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Get Behind the Wheel of a Big Truck at the Equipment Show

Show Support for Rockville's Hardworking Public Works Crews



Climb into the big seat of some of the city's largest vehicles as Rockville celebrates National Public Works Week, Monday, May 18-Friday, May 22.

The highlight of the week will be the city's annual Public Works Equipment Show, scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive. The event's rain date is Wednesday, May 20.

The free event includes displays, demonstrations, popcorn, coloring books and giveaways, along with opportunities to meet public works employees who provide essential services that keep Rockville running. Exhibits highlight recycling and trash collection, environmental management, the city's water treatment plant, water and sewer operations, and stormwater management. School and day care groups are welcome.

National Public Works Week raises awareness about the essential services public works provides, from planning and building infrastructure to maintaining the systems that support daily life.

This year's theme, "Rooted

in Service, Powered by Community," acknowledges that the roots of service run deep in public works. It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility.

Follow the celebration on social media using #NPWW and #PeopleMatter.

Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, streets, recycling and trash, transportation and fleet services, and engineering, environmental and right-of-way management.

To learn more, email jperkins@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8500.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! ... U.S. flags went up in Rockville Town Center recently, a salute to a historic year that marks the nation's 250th anniversary.

See inside for details about Rockville's Hometown Holidays and Memorial Day events. The display will run through mid-November.

Find out more about how the city is celebrating at rockvillemd.gov/america250.



SUN AND WATER FUN ... The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor recreation pools, complete with large slides, a lily pad crossing, kids pool with fountains and sprayground, an aqua zip and in-water basketball features, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23.

The outdoor fitness pool will open for preseason swimming in May. Spring's unpredictable weather means the exact date of the official first day for the fitness pool is still developing.

Plan ahead before your visit. Check the swim and fitness center's website at rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for hours and fees.

Sign up for the facility's email newsletter at rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter to get updates, including the fitness pool's opening date, delivered right to your inbox!

Memorial Day and Juneteenth in Rockville

Rockville City Hall and some city facilities will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day and Friday, June 19, as the city observes Juneteenth.

During the week of May 25, recycling, trash and yard waste collections will be made one day later than usual. Collections during the Juneteenth holiday week will occur as usual. Find more information at rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash.

The following facilities will be closed May 25 and June 19: Rockville Senior Center; Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Glenview Mansion and the Rockville Civic Center business office; and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office. Find tickets at rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

The Rockville Skate Park will be open. The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will operate on a modified schedule on May 25 and June 19.

Due to the city's Memorial Day parade, access to the swim center's parking lot will be restricted until the afternoon of May 25. Visit rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for individual pool schedules or call 240-314-8750.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters on May 25 and June 19.

For more information, visit rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000.

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Reminder: Gas Leaf Blowers No Longer Allowed in Rockville

Gas-powered leaf blowers and vacuums are banned in Rockville as a way to reduce noise, improve air quality and protect the community's health.

Keep yards looking great while staying compliant and supporting a healthier environment. Learn more about the law, rebates and eco-friendly yard-care tips at montgomerycountymd.gov/leafblowers.



Rockville Relaunches Bank On Coalition During Financial Literacy Month

As part of the national Bank On movement, Rockville relaunched its Bank On Rockville Coalition in April to expand access to safe, affordable bank accounts and connect residents to financial empowerment resources.

The coalition brings together city departments, financial institutions, nonprofits and community partners with the shared goal of supporting residents' long-term financial well-being and upward economic mobility. Resources available through the coalition include emergency assistance, credit and housing counseling, and workforce support.

The city's Department of Housing and Community Development led the relaunch effort, with Homeownership Programs Specialist Lauren Sukol guiding the initiative over the past six months. DHCD Collective Impact Manager Nik Sushka will continue building on that work alongside coalition partners and colleagues across DHCD's Housing and Community Services divisions.

In April, four organizations joined the Mayor and Council in a proclamation recognizing the initiative: DHCD, Truist Bank, CareerCatchers and the Latino Economic Development Center. The proclamation encouraged Rockville residents to build financial knowledge and skills during Financial Literacy Month.

The coalition plans to offer financial empowerment programming for residents throughout the summer.

For more information about Bank On Rockville, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development and learn more about Bank On at rockvillemd.gov/dhcd.

Keep Rockville Clean by Knowing Who to Call

Help keep Rockville's water systems safe and flowing smoothly.

Discolored water, sewer backups or blocked storm drains can be reported to the Department of Public Works' 24-Hour Emergency Line at 240-314-8567.

Acting quickly helps prevent damage and protects public health.

Prevent common issues before they start. Never flush wipes, even those labeled "flushable," and never pour grease, chemicals or debris down sinks, toilets and other drains. They can cause clogs, backups and pollution.

Report illegal dumping, spills or stream pollution to Rockville's Pollution Hotline at 240-314-8348.

City's MPDU Program Opens Door to Affordable Homeownership

Looking to buy a home but worried about affordability? Eligible households can apply to buy homes at reduced prices.

The city's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Homeownership program requires for-sale properties to be available to Rockville residents at more affordable prices than market-rate homes. Under the program, homebuilders are required to set aside a certain percentage of affordable for-sale homes. Prospective homebuyers must meet specific requirements to

maintain ownership and eligibility.

Get added to the list in three easy steps to receive a call when MPDU homes are available:

- Attend a first-time home-buyer class.
- Obtain a mortgage pre-approval letter from your bank.
- Complete the city's MPDU homeownership application online.

For eligibility requirements and more information, visit rockvillemd.gov/mpdu.

Rockville Police Lieutenant Graduates from Northwestern University Command Program

Lt. Dan Romeril graduated in April from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, Session 632, completing one of the most academically rigorous law enforcement command programs in the country.

The program is offered through the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, held at Prince George's County Police Department in Upper Marlboro. The intensive 10-week course, designed for mid- and upper-level law enforcement leaders, provides advanced instruction in management, leadership, organizational behavior, budgeting, human resources, legal issues and contemporary police strategies.

More than 21,500 law enforcement professionals have graduated from the program since 1983.

Romeril is a 25-year veteran of law enforcement and serves as the department's Special Operations Division commander, overseeing criminal investigations, K-9, traffic and community engagement units, and crime analysis.

The curriculum is designed to prepare emerging law enforcement leaders to perform effectively at the command level, developing knowledgeable, ethical and forward-thinking executives capable of strategic thinking and resource management, who can build systems of accountability within their agencies.



Lt. Dan Romeril

Mayor and Council Add Public Hearing on Zoning Rewrite and Map Amendment

The Mayor and Council will hold two public hearings on Rockville's zoning ordinance rewrite and comprehensive map amendment on May 4 and 11. The May 11 public hearing was added at the elected body's request.

Additional work sessions are scheduled for May 4, 11 and 18.

The project aims to modernize Rockville's land-use regulations, last updated in 2009, implementing the goals of the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan by creating a more flexible and accessible set of rules that support the city's commitment to equity, sustainability and quality of life.

