Download the card, print it out and take to the sidewalk. Take as many trips as possible to fill the card as you experience the Rockville pedestrian environment, completing activities such as walking to a city park, taking transit or searching for a neighborhood that’s missing a sidewalk.

City Launches Results Rockville to Track Progress

The City of Rockville has launched Results Rockville, a new initiative that allows residents to follow the status of major city projects.

Available to view through an online platform on the city’s website, the initiative is part of a broader effort to increase transparency, accountability and performance in city government. Results Rockville was created to meet two major goals: to improve how the city tracks and shares project progress, and to modernize internal systems to better support strategic work.

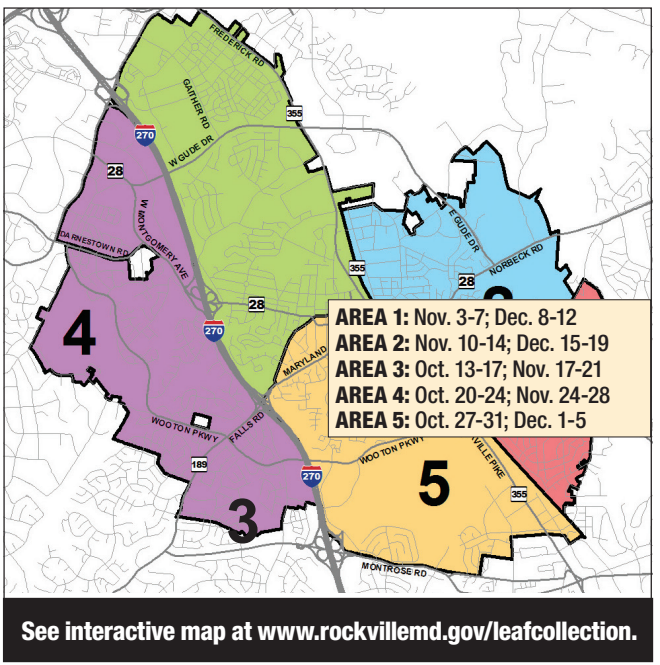
The Results Rockville webpage presents a set of dashboards that reflect the city’s most impactful work.

The first set includes Mayor and Council Initiatives, which track progress on projects that have been highlighted by the city’s elected leaders;

FAST Phase 2, a permitting and development services improvement effort; Housing Strategies, focused on affordable housing and housing supply; the Vision Zero Action Plan, aimed at eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries; and the Climate Action Plan, which outlines steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience.

The dashboards allow users to explore overall plans and specific milestones, providing a clear look at where the city stands in improving service delivery and quality of life. The tool is designed to support the Mayor and Council’s strategic goals and better communicate progress to residents and stakeholders.

Explore the platform at www.rockvillemd.gov/resultsrockville.



Rockville is Raking-In Fall: Leaf Collection

City Collects Leaves October to Mid-December

Rockville will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs in two rounds, beginning Monday, Oct. 13.

Rake leaves next to, but out of, roadways, gutters and bike lanes, and away from parked vehicles. Leaves should be raked by 6 a.m. on the first day of their collection period, but no earlier than one week before the collection dates to avoid grass damage or fire hazards. Remove sticks and other objects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or other vehicles.

Leave Some Leaves, Help the Fireflies

Want to help fireflies thrive? Consider leaving some leaf litter in garden beds or under trees instead of raking it to the curb. Firefly larvae rely on leaf layers as natural habitat during the fall and winter before emerging as glowing adults the following summer. With just one season of leaving the leaves, you may start to see more of these magical creatures in your own yard. Learn more about helping wildlife at rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats.



Charge Smart, Stay Safe: Rockville to Mark Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11 with the theme of “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

The National Fire Protection Association and the City of Rockville’s Fire Marshal’s Office are reminding the community how important it is to buy, charge and recycle safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

Remember:

Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that

came with the product to charge. Follow instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t overcharge the device. Unplug it or remove the battery when fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly. Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins. They could start a fire.

Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot nearby. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/firemarshal to learn more about Rockville’s fire marshal.

Lawn and Garden Without the Weeds, Feed and Gasoline

Bans on nonorganic pesticides and on gas-powered leaf blowers don’t have to mean lifeless lawns and gardens with the availability of rebates and green alternatives.

A ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers and vacuums in Montgomery County took effect July 1 and applies in the City of Rockville. The ban aims to reduce harmful air emissions and continued reliance on fossil fuels, and to lessen the impact on hearing loss, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, and other health issues. A ban on sales of gas-powered blowers and vacuums took effect in 2024.

Learn more about rebates and the ban at montgomerycountymd.gov/leafblowers.

The county law barring most nonorganic pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas and child-care facilities also applies in Rockville. Organic lawn care is healthier for children, pets and the environment. And, with these simple tips, your lawn can stay healthy and green:

Soil tests cost \$10-18 and will help you plan what your lawn needs for soil health.

Core aerate the lawn if the soil is compacted, and feed the soil with compost, earthworm castings, compost tea or other natural materials to boost soil microorganisms.

Set your mower blade to cut higher than 4 inches and sharpen your blades after every 12 hours of use. Rather than bagging lawn clippings, leave them to fertilize your lawn.

Pull weeds by hand. Leave clover to provide nitrogen to the soil and tolerate a few dandelions, violets or other flowering plants that are good for pollinators and wildlife. Water deeply and infrequently to promote healthy grass root growth.

Overseed and fight weeds. The denser the grass, the harder it is for weeds to become established. Fall is best for broad overseeding, but you can repair bare or thin patches of lawn in spring and summer.

Get rebates for “rainscapes.”

Rockville is proud to partner with the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the RainScapes Rebate Program. Rockville residents and non-profits can receive up to \$5,000 in rebates for planting native landscapes, native trees, rain gardens and green roofs. Rebates are also available for rain barrels, cisterns, permeable pavers and pavement removal. Visit rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes to learn more and apply.

Learn more about organic lawns at montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns.

Abolition History Talks Coming Up

Peerless Rockville will host two free public talks this fall on the lives of abolitionists who shaped the fight for freedom and civil rights.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, local historian Susan Soderberg will discuss “My Name Is Not Tom” in Room 105 of the Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square.

The book explores the life of Josiah Henson, born enslaved in Maryland. He escaped to Canada, became a minister and abolitionist, and inspired aspects of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” Drawing on newly uncovered sources, Soderberg presents a fuller picture of Henson’s evolving views on slavery and morality.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, Andrew K. Diemer of Temple University will speak at Glenview Mansion on William Still, a key figure in the Underground Railroad who operated out of Philadelphia. Still helped hundreds reach freedom, including Ann Maria Weems, a Rockville girl, who escaped in 1855.

Both events are free, but seating is limited. Register for the Nov. 13 event with course #36326 at www.rockvillemd.gov/ registration. Visit peerlessrockville.org/events for information.

Rockville's Halloween Roundup: Where to Get Your Spook On

Halloween season in Rockville is about more than just candy — the city's fall recreation guide is packed with themed events for every age, even four-legged family members. Visit www.rockville.com/registration and search for “Halloween” to find city events or use the course numbers listed below. (See page 1 for ways to stay safe when trick or treating.)

Croydon Creep 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18

Looking for a family-friendly scare that's more treat than trick? Croydon Creep takes over Croydon Creek Nature Center at 852 Avery Road. The evening features free indoor festivities — Halloween games, crafts, magic, balloon twisters and a cozy campfire — with no registration required.

