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Correction to November's Caregivers Guide Insert

The caregivers guide insert in the November issue of "Rockville Reports" included outdated contact information for programs offered by Community Reach of Montgomery County.

Ali Robinson, director, client services, housing and senior reach, is the correct contact for Jefferson House, Rockland House and Senior Reach. Contact him at arobinson@cmrocks.org or 301-637-0208. For more information, visit cmrocks.org/housing or cmrocks.org/senior-reach for more information.

Cecilia Rojas, LOP director, is the contact for the Language Outreach Program. She can be reached at crojas@cmrocks.org or 301-251-2136. For more information, visit cmrocks.org/lop.

Find the 2025 caregivers guide at rockvillemd.gov/services/rockville-reports.

Support Seniors and Neighbors in Need: Senior Services Holds Food Drive

Rockville seniors and families are still experiencing food insecurity, despite federal employees returning to work and the restoration of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

The Rockville Senior Center at 1150 Carnation Drive is hosting a food drive to stock the center's pantry and support local food banks.

Requested donations are shelf-stable items such as cereal, oatmeal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, condiments, canned beans, vegetables, fruit, soup, tuna and other canned meats.

Ensure items are unopened and within the expiration date.

Drop-off hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

The Rockville Senior Center Food Pantry is available to assist seniors who need help with their groceries. Pantry walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Call 240-314-8800 to schedule.

The center also has information about local food drives and mobile markets that can offer additional support.


For more information, call 240-314-8800 or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov.



rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers

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

Connect with us on Social Media.



City to Host Virtual Meetings on Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and Comprehensive Map Amendment

Learn about how to comment on Rockville's draft zoning ordinance and zoning map during two virtual public meetings on Thursday, Dec. 4 and Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The meetings will be held via Webex at 7 p.m.

City staff will provide an overview of the draft zoning ordinance and map, and share tools for reviewing and commenting on the documents. Registration information will be available at engagerockville.com/zoningrewrite, where the first drafts of the new zoning ordinance and map were released in late November.


The virtual public meetings are scheduled toward the start of the public review phase of the project, which formally begins when the Mayor and Council authorize the filing of associated zoning text amendment and comprehensive map amendment applications.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to authorize the filing of the zoning text and map amendments at their Monday, Dec. 1 meeting, after press time for this issue of "Rockville Reports." That authorization would begin formal public review, including a series of meetings before the Planning Commission in early 2026, followed by Mayor and Council review in spring. Adoption of the final drafts is expected later that season.

The rewrite implements land use and zoning policies of the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which guides the city's long-term growth and development, and the Town Center Master Plan. The proposed changes are intended to align zoning regulations with the community's vision for Rockville's future.

As the zoning ordinance is updated, the city's zoning map will also be revised, and some properties will be rezoned through the Comprehensive Map Amendment.

For more information, call 240-314-8223 or email zoning@rockvillemd.gov. Visit engagerockville.com/zoningrewrite for updates. Find links to the Mayor and Council and Planning Commission meetings at rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter.



**HONORING THE SERVICE OF THOSE WHO SERVE WITH HONOR ...** Senior Airman Magda J. Brown served as the guest speaker at the city's annual Veterans Day ceremony, Nov. 11 at the Rockville Senior Center. A federal investigator, Brown has more than 15 years of experience in civil rights investigations and compliance. With the Air National Guard, she manages human resources operations and delivers training. She earned the Air Force's Air and Space Achievement Medal in 2024. Rockville 11 takes you to this year's ceremony: Visit [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://youtube.com/cityofrockville) and search "Veterans."

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWS!

[rockvillemd.gov/newsletters](https://rockvillemd.gov/newsletters)

Matching Grant Program Deadline Approaches Dec. 5

Neighbors and community groups have until Friday, Dec. 5 to apply for the city's Community Empowerment Matching Grant program, which helps residents work together on projects that support the health, vitality and inclusivity of the place they call home.

Applications are open to tenant, neighborhood, civic or homeowners associations, community groups, organized groups of neighbors, and student groups. The required match may be met with cash, in-kind support, or volunteer hours.

Grants typically range from \$500 to \$1,000, must benefit a clearly identified area within city limits and address one or more of the following objectives:

**Building community:** Projects that promote the development or sustainability of a neighborhood association or community group, or activities that foster diversity and equity.

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

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

For additional information, contact Nik Sushka at 240-314-8321 or Sarah Maizel at 240-314-8304 or smaizel@rockvillemd.gov. To review program objectives and for the application form, visit rockvillemd.gov/communityempowerment.



Mural Installed at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center Annex

Baltimore-based artist LaToya Peoples has installed a new mural at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center Annex. The city is planning a dedication event, with details to be shared soon.

Peoples' mural, "Past to Promise," celebrates the history, culture and natural character of the Twinbrook neighborhood. The work features three figures representing past, present and future, and is rich with symbols tied to the community's roots.

The background depicts an idealized scene inspired by the two streams of Twinbrook and the Higgins farm, and honors the enslaved people who lived there. The background also depicts the classic Cape Cod-style homes built post-World War II, when many veterans settled in Twinbrook after returning from the war.

Earlier this year, residents previewed the mural design and shared their feedback during a community engagement session at the center. Peoples presented her vision for the work and joined a discussion about the project's themes and inspiration.