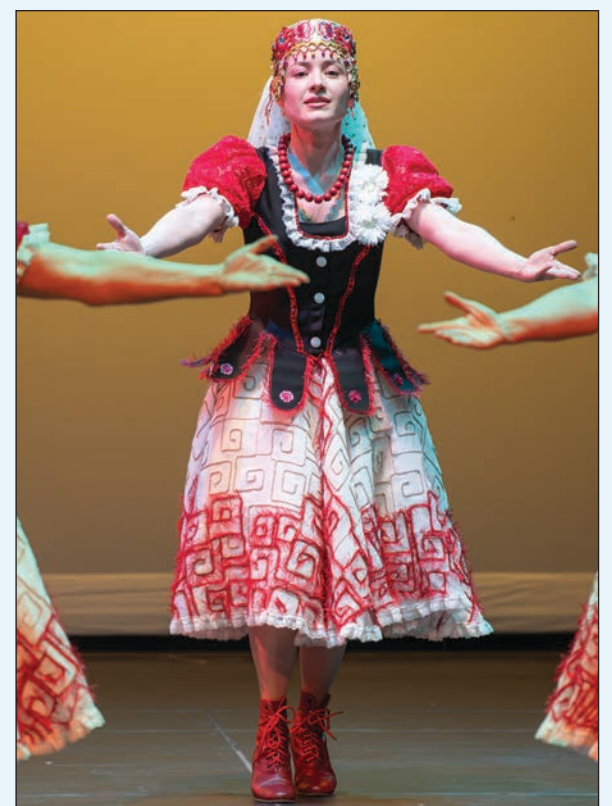
Mayor and Council meetings generally take place on Mondays and begin at 6:30 p.m. See page 3 for details. Meetings are held in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall. Meetings are also broadcast live on Rockville 11 and recordings are posted to the meeting listing at

rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter. Staff reports and other briefing materials will be available in the Agenda Center about a week before each meeting.

The Mayor and Council held their first public hearings and a work session on the project on Monday, April 13. During the work session, the Mayor and Council discussed and provided direction on recommendations adopted by the Planning Commission in February.

A revised staff draft zoning ordinance and zoning map are available on the project's Engage Rockville page at engage.rockville.com/zoning rewrite. The revisions reflect direction from the Mayor and Council, along with technical corrections, minor policy changes and plain language revisions.

To view the full project schedule, submit feedback and sign up for updates, visit engagerockville.com/zoningrewrite.



RISE TOGETHER, HERE IN ROCKVILLE

... International Night brought together a kaleidoscope of colors and culture in April with an evening of performances at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre from world groups from in and around the Rockville community.

International Night is a free annual event that showcases Rockville's numerous cultures through dance, poetry, song and other forms of artistic expression. It encourages attendees to engage with and learn about the unique customs and beauty within Rockville's diversity.

Watch Rockville 11's recap of the event at youtube.com/cityofrockville.

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Mayor and Council to Vote on FY 2027 Budget in May

The Mayor and Council's focus areas of public safety, economic development and housing, informed by comprehensive feedback from the public, form the foundation of a city budget that is up for adoption in May.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which begins July 1, is scheduled for a vote on Monday, May 4. Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast on channel 11 on county cable and livestreamed at rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

In March, City Manager Jeff Mihelich proposed an operating budget of \$187.1 million, a 6.6% increase over the FY 2026 adopted budget.

"While the city's financial outlook remains stable, we continue to monitor broader economic conditions and potential state and federal policy changes that may affect shared revenues and grant funding," Mihelich wrote in his introduction.

About \$11 million in new funding will support the city's Vision Zero Action Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan. Other public safety items include continuing a two-year closed-circuit television modernization initiative at city facilities, and strengthening the Rockville City Police Department's patrol operations, special units and school coverage, as well as a \$150,000 feasibility study for school pathway lighting.

The budget also includes a \$1.6 million contribution to Rockville Economic Development, Inc., which features increased funding for economic development operations and expanded biosciences marketing efforts. In addition, the budget adds new regular full-time positions to enhance city services, including two police officers, a police

sergeant, a senior community enhancement codes inspector to strengthen rental housing inspections, an assistant city attorney and a public works crew supervisor.

Other initiatives include a second electric bus for the Rockville Senior Center, an extended outdoor swim season for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, and expanded staffing at Montrose Discovery Preschool.

As part of budget work sessions, the Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed FY 2027-FY 2031 Capital Improvements Program, the five-year plan for funding construction and infrastructure maintenance that will support 56 projects during FY27. Seven new projects include funding for the first phase of the King Farm Farmstead Park Master Plan implementation and a new pavilion at Woottons Mill Park.

The proposed CIP includes \$35.2 million in new appropriations and incorporates a \$12.3 million general fund transfer to support long-term capital investments.

The general fund budget, which supports the largest portion of the operating budget, is \$125.5 million, a 7.2% increase. The city's real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY27. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax. Rockville has not increased its property tax rate since 1995.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/agenda center for video of Mayor and Council public hearings and work sessions, and the city manager's budget presentation.

Find the adopted FY27 budget document — available in July — and more information at rockvillemd.gov/budget.

Final Design for New Senior Center Entrance Nears Completion

Public Meeting Set for May

Rockville is planning a new gated entrance to the Rockville Senior Center and the community is invited to review the near-final design and weigh in.

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, on Webex. City staff will present the design, which is 90% complete, and take comments from the public.

The proposed access road would connect the senior center parking lot, at 1150 Carnation Drive, to the inter-

section of West Gude Drive and Piccard Drive. The address for the center will change to West Gude Drive.

An advisory group formed to guide project design has met multiple times throughout the process, sharing community feedback and providing recommendations that have shaped the plans.

For project details and information on how to join the meeting, visit bit.ly/rscnewentrance.



APPRECIATING ROCKVILLE'S VOLUNTEERS ... The Mayor and Council showed their gratitude to Rockville's volunteers, honoring these dedicated community members in April at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at Glenview Mansion.

Pictured are graduating seniors who served on the Youth Commission (L to R): Azusa Strader; Jordan Perry (Youth Commission staff liaison); Leila McCarthy; Albert Leigh; Melinda Norton (Youth Commission staff liaison); Ansuya Bisbey; and Daniela Naaman.

Find opportunities to give back at rockvillemd.gov/volunteer. Watch Rockville 11's recap of the event at youtube.com/cityofrockville.

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS.

The public is welcome to participate in person or virtually.

Meetings Schedule: Monday, May 4, 11, 18 and June 8 and 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m.; June 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Visit rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter for details. A drop-in session will precede the May 11 and June 8 meetings with Mayor Monique Ashton and councilmembers David Myles in May and Izola (Zola) Shaw in June, from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

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 rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 and available a day after each meeting at 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 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.

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

Vacancies

- Board of Appeals (1)
- Community Policing Advisory Board (2)
- Cultural Arts Commission (4)
- Education Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (2)
- Ethics Commission (1)
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- Historic District Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (3)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Transportation and Mobility Commission (1)

For more information, visit 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. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

Registering a Bike Could Help Bring It Back

Registering your bike with the Rockville City Police Department makes it more likely to be recovered if it is lost or stolen.

Once registered, bike owners are given a small sticker to attach to the bike frame.

To register your bike and receive a registration sticker, visit the Rockville City Police Station at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. or fill out a form at rockvillemd.gov/services/register-a-bicycle.

For more information, call 240-314-8900 or email publicsafety@rockvillemd.gov.

Bike Racks Mean More Business

Studies show that businesses with bicycle parking near their storefronts get a measurable sales boost.

Business owners without bicycle parking near their shop or office could qualify for a rack — provided and installed for free by the City of Rockville — under the city's Bike Rack Grant Program. Learn more about the program and find an application by visiting rockvillemd.gov/bicycleparking and clicking on "Apply for a Bike Rack Grant."