Kids can take part in a 30-minute non-spooky guided hike through the forest, meeting friendly woodland creatures and collecting goodies along the way. The hike requires advance tickets (\$10 for residents, \$12 for non-residents), and an adult must accompany each child. Multiple time slots for hikes between 6-8 p.m. are available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Mini-Creep 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

For toddlers and preschoolers aged 2–5 who want a taste of Halloween fun, just not so scary, Mini-Creep at Croydon Creek Nature Center is ideal. Sessions run from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (course #37761) and 11 a.m.-noon (course #37762). Enjoy festive games and crafts, and tasty treats.

Tiny trick-or-treaters are invited to wear costumes and enjoy games, crafts and hands-on activities. Preregistration is required. The cost is \$12 for residents or \$15 for nonresidents.

Monster Mash Halloween Dance 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24

Elementary-aged kids can cut loose at the Monster Mash Halloween Dance at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. The party includes arts and crafts, face painting, dancing and other activities.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in costume, though masks and props such as sticks or swords are prohibited. Refreshments will be sold by the Twinbrook Elementary School PTA. Register with course #38097.

Doggie Halloween Extravaganza 4-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29

Pups and their “paw-rents” are invited to Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road, for tail-wagging fun with doggy tricks, treats and a “bark-tacular” celebration. Costumes are suggested but not required; just make sure your dog is comfortable around other pets and people. Register with course #35154. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents.

Rockville Senior Center Halloween Costume Bash 11 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 31

Pull out a costume from the back of the closet, borrow one from a friend or create a fun look from whatever's lying around the house. This event, at the senior center at 1150 Carnation Drive, will have music, dancing and a best costume contest with prizes. Register with course #37076. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

From Strauss to Stand-Up: This Month's Performances in Rockville

From live comedy to a cappella harmonies to Strauss tributes, puppet shows and student art, Rockville's October calendar is packed with performances and events.

Derailed Comedy Presents Live Comedy 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9.

Big laughs and a great night with live stand-up comedy from Derailed Comedy, the largest producer of comedy in South Jersey. Contains profanity. Tickets cost \$28; \$26 for ages 65 and older; and \$24 for students.

Group pricing is available. Call the box office for more information. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/DerailedComedy for information and tickets.

Harmony Express presents “Harmony Explosion Show” 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

An unforgettable evening of a cappella singing, ringing chords and rising voices, with the final showcase of “Harmony Explosion MoCo 2025,” featuring performances by local high school students fresh from a day of learning the art of barbershop singing.

Also taking the stage are Montgomery County favorites: event host and Germantown chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society, Harmony Express, and the ever-popular Glen Echoes quartet.

Special guests, international award-winning quartet Quorum, will act as mentors for students during the daylong workshop and will close out the evening's performance.

Tickets cost \$25 and \$18 for children 12 and younger. For more information, visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/StraussGala for tickets and information.

showare.com/HarmonyExplosion. Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents “Strauss’ 200th Birthday Concert Gala” 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

Celebrate the 200th birthday of Johann Strauss, Jr. with a sparkling week-end of music and glamour. Enjoy lively selections from “Die Fledermaus,” “The Gypsy Baron,” “A Night in Venice” and more, brought to life in three nights of concert performance.

Each night will offer something special: pre-concert insights Friday; a family-friendly waltz workshop on Sunday; and a spectacular Saturday gala with Viennese treats, live music and more.

Tickets cost \$30; \$28 for ages 65 and older; \$26 for students. Group pricing is available. Call the box office for more information.

Tickets for Saturday cost \$100 and include a gala with a champagne and appetizer reception before the performance, and coffee and dessert at intermission.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/StraussGala for tickets and information.

