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Rocktoberfest Brings the Bands, Beers and Bratwurst

Rocktoberfest returns to Rockville Town Center on Saturday, Sept. 27 for a Bavarian-themed bash.

The seventh 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 The Rockets, D' Potomactaler Stamm, Ocho de Bastos, Isaac Krapf Band, Alt Washingtonia and Rockville German Band.

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

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

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



Rockville City Police Department to Host Open House on Sept. 6

The Rockville City Police Department invites the community to its 2025 open house, a free, family-friendly event offering residents a behind-the-scenes look at their local police department.

The open house is scheduled for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the RCPD station at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for the same time Sunday, Sept. 14. Parking will be available in nearby city garages, with free parking two blocks away at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Staff will be on-site to direct visitors. No registration is necessary.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the police station, explore marked police vehicles and enjoy interactive displays showcasing the many tools and resources officers use

in their daily duties. Highlights include:

K-9 team demonstrations.



Go behind the scenes at the city police station on Saturday, Sept. 6

A display of RCPD motorcycles and an opportunity to meet the officers who ride them.

A community services booth with free giveaways and the opportunity to learn about community programs.

A police equipment hands-on station offering a feel for some of the equipment officers use to keep Rockville safe.

Photo opportunities with officers and police vehicles.

"We're proud to open our doors to the Rockville community," Chief Jason West said. "This is a great chance for residents of all ages to learn more about the department, interact with our officers, and strengthen the partnership between police and the community."

Labor Day in Rockville

City government will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 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, which will remain closed through Friday, Sept. 5 (see the article on page 2 for details); 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 will be open.

Lincoln Park Community Center is closed for renovations. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc.

Theater tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. Find details of facility hours at 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.

Rockville Goes Purple to Raise Awareness During National Recovery Month

In their ongoing effort to raise awareness about 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 the city's campaign, organized in partnership with county and state agencies, to spotlight the opioid epidemic and its effect on the community.

Members of the Mayor and Council were expected to attend the 10th Annual Montgomery County International Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month Launch, on Thursday, Aug. 28 at Memorial Plaza in Rockville.

The event recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day, a global initiative to raise awareness of over-

doses and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths and serves as a prelude to the observance of National Recovery Month.

All month long, purple lights will illuminate City Hall, Rockville City Police Department headquarters, Taft Center and other city facilities. See a full list of facilities lit purple at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple.

In conjunction with Rockville Goes Purple, the RCPD will collect leftover and expired prescription drugs, and hold a training on how to use the overdose drug Narcan, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at Thomas Farm Recreation

Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, as part of National Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Take Back Day.

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.

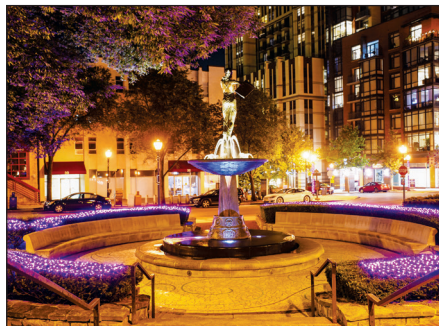
The city will host a lunch and learn, noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, focused on substance use and prevention, featuring a speaker from

Tree of Hope, a recovery focused organization. Lunch will be provided. A location for the event is yet to be determined.

A Mayor and Council 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 2024 to June 2025, Maryland had 1,360 overdose deaths, of which 1,097 were opioid related. Montgomery County had 67 overdose deaths, 39 related to opioids.

Learn more about the Rockville Goes Purple campaign and upcoming events at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple.



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Rockville Senior Center to Close Temporarily

The Rockville Senior Center will be closed from Tuesday, Sept. 2 through Friday, Sept. 5 for asbestos remediation in the library.

The center will also be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

All classes and programs during this period will be canceled or moved to a virtual format unless otherwise noted. Transportation and lunch reservations are also canceled for the week. Wednesday evening bingo will not take place.

During the closure, staff will be available to assist by phone or email.

- For general inquiries, call 240-314-8800.
- For transportation-related questions, call 240-314-8810.

Participants with a valid fitness center membership may use fitness rooms at the following locations:

- Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane (fitness center only, not the pool).
- Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.
- Twinbrook Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as the city works to improve the Rockville Senior Center.

Rockville Adopts SolarAPP+ to Speed Solar Permitting

Rockville has launched Solar Automated Permit Processing Plus, or SolarAPP+, a web-based platform that automates plan review and permitting for residential rooftop solar systems.

The pilot program, part of the city's Climate Action Plan, is intended to cut wait times, lower costs and streamline the permitting process for homeowners and installers of solar equipment.

Operated by the nonprofit SolarAPP Foundation, the platform was developed by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory to automate code compliance checks for eligible systems.

