



Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. City of Rockville Annual Report Calendar Year 2025

Background

The Foundation is a nonstock, nonprofit charitable corporation operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation's purpose includes:

- To help fund recreation, park and open space needs in the City of Rockville;
- To provide financial support to improve park properties and facilities, purchase equipment and other amenities;
- To raise funds and solicit contributions, grants and other financial support to accomplish the goals described above; and
- To support, assist and coordinate with the City's officials, including those within the Recreation and Parks Department, to accomplish the goals described above.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees, three of whom may be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Rockville. Trustees receive no compensation for their service and must adhere to the Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The following Trustees served during 2025:

Name	Role
Vincent "Chip" Boylan	President
Cathleen Shannon	Vice President
Alice Welch	Treasurer (term ended Dec 2, 2025)
Marilyn Peifer	Secretary
Erin August	Trustee (approved June 3, 2025); appointed Treasurer, effective Dec 2, 2025
Kevin Bradley	Trustee
Julie Palakovich Carr	Trustee
Ron Watkins	Trustee
Tracy DiGioia	Trustee

The terms and conditions of the relationship between the City of Rockville and the Foundation were established with a 2010 Memorandum of Understanding. Recreation and Parks Department staff serve as liaisons with the Foundation and at least one staff member attends every Foundation Trustee meeting.

In 2025, we wish to acknowledge and thank the following liaisons:

- Christine Henry, Deputy Director
- Elisabeth Deal, Development and Marketing Manager

Significant Accomplishments

Fundraising Activities

Rockville Rubber Ducky Derby

The Foundation planned and executed the second annual Rubber Ducky Derby to raise funds for the City's Youth Recreation Fund. Partnering with the City liaisons, we successfully engaged the local business community for sponsorship and prizes: **27 prizes** were donated by **19 sponsors**, including a generous cash grand prize of \$1,000 from the Foundation and six items provided by local merchants and artists for the **Silent Auction** that the team conducted onsite during the event. The Foundation will consider conducting future Duck Derby fundraisers if we are able to negotiate favorable terms.

Results. Net proceeds of the 2025 event were \$14,100, an increase of almost 11% over the 2024 Duck Derby fundraising results. The Foundation presented the Mayor and Council with a check for \$14,000 at City Council meeting on February 2, 2026.

Hometown Holidays

The Foundation staffed a beverage booth for the City's Hometown Holidays celebration weekend in May. Our support for this popular event included free Uber rides for those who may have over imbibed. We leveraged our participation to support the Duck Derby fundraiser.

Results. \$278 in donations (tips). Noting that this tally is approximately 40-50% lower than 2024 and recognizing that physical cash on hand is increasingly less common, the Foundation will add a cashless system for collecting donations in the future.

Antique & Classic Car Show

Our team operated the Beverage and Donuts Booth.

Results. Net fundraising income of \$1,985.

Suds & Soles 5K

We partnered with the Montgomery County Road Runners to support the annual Suds & Soles 5K race in downtown Rockville. In addition to staffing a booth for the Duck Derby fundraiser, Foundation and fellow community member volunteers set up, staffed, and cleaned up a Water Station along the route.

Fundraising Efforts in the Community

- Year-End Campaign – appeal conducted via email raised \$948.22.
- Received a \$5,000 donation from Trustee Marilyn Peifer that was deposited in the Foundation's Peifer Fund Account (described on page 3).
- Rockville Farmers Market, The Square events, and local Chipotle and Bonchon restaurants in support of the Duck Derby fundraiser.

Awards and Fiscal Donations

Community Achievement Awards

At the Mayor and City Council Meeting held on July 14, 2025, the Foundation awarded the following Rockville citizens with Community Achievement Awards:

- Marti Major, CCNC Volunteer
- Joe Roach, Track & Field Coach

Fiscal Donations

- Portable Soccer Goals – provided \$3,280 for soccer equipment for Isreal Park.
- Track Timing System – spent \$21,750 to purchase a state-of-the-art timing system for the City’s track and cross-country programs.
- Gift cards -- the Foundation was honored to demonstrate our support to Rockville Recreation and Parks organization by providing ten \$20 gift cards for a giveaway at the annual staff breakfast (in compliance with the ethics policy).

Other Activities

Governance. Appointed new Treasurer in December 2025. Made significant progress to satisfy state and local filing obligations for registration and taxes. Updated banking contacts. Created and published new Gmail address. Added cashless donation capability (Zeffy).

Volunteer Engagement. The Foundation seeks and connects with volunteers for our events from the City’s Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and other citizens.

Trustee recruitment. We continue to generate ideas for attracting new trustees to sustain and strengthen the Foundation’s leadership, governance, and fundraising capabilities.

Financial Information

The Foundation maintains two accounts for all receipts and disbursements:

1. General Account
2. Peifer Account¹

Fund	Balance as of:	
	January 1, 2025	December 31, 2025
General	\$65,276.47	\$30,108.97
Peifer	\$26,296.22	\$36,296.22

Submitted by:

Vincent "Chip" Boylan

March 18, 2026

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¹ The Peifer Account was established to manage the funds donated by Foundation Trustee Marilyn Peifer in honor of her late husband, Ken Peifer, a long-time Sports Supervisor with the City’s Recreation and Parks Department. The fund is to be used to ensure that all kids, especially underprivileged ones, can participate in City sports/activities.