Civic Center Puppet Show presents “Pig Tales” 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

Learn “The Sharing Song” with Blue Sky Puppets’ “Pig Tales!” Welcome to Mrs. Picklebottom’s classroom, where she and her students, Suzy, Buster and Chester, have a full day ahead of them. How do they work together as a team to act in “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” and “Jack and the Beanstalk” while taking turns and not hurting feelings? Includes a craft

project. Tickets cost \$7 for non-residents and \$5 for residents aged 2 and older. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/PigTales or register with course #37314 and #37316 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

“Shades of Pastel” Opens Sunday, Oct. 12

The Maryland Pastel Society's national juried exhibit, “Shades of Pastel 2025,” will be on display Sunday, Oct. 12 through Wednesday, Nov. 26 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

A free reception to meet the artists will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

Founded in 1977, the Maryland Pastel Society is a nonprofit dedicated to promoting original works of soft pastel art and supporting the technical and creative growth of its members.

The gallery is on the second floor of Glenview Mansion and is wheelchair accessible. Hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gallery is closed on city holidays.

Rockville Concert Band to Present “Winds of the Night”

The Rockville Concert Band, under the direction of Christine Higley, will present “Winds of the Night” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The fall concert will feature selections including “Music for a Darkened Theatre” by Danny Elfman, “October” by Eric Whitacre and music from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “The Phantom of the Opera.”

Admission is free; a \$5 donation is suggested. More information is available at rockvilleconcertband.org.

Rockville Civic Ballet Presents “The Nutcracker” 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 5 and 12; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 6 and 13; 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 7 and 14

Join Clara on her magical journey! The Rockville Civic Ballet, directed by Eleanor Simpson and Erin Kwong, will perform “The Nutcracker” in December at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Tickets cost \$17; \$13 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older.

Assigned seat tickets will be available for purchase online, by phone or in person beginning Tuesday, Oct. 21. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheNutcracker or call 240-314-8690.

Call for Student Artists: 2026 Juried Exhibit

Rockville's Arts Division and the Rockville Art League are accepting entries for the 2026 Rockville Student Juried Art Exhibit.

Students in grades 6-12 who live or attend school in Rockville may submit up to two two- or three-dimensional pieces in any medium. Works must be framed or finished and securely wired for hanging.

Online entries are due by Friday, Dec. 12. Complete an entry form at arcg.is/GfruS0.

Students will be notified by Friday, Jan. 2, if their work is accepted. Selected works must be delivered on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

The exhibit will run Saturday, Jan. 25, through Thursday, Feb. 13, at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. A meet the artists event will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Artwork must be picked up Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Flu Shots, Food Help and Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: This Month at the Senior Center

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

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/guide for more information.

Flu Shot Clinic

Giant pharmacists will provide vaccines. Bring Medicare or other insurance cards. Attendees without insurance may pay with cash. Register by calling 240-314-8800. Indicate if you want high- or regular-dose flu shots. Other shots available: COVID, shingles, RSV, pneumonia. Walk-ins accepted.

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Find out the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, current research, and Food and Drug Administration-approved treatments. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Register with course #37285. 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8. Free. **Stress Reduction/ Meditation**

Offers the tools to focus,

relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being. Includes meditation and discussion. Instructor Betty Figure has taught meditation, guided imagery and stress-reduction classes for more than 30 years.

Register with course #37283. 1-2 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 6-Dec. 8. \$30 members/\$40 nonmembers. **Nourish to Flourish: Personalized Nutrition for Healthy Aging**

Learn how proper nutri-

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COFFEE WITH A COP

See article on page 7. Free. 8-10- a.m. First Watch, 100 Gibbs St., The Square at Rockville Town Center.
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LITTLE EXPLORERS

Discover the wonders of nature with your toddler through hands-on activities, short hikes, crafts and more. Ages 2-5. Register with course #37749. \$10 R/\$12. 10-11 a.m.

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FLU SHOT CLINIC

See article on page 6. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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ASK AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) OWNER: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Shopping for an EV? Have questions about your new EV? Join EVADC for its online “Ask An EV Owner” event. Free. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visit evadc.wildapricot.org/ask.
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HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

See article on page 6. Register with course #37303. \$17 M/\$24 NM. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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CARL HENN ANNUAL MEMORIAL RIDE

See article on page 5. Free. 10:30 a.m.