More than 300 local governments nationwide use SolarAPP+ to improve efficiency, maintain safety standards and support local business. The platform is free for municipalities and integrates with existing permitting workflows. The platform allows jurisdictions to issue permits instantly, saving time and lowering installation costs.

Training on the app for installers is available at www.gosolarapp.org/installers.

Rockville's Department of Community Planning and Development Services will announce dates and times for additional installer training sessions at a later date.



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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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Express Permits for Residential Projects To Be Available Online

The Department of Community Planning and Development Services will offer an online same-day process for eligible residential permits, starting Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Applications will be accepted from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays. They will be checked for completeness on receipt. Those that are complete and have fees paid by 12:30 p.m. will be reviewed the same day.

If a project meets the program's parameters, the permit will be issued. Standard application fees apply. There is no additional charge for the express service. Applications that do not qualify will be placed in the regular review queue. Eligible projects include:

- Fences that do not require review from other departments or agencies. Eligible fences must not

require Department of Public Works or forestry review; cannot affect roadside trees, must not be in a drainage easement or in a floodplain and must not require Historic District Commission review.

- Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning units and furnaces that do not require HDC review.
- Water heaters.
- Accessory structures under 200 square feet that do not require other departmental or HDC review.

Accessory structures between 200 and 500 square feet that do not require review from other departments or HDC review. Accessory dwelling units are ineligible.

More details will be posted in coming weeks at www.rockvillemd.gov/permits. Email questions to permits@rockvillemd.gov.

Fall Events Highlight Walking, Biking and Rolling 'Round Rockville

September and October bring events to Rockville focused on getting around on foot and on wheels.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association, with the support of the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, hosts the first-ever Montgomery County Family Biking Festival from 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at The Square at Rockville Town Center.

The festival will offer opportunities to explore how to get around Montgomery County by bike with your family and information about cycling with kids, as well as:

- E-bike and cargo bike test rides on protected bike lanes.
- Bike decorating and a balance bike parade.
- Expertise from community groups and local cyclists.
- Bike tune-ups and assistance from the Rockville Bike Hub.

Learn more at waba.org/event/montgomery-county-family-bike-festival-2.

The annual Carl Henn Memorial Bike Ride pedals off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 from Thomas Farm Community Center, 700

Falls Grove 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 plans to install 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 beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at a location to be announced. 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.

City Moves King Farm Farmstead Project Toward Master Plan Phase



Rockville is progressing with plans to revitalize the historic King Farm Farmstead with a draft master plan expected to be presented this fall.

At a July 14 work session, the Mayor and Council reviewed community-driven programming options and concepts for building use, presented by the Department of Recreation and Parks and the city's design consultant, Design Collective. The options were developed through a public engagement process that included surveys, visioning and filtering sessions, and concept feedback received from the community.

The session followed earlier guidance given in October 2024, when city leaders asked staff to explore viable building uses. Following the presentation, the Mayor

and Council directed staff to advance selected concepts into the next phase: economic analysis and construction cost estimation.

A third work session is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, where a draft master plan for the site will be presented for review and further input.

Located in King Farm Farmstead Park, the site is one of Rockville's historic landmarks. The city's vision emphasizes adaptive reuse, historical preservation and activating the space for community benefit. Potential future uses include event spaces, community markets, art and makerspaces, and recreational programming.

To learn more, see the work session discussion or share feedback, visit engagerockville.com/kingfarm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILY BIKE FESTIVAL

September 14, 2025, 1:00-4:30pm
The Square at Rockville Town Center

Want to learn more about biking with kids?
Wish you could get around with your family by bike?

Come to the first ever
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Family Biking Festival to
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Mayor to Discuss State of the City

Mayor Monique Ashton will discuss the state of the city on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The program includes a continental breakfast from 8:30-9 a.m., followed by the mayor's remarks and a moderated discussion from 9-11 a.m. The event will be hosted by the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.



Chamber public policy chair Brian Barkley will moderate. Questions may be submitted in advance to marji@rockvillechamber.org.



IF YOU GO

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

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

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

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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.

Goodbye, Senior Citizens Commission; Hello, Commission on Aging

The Rockville Senior Citizens Commission has officially changed its name to the Rockville Commission on Aging.

The new name was designed to better reflect the evolving needs of older adults in the community and align with terminology used in the region.

The updated name promotes a more inclusive and welcoming image, while also reinforcing the commission's expanded mission to advocate for all aging residents.

The public is invited to attend hybrid commission meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/commission_on_aging.

Summer Successes for Vision Zero Improvements

City Completes Summer Projects, Prepares New Plans to Improve Safety

Rockville is wrapping up summer construction on Vision Zero improvements to Mannakee Street and Twinbrook Parkway.