Find out more about the city's public art at rockvillemd.gov/aipp.





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## Rockville Awarded \$1.5 Million for RedGate Park and Arboretum Renovations

The Mayor and Council voted unanimously in November to accept a \$1.5 million grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources’ Land and Water Conservation Fund to support renovations to RedGate Park and Arboretum.

The grant is part of more than \$12 million awarded through the fund to support outdoor recreation projects throughout Maryland.

RedGate Park and Arboretum was identified by the city as a priority for renovations when it was converted from a golf course to a park in 2018. The 130-acre site is located at the intersection of Norbeck and Avery roads.

The funding will support design, grading, excavation, utilities installation, pathway construction, a playground, meadow restoration, community gardens, picnic tables, signage and trash cans at the park.

The project was one of 15 statewide to receive funding in this round. Projects were selected for their ability to improve access to green space and outdoor opportunities, particularly in underserved communities, according to DNR.

For more information on Rockville’s 67 parks, visit [rockvillemd.gov/parks](https://rockvillemd.gov/parks). See RedGate Park and Arboretum’s master plan at [rockvillemd.gov/projects/redgate-park-and-arboretum-master-plan](https://rockvillemd.gov/projects/redgate-park-and-arboretum-master-plan).

## Have Your Say With the Budget Survey

Public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2027 city budget resume in March, following the introduction of the city manager’s budget proposal.

In the meantime, the community budget priorities survey is available in English, Spanish and simplified Chinese at [rockvillemd.gov/budget](https://rockvillemd.gov/budget). Public participation in the budget process is a high priority for the Mayor and Council and city staff. Survey responses provide valuable input to the Mayor and Council for their budget discussions.

A Nov. 10 staff report to the Mayor and Council includes an interim report of the survey results as of Oct. 20, as well as a

summary of public testimony, and exhibits for proposed project submissions from community groups and individuals. Submissions are shared with staff as part of the budget process. Find the report with the Nov. 10 meeting listing at [rockvillemd.gov/agendas](https://rockvillemd.gov/agendas).

The city manager’s FY27 budget proposal will be presented Monday, March 9, followed by public hearings and work sessions on Mondays, March 9 and 23, and a final balancing and Capital Improvements Program work session on Monday, April 13. The budget is scheduled for adoption on Monday, May 4.

## RCPD Details Positive Trends in Community Policing Mission

A nearly fully staffed Rockville City Police Department is seeing results in fighting crime and serving the community, police leadership said during a Nov. 17 public safety work session with the Mayor and Council.

The RCPD presentation included data from the 2024 annual report and from Jan. 1-Oct. 31, 2025.

Assaults dropped 9% between 2023 and 2024 and the downturn continues in 2025, according to data reported to the FBI through the National Incident-Based Reporting System. The city saw no homicides in 2023 or 2024. There were three in early 2025. All those cases have been closed with arrests.

The department’s efforts have led to a decrease in motor vehicle thefts, a crime that

spiked due to thefts by juvenile offenders. RCPD enforcement and community engagement included distributing free steering wheel locks. Vehicle thefts dropped from 258 offenses in all of 2024 to 115 through the first 10 months of 2025.

“So, I think we are making an impact there, obviously, by the statistical data,” Chief Jason L. West said.

Other community engagement efforts included the department’s annual gun buy-back on Nov. 15, which collected 303 firearms, providing an opportunity for community members to voluntarily, legally and safely turn in firearms they no longer wanted.

Recruitment and retention efforts have led to a decrease in incidents with written case reports in neighborhoods across the city.

“[In] 2024, we did see significant issues around the city,” West said. “In 2024, we had significant staffing issues in our police department. We do not have that problem to date.”

Over the past year, the department filled all vacant police positions — a total of 18 new officers — and has 11 recruit officers in police academies in Montgomery and Frederick counties. There is just one current vacancy.

Improved recruitment and a partnership with county police have also led to quicker response times. The average time for officers to respond to calls, from dispatch to arrival on scene, decreased from 9.2 minutes in 2023 to 8.6 minutes in 2024 and held steady through the first 10 months of 2025. This is even as call volume increased 49% from 2023 and 2024.

“We’re working on a new strategy to redeploy our officers so that we can make sure we provide equal service to all areas of our city,” West said. That includes increasing the number of patrol sectors in 2026 from three to five.

The department includes 73 sworn officers and 23 civilian staff members. It was reaccredited in 2024 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, recognizing RCPD as among the top law enforcement agencies in the country.

Find the staff report and video of the presentation with the Mayor and Council agendas, minutes and videos at [rockvillemd.gov/government/mayor-and-council](https://rockvillemd.gov/government/mayor-and-council).

Learn more about RCPD and find its annual report at [rockvillemd.gov/police](https://rockvillemd.gov/police).

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

**Meetings Schedule:** Monday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Visit [rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](https://rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter) for details. A drop-in session from 5:15-6:15 p.m. with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Izola (Zola) Shaw will precede the Dec. 8 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](mailto: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 [rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](https://rockvillemd.gov/rockville11) and available a day after each meeting at [rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand](https://rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand).

### Get Involved with the City

- **Send an email** to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto: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 [rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](https://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 [rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](https://rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

See times and dates on the city’s calendar: [rockvillemd.gov/calendar](https://rockvillemd.gov/calendar).

