

Rockville Names Dufek as Deputy Chief of Police

New Hire Brings 25 Years of Experience in Law Enforcement

Barry Dufek has been named the Rockville City Police Department's deputy police chief, Chief Jason West announced. He officially joined the force on Monday, Sept 29.

The new deputy chief was sworn in Tuesday, Oct. 7 in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall.

Dufek brings 25 years of law enforcement experience to the role. He began his public safety career in Virginia as an emergency communications dispatcher before becoming a deputy sheriff at age 21.

Over the course of his career, Dufek has held roles in patrol, street crimes, traffic and motor units, internal affairs, background investigations, and criminal investigations. He has overseen both patrol operations and administrative functions, including property and evidence, quartermaster duties, and accreditation.

He also served as a team supervisor on the Critical Incident Response Team, a regional task force that investigates officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and officer suicides.



Dufek is a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 281st session and holds a master's degree in public safety from the University of Virginia. He has risen through the ranks in two Virginia agencies, most recently serving as chief of police for the Town of Purcellville.

"What stands out most about Barry — and what I know will resonate with this team — is his sincere desire to listen first, support the team, and learn what makes Rockville — and the RCPD — unique," West said. "During the hiring process, it was his character that made him the absolute best fit for this position."

The RCPD is committed to protecting and serving the community through law enforcement, police services and education. The department strives for an open, working relationship with neighborhoods, schools and businesses to help keep Rockville a safe and welcoming place to live and work.

For more information about the Rockville City Police Department, visit rockvillemd.gov/police.

Rockville Gun Buyback Returns Nov. 15



Rockville offers an opportunity to dispose of unwanted firearms voluntarily, anonymously and safely with a gun buyback event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at RedGate Park, 14500 Avery Road.

The Rockville City Police Department, in partnership with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, sponsors the event, which allows community members to voluntarily drive up and drop off firearms with no identification needed and no questions asked.

Community members will receive a \$100 gift card for functioning handguns, rifles, shotguns and privately made firearms, and a \$200 gift card for functioning assault weapons.

The buyback is not limited to Rockville residents. Gift card quantities are limited and sub-

ject to availability. RCPD will maintain the ultimate determination on the eligible firearms for gift card issuance and reserves the right to limit cards given to an individual, regardless of the number of weapons surrendered.

This is a drive-up event. No walk-ups. Attendees should transport weapons in their vehicle's trunk. Ammunition and black powder muzzleloaders will not be accepted. Weapons must be functional.

Rockville has had great success with three previous buyback events, with about 300 firearms turned in during each. Every gun turned in is one less gun that could be used in a serious crime, suicide or domestic violence incident, or be accidentally discharged by a child.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/gunbuyback.

November Hours of Operation in Rockville

Rockville City Hall will be closed on Veterans Day and on Thanksgiving week-end. Other city facilities will be closed or will operate on limited schedules.

Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11: City Hall, the Rockville Senior Center, Glenview Mansion, the Rockville Civic Center business office, and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office will be closed. Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All other city facilities will open as usual. Lincoln Park Community Center is closed for renovations. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc for details. Recycling and trash collections will occur as usual on Monday, Nov. 10 and one day later than usual for the remainder of the week.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. All other city facilities will be open for regular hours, and recycling and trash will be collected on the regular schedule.

Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28: City Hall, the senior center, Glenview Mansion, the Rockville Civic Center business office and the Fitzgerald Theatre box of-

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The Holiday Drive Returns to Make the Season Brighter for Families in Need

For more than a half century, Rockville's Holiday Drive has supported local families in need during the season of giving.

As a community effort, the Holiday Drive relies on support from local churches, schools, civic organizations, service clubs, social service agencies and individuals. And as the holidays approach, Rockville

businesses in particular are invited to join in contributing to the Holiday Drive's good work.

In 2024, the drive served 750 Rockville households, including seniors, for Thanksgiving, and reached about 1,500 children and teens in December. See how else you helped your neighbors on the front page of the caregivers' guide, inside.

Collection boxes for dona-

tions will be placed at facilities throughout the city. Food donations will be collected until Friday, Nov. 14; toys and books will be collected until Friday, Dec. 12.

Ways to Get Involved

Send a contribution: Tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase fresh produce, baked goods and gift cards for Thanksgiving, as well

as toys, books and gift cards for December. Contributions can be made online at rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive.

Checks should be made payable to the City of Rockville (include "Rockville Holiday Drive Fund" in the memo line) and mailed to: Community Services Division, First Floor, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.,

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PROUDLY PROMOTING POLICE ...
The Rockville City Police Department recently hosted a promotion ceremony to honor six exceptional members of its department. Rockville 11 presents highlights of the ceremony at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search “promotion.”

Defending Against the Dangers of Less Daylight: Tips for Driving, Biking and Walking

The end of daylight saving time on Sunday, Nov. 2, and the coming winter, mean less daylight and a reminder to use caution while driving, biking and walking on city streets.

A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study found that in 2022 nearly 54% of all fatal crashes occurred at night. A 2018 study by AAA Mid-Atlantic found that crashes in the Washington metropolitan area involving pedestrians on roads and walking paths peaked in October (284), November (292) and December (288).