Meanwhile, presentations to the Mayor and Council are planned for Monday, Sept. 8 on the Vision Zero Action Plan, and Monday, Sept. 29 on the annual report of the city's Transportation and Mobility Commission. Vision Zero is the city's initiative to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.

The Vision Zero presentation will share a new map showing areas where a disproportionately high number of crashes causing fatalities or severe injuries occur, and will highlight ongoing and upcoming projects, including bike facilities, sidewalks, traffic-calming projects and the upcoming Complete Streets study for Rollins Avenue.

Summer construction projects nearing completion include, on Mannakee Street:

- Restoration of a speed hump at 508 Mannakee St. to slow traffic.
- A pedestrian median at Henderson Circle.
- A raised crosswalk at the intersection with Carr Lane.
- A concrete refuge island to provide a place for pedestrians to wait while crossing at the intersection with Smallwood Road.

Other summer improvements included installation of a concrete refuge island on Twinbrook Parkway at Meadow Hall Drive and repaving of Mannakee Street and Twinbrook Parkway.

Learn about these and other Vision Zero projects at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzeroprojects.

Find more details about the presentations to the Mayor and Council when agendas are posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast on channel 11 on county cable and livestreamed at rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

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

Meetings Schedule:
Monday, Sept. 8, beginning at 7 p.m., Sept. 15, at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details. A drop-in session from 5:15-6:15 p.m. with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Kate Fulton will precede the Sept. 29 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.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

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

- **Sept. 10 and 24.** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.)

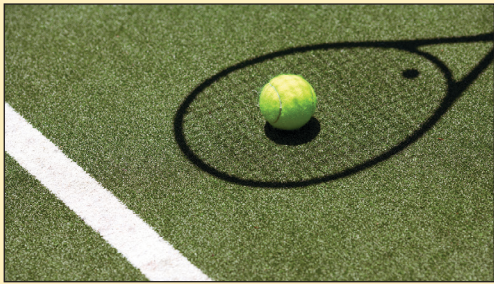
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- Board of Appeals (1)
- Board of Supervisors of Election (1)
- Community Policing Advisory Board (1)
- Cultural Arts Comm. (3)
- Education Comm. (1)
- Ethics Comm. (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Human Rights Comm. (1)
- Human Services Advisory Board (2)
- 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.



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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.



Rockville's Kid Tennis Players Take to U.S. Open Courts

Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks was chosen to take part in the United States Tennis Association Net Generation Kids On Court Experience at the 2025 U.S. Open in New York City.

On Friday, Aug. 29, a diverse group of 24 city residents, aged 8-15, who had actively participated in tennis classes were expected to step onto the court before the day's opening match to take part in a dynamic demonstration featuring red balls, youth-sized rackets and pop-up nets.

Learn more about USTA Net Generation at netgeneration.usta.com. Want to try tennis? Peruse the Department of Recreation and Parks recreation guides at www.rockvillemd.gov/life to find ways to play.

More details will be available in October's "Rockville Reports."

Free Trees, If You Please

Rockville's annual Fall Tree Giveaway opens for online registration at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

To register, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/treegiveaway. Registrants will be able to pick up their trees from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Here's what you need to know:

- Trees will be available to City of Rockville residents only.
- 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:

- Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*).
- Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*).
- Northern spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*).
- Sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*).
- Red oak (*Quercus rubra*).
- Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*).

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.

Rockville to Open \$1.5 Million Grant Program for Local Nonprofits

Local nonprofit organizations that partner with Rockville to provide community services and enrichment programs will soon be able to apply for a share of grant funding from the city.

The Fiscal Year 2027 application period for the Community Services and Enrichment Grant Program will open Monday, Sept. 8. The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 17.

For FY 2027, Rockville is encouraging applications from nonprofits that provide substance abuse and

misuse treatment or affordable child care services to city residents.

The amount of funding for the grant program will be about \$1.5 million. Grants are available and will be awarded to about 40 applicants.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/grants to apply and for instructions to access the portal. For more information, contact Grants and Programs Analyst Sarah Maizel at smaizel@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8304.

Last Chance: Propose a Project to Improve Your Neighborhood

Rockville is seeking input from community members about neighborhood improvement projects to be considered for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

Tell the city what capital projects are needed in your neighborhood by completing and submitting the form at www.rockvillemd.gov/propose-a-project by Friday, Sept. 12.

The city's Capital Improvements Program lays out how Rockville plans to invest, over a five-year period, in projects such as parks, roads, buildings and other infrastructure. As Rockville begins preparations for the budget process for FY 2027, which begins July 1, 2026, 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 prop-

erty 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.