- **Dec. 10**, Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (To participate, visit [rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](https://rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter).)

### Vacancies

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

For more information, visit [rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](https://rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) or call 240-314-8280.



City Hall: **240-314-5000**  
Police Non-Emergency: **240-314-8900**  
24-Hour Utility Emergency Report Hotline: **240-314-8567**

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





Help Fight Flooding: Take the Survey

Rockville is creating a Flood Resiliency Master Plan to help protect the community from flooding — and wants to hear from you. Your experiences and ideas will help shape solutions that keep neighborhoods safe and prepared.

Take a few minutes to share what matters most to you in the Flood Resiliency Survey at [engagerockville.com/floodplan](http://engagerockville.com/floodplan).

Save the Date: Rockville's Lunar New Year Celebration is Feb. 21

Celebrate Rockville's Asian cultures with performances, interactive displays, kids' crafts and to-go snack boxes at the city's Lunar New Year celebration.

The annual celebration will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive. Multicultural performances will be presented from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The celebration will also include interactive displays, crafts for kids and to-go snack boxes, while supplies last. Admission is free.

In its 18th year, the Lunar New Year celebration is a source of pride for the city's Asian community and an opportunity for neighbors to learn about Asian culture. The city is organizing the celebration in partnership with Rockville's Asian Pacific American Task Force. The celebration will mark the Year of the Horse on the Chinese Zodiac calendar.

Local nonprofit 501(c) organizations may apply to host a display table at the celebration. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Jan. 30. Learn more in the community group application form at [rockvillemd.gov/lunarnewyear](http://rockvillemd.gov/lunarnewyear).

The Mayor and Council of Rockville and the Rockville Asian Pacific American Task Force present the

## Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 21  
1 - 3:30 p.m.

Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, MD 20852

Performances from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Cultural performances • Crafts  
Interactive displays • Snack boxes

Visit [rockvillemd.gov/LunarNewYear](http://rockvillemd.gov/LunarNewYear) for more information.

Year of the Horse

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 6PM - 9PM | THE SQUARE

## ROCKVILLE TREE LIGHTING

FREE TO ATTEND

\$10 EVENT PARKING

Celebrate Smarter: Reduce Holiday Waste

The holiday season is a time for joy, connection and giving back — it's also one of the most wasteful times of the year. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, household waste increases by about 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, about an extra 1 million tons of waste per week nationwide.

Every gift and decoration choice contributes to the community's waste footprint. Reducing waste conserves natural resources and landfill space and cuts greenhouse-gas emissions. Choosing sustainable options helps keep Rockville cleaner and greener.

**Simple Ways to Celebrate Sustainably:**

**Buy Local:** Support the local economy by visiting local artisan shops, farmers markets and craft fairs. This helps reduce transportation emissions and decreases carbon footprint.

**Give Experiences:** Memories last longer than packaging. Gift someone a cooking class, concert tickets, or a park or gym membership.

**Gift Greener:** Consolidate online orders to cut down on shipping materials.

**Give Back:** Donate, volunteer or purchase a gift subscription to a community-supported agriculture farm's seasonal harvest.

**Recycle Right:** Use reusable bags or fabric wrapping, avoid metallic or glittery paper that cannot be recycled, and compost food scraps where possible.

Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/giftgreener](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/giftgreener) to learn how to "Gift Outside the Box."

**Practical Hosting Tips:**

Plan meals based on realistic guest counts and portion sizes, freeze leftovers and donate extra food.

Decorate mindfully. Choose LED lights rather than incandescent, reuse ornaments, avoid disposable decor.

Wrap smart. Pull out previously used boxes, reuse shipping boxes, wrap in cloth/fabric.

When cleaning up, separate recyclables properly (avoid "wish-cycling") and compost food scraps where available.

Last Chance for Clean Energy Tax Credits

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

**Solar:** Lower prices for residential solar leases or solar power purchase agreements are still available. Leased residential solar panels are considered commercial tax credits since the installer claims them, lowering 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 resi-

dents switching from gas to electric appliances, or adding extra insulation or efficient windows, federal tax credits for homeowners expire Dec. 31. Montgomery County's Electrify MC and Pepco's Home Performance With Energy Star programs are ongoing and can also help offset costs. Additional funding and financing options are available for low-income residents. Questions about how to electrify your home? Contact Electrify MC at 301-830-5767 or [electrifymc@elysianenergy.com](mailto:electrifymc@elysianenergy.com). Restrictions and eligibility requirements apply.

Learn more about these and other environmental funding programs at [rockvillemd.gov/climate/incentives](http://rockvillemd.gov/climate/incentives).

A Brighter, Greener Rockville

Croydon Creek Nature Center is shining a little brighter these days. In November, the city upgraded the building with new LED lighting, bringing crisp, energy-efficient illumination to the space.

The project replaced 130 lights at the center with energy-efficient LEDs. These new lights not only enhance visibility and safety but also save energy, reduce maintenance costs and cut greenhouse gas emissions. Many of the new lights feature occupancy sensors with automated dimming, saving energy when spaces are unoccupied.

The improved lighting efficiency is projected to save the city \$2,273 in annual electricity costs while also noticeably brighten-

ing the space for staff and the public. The project was largely funded by a Pepco rebate and a Maryland Smart Energy Communities grant from the Maryland Energy Administration.