AAA provides the following safety tips for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Tips for Drivers:

- Slow down.
- Turn on headlights for increased visibility during early morning and evening hours.
- Keep vehicle headlights and windows (inside and out) clean.
- Do not use high beams when other cars or pedestrians are around.
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks. Do not pass vehicles stopped at crosswalks.

Tips for Pedestrians and Bicyclists:

- Cross only at intersections. Look left, right and left again and only cross when it is clear.
- Cross at the corner – not in the middle of the street or between parked cars.
- If you must walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Evaluate the distance and speed of oncoming traffic before you step into the street.
- Avoid listening to music or listen at a low volume so you can hear motor vehicles approaching.
- Bicycle lights are a must-have item for safe night riding, especially during the winter months when it gets dark earlier.

Find more pedestrian safety tips at bit.ly/BeStreetWise.



Redesigned Website Opens Your Digital Door to Rockville

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

The new www.rockville.md.gov site offers a modern, mobile-friendly layout, improved accessibility and smarter navigation for faster service, from bill payments and park exploration to project tracking, meeting schedules and event tracking.

Information is organized into six intuitive categories: news, calendar, places, services, projects and government.

An artificial intelligence search function and filters by department or date streamline browsing. A built-in translation tool and accessibility menu support inclusive access for all visitors.

Visit Rockville 11’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/cityofrockville for an overview of the new site and its improvements.



CURTAIN CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION AS F. SCOTT FITZGERALD THEATRE REOPENS IN STYLE ... Members of the Mayor and Council unveil a plaque to mark completion of renovations at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre during a dedication ceremony in September.

Pictured (l-r), Mayor Monique Ashton, councilmembers Adam Van Grack and Barry Jackson, Recreation and Parks Department Director Tara Stewart, and Councilmember Marissa Valeri. The primary focus of the renovations was to improve safety and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Changes were made to the lobby, theater house and dressing rooms. The box office and restrooms were expanded and made wheelchair accessible. New speakers were installed in the theater, upgrading the sound experience and making assisted-listening devices more effective. The ADA-seating section was expanded and modified for easier and safer access. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com for performances and tickets. The theater is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. See Rockville 11’s coverage of the dedication at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.



THERE’S NO FENCING IN THIS SCOUT’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS ... Eagle Scout candidate John Paul Lukas and members of Troop 1094 recently led a project at Dawson Farm Park to install new deer fencing. The project supports ongoing wildlife management and native plant establishment efforts, while also highlighting John Paul’s commitment to community service and leadership as he works toward his Eagle Scout rank.



A ROLICKIN’ GOOD TIME AT ROCKTOBIERFEST ... The seventh edition of the city’s Rocktoberfest took to the streets of Rockville Town Center on Saturday, Sept. 27 for a Bavarian-themed bash featuring bands, beers and bratwurst. Rockville 11 brings you sights and sounds from the celebration at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest.

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 and register at www.rockvillemd.gov/procurement.



rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers

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. See how Rockville can help in the article on page 5.

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Mayor and Council Set 2026 State Legislative Priorities

General Assembly Session to Run Jan. 14-April 13

The Mayor and Council have determined which priorities for Rockville they will advocate for during the upcoming 2026 session of the Maryland General Assembly, which will convene Wednesday, Jan. 14 in Annapolis.

The city's elected leaders' priorities include expanding access to affordable housing and property tax relief; improving pedestrian and traffic safety; preserving state aid for infrastructure and police protection; securing funding for schools and senior services; strengthening tenant protections; and supporting legislation that advances equity, climate action and public health.

The legislative session will run until Monday, April 13. Rockville will advocate for:

- Expanded access to the State Homeowners' Property Tax Credit** for low-income households, including those with seniors and people with disabilities, to provide relief from inflationary and cost-of-living increases.
- State funding for education from birth through community college**, including both capital and operating support. Rockville will also push for a fair share of funding to implement the Blueprint for

Maryland's Future to prevent increased class sizes and potential furloughs and layoffs.

- Youth Bureau Services funding restoration and support for at-risk youth**, including expanded out-of-school programming and access to restorative justice services for repeat youth offenders.
- Increased investment in senior services**, such as neighborhood transportation, in-place aging support, wellness outreach and neighborhood-based programs.
- Preservation of key state funding streams** such as Highway User Revenue and state aid for police protection, which is crucial for local safety and infrastructure.
- Stronger tenant protections**, including legislation to prevent no-fault evictions, require transparency of rental fee history, and limit opaque algorithmic rent-setting without human oversight.
- Support for Vision Zero and the city's Pedestrian Master Plan**, including:
 - A comparative negligence statute enabling injured pedestrians to recover proportional damages.
 - Clear responsibilities for state maintenance of sidewalks and streetlights on

state roads.

- "Don't Block the Box" legislation and authority for local stop sign monitoring in school zones.
- Support for regional transit authorities and Complete Streets project improvements along Rockville Pike (MD 355), Veirs Mill Road and other high-risk corridors.

The Mayor and Council adopted a Vision Zero plan in 2020 to eliminate traffic- and pedestrian-related deaths and serious injuries. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero.