Rain Ready: Sustainable Solutions for Rockville Residents

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

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 Now!

RAIN READY:
Sustainable Solutions for Rockville Residents

Hybrid Information Session

Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes

Chesapeake Bay Trust CBT City of Rockville

Act Now: Clean Energy Tax Credits End Soon

Federal tax credits on electric vehicles and appliances, solar panels and more are expiring in coming months, so the time is now to apply to take advantage of them while you still can.

Here's what you need to know to save money with these clean energy tax credits:

Electric vehicles:

Federal tax credits of \$7,500 per new electric vehicle and \$4,000 per pre-owned vehicle expire Tuesday, Sept. 30. If you've been considering purchasing or leasing an electric vehicle, now is the time. Many models are available within the price range of a conventional vehicle. And EVs have lower operating costs and are easier to maintain (no oil changes!).

Questions? Check out Ask an EV Owner online Q&A sessions from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, including Sept. 3. Visit evadc.wildapricot.org/ask.

Learn more about EVs and charging at engage.rockville.com/evplan.

Solar: The 30% federal tax credit for solar panels will expire Wednesday, Dec. 31. Consider investing in solar for your home or

business through Switch Together, the DMV solar cooperative purchase program. Participants receive an approximately 20% discount on top of the 30% tax credit and receive technical assistance along the way. Sign up anytime and learn more at switchtogether.com.

Electric appliances

and home efficiency: For residents ready to switch from gas to electric appliances or add extra insulation or efficient windows, some of these homeowner tax credits expire Dec. 31. The good news is a new Maryland discount program opens soon, and Montgomery County and Pepco discount/rebate programs can help offset costs now. Additional funding and financing options are available for low-income residents. Have questions about how to electrify your home? Contact Electrify MC at 301-830-5767 or electrifymc@elysianenergy.com. Restrictions and eligibility requirements apply.

Learn more about these and other environmental funding programs at rockvillemd.gov/climate/incentives.

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.



LED Lighting the Way

Rockville recently retrofitted 395 lights at Rockville Civic Center Park to energy-efficient LEDs, including at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and 18 lights in the parking lot below Glenview Mansion.

The improved lighting efficiency is anticipated to save roughly \$8,000 in annual electricity costs at the

theater. The project was funded in part by a Pepco rebate and a Maryland Smart Energy Communities grant from the Maryland Energy Administration.

Learn about Rockville's Climate Action Plan, and how to contribute to the city's sustainability efforts, at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate.



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

In this edition, Rockville 11 talks with Jason Blake, an operations maintenance assistant superintendent in the city's Department of Public Works.

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Sustainable Fall Yard Care: From Leaves to Lawn



Fall is the perfect season to take environmentally friendly steps for a healthier, sustainable yard.

Plant native for birds and bees. Replace some of your lawn with native ground cover, wildflower gardens and native trees. Leave seeds and flower stalks up to help birds and bees make it through the winter. Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats.

Leave the leaves for butterflies. Did you know that most native butterfly species do not migrate? They hibernate in leaves. Leave some leaves where they fall in garden beds or in a wild portion of your yard. Fallen leaves also help prevent weeds and protect the soil.

Ditch the lawn chemicals. Prep your lawn for winter by aerating the soil and adding grass seed. Remember, most weed and feed and synthetic pesticides are prohibited

in Rockville. Learn more about organic lawn care at montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns.

Stay alert and report non-native invasive pests, including:

Spotted lanternfly. In late September, these colorful pests begin laying egg masses that look like grayish, mud-like smears. You can help reduce the population by destroying egg masses found on trees, outdoor furniture, vehicles and elsewhere. Learn more at mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx.

Box tree moth. This moth is new to Maryland, feeds exclusively on boxwoods and can completely defoliate and kill the shrubs, so early detection is critical. Check boxwoods for damage, caterpillars or webbing. For photos and tips on reporting, visit extension.umd.edu/resource/box-tree-moth.

Demonstration to Help City Consider Parking Lanes on Redland Boulevard

A demonstration project beginning in mid-September will temporarily repurpose the outside travel lanes of Redland Boulevard as full-time parking lanes, allowing Rockville to study whether to establish the parking lanes permanently.

Signs, pavement markings and flexible posts delineating the parking lanes will be installed and remain in place through October. During that time, city staff will track motor vehicle speed and volume, and traffic congestion. After the six-week demonstration period, the city will remove the posts and signs, reverting to the current roadway, and will ask the community about the project's impact.

The addition of parking lanes is expected to encourage motorists to travel at the posted speed, making it more comfortable for pedestrians to cross Redland Boulevard and helping to address safety concerns expressed by King Farm residents.

If repurposing the lanes addresses the concerns, the city will consider a permanent project, which would still need to be planned and designed before construction.