"It was an honor supporting this 'en-light-ening' investment," said Denzel John, Rockville's sustainability program manager.

LED lighting upgrades were completed earlier this year at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Rockville Civic Center Park. More updates are underway at Thomas Farm Community Center and the city's maintenance facility. These upgrades are a shining example of how small changes can make a big impact on the environment and the Rockville community.

Bring Your Own Bag Law to Apply in Rockville



Many Rockville businesses will be prohibited from using plastic carryout bags beginning in January, after the Mayor and Council voted Nov. 10 to apply Montgomery County's Bring Your Own Bag Law in the City of Rockville, starting Thursday, Jan. 1.

The goal of the law is to reduce waste, protect waterways and encourage reusable bag use.

**What the New Law Means**

- No more plastic carryout bags at many businesses.** Plastic carryout bags will no longer be allowed starting Thursday, Jan. 1, with certain exceptions.
- Paper bags will cost 10 cents each.** If you forget your reusable bag, you can purchase a paper bag at the checkout.
- Bring reusable bags.** Save money and the environment by keeping reusable bags handy. They're sturdier, hold more and won't rip on

the way home.

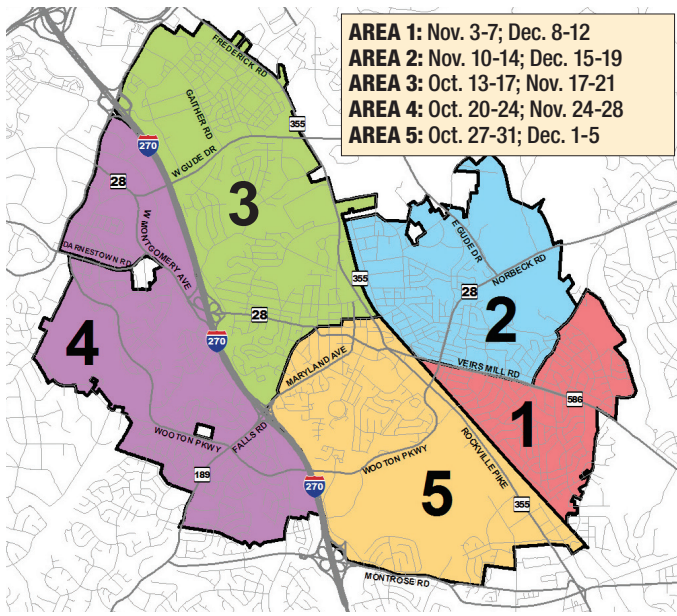
**Exemptions from the Law**

- Plastic bags are still allowed in some instances, including medications from pharmacies, fresh produce, meats, seafood or bulk items, farmers markets, yard sales, and dry cleaning and garment bags.
- The 10-cent paper bag tax does not apply to transactions using SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/ Electronic Benefits Transfer), WIC-FVC (Women, Infants and Children) or other state-approved food assistance benefits at a grocery store.
- Restaurants are not required to collect the tax from customers for paper bags used to carry out prepared or leftover food or drink.

Half the tax revenues will go toward water quality programs

Learn more about the law at [montgomerycountymd.gov/bag](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/bag), where you will also find a "Report a Bag Tax Law Violation" link for reporting a possible carryout bag violation by a retailer.





See interactive map at [rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection](http://rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection).

## Leaf Vacuuming Makes Final Sweep This Month

The city is scheduled to conclude its fall leaf collection on Friday, Dec. 19, with crews completing the second of two rounds of vacuuming leaves from neighborhood curbs.

An interactive map at [rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection](http://rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection) allows residents to input their address and learn when their leaves will be collected.

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. After the collection period ends, use biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out on your recycling and trash collection day.

### 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](http://rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats).

Mow over leaves to break them into tiny pieces that can filter into the grass, providing much-needed nutrients.

Compost leaves at home with other yard trimmings.

## Post-Christmas ‘Tree-tment’: An At-Home Way to Recycle Holiday Trees

Rockville collects Christmas trees as part of its recycling collection.

Place trees at the curb for pickup on regular recycling and trash collection days after removing all ornaments and metals, wires, stands and decorations, including tinsel. Trees should not be bagged. There is no deadline for curbside collection of trees.

The county recommends recycling branches and needles at home by using them as ground cover under trees and shrubs, or by chopping them up and

adding them to a compost pile.

Artificial trees cannot be recycled and should be placed in the gray trash cart for regular weekly collection. Artificial trees that are too large to fit in the cart can be collected by appointment as one of six bulk collections allowed per year or taken to the transfer station.

For bulk-waste disposal information, visit [rockvillemd.gov/bulkwaste](http://rockvillemd.gov/bulkwaste).

## Rockville’s Winter Weather Resources Keep You In the Know When It Snows

### Quick Links, Facts and Phone Numbers

When winter weather strikes, turn to the city’s website at [rockvillemd.gov](http://rockvillemd.gov).

Closure and snow emergency information will be available on the website, as well as through Facebook ([facebook.com/cityofrockville](https://facebook.com/cityofrockville)) and X (@rockville411), and by signing up for Alert Rockville notifications at [rockvillemd.gov/alerts](http://rockvillemd.gov/alerts).