- Modernizing municipal revenue authority**, including a Maryland Municipal League-backed proposal that allows cities to impose a local food and beverage fee (up to 3%) under the Admission and Amusement Tax framework.
- Support for climate action and resilience legislation**, consistent with Rockville's Climate Action Plan, to reduce emissions, promote equity and improve resilience.
- Support for public health access**, including equitable vaccine delivery and protections for the health care safety net.
- Bond Initiatives**
Three potential capital projects will be presented to the

District 17 delegation, which represents Rockville in the legislature. Based on the delegation's input, the city will determine which project or projects to formally submit to the state for funding:

- \$570,000 for each pedestrian bridge replacement at Twinbrook and Dogwood parks to improve safe access to schools and community spaces.
- \$150,000 for construction of a gender-neutral, accessible restroom at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park.

In addition to the city's priority items, the Mayor and Council will be monitoring legislation involving invasive and native species management (for example, spotted lanternfly mitigation); financial empowerment and tenant-related measures; land-use authority and development review processes; and enhancements to pedestrian, bicycle and transportation safety.

The Mayor and Council held a work session on Sept. 15 to review the proposed priorities. Find video of that discussion and staff report at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter, or contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115.

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

Meetings Schedule: Monday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m., and Nov. 10 and 17 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 David Myles will precede the Nov. 10 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.

- Nov. 12 and 26**, Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
(To participate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.)

Vacancies

- Board of Appeals (1)
- Cultural Arts Comm. (3)
- Ethics Comm. (1)
- Human Rights Comm. (3)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Comm. (2)
- Planning Comm. (2)
- Transportation and Mobility Comm. (1)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (1)

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

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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ... Public participation in the budget process is a high priority for the Mayor and Council and city staff. The community budget priorities survey is available in English, Spanish and simplified Chinese at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. 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.

Find more information with the meeting listing at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

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.

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.

Don't Let a Clog Become an Unwanted Holiday Guest

When the holiday feast is finished, don't pour fats, oils and grease, i.e., FOG, down the drain.

FOG, including sauces, gravy and salad dressings, can trap solids, form hard deposits and clog pipes, causing basement backups, sewer overflows and costly damage to city infrastructure and private property.

Before washing dishes, scrape food and grease into a trash can, use a paper towel to wipe away oil, or pour FOG into an empty can and let it cool to solidify for disposal.

'Tree-Bates': Get \$150 for Planting Native Trees

Rockville residents can receive a \$150 rebate per tree from the city for planting native trees under the RainScapes Rebate program.

Native trees are beautiful, provide important habitat for birds and other wildlife, and help absorb stormwater runoff and pollutants.

Eligible properties including single-family and townhome residences, homeowners associations, condominium associations, religious institutions, private schools and other nonprofits.

The city is proud to partner with the Chesapeake Bay Trust on the RainScapes Rebate program, which also offers rebates for permeable paver retrofits, rain barrels, native-planting projects and pavement removal. Residents can receive up to a maximum of \$5,000 in rebates across all RainScapes Rebate options. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

Need ideas for trees to plant? You can usually find these native trees at local nurseries or online:

Fruit Trees

- Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.).
- American persimmon (Diospyros virginiana).
- American plum (Prunus americana).

Small Trees

- White fringe tree (Chionanthus virginicus).
- Flowering dogwood (Cornus florida).
- Eastern redbud (Cercis canadensis)

Shade Trees

- Red oak (Quercus rubra).
- River birch (Betula nigra).
- Black tupelo (Nyssa sylvatica).

City Horticulture Crew Turns Yard Waste into Valuable Compost



Yvette Lindler, a member of Rockville's horticulture crew, took the lead in creating a composting program for yard waste the crew generates. Instead of sending spent flowers and plant material to the dump, the team is transforming

the waste into nutrient-rich compost that will help nourish the city's planting beds.

Rockville's horticulture crew provides care and maintenance that keeps the city's parks and public spaces beautiful, overseeing landscaping, planting and maintaining flower beds throughout Rockville's parks and streetscapes.

The composting initiative not only provides valuable additives that improve the soil, it saves time and public funds previously spent on waste disposal.

The project has also been a hands-on learning experience for the crew, who are gaining practical knowledge about composting best practices, such as what materials to include, how to rotate and water the pile, and how to monitor compost temperature for optimal results.

City Urges Public to Help Protect Young Trees From Vandalism



Damage has been reported to protective equipment installed around newly planted trees in Rockville parks and rights of way. Examples include cut tree stakes and deer cages being removed.

These protective measures are essential, as stakes

provide support to help trees grow straight and stable during early development; deer cages prevent bark damage caused by buck rubbing, which can seriously injure or kill a tree.

Do not tamper with or remove any tree protection.

Report tampering with city trees by calling the Rockville City Police Department nonemergency line at 240-314-8900.