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ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS “THE WOMAN IN BLACK”

A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the specter of a woman in black engages a skeptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story. For tickets, visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/WomaninBlack.

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BIRDS, BLOOMS AND BEYOND AT REDGATE PARK

Join City of Rockville staff and Friends of RedGate Park for guided bird walks, native plant ID and a Native Plants Plug Giveaway. Free. 9 a.m.-noon. RedGate Park and Arboretum, 14500 Avery Road.
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FALL FAMILY HIKE

Explore the season with a naturalist-led hike through the forest preserve. All ages welcome; participants aged 3 and older must register with course #37764. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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RAIN READY: SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR ROCKVILLE RESIDENTS

See article on page 4. Learn affordable ways to manage runoff and protect your property; registration required and space limited. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. Taft Center, 6 Taft Court.

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STRESS REDUCTION/MEDITATION

See article on page 6. Register with course #37283. \$30 M/\$40 NM. 1-2 p.m.

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NOURISH TO FLOURISH: PERSONALIZED NUTRITION FOR HEALTHY AGING

See article on page 6. Register with course #37356. Free. 10-11:30 a.m.

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NAVIGATING THE CARE PARTNER JOURNEY

See article on page 7. Register with course # 37284. Free. 1-2:30 p.m.

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PRESERVING YOUR LIFE AND LEGACY

Capture your life stories and values for family and friends; options for written, audio or video keepsakes. Register with course #37334. Free. 10-11:30 a.m.

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UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA

See article on page 6. Register with course #37285. Free. 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

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MEDICARE 101

See article on page 6. Register for course #38076. Free. 1-2:30 p.m.

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MEET THE ARTISTS: MARYLAND PASTEL SOCIETY

See article on page 6. Free. 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND PRESENTS "WINDS OF THE NIGHT"

See article on page 6. 3-4 p.m.

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KEEPING YOU CONNECTED: LUNCH AND LEARN

See article on page 6. Free. Register with course #37342. 11 a.m.-noon.

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POSITIVE AGING ALONE

An ongoing social group for older adults living alone or anticipating living alone; share strategies for connection, health and resilience. Register with course #37281. Free. 1-2:30 p.m.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WALK AND ROLL

See article on page 5. Free. 6 p.m. Intersection of Crawford Drive and Wade Avenue.
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ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

See article on page 1. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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CROYDON CREEP

See article on page 6. 6-8 p.m.

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ENERGY BINGO

See article on page 6. Register with course #36854. Free. 10-11:30 a.m.

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FALL RISK ASSESSMENTS

Have your mobility assessed by physical therapists from Adventist Rehabilitation Center. Call Betty Figlure at 240-314-8893 to schedule an appointment.

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BINGO

Friendly games with prizes; bring a friend. Register with course #37023. \$3 M/\$5 NM. 1-2:30 p.m.

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BRAIN HEALTH AND AGING

See article on page 6. Register for course #37290. Free. 1-2:30 p.m.

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ROCKVILLE FLOOD RESILIENCY OPEN HOUSE

See article on page 4. 6-7:30 p.m.

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MONSTER MASH HALLOWEEN DANCE

See article on page 6. Register with course #38097. \$5. 7-9 p.m.

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MINI-CREEP

See article on page 6. 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY AND NARCAN TRAINING

The Rockville City Police Department will collect leftover and expired prescription drugs and hold a training on the overdose drug Narcan as part of the Rockville Goes Purple campaign. Free. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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CREEPY CRAWLIES CAMPFIRE

Spend a cozy Sunday afternoon around the campfire learning all about the tiny creatures that crawl, climb and scurry through the forest, and enjoy a campfire treat. All participants, including adults, must register. Ages 4 and older. Register with course #37793. \$5 R/\$7 NR. 2-3 p.m.

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PLANNING AHEAD: UNDERSTANDING MARYLAND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR SENIORS

Learn how Maryland Advance Directives can help document health care wishes and appoint a representative. Register with course #37340. Free. 10-11:30 a.m.