Residents interested in seeing bicycle parking at specific locations can direct business owners to the website. For more information, contact Rockville's bicycle and pedestrian coordinator at 240-314-8527 or bikeways@rockvillemd.gov.

Save the Date for the 2nd Annual City of Rockville Nonprofit Symposium

Join fellow nonprofit leaders, partners and community members as the City of Rockville and Nonprofit Montgomery come together to share resources, build connections and strengthen the community's local nonprofit sector.

This year's symposium theme is "United for Impact" and will include a discussion with the Mayor and Council on how local government is responding to community needs, partnering across sectors and regions, and engaging with residents and leaders to bridge gaps and support Rockville families.

The Second Annual Nonprofit Symposium will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, May 14. Doors open at 8 a.m. The Mayor and Council discussion will take place from 9:15-9:45 a.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St.

A panel discussion with nonprofit and community leaders will feature Craig Rice, chief executive officer of Manna Food Center; Kate Lu, clinical health director for the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center; Sharon Dietsche, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montgomery County; Nicole Durler-Montant, chief development and communications officer for the Latino Economic Development Center; and Sharon Whiting, development director of VisArts.

Community members wishing to attend can register at bit.ly/rv-nonprofit-symposium-2026.

Gear Up for Rockville's National Bike Month Celebration

Rockville will celebrate National Bike Month in May with rides, events and opportunities to connect with the community.

Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee Bike Month Kickoff Ride Saturday, May 2

Meet at 10 a.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. The casual 6-mile ride will travel along multiuse trails and residential streets, highlighting the city's cycling infrastructure. The route includes paths, bridges and tunnels.

National Bike and Roll to School Day Wednesday, May 6

Schools are encouraged to host events. Visit walkbiketoschool.org or check with your school for details. Montgomery County requires anyone under 18 to wear a bicycle helmet when riding or being carried on a bicycle, including bicycles with training wheels, on a public street, right of way, sidewalk or bicycle path.

Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Rollins Avenue Walk 'n' Roll 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14

Meet at the Burgundy Park Shopping Center at 701 First St., and join RPAC and city staff for a community walk 'n' roll along Baltimore Road, South Stonestreet Avenue, Park Road and South Horners Lane. Discuss pedestrian concerns and learn about ongoing city projects to improve the pedestrian environment.

National Bike to Work Day 6:30 a.m. Friday, May 15

Registration is open at biketoworkmetrodc.org for Montgomery County pit stops, including locations at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, and The Square in Rockville Town Center. Participants can receive snacks, beverages and giveaways while supplies last. Free T-shirts will be available for the first 18,000 people in the Washington metropolitan region to register and attend.

The 19th Annual Rockville Ride of Silence 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

Honor cyclists who have been injured or killed on public roadways. This is a 10-mile, police-escorted ride through city neighborhoods. Riders must be comfortable on streets with traffic and traveling about 10 miles in one hour. Riders will meet in front of Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Visit rideofsilence.com for more information.

Take the 50-Plus Survey

Aged 50 or older and a bike rider? Take the 2026 50+ Cycling Survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes, is anonymous and completely voluntary. Visit bit.ly/rkv50bikesurvey. Learn more about bicycling in Rockville at rockvillemd.gov/rbac and rockvillemd.gov/bicycling, and search "bike safety" on youtube.com/cityofrockville.



The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee hosts rides throughout the summer. Find upcoming rides at facebook.com/bikerockville.

Learn more about RBAC and bicycling in Rockville at rockvillemd.gov/rbac or visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search for "bikes."

Bike Safely! Tips for Sharing Rockville's Roads

Rockville is a great place to get around by all modes of transportation. People may drive to a park, bike to work, or walk or roll to a store.

Just like drivers, people walking, rolling and bicycling need to do their part to keep themselves and everyone else on the road safe. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when bicycling:

While bicyclists are allowed to use sidewalks, people bicycling must yield to people walking/rolling. Slow down when approaching pedestrians.

When on a shared-use path or trail and passing someone walking or rolling, be sure to first ring your bell when a fair distance away, then, as you get closer, call out, "On your left!" and pass on the left.

Thank people who move out of the way.

Make a complete stop at stop signs on the road and on shared-use paths.

When bicycling on the sidewalk, be extra mindful when crossing streets. Motorists may not see bicyclists on the sidewalk as they approach cross streets.

When bicycling in the roadway or in a bike lane, be sure to follow all traffic laws: stop at stop signs and red lights, signal before turning, and yield to pedestrians.

Do not switch back and forth between sidewalks and on-street riding, as this can be unpredictable for everyone else on the road.

Find more tips for safe driving, biking and walking or rolling at rockvillemd.gov/visionzero.

By Request: Sidewalks and Crosswalks

Warmer weather often means members of the community are more likely to see the need for new sidewalks and crosswalks as they walk and roll around Rockville.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks to learn how Rockville prioritizes where sidewalks are placed and about planned construction, and for an interactive map of missing sidewalks.

Rockville's "Marked Crossing Guidelines" help city staff determine when a marked crosswalk can be considered at an inter-

section or mid-block. By Maryland law, pedestrians may cross the street mid-block only when using a marked crosswalk.

Community members can request sidewalk construction, maintenance or a marked crosswalk evaluation by selecting "Report a Concern" at the bottom of the page at rockvillemd.gov.

Learn more about Vision Zero, including ongoing projects to improve pedestrian safety, at rockvillemd.gov/visionzero.



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Don't forget to lock your vehicle doors.

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HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS
ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

2026

Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24
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FEATURING

Joslyn & The Sweet Compression
The E Street Shuffle

North to Nashville • Midnight Mimosa

Bastard Bearded Irishmen • Ocho de Bastos

Band of Roses • Proverbs Reggae Band

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The free Hometown Holidays at Rockville Town Center features local flavor of music and food vendors, including two stages, an artisan shopping area, and kids entertainment from noon-6 p.m. Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24 in Rockville Town Center. Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/HTH.

The Hometown Holidays website will help visitors get ready for the weekend. On the site you'll find:

- The complete performance schedule.
- Participating food vendors.
- Transportation and parking options.
- A list of artisans.
- Road closures.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

KIDS ACTIVITIES

- Kid-friendly entertainment by Echoes of Nature, Groovy Nate and Rocknoceros.
- A kids craft tent.
- Giant Connect 4.

FOOD COURT AREA

Food from local restaurants and vendors will be available for purchase, which include

Ben & Jerry's Rockville, Festival Concessions, Frosty Softy, J&G Catering, Mamadang, Maryland Brat & Butcher Co., Mosaic Cuisine, PhoWheels, Pizza Monkey, Pop-up Poutine, Poyoteca, Siama Juicebar, Silver and Sons BBQ, SweetsbyCaroline and Too Sweet Popcorn.



ARTISAN SHOPPING AREA

Discover one-of-a-kind gifts! Treat yourself to a new candle, a piece of handmade jewelry and explore a variety of unique creations from talented artisans.

AND MORE FUN

- Beverages, including soda, water and adult beverages, will be available for purchase at two beverage booths.
- Visit sponsor, City of Rockville, community and political booths highlighting organizations serving the community.
- Join morning yoga with Thrive Yoga from 9-10 a.m. Sunday, May 24 near the Town Square Stage. Bring a mat, water and friend, and enjoy this free session. This session will be held on turf.