For questions or concerns about public trees, contact the Forestry Division at forestry@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8700, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Virtual Open House Offers Overview of Flood Resilience Planning

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

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

Rockville residents who attend virtually will be eligible to enter a free raffle to

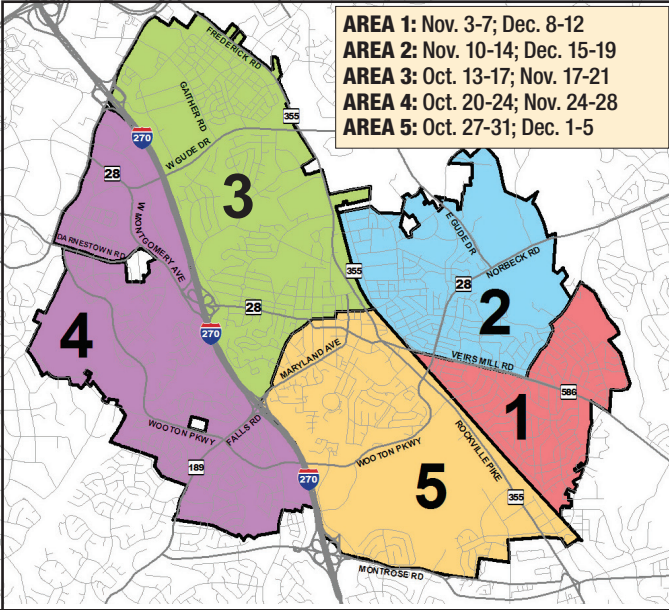
win a rain barrel.

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

For questions, email floodplan@rockvillemd.gov.

If you require a reasonable accommodation or translation, contact floodplan@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8877 by Monday, Nov. 3.

Leave the Leaves to Us
Second Pass for Leaf Collection Begins This Month



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

Rockville crews are vacuuming leaves from neighborhood curbs, with the second of two collection rounds beginning Monday, Nov. 17.

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

Sustainable Leaf Tips

- Leave some leaves where they fall or rake into garden beds to serve as natural mulch and habitat for beneficial insects that overwinter in leaves, such as butterflies, fireflies and native bees. Learn more about helping wildlife at rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats.
- Mow over leaves to break them up into tiny pieces that can filter into the grass, providing much-needed nutrients.
- Compost leaves at home with other yard trimmings.

Act Now: Clean Energy Tax Credits End at Year's End

Federal tax credits on electric appliances and solar panels expire at year's end and now's the time to apply to take advantage of them while you still can.

Solar: There's still time to take advantage of lower prices for residential solar leases, even though the opportunity to claim federal solar tax credits for directly purchased systems has ended. Systems must be fully permitted, installed, interconnected and operational by Wednesday, Dec. 31. Leased residential solar panels are considered commercial tax credits since the installer claims them, lowering your lease rates. Commercial/leased residential projects must be under construction by Saturday, July 4, but new restrictions apply after Thursday, Jan. 1. Consider signing on to solar now

while supplies last.

Electric appliances and home efficiency: For residents switching from gas to electric appliances, or adding extra insulation or efficient windows, some homeowner tax credits expire Dec. 31. Discount and rebate programs from the state of Maryland, Montgomery County and Pepco can help offset costs. 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 www.rockvillemd.gov/climate/incentives.



COFFEE, COPS AND COMMUNITY ... Members of the Rockville City Police Department visited First Watch at The Square in Rockville Town Center on Wednesday, Oct. 1 for National Coffee With a Cop Day. Coffee With a Cop helps to break down barriers between police officers and the community they serve. Residents can meet with officers, ask questions and share what's on their mind. Find more photos on the RCPD's Facebook and Instagram accounts. Learn more about National Coffee With a Cop Day at coffeewithacop.com. Find out about the RCPD and its community policing mission at www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

Recycle, Reduce and Reuse, Rockville! Tips for America Recycles Day

Did you know that recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a laptop for two hours? Small actions really do add up!

The Mayor and Council will proclaim Saturday, Nov. 15 as America Recycles Day during their meeting on Monday, Nov. 3. Find details about the meeting on page 3 and find video of the presentation when it is posted at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville). Search “November 2025 Mayor and Council Proclamations.” Celebrate America Recycles Day with these easy tips to help you recycle right, reduce waste and reuse materials:

Recycle Right

When in doubt, throw it out: Not everything belongs in the brown recycling cart. Greasy pizza boxes, Styrofoam, disposable cups, plastic bags and tangles like electrical cords can contaminate the whole batch of recycling. Don’t recycle these — dispose of them in the trash instead.

Rinse and repeat: Containers should be empty and rinsed. No need to scrub, just remove food particles.

Flatten cardboard and remove tape: Break down

boxes to save space in the recycling cart. Remove plastic tape to prevent contamination.

Reduce Waste

B.Y.O. mug: Skip the disposable cups and bring your own. Some cafes even give discounts for bringing your own mugs.

Clean with cloth: Switch to rags and clothing for cleaning instead of disposable paper towels.

Watch the waste webinar: Watch the “How to Reduce Waste at Home” webinar at bit.ly/ReduceWaste2022.

Reuse Materials

Reuse cardboard, scrap fabric, newspaper, plastic bottles and old greeting cards to create holiday decor, wreaths, ornaments and even wrapping paper.

Turn yogurt cups, water bottles and other small plastic containers into herb planters or seed-starting pots.

Repurpose milk or juice containers into bird feeders. Find instructions at www.audubon.org/news/how-make-diy-bird-feeder-recycled-materials.

Learn more about how to recycle right at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

Rockville Offers Resources for Federal Employees, Contractors Affected by Shutdown

The City of Rockville is providing services and programs for federal employees and contractors who live within the City of Rockville and have been impacted by the federal government shutdown.

The federal government shutdown does not affect City of Rockville municipal government programs, services or assistance. Information in this article was accurate at press time and reflects conditions during the period of the federal government shutdown.