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DOGGIE HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

See article on page 6. Register with course #35154. \$25 R/\$30 NR. 4-8:30 p.m. Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road.
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ROCKVILLE PEDESTRIAN ADVOCACY COMMITTEE: CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

See article on page 5. A remembrance for traffic victims, with the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee. The vigil will be held at City Hall’s front entrance. 7 p.m.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME BASH

Music, dancing and a costume contest. Register with course #37076. \$3 M/\$5 NM. 11 a.m.-noon.

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

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

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tion supports healthy aging and how Trinity Health PACE’s registered dietitians personalize care plans for seniors. Discover available meal options such as on-site dining and home-delivered meals. Register with course #37356. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. Free. **Navigating the Care Partner Journey** Caring for an older relative or spouse with

cognitive decline? This five-session course offers expert insight, education and practical tools to navigate Alzheimer’s and related conditions. Topics include stages and types of cognitive disorders, effective communication, care strategies, financial and legal planning, and how caregivers can manage stress and grief. Presented by Corewood Cares.

Register with course #37284. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 4. Free. Hybrid. **Medicare 101** Gain a better understanding of Medicare and plan options. Presented by Humana. Register with course #38076. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. Free. **Keeping You Connected: Lunch and Learn** Understand your

rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act over lunch with ADA specialist Rupali Dewan Tetrick. Find out how to access free ClearCaptions phone services. Register with course #37342. 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Oct. 14. Free. **Better Breathers Club** A monthly club with educational tips

and information on respiratory health. Register with course #38066. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. Free. **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with lunch, live entertainment and company. Register with course #37303. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3. \$17 members/\$24 nonmembers.

Energy Bingo A bingo and “Jeopardy”-style game to learn about energy saving tips, new efficiency measures and EmPower Maryland programs. Prizes include power strips, LED lights and a grand prize goodie bag for the finale winner. Register with course #36854. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21. Free. **Brain Health and Aging**

Occasional memory lapses are normal with age, but when memory changes become more noticeable, it may indicate something more. This webinar, presented by Suburban/Johns Hopkins, explores moderate cognitive impairment, a stage between typical forgetfulness and more serious conditions such as dementia. Register with course #37290. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. Free. Online.

City Police Invite Community for Coffee and Conversation

Get to Know the Men and Women Who Protect and Serve Our City

The Rockville City Police Department invites community members for National Coffee with a Cop Day from 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at First Watch, 100 Gibbs St., Unit D, in The Square in Rockville Town Center. RCPD officers will be on hand for informal one-on-one conversations with community members. Coffee with a Cop helps break down barriers between police officers and the community they serve in a casual atmosphere where residents can sit with officers, ask questions and share what’s on their mind. As part of its community policing mission, the RCPD strives to get to know community members, build trust and discover mutual goals with the Rockville community the department serves. Learn more about the RCPD and its mission at www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

Rockville Honored for a 35th Time for its Budget Presentation

The city's Department of Finance in September earned the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Rockville's FY 2026 Adopted Budget.

The award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. This is the 35th time the city has received the honor.

To receive the award, the city satisfied nationally recognized guidelines designed to assess how well an organization's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications tool.

In addition to receiving the award, Rockville received special recognition for its budget process and capital program, which is given when all reviewers issue the highest possible score in particular categories.

One reviewer stated: "The document utilizes visual presentation to organize and present data very effectively," and "The document identifies the entity's priorities and strategic initiatives and describes in detail the tangible efforts undertaken in support of those goals."

Founded in 1906, GFOA represents more than 20,000 federal, state/provincial and local finance officials throughout the United States and Canada, with a mission of advancing excellence in public finance.

For more information and to read the city's FY26 adopted budget, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

Learn Where and How to Park at The Square

The Square in Rockville Town Center offers 90 minutes of free parking — no validation required.