Fall Activities Highlights in the Rockville Recreation Guides

General registration is now open for fall programs through the Department of Recreation and Parks.

“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 the guides at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide or in print at City Hall, the Taft Center at 6 Taft Court, community centers and libraries.



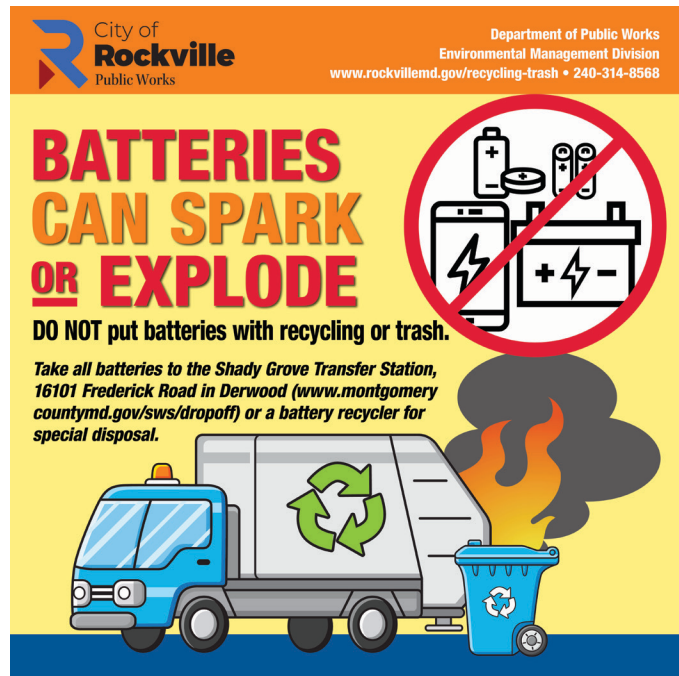
Speaker Series at Glenview Mansion: Lives Beyond the White House

Peerless Rockville and Glenview Mansion will present a free talk on the untold stories of Civil War-era residents in and around the District of Columbia.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, U.S. Park Ranger Bryan A. Cheeseboro will present “Outside of Lincoln's White House: Civil War Era Men and Women of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.”

The lecture brings attention to the overlooked lives of civilians — Black and white, free and enslaved, Union and Confederate — who lived in Washington and its surrounding communities during the Civil War.

The event is free and open to the public. Register at peerlessrockville.org/events or by using course #36325 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.



BATTERIES CAN SPARK OR EXPLODE

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.



50th Annual

Rockville 10K/5K

Save the Date

Sunday, Nov. 2

8:30 a.m.

King Farm Village Center, Rockville

Register online at www.rockville10k5k.com

'Flights Of Fancy' to Take Off at College Gardens Park



Baltimore-based artist Andy Dahl's new mural, "Flights of Fancy," at College Gardens Park picnic pavilion, will be formally dedicated at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Dahl is a painter, sculptor, filmmaker and public artist with a master's in fine arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art. He balances his time between public art commissions, serving as a community organizer in East Baltimore and several film projects. Additionally, Dahl has worked extensively on youth empowerment projects through the arts in New Orleans, Bolivia, Paraguay and California.

College Gardens Park is located at 615 College Parkway. The mural is part of Rockville's Art in Public Places program. Learn more about public art in Rockville at rockvillemd.gov/aipp.

Public to Pick: Artist Finalists to Present Designs for Memory Walk Art



Three artists will present proposals for the Memory Walk Park Public Art Project during a public meeting from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

Artists Vito di Bari, Dina Fisher and Craig Gray will share their designs, and Lincoln Park residents will be invited to vote for their favorite. Memory Walk Park is located at 300 Lincoln Park Ave.

"Memory Walk," originally created by Christine Hoestine in 1995, saw a central component removed in 2024. The new art piece will replace it. Submitting artists were asked to reflect the deep and significant cultural history of the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

The meeting will be held in person and online via Webex. No registration is required. Light refreshments will be served.

To join virtually, visit bit.ly/rkvmemorywalk. The meeting access number is 2867 173 9303, and the password is beTN9PNYy84.

An online survey will open Saturday, Sept. 13, allowing Lincoln Park residents to select the artwork they like best.

More information about the project and the survey will be available at www.rockvillemd.gov/memory-walk-project.

For more information, contact Arts and Culture Program Manager Anne O'Dell at aodell@rockvillemd.gov.

Bubble Tea Festival

It's Bubble-Tea Time!



Saturday, September 20, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Rockville Town Square



Percival Everett to be Honored with F. Scott Fitzgerald Award

The 29th annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, will honor author and Pulitzer Prize winner Percival Everett with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

The festival will take place from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Montgomery College in Rockville and will feature a full day of events celebrating literature and Fitzgerald's legacy.