Struggling federal employees and contractors could be eligible for delayed payment options, with no penalties, on cer-

tain city services, including child care, water bills, rent payments, pet license fees and food services.

Residents seeking delayed payment options can contact the relevant city department for more information and must provide proof of Rockville residency and federal employment, or of being a federal contractor (for example, with a federal employee/contractor ID badge or employer’s letter).

- **City Child Care:** Federal employees and contractors (with proof) with children enrolled in city child care programs may be eligible

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Potomac Woods Park is Fourth Location to Drop Off Food Scraps for Composting

A new drop-off site opening this month offers residents a fourth site for composting food scraps.

The site at Potomac Woods Park opens Saturday, Nov. 1. There is no cost to drop off food scraps at city sites, which make composting easy, keeping valuable materials out of landfills and helping to reduce excessive greenhouse gas emissions. The sites are located at:

- Maintenance Facility, 4625 Rothgeb Drive.
- Potomac Woods Park, 1380 Stratton Drive.
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.
- Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Food scraps are picked up weekly by a commercial contractor and delivered to the Prince George’s County Organic Compost Facility.

How To Use the Drop-Offs

1. Place food scraps in a container — empty coffee containers with sealing lids are great for this. Be sure to remove any plastic or other trash.
2. Bring full containers and empty them into the designated green bins at one of the food scraps compost drop-offs. Follow the signs when you arrive. The sites are accessible 24/7 and the service is free of charge.
3. Rinse container and repeat.

Find more about the food scraps drop-off and answers to frequently asked questions at www.rockvillemd.gov/foodscraps.



SIGNS OF PEACE ... A new informational sign has been installed at the Labyrinth and Flame of Hope in Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park and Peace Garden to enhance the visitor experience and provide helpful guidance about the labyrinth’s meaning. The labyrinth offers “an opportunity to quiet the mind and find balance while walking the path.” The 26-acre park was dedicated in 2008 in memory of Mattie J.T. Stepanek, a poet and peace activist who rose to national prominence before his death, aged 13. Find out more about Rockville’s 67 parks at www.rockvillemd.gov/parks.



FROM Y2K TO TODAY: ROCKVILLE OPENS ITS MILLENNIUM TIME CAPSULE ... Rockville marked a promise a quarter-century in the making when city leaders unearthed and unveiled a millennium time capsule during Rocktoberfest. Buried Jan. 1, 2001, in Courthouse Square Park, between the fountain and the Maryland Avenue sidewalk, the capsule was created during the city’s yearlong millennium celebration with the intent of being opened 25 years later. Inside were mementos and treasures that offered a snapshot of Rockville at the turn of the century. Mayor Monique Ashton read a letter from then-Mayor Rose Krasnow to the unearthing’s attendees. Pictured, l-r, Councilmember Marissa Valeri, Mayor Ashton, and councilmembers Barry Jackson and Adam Van Grack.

Season’s Eatings: Tips for Sustainable Cooking

Small changes in the kitchen help prevent waste and protect waterways.

Here are tips for feasting responsibly and making sustainability part of your Thanksgiving tradition:

Love your leftovers: Don’t let good food go to waste. Turn turkey bones into broth, transform mashed potatoes into pancakes, convert vegetable scraps into homemade stock or send guests home with a container of goodies. Freeze extra herbs in olive oil for easy cooking later.

Plan the plate: Overcooking leads to wasted food. Use a portion calculator to plan the menu, and shop with a list to avoid buying extras that won’t be used. Try using dishes, glassware, flatware, tablecloths, cloth napkins and natural decor instead of disposable items.

Cook seasonally: Choose local, in-season produce like squash, sweet potatoes and apples. They taste better, support local farmers and cut down on transportation emissions.

Keep pipes happy: Never pour grease, oil or fat down the sink where it solidifies, clogs pipes and can cause sewer backups. Instead, pour or scrape cooled grease into a sealable container, then toss it in the trash. For larger amounts, up to 5 gallons of cooking oil can be taken to the county’s Shady Grove Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road, in Derwood.

Save energy: For smaller portions, use smaller electric appliances like toaster ovens, microwaves or skillets. Bake several dishes in the oven at a time to save energy.

Veterans Day Ceremony to Honor
Armed Forces Members

Rockville will honor veterans of the nation’s armed forces with a ceremony at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

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

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

Magda J. Brown will be guest speaker. She is a federal investigator and Air National Guard senior airman with more than 15 years of experience in civil rights investigations and compliance. As a senior airman, she manages human resources operations and delivers training, and earned the Air Force’s Air and Space Achievement Medal in 2024.

Brown holds a master’s degree in negotiations and conflict resolution, a master’s in architecture and urban planning, an Air Force associate’s degree in human resources management, and certifications in mediation and investigative techniques.

At the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, she serves as an Equal Employment Opportunity specialist, conducting investigations and shaping compliance standards. Her roles at the U.S. Department of Labor and National Labor Relations Board earned recognition for resolving violations.

Brown founded Emaki’s Home Arts Foundation, providing art therapy to children, and volunteers at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum. She serves as the director of Area 32 for Toastmasters, vice president of education for HUD Toastmasters and the chief of staff for HUD’s Veterans Affinity Group.