City crews treat and plow roads in priority order. First are primary roads, including major arterial roads, emergency routes, central business districts and primary residential roads near schools. Next are secondary roads, including the remainder of neighborhood streets, alleyways and cul-de-sacs. To check if an address is within the city limits, find the Address and Residency Check map at [rockvillemd.gov/maps](http://rockvillemd.gov/maps).

Removing snow from sidewalks, driveways and

entrances is the responsibility of the property and/or business owner or a community association. Rockville requires that snow and ice be removed from sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and similar paved areas for public use within 24 hours after a snowfall of up to 3 inches, within 48 hours after a snowfall of 3-10 inches, and within 72 hours after a snowfall of more than 10 inches. If residents can do so, they should clear snow from around fire hydrants and storm drains. To report a sidewalk that has not been cleared within the required timeframe, call 240-314-8330.

Residents are encouraged to check on older neighbors who may need assistance clearing snow. For information about the city’s volunteer snow shoveling for seniors and those with disabilities program, visit [bit.ly/rkvsnowvol](http://bit.ly/rkvsnowvol).

### NUMBERS TO KNOW

Emergency.....	911
Report a Downed Tree to the City.....	240-314-8700
City of Rockville	
Department of Public Works .....	240-314-8500
Water Main Breaks/ Sewer Line Overflows.....	240-314-8567
Rockville City Police Department (non-emergency) .....	240-314-8900
Rockville Recreation Programs Cancellation Line .....	240-314-5023
Rockville City Hall.....	240-314-5000
Report a Power Outage or Downed Wire to Pepco .....	1-877-737-2662
Montgomery County Hypothermia Alerts (report safety concerns for people or pets) .....	301-279-8000



City of Rockville's

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### Stay Warm, Save Money, Help the Planet

Being energy smart doesn’t mean being cold. Simple habits like sealing drafts and adjusting thermostats can cut heating costs by 10-15% without sacrificing comfort. These small steps keep homes cozy, wallets happy and carbon footprints low.

#### Cold Facts:

- Heating can make up over half of your winter energy bills.
- Drafts around doors and windows can waste up to 30% of your home’s heat.
- Save 1-2% in cost for every degree the thermostat is lowered.

#### Warm Tips:

- Turn the thermostat down 2-3 degrees when asleep or out of the house.
- Set ceiling fans to spin clockwise on low speed to circulate warm air.
- Reduce drafts by rolling up an old towel or sew a “door snake,” a stuffed fabric tube, to block cold air from sneaking in under doors.
- Heat the person rather than the room: layer up with sweaters, fuzzy socks or a small, heated blanket.
- Use thick curtains and area rugs to reduce cold from windows and floors.
- Unplug chargers and gadgets when not using them or plug them into a power strip that is easily turned off.

### 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, let it cool to solidify and dispose of it.

### Help Put a Halt to Pollution From Salt

When it comes to winter salt, less is more. Not only do you need a small amount of salt to melt ice, but using too much can damage landscaping, harm pets and local wildlife, and contaminate streams and drinking water. Follow these tips to be salt smart this winter.

Shovel early and often. Deicers work best for melting thin layers of snow or ice. So, shovel first, break up any ice patches you can and then add the deicer.

Use less salt. Sprinkle deicer sparingly and evenly and leave space between the grains. More is not better. A 12-ounce mug of salt is enough to treat a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. Consider organic, salt-free and pet-safe deicers.

Sweep and reuse. After a weather event, sweep and collect any sand, salt or undissolved deicer. Any excess can be reused for the next storm. Letting it run off into waterways is harmful to drinking water and wildlife.

Interested in doing more to raise awareness about salt pollution? Get involved with the city’s partners at the Izaak Walton League by participating in Salt Watch. Learn more at [iwl.org/salt-watch](http://iwl.org/salt-watch).

Business owner or property manager? Find salt best practices and tips for hiring a winter maintenance professional at [montgomerycountymd.gov/salt](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/salt).



Breathe, Relax and Thrive This Month at the Senior Center

Stay healthy, informed and entertained with seminars and events from the Rockville Senior Center in December. Register with the course number at [rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://rockvillemd.gov/registration).

Learn about 60-plus programs, courses, activities and services at [rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter) or by calling 240-314-8800. See the “Adults 60+” recreation guide at [rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://rockvillemd.gov/guide) for more information.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips From Latest Research

Learn how the latest research provides insights into making lifestyle choices to keep an aging brain and body healthy. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association.

Register with course #37287. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2. Free. Hybrid.

No More Worries: Let Go of Stress

Chronic stress wreaks havoc on mind and body. Identify areas of life that cause the most stress and manage them through simple changes. Presented by Leah Vicente, Humana.

Register with course #38078. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Free.

Breathe Easy, Hear Clearly and Live Comfortably

A webinar designed for older adults who want to better understand common age-related ear, nose and throat problems, and practical ways to manage them. Presented by Suburban/ Johns Hopkins.

Register with course #37293. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Free. Online.

Better Breather’s Club

A monthly club, held on the third Thursday of the month, 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, Dec. 19. Free.

Pantry Available to Help Food Insecure Seniors

The Rockville Senior Center Food Pantry is available to help seniors who need help with their groceries.

The center also has information about local food drives and mobile markets that can offer additional support.

Pantry walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Call 240-314-880 to schedule a visit or for more information. The center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive.