UBER IT

Save on an Uber ride home from Hometown Holidays. Scan the QR code at an event beverage booth and receive up



to \$10 off your ride home from 4-7 p.m. each day, while funds last. Presented by the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation.



SATURDAY, MAY 23

Red Wing Shoes Main Stage

	PERFORMER	GENRE
Noon-1:30 p.m.	The U.S. Navy Band Cruisers	Popular Music
2-4 p.m.	Proverbs Reggae Band	Roots Reggae, Calypso
4:15-4:30 p.m.	Mayor and Council Welcome	
4:30-6 p.m.	The E Street Shuffle	Bruce Springsteen Tribute

Town Square Stage

Noon-12:05 p.m.	Ceylon Bera	Traditional Sri Lankan Drumming
12:30-1 p.m.	Echoes of Nature	Animal Show
1:30-2 p.m.	Groovy Nate	Kids Music
2:30-4 p.m.	Band of Roses	R&B, '90s and Funk
4:30-6 p.m.	Midnight Mimosa	Hits from the '90s, '00s and '10s

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Red Wing Shoes Main Stage

	PERFORMER	GENRE
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes	Blues
2-4 p.m.	Bastard Bearded Irishmen	Irish Rock
4:15-4:30 p.m.	Mayor and Council Welcome	
4:30-6 p.m.	Joslyn & The Sweet Compression	R&B, Soul, Funk

Town Square Stage

9-10 a.m.	Thrive Yoga	Yoga
Noon-12:45 p.m.	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Opera
1:15-2 p.m.	Rocknoceros	Kids Music
2:30-4 p.m.	Ocho de Bastos	Latin Pop Rock
4:30-6 p.m.	North to Nashville	Country

HTH: THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Bring beach chairs or blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so those around you can see the show, too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- Outside, prepared food is permitted.
- On-site recycling supports Rockville's sustainability efforts.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at rockvillemd.gov/HTH and [facebook.com/RockvilleHometownHolidays](https://www.facebook.com/RockvilleHometownHolidays).
- Rockville Town Center Park is smoke-

and vape-free.

- A sensory tent is available near the first aid booth.

SAFETY: For the safety of all, please follow these guidelines:

- No tents, barbecuing or open flames.
- No outside alcohol.
- No wheeled recreational devices.
- Pets discouraged. Service animals permitted.
- No noisemakers, glass containers, drones or laser pointers.
- No weapons, illegal substances or explosives.
- No throwing footballs, flying discs, baseballs or other projectiles.

Rockville Recreation and Parks is committed to upholding the Americans with Disabilities Act by offering reasonable modifications/accommodations, including materials in alternative formats. Early notification allows time to secure modifications. Contact the Special Events team at speialevents@rockvillemd.gov to discuss your needs.

Getting there by car: Free parking is available at the Metro and City Hall lots. Free parking in the jury lot, at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street, is available after 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

Paid parking is available in Garages A, B and C at The Square at Rockville Town Center. Cash and credit are ac-

cepted and accessible parking is available.

Getting there by Metro: Take the Red Line to the Rockville station. Exit on the Rockville Pike side and follow the sounds of music across the street to Middle Lane. MARC train service will not run Memorial Day weekend.

Getting there by bus: Ride On bus routes 45, 55 and 301 provide service to Rockville Town Center. Check for delays or service interruptions before traveling.

Getting there by bike: Bike parking is available on Maryland Avenue near Beall Avenue in the metered parking spaces.



Activities and Resources:

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| 1 Red Wing Shoes Main Stage | Food Vendors | Cash Machines |
| 2 Town Square Stage | Dining Area | Restrooms |
| Beverages (cash/credit) | First Aid | Community |
| Artisan Shopping | Event Information | Sponsors |
| Kids Crafts | City of Rockville Information | Political |
| Sensory Tent | | Bike Parking |



82nd MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE • SCHEDULE •

9 a.m. ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS

The city-supported and volunteer Rockville Concert Band and Rockville Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America.

9:30 a.m. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

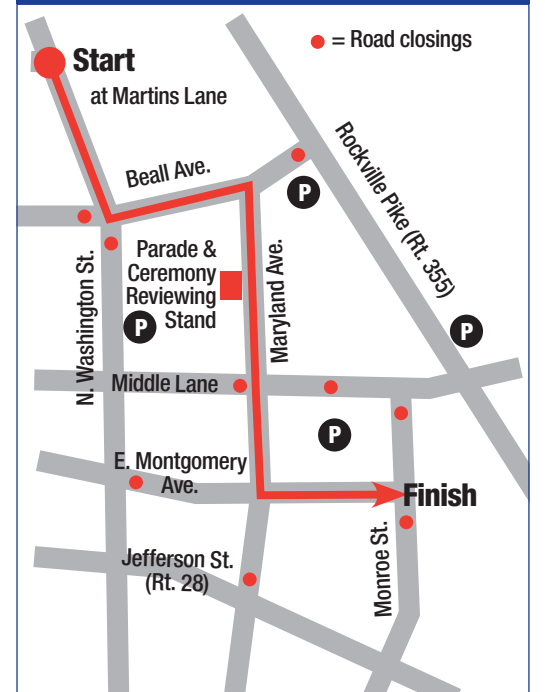
The ceremony, in the plaza of The Square at Rockville Town Center, includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus; a traditional wreath laying, led by American Legion Post 86; and the presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard. Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for the ceremony and parade.

10:30 a.m. 82nd MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After the ceremony, the parade proceeds from Martins Lane and North Washington Street through Rockville Town Center (see map below). The parade has something for everyone, with drill and dance teams, multicultural and community groups, military units and more.

PARADE PARKING: On Monday, May 25, free parking is available at the Rockville Metro lots, City Hall lots and the jury lot at Route 28 and Monroe Street. Paid parking is available in the garages at The Square at Rockville Town Center off Route 355 or North Washington Street. Cash and credit are accepted and accessible parking is available.

**• PARADE ROUTE •
Monday, May 25
Rockville Town Center**



Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/memorialday



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL: ARTHUR GLOVER

Arthur Glover is a distinguished U.S. Navy veteran, community leader and seasoned professional whose career reflects lifelong commitment to service at sea and at home. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1975-1998, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander, having built an accomplished career in the Navy's submarine force. Over the course of his naval career,



Glover served on five submarines, including the Indianapolis, USS Jack, USS Blueback, USS James Monroe and USS Simon Bolivar. After receiving his commission, he earned his Gold Dolphins and went on to serve as a department head, ultimately qualifying for command of submarines. Glover concluded his military service as strategic operations officer at Commander Submarine Group Ten in Kings Bay, Georgia, where he had the distinction of riding aboard all 10 of the group's Trident submarines. In recognition of his enduring connection to the submarine community, Glover was inducted into the United States Submarine Veterans Inc.'s Holland Club, which honors more than 50 years of submarine qualification.

Following his military career, Glover built over four decades of professional, technical and

managerial experience in the aerospace and defense industry, while continuing to engage with veterans and community organizations. He serves as base commander of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Capitol Base and is a past district commander of the organization. He is also a member of the local Military Officers Association of America and the Naval Submarine League.