For more information about Rockville’s Veterans Day ceremony, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

City’s Financial Assistance Program
Can Help in an Emergency

Facing eviction? Utilities about to be shut off? Need help paying for prescription medication?

Emergency financial assistance is available to eligible Rockville residents facing a financial crisis through the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program.

Referrals for emergency food, clothing, financial and employment counseling, and other assistance are also provided.

All applicants for financial assistance must have a court-issued notice of eviction or a notice of pending disconnection. Applicants may be asked to first apply to the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Montgomery County DHHS will submit a referral to the City of Rockville Housing Programs Division on behalf of eligible city residents.

For more information on REAP and how to apply, and to find other types of assistance available through the Department of Housing and Community Development, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/reap.

To donate to the REAP program and help neighbors in need, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/donate. One hundred percent of donated funds go to Rockville families.

Puppets to Steam
Punk: Performances at
the Civic Center

Rockville will host a full lineup of performances this November and December, ranging from puppet shows and holiday classics to steampunk-themed murder mysteries and musical satire.

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

Learn “The Sharing Song” during 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 will 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 (11 a.m.) and #37316 (12:30 p.m.) at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Murder at the Mansion Presents “Deadline”

8 p.m. Friday
and Saturday, and 2 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7-9.

SteamedPunk! Ventures is due to drop their biggest app yet and energy billows through the office — but not all of it is positive. There’s a kink in the pipes and a few more among the staff. Will the team be able to keep the airship afloat or will the boiler burst before they land safely? Enjoy an outing riddled with clues and a buffet of sweet treats. Dress in steampunk attire for the chance to win a prize. Recommended for ages 15 and older.

Presented in partnership with A Taste For Murder Productions by Dean Fiala.

Tickets cost \$40; \$35 for students and seniors.

Tickets plus optional buffet cost \$70; \$65 for students and seniors. (Matinees now feature brunch.)

All tickets include dessert and a cash bar for those 21 and older. Group pricing is available by calling the box office.

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

Rockville Musical Theatre Presents “Urinetown: The Musical”
7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 1-16.

In a drought-stricken city where private toilets are outlawed and citizens must pay to pee, one unlikely hero decides he won’t take it sitting down and rises up to fight the system and spark a revolution. “Urinetown” is a wickedly funny, razor-sharp satire that takes on capitalism, bureaucracy and even musical theater — flushing convention down the drain.

Tickets cost \$26; \$23 for students and seniors.

Group pricing is available by calling the box office. Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Urinetown for tickets and information.

Rockville Concert Band Presents “Leaves, Legends and Light”

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23
The Rockville Concert Band performs a concert of remembrance, storytelling and seasonal beauty under the direction of Christine Higley. Featured music will include “Chasing Sunlight” by Cait Nishimura, “Lincolnshire Posy” by Percy Grainger, “An American Elegy” by Frank Ticheli and “Selections from Les Misérables,” arranged by Warren Barker.

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.”

Tickets cost \$17; \$13 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older. Group rates are available: \$16.50 for seven or more adult tickets and \$12.50 for 10 or more children or senior tickets.

Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheNutcracker or call 240-314-8690.

Underground Railroad Leader
William Still to Feature in
Speaker Series

The Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series will host a presentation on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Andrew K. Diemer of Temple University will discuss his book “Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad.”

The event begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Still was a key figure in Philadelphia’s Underground Railroad network, helping hundreds of enslaved people escape to freedom. Among them was Ann Maria Weems, a young girl from Rockville who fled slavery in 1855 with the help of Still’s network and passed through Philadelphia on her way to Canada.

The event is part of a co-sponsored speaker series held Thursday evenings at Glenview Mansion. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited.

Register using course #36326 at www.rockvillmd.gov/registration.

Peerless Rockville will host two events Saturday, Nov. 1, to mark Maryland Emancipation Day.

At 10 a.m., Stephen A. Goldman will speak at the Red Brick Courthouse on “The Maryland 1864 Constitution: A Border State’s Soldiers Stand for Freedom.” He will discuss how Maryland, the only state to abolish slavery through the state constitution, relied on the support of soldiers, whose ballots helped end slavery on Nov. 1, 1864.

At 1 p.m., local historians Ralph Buglass and Chiquita Sorrels will lead a walking tour of downtown Rockville’s African American heritage sites. The tour explores the stories of enslaved people who fled to freedom and the newly emancipated, and the rise of Black communities during segregation. The tour begins at the Red Brick Courthouse. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person.

The Red Brick Courthouse is located at 29 Courthouse Square.

Visit peerlessrockville.org/events for information.

Sugar Danger, Better Bones and Care
During Dementia: This Month at the
Senior Center

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

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.

The Shakedown on Sugars

Sugar is everywhere and we eat too much of it. Learn about the dangers of sugar and what you can do to reduce your intake. Presented by Leah Vicente, Humana.

Register with course #38077. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. Free.

Build Stronger Bones for a Healthier You

What happens when bone density is lower than normal, but not low enough

to be osteoporosis? This condition, called osteopenia, is more common than you might think. Presented by Suburban Hospital/ Johns Hopkins.

Register with course #37291. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Free. Online.

Better Breather’s Club

A monthly club with helpful information and practical tips for living with respiratory issues.

Register with course #38066. Walk-ins welcome 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Free.

Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Learn how common behavioral changes in dementia are a form of communication. Explore nonmedical approaches to challenging behaviors and how to recognize when additional help is needed. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association.

Register with course #37286. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. Free. Hybrid.

November

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, 8, 15, 22 **ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET** See article on page 8.

1, 2 **CIVIC CENTER PUPPET SHOW PRESENTS "PIG TALES"** See article on page 6.
11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. **FSF**

1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 **ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL"** See article on page 6. **FSF**

2 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS.** See "Defending Against the Dangers of Less Daylight" article on page 2.

2 **ROCKVILLE 10K/5K** See the ad on this page. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center.

2 **FALL FAMILY HIKE** Explore the wonders of the season and the magic of fall with a naturalist-led hike through the forest preserve. Perfect for families. All ages welcome; ages 3 and older must register. Register with course #37765. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **CC**

3 **RAPTORS ARE AWESOME BIRDS** Get "enraptured" with raptors and learn their role in the ecosystem. Presented by Wild Bird Adventures. Register with course #37308. \$7 M/\$10 NM. 1-2 p.m. **H SR**

5, 15 **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 #37750 (Nov. 5) or 37751 (Nov. 15). \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

5 **ROCKVILLE FLOOD RESILIENCY OPEN HOUSE** See article on page 4. Free.
6-7:30 p.m. **V**

5 **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.

6 **TALKING SPORTS** Join a weekly sports talk group the Rockville Senior Center is organizing for open discussions about games, players and plays. Meets Thursdays. Register with course #36240. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

6 **FASHION SHOW WITH TAYLOR MARIE** Enjoy a fashion show with designer looks and below-retail prices. Light refreshments served. Register with course #37009. \$3 M/\$5 NM. 1-3 p.m. **SR**

6 **THE SHAKEDOWN ON SUGARS** See article on page 6. Register with course #38077. Free.
1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

7 **SMOOTH TRANSITIONS: PLANNING YOUR NEXT CHAPTER** Navigate downsizing, moving, housing choices, legal and financial planning, and emotional transitions with expert support. Register with course #37335. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

7, 8, 9 **MURDER AT THE MANSION PRESENTS "DEADLINE"** See article on page 6. **GM**

10 **MAYOR AND COUNCIL: BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** See article on page 3. 6:30 p.m. **CH**

11 **VETERANS DAY** Some city facilities and services will be affected. See the article on page 1.

11 **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY** See article on page 6. Free. 11 a.m.-noon. Veterans Park, intersection of MD 28 and Rockville Pike.

13 **WATERSHED CONNECTIONS: FROM CREEK TO CHESAPEAKE** Explore how local creeks connect to the Chesapeake Bay and affect its health. Register with course #37078. \$7 M/\$10 NM. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

13 **BUILD STRONGER BONES FOR A HEALTHIER YOU** See article on page 6. Register with course #37291. Free. 1-2 p.m. **H SR**

13 **GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS "VIGILANCE: THE LIFE OF WILLIAM STILL, FATHER OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD"** See article on page 6. 7-8 p.m. Register with course #36326. Free. **GM**

14 **HOLIDAY DRIVE: LAST DAY FOR FOOD DONATIONS** See article on page 1.

15 **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** See article on page 5.

15 **ROCKVILLE GUN BUYBACK** See article on page 1. Free. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. RedGate Park, 14500 Avery Road.

17 **FALL LEAF COLLECTION: SECOND ROUND BEGINS** See article on page 4.

17 **VETERANS APPRECIATION** Learn about the Army 10th Mountain Division and its influence on the U.S. ski industry. Includes film screening of "Climb to Glory." Register with course #37068. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

18 **RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS** See article on page 6. Register with course #37286. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

20 **BETTER BREATHERS CLUB** See article on page 6. Free. Register with course #38066. Walk-ins welcome. 1:30-2:30 p.m. **SR**

20 **ROCKVILLE MEANS BUSINESS** See ad on page 2. Free. 9 a.m.-noon. GM

20 **FRIENDSGIVING LUNCH** Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with friends, plus bingo and games. Register with course #38096. \$17 M/\$20 NM. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

23 **ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND PRESENTS "LEAVES, LEGENDS AND LIGHT"** See article on page 6. 3-4 p.m. **FSF**

27, 28 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY** Some city facilities and services will be affected. See the article on page 1.

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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Office will be closed. Theater tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Recycling and trash normally collected on Thursdays will be collected Friday, Nov. 29.

Facilities closed Nov. 27 and open for the following hours Nov. 28: Croydon Creek Nature Center (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers (10 a.m.-6 p.m.); the Rockville Skate Park (10 a.m.-9 p.m.);

and the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center (6 a.m.-9 p.m.). Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for more information.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters on Nov. 11, 27 and 28.

For more information on recycling and trash collection, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

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

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Rockville, MD 20850.

Donate gift cards: \$25 Target gift cards for teens and \$15 Giant Food gift cards for families are requested for Thanksgiving. Gift cards may be dropped off at the address above.

Volunteer: Help sort, bag and deliver produce in November and canned goods, books or toys in December. Sign up at cityofrockville.galaxydigital.com/need.