In addition to Everett, other speakers will include literary critic Maureen Corrigan and author and literary critic Madison Smartt Bell.

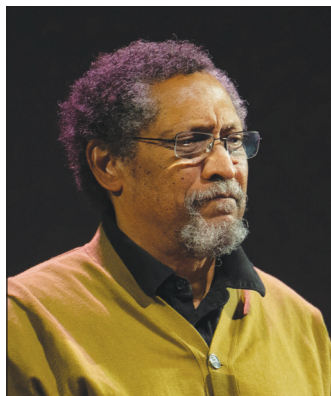
Known for his satirical novels, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning "James" and National Book Award winner "Erasure," which was adapted into the film "American Fiction," Everett is also a distinguished professor of English at the University of Southern California.

The Saturday schedule includes a keynote talk by literary critic Maureen Corrigan, a conversation with Everett and Smartt Bell on "The Art of Fiction," a reading by Everett, a bus tour of Fitzgerald's haunts in

Rockville and writing workshops led by local fiction and nonfiction writers.

In addition to the main festival day, several events will take place throughout September and October.

Thursday, Sept. 25: A celebration of Fitzgerald's birthday will be held 7 p.m. at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, featuring John Marsh on "The Bond Market: 'The Great Gatsby' in the Age of Trump."



Thursday, Oct. 9: The winners of the festival's two short story contests at 6 p.m. will be awarded prizes at Rockville Memorial Library.

Oct. 17: The Writer's Center in Bethesda will host "Readings in Honor of Percival Everett," at 7 p.m., with a response by the celebrated author.

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, Montgomery College and the Rockville Rotary Foundation, Inc.

Festival details are available at FitzgeraldFestival.com.

Stay Fit, Stay Healthy in September at the Senior Center

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

The senior center will be closed Sept. 1-5 for asbestos remediation in the library. See the article on page 2 for more details.

Register with the course number at rockvillemd.gov/registration. Learn about 60-plus programs, courses, activities and services at rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or by calling 240-314-8800.

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

Flu Shot Clinic

Vaccines provided by Giant pharmacists. Bring your Medicare or insurance card. Shots will be charged to insurance. Register by calling 240-314-8800.

Indicate whether you want high- or regular-dose flu shots. Other vaccines available are COVID, shingles, RSV and pneumonia. Walk-ins accepted.

Register with course #36330. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1. Free.

Better Breather's Club

Information and tips for respiratory issues, presented by Kerri Donnelly, a Montcare and American Lung Association representative.

Register with course #36331. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Free.

Fall Prevention

CAM Physical Therapy and Wellness Services LLC

will share information about fall prevention, good posture benefits, fall risk factors, strategies to reduce falls and getting up safely.

Register with course #36839. 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24. Free.

From Brushing to Beyond: Essential Dental Care for Older Adults

Learn how to prevent gum disease, maintain dentures and keep a strong bite. Presented by Suburban/Johns Hopkins.

Register with course #36990. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25. Free.

Senior Center English Program Adopts New Textbook Series

The Rockville Senior Center English program will introduce the textbook series, "World English," from National Geographic Learning, this fall.

The series emphasizes global topics, real-world English usage and dynamic visuals in every lesson. It also features clear communication objectives, video-integrated activities and authentic listening and speaking exercises designed specifically for adult learners.

The new materials reflect an ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, relevant and engaging instruction, aiming to encourage conversation, connection and success among participants.

For more information, contact Amoke Alakoye at alakoye@rockvillemd.gov.

Operas, Ghosts and Goddess Power: September Performances at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

The curtains open on mistaken identities, courtroom hijinks, supernatural thrills and divine strength this month as the newly renovated F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre brings an eclectic mix of performances to Rockville's stage.

A dedication to mark the renovations will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. Tours of the theater will follow. See the ad on page 7.

A Double Bill of Gilbertian Comedy
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7. Friday performances will feature American Sign Language interpretation.

The Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents

semi-staged concert readings of "The Zoo" and "Trial by Jury," two one-act operas by Gilbert and Sullivan and their collaborators that revel in the absurdities of love and law. Packed with wit, whimsy and musical charm, the shows promise laughter and delight for all ages.

Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors (65 and older) and \$26 for students. Season subscriptions and group pricing are available. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Zoo_Trial for details.

Empowerment Through Dance
4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.
"Narayaani — A Journey to Empowerment,"

presented by My Me Time Stories, offers a powerful narrative inspired by the Hindu goddess Durga, a principal form of the divine feminine energy known as "shakti." Blending storytelling and dance, this performance explores themes of self-discovery and strength through adversity.