**TAKING FLIGHT WITH NATIVE PLANTS ...** Eagle Scout candidate Ray Cai recently completed an ecological restoration project at Croydon Creek Nature Center at 852 Avery Road. He and his team from Troop 447 removed invasive plant species from the meadow next to the center and established a 60-square-foot pilot plot of native plants. The new plantings will support local pollinators and serve as a test site to guide future meadow restoration efforts. Learn more about the nature center at [rockvillemd.gov/places/croydon-creek-nature-center](http://rockvillemd.gov/places/croydon-creek-nature-center).

Celebrate the Season with Holiday Performances and Art

Experience the timeless magic of “The Nutcracker,” the warmth of choirs and concert bands, and art, this December at Rockville Civic Center, 603 Edmonston Drive.

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](http://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheNutcracker) or call 240-314-8690.

Meet the Artists at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

Meet the artists of the Rockville Art League Juried Members’ Winter Show, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Art of varied media from the league will be on display at the gallery from Dec. 7-Jan. 16.

The Rockville Art League was founded in 1957 by a collective of artists in Rockville and the surrounding area. In 1958, RAL was incorporated as a nonprofit organization to promote development of the fine arts within its membership and the community.

Visit [rockvilleartleague.org](http://rockvilleartleague.org) for more information about RAL.

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

Bruce Rankin Presents Warren Miller’s “SNO-CIETY”

6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Warren Miller’s 76th Annual Film Tour featuring the premiere of “SNO-CIETY,” hosted by Bruce Rankin and The SKI Center LTD.

A portion of each ticket sale benefits the Whitetail

and Liberty educational foundations.

Join Olympians, urban riders and local legends celebrating the spirit of the season, from the Scottish Highlands and Finland to Whitewater, British Columbia, and a Denver hometown terrain park.

Tickets cost \$20 for residents; \$13 for students.

Visit [fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/SNO-CIETY](http://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/SNO-CIETY) or call 240-314-8690.

The Winter Jubilee at Rockville’s Civic Center Park

1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

Children and families can enjoy games, arts and crafts, face painting and fun costumed characters. Step into a world of colorful construction with the Rockville Science Center and make festive gingerbread houses from bright, computer-cut cardstock pieces, then decorate them for the holiday season.

Tickets are \$8 for residents, \$10 for nonresidents and free for chaperones 18 and older.

Visit [fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/WinterJubilee](http://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/WinterJubilee) or call 240-314-8690.

Rockville Concert Band Presents “A Winter Celebration”

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

A musical celebration of light, laughter and holiday spirit, directed by Christine Higley, featuring “A Christmas Intrada,” “Rhapsody for Hanukkah,” “Lux Aurumque” and “Sleigh Ride.”

Admission is free; a \$5 donation is suggested. More information is available at [rockvilleconcertband.org](http://rockvilleconcertband.org).

Rockville Chorus Presents “Bringing Song and Light to the Season”

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

The Rockville Chorus will perform John Rutter’s “Requiem,” Herbert Fromm’s “Chanukah Madrigal,” Mari Isabel Valverde’s “Patterns on the Snow” and arranger Peter J. Wilhousky’s “Carol of the Bells,” directed by Linda Garrettson and accompanied by Arielle Bayer.

No tickets required. Donations are appreciated.

Learn more at [rockvillechorus.org](http://rockvillechorus.org).

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Month with sustainability programs, including a temporary permit-fee waiver for certain environmentally friendly home upgrades.

MAY

The Mayor and Council funded a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment to evaluate housing supply, affordability, demographics and long-term needs.

Community outreach on the future of the King Farm Farmstead Park continued with sessions in May and June to refine early concepts.

The Mayor and Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget and Capital Improvements Program, advancing capital projects, public safety initiatives and environmental programs. The budget also created a Housing Opportunities Fund to support long-term affordable housing efforts.

Renovation began on the Lincoln Park Community Center, including improved accessibility, updated interior spaces and a new STEM/STEAM lab.

JUNE

Jason L. West was named police chief after serving as acting chief since October.

The annual Public Safety Awards honored personnel from the Rockville City Police Department, the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and the county’s Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center’s outdoor recreation pool reopened after a 10-month renovation that added upgraded filtration, new pools and expanded play features.

JULY

Montgomery County’s ban on gas-powered leaf blowers took effect July 1 within Rockville city limits. Rockville promoted rebate programs for electric equipment and shared compliance guidance.

The Mayor and Council reviewed community-driven programming concepts for the King Farm Farmstead based on surveys and visioning sessions.

AUGUST

Rockville neighborhoods hosted National Night Out events on Aug. 5, connecting residents with public safety personnel and city staff.

Work at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre neared completion ahead of its

September reopening. Twenty-four young athletes from Rockville’s tennis programs participated in the U.S. Open’s Net Generation On Court Experience, playing on professional courts. One participant flipped the official match coin.

SEPTEMBER

After months of renovation, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre reopened with major improvements to accessibility, lighting, sound and visitor amenities.

Rockville marked National Recovery Month through Rockville Goes Purple, illuminating city buildings in purple and supporting outreach funded in part by the state’s Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund. Rocktoberfest returned to Town Center, drawing thousands for live music, breweries and artisan vendors.

The Senior Citizens Commission changed its name to the Rockville Commission on Aging to align with regional terminology and better reflect its mission.