Parking is available at three garages: Garage A, off MD 355 (Hungerford Drive) and Maryland Avenue; Garage B, off Maryland Avenue; and Garage C, for Trader Joe's shoppers and Fenestra residents, off East Middle Lane and North Washington Street.

After 90 minutes, parking is available for \$3 for up to three hours, for \$4 for up to four hours, for \$5 for up to five hours and \$8 for up to eight hours. The daily maximum cost is \$20.

For more information, visit thesquarerockville.com/directions/.

Metered street parking is available as well. Metered parking in Rockville Town Center costs \$1 per hour from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Parking is free on Sundays and city holidays. The ParkMobile pay-by-phone app is an option for paying at all city parking meters. Learn more about metered parking at www.rockvillemd.gov/public-parking.

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WELCOME TO ROCKVILLE ... Rockville's Department of Public Works operations maintenance staff installed bold new window decals on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority pedestrian bridge that provides access across Route 355 to and from the Rockville Metro station. The design spells "Town Center" with the city's branded "R" and is featured on both sides of the bridge.

Redesigned Website Will Open Your Digital Door to Rockville This October

Your digital door to Rockville will soon open — a redesigned city website will launch in October, making it faster, easier and more intuitive to connect and stay up to date with Rockville's local government.

Built with community needs at its core, the new www.rockvillemd.gov site will feature mobile-friendly design, clearer organization and smarter tools to locate information and services with fewer clicks, whether paying bills, signing up for classes or reviewing Mayor and Council and board and commission agendas.

The site is organized into six easy-to-navigate categories:

News: Stay up to date with the latest city updates, alerts and announcements.

Calendar: Never miss a meeting or event. Sign up for e-alerts to get notified when agendas are posted.

Places: Explore parks, trails, community centers and more to plan your next outing.

Services: Get what you need, fast. Apply for permits, pay bills, report concerns and access dozens of other city services in just a few clicks.

Projects: Track city projects past and present, from road repairs to major capital initiatives.

Government: Learn about your elected leaders, connect with departments and understand how your local government works.

New features on the site include:

Mobile-first design: The website adapts to any screen to access city information wherever users are, on phones, tablets or computers.

Improved accessibility: A built-in accessibility menu and translation tools help ensure every visitor can navigate the site with ease.

Smarter search: An artificial intelligence search function and filters by department or date will streamline browsing.

The redesign reflects Rockville's commitment to transparency, accessibility and improved service delivery.

Visit Rockville 11's YouTube channel at youtube.com/cityofrockville for an overview of the new site and its improvements, which will go live when the site launches in late October.



Spot the Spotted Lanternflies

The spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect native to eastern Asia that can damage crops, has recently spread throughout Maryland.

This pest, also known as *Lycorma delicatula*, does not bite or sting and is primarily a nuisance pest in home gardens, but is considered a threat to agriculture. Maryland residents are urged to report sightings of spotted lanternflies to the Maryland Department of Agriculture. **Here's how to help:**

Scrape egg masses — found on tree trunks and flat surfaces during the fall into early spring — into a sealed bag with hand sanitizer or alcohol and dispose of it in the garbage.

Squash all other stages of the insect when found throughout the year.

Report sightings of any of the life stages to the Maryland Department of Agriculture at bit.ly/ReportSpottedLanternflies.

Pesticides are not recommended to manage spotted lanternflies. Many natural predators, such as bats, are learning to feed on the invasive insects.

Spraying insecticides, including home remedies, can also harm butterflies and other beneficial pollinators and native insects.

Learn more about the spotted lanternfly, including more tips for managing them at home, at extension.umd.edu/resource/spotted-lanternfly-home-gardens.



**ROCKVILLE
ROLL CALL**

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

In this edition, Rockville 11 talks with Cherrelle Ali, the city's new community engagement manager with the Department of Communications and Community Engagement.

Find "Rockville Roll Call" on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, and at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

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