Donate goods:

Bring canned goods and/or gift wrapping, large or medium gift bags, wrapping paper and toys to any city building with a donation box, or use the Holiday Drive's 2025 Amazon Wishlist and have items delivered right to City Hall with this link: a.co/6revgfl.

For more information or to discuss partnership opportunities, contact hd@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8300.

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Saturday, Dec. 6

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

50+ Handmade Crafters • Book Sale • Plant Sale • Raffles • Lunch Café • and more!

FREE ADMISSION. LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

Sponsored by Rockville Seniors, Inc.



SAVE THE DATE! Winter registration is just around the corner! Senior center member and resident registration opens Tuesday, Dec. 2. General registration opens Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8:30 a.m. Find the city's recreation guides at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide or in print at City Hall, the Taft Center, community centers and libraries.

Volunteer to Shovel Snow for an Elderly Neighbor

City Pairs Helpers with Seniors

Each winter, Rockville looks for ways to help older residents with snow removal.

If you're handy with a shovel and don't mind digging out an extra driveway or clearing a walkway or two, you can sign up and volunteer for the program.

The senior center's home maintenance coordinator organizes the program and can connect you with neighbors in need near your home. What better way to celebrate the season of selfless giving?

To sign up to volunteer or to request snow-shoveling assistance, email Jerry Jones at gjones@rockvillemd.gov, call Jones at 240-314-8819 or call the Senior Center Support Services office at 240-314-8810.

To sign up for assistance or volunteer online, visit bit.ly/rkvsnowvol. For more information about Rockville Senior Services, call 240-314-8800 or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov.

When winter weather strikes, turn to the city's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather for information about Rockville's snow removal policies.



A CLASSIC FALL DAY FOR CLASSIC CARS ... The annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, a city tradition for more than six decades, took to the hills of the picturesque Rockville Civic Center Park on Oct. 18. Collectors and enthusiasts strolled the grounds of the historic Glenview Mansion, viewing vehicles from 33 car clubs, from Packard and Plymouth to Fiat and Ferrari. Find photos of the day on Facebook and Instagram, including the 2025 Mayor and Council Award recipient, a 1923 Model T Huckster owned by Richard Bassett.

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

Fall Flavor and the Final Days of the Season at the Farmers Market

Bring local farm-fresh fall flavor to your Thanksgiving table with produce from regional growers/producers at the Rockville Farmers Market.

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

The market is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 22 in the jury parking lot at the corner of East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

Receive a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$15 weekly when shopping with SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Electronic Benefits Transfer) and WIC-FVC (Women, Infants and Children-Fruit

and Vegetable Checks).

Matching funds can be used to purchase locally grown and produced items including fruits, vegetables, meat, cheese, dairy, baked goods, eggs and honey. The programs aim 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 programs and find a list of participating vendors and approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables at www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers. For updates, follow the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockvilleFarmersMarket.

Resources for Federal Employees

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- for delayed payment with no penalties. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/childcare.
- Utility Assistance:** Federal employees and contractors (with proof) could be eligible for delayed payment with no penalties on water and sewer utility services provided by the city. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/utilitybilling.
- Landlord and Tenants:** Landlords and tenants can seek assistance in negotiating rent payments to prevent eviction. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/reap and see the article about Rockville's REAP program on page 6.
- Pet Licenses:** Federal employees and contractors (with proof) could be eligible for delayed payment with no penalties on animal licenses provided by the city. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/petlicenses.
- Food Services:** Rockville-based non-profits Manna Food Center and Nourish Now can help federal employees and contractors who need food. To receive help, or donate, visit www.mannafood.org and nourishnow.org. For more information about how the City of Rockville is supporting federal workers, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers.

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Recreation and Park Advisory Board Recommends Commemorative Wall for Local Baseball Stars at Dogwood Park

The City of Rockville's Recreation and Park Advisory Board has recommended approval for a commemorative display recognizing inductees to the Rockville Baseball Hall of Fame.

The display would be installed on the side of the snack bar at Dogwood Park, pending final consideration by the Mayor and Council. The park is also home to a statue of Walter "Big Train" Johnson, one of the most accomplished pitchers of all time who is among 16 players recognized by Rockville's hall of fame.

The board voted unanimously at its Sept. 25 meeting to recommend approval of the request, submitted by Rockville Baseball Hall of Fame representative William Hickman. The hall of fame, established in 2019 in association with the Rockville Baseball Association, honors players, coaches and supporters of baseball in Rockville.

Under the city's Public

Property Naming and Commemoration Policy, the advisory board's recommendation now goes to the Mayor and Council for action. If approved, the city and the Rockville Baseball Association would establish a memorandum of understanding outlining responsibilities for the display's funding, installation and maintenance.

The agreement would add a Recreation and Parks representative to the hall of fame selection committee and require that the organization maintain an online record of inductees that is accessible to the public.

According to the request submitted to the city, the Rockville Baseball Hall of Fame hopes the commemorative wall at Dogwood Park will celebrate honorees' achievements and serve as an educational feature for young athletes.

Learn more about the Rockville Baseball Hall of Fame at rbbarbi.leagueapps.com/pages/HOF. Dogwood Park is located at 800 Monroe St.

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

In this edition, Rockville 11 talks with Barry Dufek, the city's new deputy police chief. Learn more about him on the front page of this issue of "Rockville Reports."

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

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