The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission praised the RCPD in its annual community policing review. The Recreation and Park Advisory Board recommended a commemorative wall at Dogwood Park to honor Rockville Baseball Hall of Fame inductees.

OCTOBER

Rockville launched its redesigned website with a faster, mobile-first layout, clearer navigation and improved accessibility tools.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival honored Pulitzer Prize winner Percival Everett with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

The Antique and Classic Car Show returned to Civic Center Park with vehicles from more than 30 clubs, a flea market and live music.

NOVEMBER

The Holiday Drive collected nonperishable food, toys and gift cards to support families during the winter season.

Barry Dufek was appointed deputy police chief.

Rockville hosted its annual gun buyback, offering gift cards for voluntarily surrendered firearms.

DECEMBER

Read all of December’s news in this issue of “Rockville Reports.” The best of the season from us to you.



# December 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** **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING** See right-hand column on page 3. 5:30 p.m. **CH**

**2** **WINTER REGISTRATION OPENS FOR RESIDENTS** City of Rockville resident registration for winter recreation programs begins.

**2** **HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY: TIPS FROM LATEST RESEARCH** See article on page 6. Register with course #37287. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **H**

**3, 13** **LITTLE EXPLORERS: NATURE ADVENTURES FOR TODDLERS** Explore nature through hands-on activities for toddlers. Register with course #37752 (Dec. 3) or #37753 (Dec. 13). \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. **CC**

**4** **WINTER REGISTRATION OPENS** General registration for winter recreation programs begins.

**4** **NO MORE WORRIES: LET GO OF STRESS** See article on page 6. Register with course #38078. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**4** **ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE AND COMPREHENSIVE MAP AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING** See article on page 2. 7 p.m. **V**

**5** **TEEN LOCK-IN** A night of after-hours fun with basketball and soccer tournaments, an obstacle course and games. Register with course #38994. \$25 R/\$30 NR. 7:30-10:30 p.m. **TC**

**5** **THE SQUARE IN ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER TREE LIGHTING** Live music, performances and photos with Santa. 6-9 p.m. Free. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

**5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14** **ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET PRESENTS "THE NUTCRACKER"** Enjoy a classic holiday performance. See article on page 6. **FSF**

**6** **HOLIDAY BAZAAR** Free. See ad on this page. Free. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

**7** **PINECONE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP** Create a festive pinecone wreath to take home. Register with course #38554. \$25 R/\$30 NR. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

**7** **GLENVIEW MANSION MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION** Meet members of the Rockville Art League as their juried winter show begins. See article on page 6. Free. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

**8** **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING** See right-hand column on page 3. A drop-in from 5:15-6:15 p.m. with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Izola (Zola) Shaw will precede the meeting. 6:30 p.m. **CH**

**9** **CROYDON CREEK NATURE CENTER BIRD SEED SALE** A variety of feed available. Order by Friday, Jan. 23 at [rockvillemd.gov/birdseedsale](http://rockvillemd.gov/birdseedsale).

**11** **BREATHE EASY, HEAR CLEARLY AND LIVE COMFORTABLY** See article on page 6. Register with course #37293. Free. 1-2 p.m. **V**

**20** **THE WINTER JUBILEE AT ROCKVILLE'S CIVIC CENTER PARK** Celebrate winter with activities, games and seasonal fun. Register with course #37310. \$10. 1-4 p.m. **GM**

**19** **BETTER BREATHER'S CLUB** See article on page 6. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 1:30-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**19** **"SNO-CIETY" FILM PRESENTATION** See article on page 6. 6:30 p.m. **FSF**

**21** **ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND: "A WINTER CELEBRATION"** See article on page 6. Free; \$5 donation suggested. 3 p.m. **FSF**

**21** **ROCKVILLE CHORUS: "BRINGING SONG AND LIGHT TO THE SEASON"** See article on page 6. Free. 7:30 p.m. **FSF**

**25** **CITY GOVERNMENT AND FACILITIES CLOSED** See article on page 1.

**27** **CRITTERS AND COCOA** Meet live animals and enjoy hot cocoa. Register with course #38555 for 10-11 a.m. and #38556 for 11 a.m.-noon. \$4 R/\$5 NR. **CC**

### CITY OF ROCKVILLE HOLIDAY RECYCLE GUIDE

**Recycle** Please remove bows, ribbons and glitter from items before recycling.



**Trash** Consider saving these items to reuse or donate.



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

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: [ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR](http://ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR)

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closed for renovations. Visit [rockvillemd.gov/lpcc](http://rockvillemd.gov/lpcc) for details.)

Croydon Creek Nature Center and will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 24, 26 and 31.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open with limited

hours and services on Dec. 24 and 31. Visit [rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter) for details.

The Rockville Skate Park will be closed Dec. 24.

Learn more at [rockvillemd.gov](http://rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-5000.

## 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 [rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://rockvillemd.gov/guide) or in print at City Hall, the Taft Center, community centers and libraries.



## ROCKVILLE ROLL CALL



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

In this edition, Rockville II talks with Delores Scott, the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator.

Find "Rockville Roll Call" on Rockville II, channel 11 on county cable, and at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://youtube.com/cityofrockville).

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## 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.**

**City of Rockville**  
Recreation & Parks

**Rockville Senior Center**  
1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD 20850  
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Get Fit at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center — No Pool Required

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center is a great place to swim and stay in shape year-round, but you don't have to get in the water for a good workout.