Glover earned a doctorate in practical theology. He is treasurer of Bethesda Little Theatre, a county election judge and Sunday school teacher at the Church of Christ at Manor Woods in Rockville. Glover and his wife Carole Ann Glover have lived in Montgomery County for over 25 years, raising three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

MAY

- 1 MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION** Celebrate moms with a floral-themed garden party. See article on page 11. \$10 M/\$12 NM 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**
- 1 FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR SENIORS: RULES OF THE ROAD** Review 10 principles to help build a sound financial strategy. Nicole Martin of Edward Jones shares how to set realistic expectations and review plans with confidence. Register with course #39868. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**
- 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME"** See article on page 11. **FSF**
- 2 NATIVE PLANT SALE** See ad on page 9. 9-10 a.m. Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road. See ad on page 9
- 2 CIVIC CENTER PUPPET SHOW PRESENTS "THE 3 (NOT SO LITTLE) PIGS"** See article on page 11. **FSF**
- 2 BIKE MONTH KICKOFF RIDE.** See article on page 4. 10 a.m. **CH**
- 2-3 14TH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL** See ad below. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Square at Rockville Town Center.
- 6 NATIONAL BIKE AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY** See article on page 4.
- 9 SPRING COMMUNITY OUTDOOR YARD SALE** See ad on page 9. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. **TF**
- 12 WINE AND CHEESE GARDEN PARTY** See article on page 11. \$3 M/\$5 NM. 4:30-6 p.m. **SR**
- 12 CARFIT** See article on page 11. Free 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**
- 13 LITTLE EXPLORERS** Discover the wonders of nature with your toddler through hands-on activities, hikes, crafts and more. Register with course #39955. \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**
- 14 SECOND ANNUAL NONPROFIT SYMPOSIUM** See article on page 4. 8 a.m.-noon. Free. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St.
- 14 ROLLINS AVENUE WALK 'N' ROLL** See article on page 4. 6 p.m. Meet at the Burgundy Park Shopping Center, 701 First St.
- 14 PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: 100 YEARS OF GLENVIEW MANSION** See article on page 10. Free. 7-8:30 p.m. **GM**
- 14 LIVING AND LEARNING** See article on page 11. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR V**
- 15 NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY** See article on page 4. 6-9 a.m.
- 16, 23, 30 FARMERS MARKET** See article and ad on page 9. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets.
- 16 SPRING FESTIVAL AND KIDS TO PARKS DAY** See ad on page 9. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **CC**
- 17 ROCKVILLE CHORUS PRESENTS "RISING TOGETHER IN SONG"** See article on page 11. 7:30 p.m. **FSF**

- 18 INTERPLAY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "TIME OF OUR LIVES"** See article on page 11. 7:30 p.m. **FSF**
- 19 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK EQUIPMENT SHOW** See article on page 1. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Rain date is Wednesday, May 20. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.
- 20 ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR** See article on page 11. Free. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**
- 20 THE 19TH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE RIDE OF SILENCE** See article on page 4. 6:40 p.m. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave.
- 22 FRENCH CHOIR OF WASHINGTON PRESENTS "UN PRINTEMPS ENCHANTÉ"** See article on page 11. 8 p.m. **FSF**
- 23-24 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS AT ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER** See the insert in this edition. Noon-6 p.m.
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE** See article on page 1 for facility closures and page 7 for Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade details. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 28 MOBILE MARKET AT ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER** See article on page 11. 2-4 p.m. **SR**

JUNE

- 4 CLIMATE SOLUTIONS SPEAKER SERIES: SWITCH TOGETHER.** See article on page 10. 7-8 p.m. **V**
- 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS "PATIENCE"** See article on page 11. **FSF**
- 6 NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH AND SAFETY DAY** Monroe Place and the first floor of Main Street will be filled with fun, educational resources and opportunities. Engage in interactive activities with first responders, learn about health and safety programs, and connect with friends and neighbors. Learn more at events.mainstreetconnect.org/events/179439. Free. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 50 Monroe Place.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 FARMERS MARKET** See article and ad on page 9. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets.
- 7 ROCKVILLE PRIDE** See article and ad on page 12. Free. 2-5 p.m. The Square at Rockville Town Center.
- 11 SENIOR HOUSING RESOURCE EXPO** See article on page 11. 10 a.m. -1 p.m. **SR**
- 13 SUDS & SOLES 5K** See article on page 12. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rockville Town Center.
- 19 JUNETEENTH** See article on page 1 for facility closures.
- 20 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** See article on page 12. Noon. BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.
- 25 MOBILE MARKET AT ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER** See article on page 11. 2-4 p.m. **SR**
- 26 ROCKVILLE ARTS AND CULTURE LEADERS EXCHANGE** See article on page 11. 1-3 p.m. **V**

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

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



VISARTS' 14TH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL

MAY 2+3, 2026 | 10 AM-5 PM | THE SQUARE
Maryland Ave + E Middle Ln

- 130 Artists + Artisans
- Art Demonstrations
- Chalk Art Activities
- Food Trucks
- Free Admission
- Free Two-Hour Parking
- Red Line Metro Accessible



Farmers Market Returns with Food Benefit Matching Programs

The Rockville Farmers Market opens for the season on Saturday, May 16, with a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$15 for customers using their federal nutrition benefits.

The market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 21, in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center. It offers shoppers their pick of farm-fresh produce and more from regional growers and producers, transforming itself weekly as fruits and vegetables become available throughout the season.

Entering its 15th year, the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money program offers market customers a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$15 weekly when they shop with SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Electronic Benefits Transfer) and WIC-FVC (Women, Infants and Children-Fruit and Vegetable Checks). Matching funds are avail-

able while they last and can be used to purchase locally grown fruit, vegetables, meat, cheese and other dairy products. The program fights hunger while investing directly in farmers, strengthening the local food system. For more information, visit the market information tent near the market entrance from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each Saturday.

Free and accessible market parking is available next to the Montgomery County Council Office Building in the garage at Monroe and East Jefferson streets, which is across from the market. Parking is not permitted at 200 Monroe St. or within the farmers market lot. The market is accessible from the Rockville station on Metro's Red Line or Ride On bus Route 47.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/farmers to learn more about the market, vendors, harvest dates and how to use the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money program.

ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays • May 16-Nov. 21
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Located on the Corner of Rt. 28 and Monroe St.

City of Rockville
Recreation & Parks
rockvillemd.gov/farmers • 240-314-8620

facebook.com/rockvillefarmersmarket

Connect with us on Social Media.



Croydon Creek Nature Center's

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 2
9-11 a.m.
(while supplies last)

Elwood Smith Community Center
601 Harrington Road
Rockville, MD 20852

Plant native this spring!

FREE EVENT

SPRING FESTIVAL AND KIDS TO PARKS DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 16
10 a.m.-Noon

Celebrate Kids to Parks Day with a fun-filled Spring Festival at Croydon Creek Nature Center!

Bring the whole family for games, crafts, woodland hikes, live animal meet-and-greets, sustainability exhibits and more!

City of Rockville
Recreation & Parks

852 Avery Road (off Baltimore Road)
240-314-8770
rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek

SPRING COMMUNITY OUTDOOR YARD SALE

Saturday, May 9
8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Free for the public to shop.

Thomas Farm CC Parking Lot
700 Fallsgrove Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Interested vendors can purchase:

- City-provided table for \$35. Use registration code #40231.
- Additional table for \$35. Use registration code #40232.
- Bring a table for \$25. Use registration code #40233. Only one self-provided table permitted per parking spot.

