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Rockville INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebration

Saturday, July 4 • 7-10 p.m.
Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park
1800 Piccard Drive, Rockville

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Celebrate America250 with Fireworks on the Fourth

Independence Day Festivities to Take Place in King Farm

Join your neighbors for a Rockville tradition as the city's annual Independence Day celebration returns to King Farm, Saturday, July 4, with music, fireworks, fun and a theme that celebrates the nation's 250th birthday.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration will once again be held from 7-10 p.m. at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm, which offers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of the fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration includes live music by Run for Cover, beginning at 7 p.m., a Mayor and Council greeting at 8:30 p.m., the national anthem by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company at 8:55 p.m. and a 20-minute fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, prepared food and beverages. Outside alcohol and

barbecuing are prohibited.

This event has no rain date.

Free parking will be available in lots on Shady Grove and Gaither roads and Piccard Drive, near the park. Accessible parking is available in the lot at the corner of Shady Grove and Gaither roads on a first-come, first-served basis with an accessible tag or placard. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

To prepare for the celebration, there will be no access to the pickleball, basketball or tennis courts, dog park, football field and parking lots at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park from 7 a.m. Friday, July 3 through noon, Sunday, July 5. All closures are subject to change.

See the article on this page for other America250 events.

For more parking and other information, including video from last year's festivities, visit rockvillemd.gov/independenceday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

Events to Celebrate America250

Rockville will commemorate America's 250th anniversary in 2026 with events and programming throughout the year, honoring the nation's history while recognizing the people, places and stories that have shaped Rockville.

See a list of celebratory events in and around the region and other information at rockvillemd.gov/america250.

The Mayor and Council in January proclaimed July 4 as the 250th Anniversary of America in Rockville, affirming the city's commitment to justice, belonging and full civic participation. See the proclamation on Rockville 11's YouTube channel at youtube.com/cityofrockville (search "250th Anniversary of America Proclamation").

Rockville Town Center will feature a patriotic flag display through mid-November, with U.S. flags adorning the streets in recognition of the anniversary.

Peerless Rockville's pictorial exhibit, "Rockville 250: Our American Story," at the historic Red Brick Courthouse traces American history as it happened, from the Revolutionary era, through slavery and emancipation, suburbanization and the growth of today's modern, diverse city.

Exhibit hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, with special Saturday hours from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on July 25 and Aug. 29.

The city's America250 celebration will also be part of several community events. Rockville's Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 4, will feature an enhanced fireworks display, patriotic decor and special giveaways. See the article on this page for details.

The celebration will continue Saturday, Sept. 26, during Rocktoberfest, when the city will bury an America250 time capsule, preserving memories, Rockville history and messages for future generations.

See the article on page 6 about the Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series presentation on "The Maryland 400: Revolutionary War Soldiers at the Battle of Brooklyn."

Residents can also explore related statewide and regional programming through Maryland Two Fifty by visiting mdtwofifty.maryland.gov/experience/events.

Visit Montgomery's America250 website at visitmontgomery.com/america-250 and Montgomery History's MoCo 250 initiative at montgomeryhistory.org/moco250.



MAYOR MEETS MAYOR ... Kiera Newell, a student at Bayard Rustin Elementary School, joined Mayor Monique Ashton at the May 11 Mayor and Council meeting. Kiera read the essay she submitted in the Maryland Municipal League's annual "If I Were Mayor" contest, for which she earned the honor of serving as Rockville's Mayor for a Day. During her honorary day, Kiera toured City Hall, the Rockville City Police Department Headquarters, the Rockville Equipment Show and Croydon Creek Nature Center. She also took part in the city's 82nd Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony and received a commemorative Rockville street sign bearing her name. Find video of Kiera's day as mayor at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Mayor for a Day." See more photos from Kiera's day on Rockville's Facebook and Instagram channels.



July Fourth in Rockville

Rockville City Hall and some city facilities will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

Most other Rockville facilities will operate as usual. Parking fees at city-owned meters will be suspended Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will not be affected.

The Rockville Senior Center will be closed Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4. Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers and Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, July 3, and closed Saturday, July 4.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will operate on its normal summer schedule Friday, July 3, and Sunday, July 5, and will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Visit rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for individual pool schedules.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office will open normal hours, 2-7 p.m. Friday, July 3, and will close Saturday, July 4. Tickets are available anytime at rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

Rockville Civic Center Park offices, including Glenview Mansion and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, will be closed Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4.

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Share Your Experience with Rockville's Procurement Process

Rockville is inviting the business community to weigh in on its procurement process through a brief online survey.

The Rockville Vendor Outreach Survey targets minority, female, disabled and veteran-owned businesses that have participated in the city's bidding process or are interested in doing so. The survey aims to capture their overall experience and satisfaction, along with any challenges or barriers that affect their ability to compete.