The center, at 355 Martins Lane, offers land-based fitness options for all ages and experience levels, including Bootcamp, Pilates, yoga and Zumba for adults and kids. Personal training packages are also available, with individualized support for strength, mobility and overall wellness.

The fitness room features ellipticals, treadmills, rowing machines, step climbers and a full range of strength-training equipment.

Drop-in rates are available for all classes. For questions about land fitness programs or personal training, contact program specialist Maria Kolanowski at mkolanowski@rockvillemd.gov.

To see fitness classes at the swim center, visit rockvillemd.gov/registration and select "Rockville Swim and Fitness Center" under location and "Fitness" as the category.

Winter registration opens Thursday, Dec. 4. Find pool schedules, seasonal hours, personal training details and more at rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Save the Date: Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration is Jan. 19

Join the City of Rockville on Monday, Jan. 19 for "Reclaiming the Dream: Justice, Equity, and Action," a dynamic celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Scheduled for the Monday holiday, the event will explore what it means to advance equity and justice in communities today through deep and engaging conversations on equitable governance, shared leadership, systemic change and restorative practices. It will highlight the power of collective action, civic innovation and healing justice as attendees reflect, reimagine and recommit to building a future rooted in justice for all. A continental breakfast will be provided, beginning at 8:30 a.m., while supplies last.

**Date:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 19.  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-noon.  
**Location:** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

**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**

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**THEY SHOOT, THEY SCORE! LATINO YOUTH SOCCER TEAM WINS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ...** Rockville's Latino Youth Development Program soccer team captured the High School Sam's Select League championship in its first finals appearance since 2017. The team won the title in a two-game aggregate format, tying 1-1 and winning 4-2 for a 5-3 overall score. The team finished the regular season with a 5-1 record and led the league with 34 goals. It won its semifinal match 4-0 and carried that momentum into the finals. Players and coaches were recognized at the Mayor and Council's Nov. 3 meeting for their hard work on and off the field. The players were Eduardo Acosta, German E. Chaparro, German R. Chaparro, Brayan Campos, Edzon Canchanya, Erick Castillo, Javier Claros, Joyser Coreas, Jose Delgado, Moris Flores Gaitan, Jonathan Garay, Paolo Gonzalez, Manuel Lopez, Wilmer Nolasco, Yovani Parada, Brayan Ramos, Emiliano Ramos, Samuel Ramos, Saul Rodriguez Soriano and Nelson Rodriguez. They were coached by Alex Castro, Abraham Castro and Balmory Moran. Revisit their victory on Rockville 11's YouTube channel at youtube.com/cityofrockville; search for "Latino youth soccer." The Latino Youth Development Program promotes team-oriented and mentoring enrichment activities that prioritize the education and wellness of Latino males attending Earle B. Wood and Julius West middle schools, and Richard Montgomery and Rockville high schools. Learn more about the program at rockvillemd.gov/services/latino-youth-development-program.

RHE Waitlists to Open for Housing Choice Voucher, Project-Based Voucher and Public Housing

Rockville Housing Enterprises will open its waitlists Monday, Dec. 15, for the Housing Choice Voucher program, project-based voucher programs and public housing program.

Those interested can apply for the waitlists online. RHE waitlists will remain open until Tuesday, March 31.

Applicants will be required to provide contact information, including an email address for the application process, and details about income sources, household members, and

other information needed to determine program eligibility.

Applicants will be required to update their application information annually. Failure to update the application annually when notified will result in removal of the waitlist application.

For more information about the waitlists or for assistance completing an online application, email Irving Hyde at ihyde@rockvillehe.org.

For more information about RHE, visit rockvillehe.org.

Results Rockville Expands with New Dashboards to Track Progress on Major Initiatives

Rockville has launched a new phase of Results Rockville, expanding the city's online performance dashboard to include the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the 2025 Rockville Town Center Master Plan.

The new dashboards cover the "Elements" and "Planning Areas" components of the city's comprehensive plan, plus the Town Center master plan, bringing the total number of plans tracked through Results Rockville to eight. The newly added plans represent 1,034 unique action items and participation from 76 staff members across multiple departments.

The expanded dashboards provide a detailed view of city progress on the long-term priorities of the comprehensive plan, such as land use, transportation, housing and others. Each dashboard highlights the current status and progress of the component parts of the plans.

Results Rockville was

created to make city performance data and plan statuses accessible and understandable for the public, reflecting the city's commitment to transparency, accountability and evidence-based decision-making. The new dashboards are updated twice a year. Others are updated monthly or annually, depending on the plan.

The latest update marks the completion of a major transition in how Rockville tracks comprehensive plan progress. Over the past year, the tracking system was converted from spreadsheets to Envisio, an online project management tool that enables publication of the interactive dashboards and real-time updates.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/resultsrockville to explore the dashboards, plus ones featured in the initial launch: Mayor and Council initiatives, FAST Phase 2 development streamlining, housing strategies, the Climate Action Plan, and the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Help the Rockville City Police Department Take the Plunge



**at the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge**  
**Friday, Jan. 30**  
Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis  
Pledge in Support of Rockville's Plunge Team.  
Support Special Olympics Maryland.  
Visit support.somd.org/team/786077

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