Register with the course number at rockvillemd.gov/registration.

It's springtime! Get into those closets and basements, find treasures to sell and make easy money at Rockville's annual spring community yard sale.

Vendors must preregister with payment to secure a space. Payment holds one parking spot and one 6-by-3 foot table. Set-up is 7-8 a.m.

Only one self-provided table permitted per spot. Table cannot exceed 6-by-3 feet.

Rain date: Sunday, May 10.

No weapons or food can be sold.

City of Rockville
Recreation & Parks

Recreation and Parks Department
Thomas Farm Community Center
thomasfarm@rockvillemd.gov
240-314-8840



Interested in Learning How Rockville's Police Department Works?

The Rockville City Police Department is accepting applications for its new Police Education Program.

The program will run 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, June 3-July 22, at various locations around the city. Applications are open until Wednesday, May 13.

This free, eight-week program is designed to increase community awareness and understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Rockville City Police Department. Participants will gain firsthand knowledge of how officers serve and protect the community through classroom instruction, demonstrations and discussions.

Topics will include:

- Criminal law and Maryland traffic law.
- Firearm safety.
- The K-9 Unit.
- Emergency communications.
- Crime scene investigation.

The program is open to anyone 18 or older who lives or works in Montgomery County, with Rockville residents receiving priority consideration.

Visit [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) and search "Police Education Program" to see a Rockville 11 video, or rockvillemd.gov/police education for more information.



Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor Those Who Protect and Serve

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation will be honored for their service to the community at the 37th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards on Tuesday, June 2 at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road.

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tables of 10, sponsorship opportunities and program advertisements are available.

The Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce will be collecting donations to the nonprofit First Responders Children's Foundation, which provides financial support to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty and families enduring significant financial hardship due to tragedy.

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/RkvPSAwards26.

Help Make Rockville Flood-Resilient

Rockville is inviting residents to help identify areas prone to flooding and to share their priorities for flood resiliency throughout the city.

Visit the Flood Resiliency Survey and interactive map at engagerockville.com/floodplan to get involved. Input helps the city prioritize improvements and protect neighborhoods.

Rockville also offers programs and resources to reduce flooding, including reimbursements for property-level flood prevention projects and a flooding guide with tips for evaluating properties, working with contractors and exploring project ideas.

Learn more about Rockville's flooding programs and projects at rockvillemd.gov/flooding.

Bring a Little 'Space Power' Home This Season

Did you know the Orion spacecraft used four solar arrays to help power the ship? You don't need a spaceship to harness the power of the sun in Rockville. Switch Together helps homes and small businesses save money on rooftop solar, battery storage and optional EV chargers.

Learn more and join the solar mission at switchtogether.com/solar/rockville.

Switch Together will be the topic of a Climate Solutions Speaker Series session from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4. Find a link to this virtual program at rockvillemd.gov/calendar.

No roof or too much shade? Take part in the solar revolution through a community solar project and share the sun's power with neighbors. Visit solarunitedneighbors.org/go-solar/community-solar.

Recycle Right in Rockville

Keep plastic recycling simple: bottles, tubs, jars and jugs. No need to check numbers or symbols.

Recycle items like water bottles, yogurt tubs, peanut butter jars and milk jugs.

Do not recycle:

- Foam ("Styrofoam") of any kind.
- Tangles like cords, hoses or hangers.
- Plastic bags, wrap or film (take these to store drop-offs).

Avoid "wishful recycling." When in doubt, throw it out.

Need a new recycling or trash cart? Call 240-314-8568.

Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash.

Rebates Available for Sustainable Landscaping



Rockville residents and nonprofits can receive up to \$5,000 through the city's RainScapes Rebates program for projects that beautify yards and help the environment.

Eligible projects include:

- **Conservation Landscapes:** Replace lawn with native plant gardens.
 - **Tree Planting:** Add native trees for seasonal color, shade and habitat.
 - **Rain Gardens:** Improve your drainage.
 - **Green Roofs:** Reduce rooftop runoff while adding habitat.
 - **Rain Barrels and Cisterns:** Collect rainwater for reuse in gardens.
 - **Permeable Pavers:** Enhance the character of driveways or patios while helping rain soak into the ground.
 - **Pavement Removal:** Add green space to yards. Learn more and apply at rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.
- Pollinator Gardening in Small Spaces**
June is National

Pollinator Month and outdoor spaces, including small yards, patios and balconies, can provide valuable habitat for pollinators.

Here are three simple ways to make a difference:

Plant a container garden with native flowers that bloom across the seasons, such as creeping phlox, milkweed, black-eyed Susans, New England aster and wild bergamot.

Add a shallow water source by placing a dish with stones for birds and pollinators to land on while drinking. Empty and clean it weekly to prevent mosquitoes.

Include a shrub or small tree that provides food for pollinators, like serviceberry, American plum, witch hazel or buttonbush.

Rockville is a certified Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. Residents can take part and earn recognition for helping create a connected network of wildlife-friendly spaces. Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitat.

Speaker Series to Feature '100 Years of Glenview Mansion'

One hundred years ago, James and Elizabeth Smith Lyons, the wealthy owners of Glenview Mansion, embarked on an ambitious renovation project to transform their weekend home into an enviable contemporary country estate.

D.C. architects James A. Lockie and Irwin Stevens Porter designed a new stone house that would envelop and expand the existing 1838 structure, surrounded by landscaped grounds and formal gardens by John H. Small III.

The result is a neo-classical revival mansion that

has become the centerpiece of Rockville's Civic Center.

From 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, join Peerless Rockville for a walking tour of the mansion, and learn about the remarkable beauty of the building and the privileged, but poignant, lives of the Lyons family.

The bimonthly Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series is free to attend, but spaces are limited. Register with course #36329 at rockvillemd.gov/registration or visit peerlessrockville.org for more information.

Beat the Heat and Shrink Bills This Summer

Keeping a close eye on utility bills? Here are tips to keep cool without breaking the bank.

- **Sun Shields:** Install blinds, shades or curtains to block sunlight and prevent homes from heating up during the day. Consider a front windshield sunshade for vehicles.
- **Use Fans:** Use ceiling or tabletop fans to help cool people, not rooms. Remember to turn them off when leaving the room.
- **Seal Hot Air Leaks:** Check doors, windows and other openings for leaks, and use caulk or weatherstripping to keep warm air out and cool air in. Proper sealing can significantly reduce cooling bills.
- **Maintain Cooling Systems:** Keep air conditioning or heat pump units running efficiently with regular maintenance. Clear vents of dust, avoid blocking

airflow and keep heat-producing devices away from thermostats to prevent overcooling.

- **Lower Water Heating Costs:** Water heating can make up about 18% of a home's energy use. Set water heaters to 120 degrees to prevent scalding and save energy, and explore other efficient strategies like insulating pipes or using energy-saving fixtures.
- **Smart Thermostat Use:** Set thermostats to a comfortable temperature and avoid large swings from outdoor temperatures. Use programmable settings to raise the temperature while away and lower it upon return. Find more energy tips, resources, rebates, incentives and programs at montgomeryenergyconnection.org. Visit rockvillemd.gov/services/home-energy-assistance-program for help with energy bills.

Checklist to Reduce Mosquito Breeding on Your Property

Mosquito species that have the potential to spread viruses prefer to breed in small amounts of standing water near where people live and work. They typically do not breed in natural areas like streams and ponds.