General admission tickets range from \$25-\$50, depending on ticket tier. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Narayaani for tickets.

A Haunting Tale on Stage
8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 26 and 27 and Oct. 3 and 4. Matinees 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5.

Rockville Little Theatre returns with "The Woman in Black," a ghost story

that unfolds as a lawyer and a young actor delve into chilling memories that refuse to stay buried. Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from Susan Hill's classic novel, the play uses minimal staging and psychological tension to eerie effect.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Season subscriptions and group rates are available. Learn more and purchase tickets at fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/WomaninBlack.

Concert Band Seeks New Members

The Rockville Concert Band, a volunteer ensemble of 75 adult musicians, is

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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
- F** Facebook Live Event



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

3, 13 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 #37718 (Sept. 3) or 37748 (Sept. 13). \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

3 ASK AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) OWNER: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED 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. Free. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visit evadc.wildapricot.org/ask.

5-7 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS "THE ZOO" AND "TRIAL BY JURY" See article on page 6. **FSF**

6 ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE See article on page 1. Free. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. RCPD station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

7 FALL FAMILY HIKE Explore the wonders of the season with a naturalist-led hike through the forest preserve. Discover changing leaves, migrating animals, hidden fungi and more. All ages welcome; ages 3 and up must register. Register with course #37763. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **CC**

8 ASK AN EXPERT: ALL ELECTRIC HOMES Learn about switching from gas to electric appliances, including stove, water heater, dryer and HVAC. Presented by Electrify DC. 7-9 p.m. Contact Electrify MC by phone at 301-830-5767 or email electrifymc@elysianenergy.com for details.

9 SCIENCE TUESDAYS Monthly presentations and conversations with a scientist. Cosponsored by Rockville Science Center. Second Tuesday of the month. Register with course #36832. Free 1-2 p.m. **SR**

11 GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES See article on page 5. Register with course #36325. Free. 7-8 p.m. **GM**

13 MEMORY WALK PARK PUBLIC ART FINALISTS' PRESENTATIONS Public artists present proposals for the Memory Walk Park public art project. Residents of Lincoln Park will be invited to vote. See article on page 6. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **CC**

14 FAMILY BICYCLING FESTIVAL Explore opportunities for family and youth cycling. Includes e-bike and cargo bike test rides, bike decorating, parade, tune-ups and more. Free. See article and ad on page 2. 1-4:30 p.m. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

14 MY ME TIME STORIES PRESENTS "NARAYAANI — A JOURNEY TO EMPOWERMENT" See article on page 6. 4-6 p.m. **FSF**

15 MEMORY CAFE Social event for people living with early-stage memory loss. Meets first and third Mondays. Must contact organizer before attending. Register with course #36835. Free. Noon-1:30 p.m. **SR**

16 VOTER REGISTRATION DAY The City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office will be registering voters for Voter Registration Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

16 'FLIGHT OF FANCY' MURAL DEDICATION Dedication of the mural by artist Andy Dahl. See the article on page 6. 4-5 p.m. College Gardens Park, 615 College Parkway.

17 GO SOLAR COFFEE CHAT Informal virtual discussion about going solar. To register, visit bit.ly/SolarCoffeeChat. 12:30-1:30 p.m.

20 2025 TAIWAN BUBBLE TEA FESTIVAL Celebrate Taiwanese culture in an event sponsored by Taiwan Sister Cities, in partnership with the Rockville Sister Cities Corporation, with bubble tea, cultural performances, live music and activities. Free. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

24 FALL PREVENTION See article on page 6. Register with course #36839. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. **SR**

25 ALL ABOUT SEEDS Learn how seeds grow, travel and fuel the fall harvest, then create a seed mosaic to take home. Register with course #37077. \$12 M/\$15 NM. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

25 FROM BRUSHING TO BEYOND: ESSENTIAL DENTAL CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS See article on page 6. Register with course #36990. 1-2 p.m. Free. **SR**

26-28 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "THE WOMAN IN BLACK" See article on page 6. **FSF**

27 FAMILY BIRD HIKE AT REDGATE Learn about fall bird migration, behavior and spotting techniques. All ages welcome. Register with course #37801. 9-10 a.m. RedGate Park & Arboretum.

27 ROCKTOBIERFEST Annual fall festival with beer, food and live entertainment. See article on page 1. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

27 DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR F. SCOTT FITZGERALD THEATRE ADA IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS See ad on this page. 6-7 p.m. **FSF**

30 STATE OF THE CITY See the article on page 3. 8:30-11 a.m. Free. **GM**

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

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

F. Scott Fitzgerald Performances

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seeking new adult players in the percussion, bassoon and trombone sections. The band rehearses Tuesday evenings and performs regularly at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and other city events throughout the year.

Interested musicians should contact

Betty Wisda at bwisda@rockvillemd.gov. For more information on the concert band, visit rockvilleconcertband.org. **Rockville Chorus Seeks Tenors and Basses for Upcoming Season**

The Rockville Chorus will hold auditions for tenors and basses on

Monday, Sept. 8.

The adult 80-member volunteer chorus has performed for the Rockville community for 52 years, presenting a winter concert in December and a spring concert in May at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, as well as participating in the city's annual Memorial Day

Ceremony in Rockville Town Center.

To request an audition appointment, visit rockvillechorus.org. **Gallery to Exhibit Korean Artists** Meet the artists of the Han-Mee Artists Association of Greater Washington at its "Departure Golden Jubilee Art Exhibition,"

1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

The artists are committed to sharing their unique perspectives and creative expressions, and dedicated to passing along their rich cultural heritage to future generations. The event is free and open to the public.



Are You Registered? Sign Up and Do Your Democratic Duty!

National Voter Registration Day is coming up and on Tuesday, Sept. 16, members of Rockville's City Clerk/Director of Operations Office will be at the Square in Rockville Town Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. signing up people to

vote.

More than 6 million Americans have registered to vote on National Voter Registration Day since the civic holiday launched in 2012, including a record 1.5 million in 2020. The one-day, nonpartisan



drive, set this year for Sept. 16, enlists thou-

sands of partners, from libraries and schools to major tech companies and nonprofits, to boost voter rolls and ensure eligible voters don't miss deadlines or fall through the cracks of the registration process.

Learn about

National Voter Registration Day at nationalvoterregistrationday.org, and find out more about Rockville's elections and how to register to vote at www.rockvillemd.gov/election.



ROCKVILLE'S AUGUST SAFE AND SOUND AWARDS CEREMONY recognized Public Works and Recreation and Parks employees for their commitment to workplace safety. See more on Facebook.

Rockville to Remember 9/11 With Ceremony

The City of Rockville will mark the 24th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and remember county residents who lost their lives with a ceremony at 9 a.m. Thursday, 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.

Car Show Presents Wheels of Yesteryear in October

The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, a city tradition for more than six decades, rolls into Rockville Civic Center Park on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The show is planned for 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 33 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 for car-related items, a car sales area and live music by Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone. 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 Thursday, Sept. 11 is \$15. Registration is \$25 from Friday, Sept. 12 until 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, or when registration is full. There will be no registration on the day of the show.

The early bird fee to sell car-related items in the flea market is \$35 through Thursday, Sept. 11 and \$45 thereafter. Car sale space is sold out.

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

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

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Email rockvillemd@integritycounts.ca
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State Review Praises RCPD for Best Practices in Community Policing

The Rockville City Police Department has once again met the state of Maryland's certification standards for excellence in community policing.

Each year, the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission evaluates RCPD's community policing program, including a thorough review of the department's written report and an independent assessment of ongoing RCPD initiatives. This year's review yielded exceptionally positive feedback, stating: "Your agency's report serves as a wonderful model and clearly demonstrates a strong understanding of best practices in Community Policing for an agency and community of your size and demographics."

Over the past year, the department has strengthened its community policing strategies by:

State-certified mental health integration with a full-time mental health specialist embedded within the department's operations.

Expansion of youth outreach, including Shop with a Cop, partnering with county schools in the criminal justice/law enforcement program, and school talks.

Over 25 National Night Out events, "Coffee with a Cop" sessions and dozens of neighborhood civic meetings to foster mean-

ingful connections.

Proactive programs like weekly "Code 18" deployments, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design assessments and a steering wheel lock giveaway directly addressing crime concerns.

Enhanced training with courses in crisis intervention, Fair and Impartial Policing and more than 30 additional specialized programs to ensure professional, compassionate and equitable service.

Increased presence and accessibility through foot and bike patrols, station tours, public events, and vibrant social media engagement.

Broad and inclusive community partnerships that reach all segments of Rockville's population, from youth and seniors to faith-based businesses and special needs communities.

The commission's recognition of RCPD's efforts is a direct reflection of the daily commitment and collective efforts of city officers, civilian staff and leadership, Chief Jason West said. "The certification and praise received from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission affirms what we already know: Community policing is not just a strategy, it is at the core of who we are," he said.

Fall for Farm-Fresh Food at the Rockville Farmers Market



The Rockville Farmers Market offers fall produce and a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$15, for customers using their federal nutrition benefits.

The market is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 22, 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, baked goods, local beer and spirits, meat, and coffee.

Now in its 14th 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 \$15 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.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

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

Report thefts: 240-314-8900
www.rockvillemd.gov/police

Your Digital Door to Rockville

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