- **Empty out water from children's toys and plastic containers.**
If possible, bring indoors. Cover large toys and sandboxes with tightly fitting tarps, or drain weekly.
- **Remove trash from yard.**
As little as a bottle cap of water is enough for mosquitoes to breed.
- **Clean out roof gutters and downspout screens.**
If possible, replace corrugated downspouts with smooth PVC.
- **Store recycling bins out of the rain. Dump out any water at least weekly.**
Even though bins have drain holes, small amounts of water may still collect.
- **Add an aerator or fountain to birdbaths or ornamental ponds.**
Mosquitoes do not breed in moving water.
- **Tighten tarps and pool covers to minimize folds.**
If water still collects, shake out the tarp at least weekly.
- **Fix outdoor leaks and dripping faucets.**
Get rid of puddles from window air conditioners.
- **Dump and scrub saucers under potted plants, and flush birdbaths at least once a week.**

Where to Check:

- **Front yard.**
- **Deck.**
- **Backyard.**
- **Roof and gutters** (follow safety precautions).
- **Along edge of the property.**
- **Balconies** (apartments too!).

Note: Mosquito species of concern typically do not fly more than 150 yards from where they breed.



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.



LEARN MORE ON ROCKVILLE II

youtube.com/cityofrockville

Events Coming Up at Rockville Civic Center

From puppets to Gilbert and Sullivan, Rockville offers an eclectic mix of performances and exhibitions from May through late July, with events at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/theatre for information and tickets.

Civic Center Puppet Show Presents "The 3 (Not So Little) Pigs"

11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

When Mrs. Pig's three bickering sons are sent out into the world, they each build a home of straw, sticks and brick, and cross paths with a friendly vegetarian wolf on an alphabet diet. After the wolf blows down the homes of the two rude brothers, he is won over by the youngest's kindness. The trio learns that cooperation and teamwork are the true foundations of success. Includes a craft project.

Tickets are for ages 3 and older, and cost \$5 for residents and \$7 for nonresidents.

Rockville Little Theatre Presents "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time"

8 p.m. May 1, 2, 8 and 9; 2 p.m. Sundays, May 3 and 10.

Based on Mark Haddon's novel and adapted by Simon Stephens, the play follows Christopher, a 15-year-old with autism. He dedicates himself to uncovering the true killer of his neighbor's dog, embarking on an inspiring journey that changes his life forever. Directed by Michel Kharfen.

Tickets cost \$24 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Group pricing is available by calling the box office.

Rockville Chorus Presents "Rising Together in Song"

7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

A spring concert featuring original works alongside choral standards, including "Again, We Become Alone," a new original piece by Bryan Seith; "My Fair Lady," a choral medley by Lerner and Loewe; "Actus," a new piece by Ryan Main; "Sing, My Child" by Sarah Quartel; two selections from "Frostiana" by Randall Thompson; and "Take Me to the Water" by Rollo Dilworth. The performance will be di-

rected by Linda Garrettson and accompanied by Arielle Bayer.

No tickets required; donations appreciated. Visit rockvillechorus.org for more information.

Rockville Art League Members' Juried Spring Show

1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

The Rockville Art League's juried spring show opens with a reception to meet the artists, who will discuss their varied-media artwork.

Interplay Orchestra Presents "Time of Our Lives"

7:30 p.m. Monday, May 18.

For one night only, the 36-year-old Interplay Orchestra ensemble of more than 90 adult musicians with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities performs works spanning U2, Prince, Duke Ellington, Dolly Parton, Ozzy Osbourne and more. The event features loud music; earplugs are available by request.

General admission tickets cost \$20.

French Choir of Washington Presents "Un Printemps Enchanté"

8 p.m. Friday, May 22.

Celebrate spring with a French accent. The French Choir of Washington's fourth annual spring concert will feature adult and youth choirs performing with a 13-piece chamber orchestra, under the direction of artistic director Simon Charette, with piano accompaniment by Julia Aguajo. A post-concert reception with light refreshments will offer the chance to meet performers.

Premium-tier tickets cost \$50 for adults. Mid-tier and regular-tier tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$26 for children 15 and younger, students and seniors.

Victorian Lyric Opera Company Presents "Patience"

8 p.m. June 5, 6, 12 and 13; 2 p.m., June 7 and 14.

Updated to a mid-century university coffee shop setting, this Gilbert and Sullivan operetta follows a love triangle involving dramatic poets, cricket-playing Dragoons and a down-to-earth barista named Patience, all while making gentle fun of trend-chasing and the Aesthetic movement.

Tickets cost \$30; \$28 for seniors 65 and older; \$26 for

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Make Your Mark with Pride at Pride

Baltimore artist Andy Dahl will bring his latest work, "Step Up and Be Proud" to Rockville's Pride celebration, held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the Square in Rockville Town Center.

The 6-foot tall, 8-foot wide stairs will be painted with the Pride flag on three sides and a chalkboard on the back for attendees to contribute text and drawings about what Pride means to them. Dahl will be at the event, facilitating the chalk art.

Local Arts Leaders to Gather

Arts and culture leaders from Rockville will gather from 1-3 p.m. Friday, June 26. The second Rockville Arts and Culture Leaders Exchange, held virtually, will hear from working groups formed at the first gathering.

Additional topics will include space and accessibility, creating a data room for effective communication and advocacy, presenting to Rockville's Cultural Arts Commission, and creating opportunities for local leaders to get to know each other and experience other organizations' programs.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/calendar/events/rockville-arts-and-culture-leaders-exchange-2/ to register to attend.

Share Thoughts About 'Shared Passage'

Community engagement will begin in fall for "Shared Passage," an 18-by-25 foot sculpture planned for the 4.1-acre David Scull Park at 1133 First St.

The feedback will guide the artists in creating the final details for the sculpture, such as arrangement of the colorful acrylic panels and arches, and a solar lighting option. The sculpture is funded through Rockville's Incorporation of Works of Art in Public Architecture program.

Learn more about the David Scull Park improvement project at rockvillemd.gov/projects/david-scul-park-improvements.

Make the Most of Summer in Rockville!

General registration for summer recreation programs opens at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7.

"Life in Rockville": Find classes, programs and special events for all ages and interests.

"Adults 60+": A guide especially for the 60-plus community.

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



Keep Happy and Healthy This Summer at the Senior Center

Stay healthy, happy, informed and entertained with the Rockville Senior Center in May and June.

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

See the "Adults 60+" recreation guide at rockvillemd.gov/guide for more information.

The senior center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive.

Senior Annual Health Fair 2026

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

Information for maintaining good health, a raffle, healthy snacks and health tests will be available. Local vendors, prizes and more.

Senior Housing Resource Expo

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, June 11.

Vendors, resources, raffles and more.

Mobile Market at Rockville Senior Center

2-4 p.m. Thursdays, May 28 and June 25.

The Capital Area Food Bank Mobile Market provides fresh produce to local communities free of charge. The program supports community members at risk of hunger, with no income requirements or other qualifications. Bring a reusable bag.

Wine and Cheese Garden Party

4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

Dress up, show off your hats and spend an evening with friends.

Register with course #39674; \$3 members/\$5 nonmembers.

Mother's Day Celebration

1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 1.

Celebrate mothers at a floral-themed garden party. Light refreshments will be served. Entertainment by harpist Wynne Roos.

Register with course #39833; \$10 members/\$12 nonmembers.

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Be Wary of Scams and Crimes Targeting Seniors

Scammers are increasingly targeting older adults, but anyone can become a victim. The Rockville City Police Department offers these tips to help keep you safe.

Secure your home. Lock all doors and windows, including the garage, and install deadbolt locks and a peephole. Keep your home well-lit at night and use timers when away for extended periods.

Watch for distraction scams. Scammers often work in pairs, with one engaging you in conversation while an accomplice steals from your home, purse, or wallet. Be alert when strangers approach unexpectedly at your door, in parking lots or at ATMs. Always ask for identification before allowing any worker inside.

Beware of gift card and payment app scams. Scammers posing as government agencies, tech support or utility companies pressure victims into paying fake fees with gift cards or payment apps such as Venmo and Cash App. No legitimate agency or

business will ever ask you to pay this way. If you receive such a request, hang up and contact the agency directly through its official website.

Protect your information. Never reveal over the phone that you are home alone or will be away. If you arrive home and suspect someone is inside, leave immediately and call 911.

Get involved. Notify neighbors when traveling and arrange for mail, deliveries, and lawn care in your absence. Neighborhood Watch remains one of the best protections against crime.

RCPD offers free home safety inspections. Call 240-314-8900 to schedule. For emergencies, call 911.

See weekly crime reports at rockvillemd.gov/271/Weekly-Crime-Reports.

Find common scam resources at montgomerycountymd.gov/montgomery-county-police-department/how-do-i/frauds-scams.

Contact AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360.

Rockville to Celebrate Juneteenth with Montgomery County

The City of Rockville will once again join Montgomery County in celebrating Juneteenth, on Saturday, June 20 at BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, in Germantown.

Find more details about Juneteenth at blackrockcenter.org/juneteenth.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when the Union Army arrived in Texas bearing federal orders proclaiming the end of enslavement more than two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

In July 2020, the Mayor and Council approved a resolution making Rockville the first municipality in Maryland to recognize Juneteenth as a paid city holiday. City facilities will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on Friday, June 19. See the article on page 1 for details.

Grill With Skill

Nicer weather means it's time to grill. When you do, be safe! Only grill outdoors, well away from homes, decks and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill. Keep the grill clean and free from grease or fat buildup. Never leave a grill unattended.

Find these tips and more at nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/grilling.

Last Call to Lace Up for the Suds and Soles 5K

Registration is Open

The Montgomery County Road Runners Club and City of Rockville are teaming up again to present this 5K race at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13. The course begins and ends in Rockville Town Center and winds through neighborhood streets.

The race is open to all ages and features a tiered pricing structure that offers limited slots at reduced prices. Adult registration starts at \$47. Register early and save. Race-day registration will be available only if slots remain.

The post-race party will feature kids' activities, live music and refreshments, including beverages from local breweries. Runners ages 21 and older will receive free beverage samples with their registration.

For more information and to register, visit mccrccsudsandsoles.org. Proceeds benefit Eat Fresh Rockville and the youth and beginning running programs of MCRRC. Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles.

We Need Your Support!



Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund
- Assist with fundraising, and the acquisition and maintenance of new parks and open space
- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the city's parks and facilities



Please send your tax-deductible gift to:
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Rockville, MD 20850
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Sponsors Wanted for Rockville Pride



Rockville is seeking sponsors to help mark a decade celebrating the city's LGBTQ+ community at its annual Rockville Pride festival.

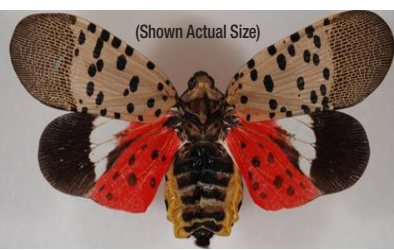
Hosted by the city's Human Rights Commission, Rockville Pride will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 7 in The

Square at Rockville Town Center.

Find more information, including a sponsorship application, at rockvillemd.gov/pride or email prideinfo@rockvillemd.gov.

Support Rockville's Pride celebration by making a donation at invoice.cloud.com/rockvillemd.

IDENTIFY & STOP the Spotted Lanternfly



1. Search on tree trunks, stone surfaces, vehicles and any smooth surface for egg masses. Masses will have a gray putty-like covering on them.
2. Scrape masses from surfaces. Be sure to remove entire egg mass and wax coating. (Found from September-June.)
3. Dispose of by double bagging.

Approximately 2-inch wingspan by 1-inch body.

Spotted Lanternfly - Invasive Insect
Stop. Scrape. Squash.



EGG MASS
SEPT.-JUNE



EARLY NYMPH
APRIL-JULY



LATE NYMPH
JULY-SEPT.



ADULT
JULY-DEC.

Report Sightings
Call 240-314-8700



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students. Group pricing is available by calling the box office.

Rockville Art League "If Walls Could Talk" Show

To celebrate this year's 100th anniversary of Glenview Mansion, the Rockville Art League will present a themed show from June 28-Aug. 28. A reception to meet the artists will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

The gallery is on the second floor of Glenview Mansion and is wheelchair accessible. Hours are 9 a.m.-

4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gallery is closed on city holidays.

Rockville Civic Ballet Presents "Dracula"

7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

This classic story takes the stage in a production directed by Eleanor Simpson and Erin Kwong.

Tickets cost \$17 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older. Assigned-seat tickets will be available in late June, online, by phone or in person.

Say No to 'Mulch Volcanoes'

Simple Fix Protects Tree Health



A tree shows the results of years of mulch buildup without replacement.

"Mulch volcanoes," where mulch is piled high against tree trunks, are a common sight throughout Rockville and it's not doing trees any favors.

Stacking mulch against the tree's trunk creates moisture buildup that can lead to rot and disease. The barrier also creates hiding spots for pests and

can cause roots to grow in unhealthy patterns, sometimes wrapping around the tree and cutting off nutrient flow. Additionally, thick mulch layers can limit oxygen from reaching roots.

Instead, spread mulch in a flat ring around the tree base, keeping a 2-3 inch space between the mulch and the trunk. Maintain a depth of about 2-3 inches, extending the mulch outward around the tree's base, rather than building upward.

Pulling mulch back from tree trunks to expose the top of the root flare is simple and can make an immediate difference. Proper mulching supports healthier, longer-living trees that provide shade and character to neighborhoods.



ONE, TWO, TREE! ... Members of the Mayor and Council and sixth-grade students from Julius West Middle School gathered at Millennium Garden Park in April for a commemorative tree planting of a white oak to celebrate Arbor Day and America's 250th anniversary. The white oak is Maryland's state tree. Visit Rockville 11 at youtube.com/cityofrockville to see a recap.

Summer at the Senior Center *continued from pg. 11*

CarFit
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

A quick and free check for drivers to see how they and their vehicles work together. Call the senior center at 240-314-8800 to register for a 12-point checklist appointment. This program is presented by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Living and Learning
1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 14 and June 11.

A virtual monthly group that supports

healthy aging, featuring guest speakers. Free.

Zen Den

A calming retreat that offers hand, seat and foot massagers, gentle ambient sounds, soft lighting and quiet activities, creating the perfect environment to unwind and recharge, with a maximum of two people at a time. Senior center membership required.

Open 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, the Zen Den is designed to be enjoyed in 10-20-minute increments.



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