The questionnaire takes a few minutes to complete and asks about transparency of the procurement process, the ease of accessing bidding opportunities and ideas for making the process more inclusive.

Feedback will help the city enhance transparency, efficiency and accountability in how it awards contracts.

The survey is available at surveymonkey.com/r/vendoroutreachsurvey25.

Celebrate the Fourth Safely

The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate. But leave the fireworks to the professionals.

The private use and possession of fireworks, including sparklers, is illegal in Montgomery County and carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail. Public fireworks displays require proper permits and insurance.

Fireworks were involved in an estimated 14,700 injuries and 11 deaths in 2024 in the United States, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in its annual fireworks report. An estimated 1,700 emergency room treatments in 2024 involved sparklers.

Find the CPSC report and tips for fireworks safety at cpsc.gov/fireworks.

To learn more about fireworks in Montgomery County, visit montgomerycountymd.gov, search "seasonal safety" and click "What You Should Know About Fireworks."

To report illegal fireworks, call the Rockville City Police Department's non-emergency line at 240-314-8900.

Keeping Hydrants Flush with Safety

Rockville residents might not give much thought to fire hydrants, but the city spends a good deal of time and money ensuring hydrants are in working order, so that if they're needed, they're ready.

Rockville maintains approximately 180 miles of water pipes, 4,100 valves and 1,300 fire hydrants. The city is divided into 39 water-main districts that undergo water-main flushing in rotating cycles.

Flushing hours take place from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Some parking restrictions may be needed to allow access to water valves.

Rockville's systematic flushing program began in June and will run through late October. Department of Public Works crews open and close water valves and fire hydrants in a certain sequence, producing enough water velocity to scour the pipes of sediment.

By operating the water main valves, crews can assess their functionality, leading to better system maintenance and operation, and better water quality for homes and businesses. Low pressure or water discoloration may occur after flushing. Run the cold tap until the water is clear. These conditions are temporary and should clear up within a few hours.

To learn more and find the flushing schedule and a map of districts, visit rockvillemd.gov and search for "Water Main Flushing."

Why Are Hydrants Painted Different Colors?

The colors indicate the rate of water flow through the hydrant. It is important for firefighters to know the flow so that they can quickly determine which hydrants to connect their hoses to.

Hydrants are painted to follow National Fire Protection Association guidelines. Hydrant barrels are yellow to increase their visibility at night. The tops of the hydrants are painted a color that indicates their flow rate. Hydrants with flows less than 500 gallons per minute are red; up to 999 gpm are orange; up to 1,499 gpm are green; and 1,500 gpm and greater are blue.

Rockville's Water Remains Safe

Treatment Plant Upgrades Help Ensure Reliability

Rockville's drinking water once again met or exceeded all federal water quality regulation limits, according to the city's annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

The city's water system serves 70% of Rockville, or approximately 13,500 accounts and 54,000 community members. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission serves the remainder of the city.

At Rockville's Potomac River water treatment plant, operators monitor water quality to ensure compliance, disinfection and corrosion control, helping prevent lead and copper in service lines and household plumbing pipes from leaching into drinking water.

Upgrades completed at the plant in the past year include replacing chlorine gas with sodium hypochlorite, or liquid chlorine, and replacing components that provide primary disinfection in the treatment process.

The improvements will enhance system reliability, provide safer workspaces for employees and improve community safety because sodium hypochlorite does not carry the same immediate, catastrophic inhalation risks as chlorine gas.

The plant will continue to improve with the upcoming replacement of aged sludge dewatering equipment from 1995 and clarifier improvements from 1957.

The city is also developing a water treatment plant

facility master plan to comprehensively assess systems and equipment at the plant, determine the need for and prioritization of future projects, and identify upgrades needed to treat emerging contaminants in the water system.

In compliance with federal lead and copper requirements, Rockville completed and submitted its initial lead service-line inventory to the Maryland Department of the Environment by the October 2024 deadline. The city also notified all customers required to receive notification by November 2024.

Due to an administrative oversight, the city submitted its formal certification of notification to MDE on Sept. 24, 2025, after the July 1, 2025, deadline. The late filing resulted in a reporting violation.

The delay involved administrative documentation and did not affect water quality or public health. Customers were notified in accordance with federal regulations. The city has since updated its compliance tracking procedures to help ensure future documentation is submitted on schedule.

View the report and interactive service-line map, and learn more about the city's ongoing efforts to comply with federal lead and copper requirements, at rockvillemd.gov/lcrr.

Find the annual report detailing the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water at rockvillemd.gov/water.

BEAT THE HEAT: Extreme Heat
Heat-related deaths are preventable

WHAT: Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

WHO: Children, Older adults, More males than females are affected, Outside workers, People with disabilities

WHERE: Houses with little to no AC, Construction worksites, Cars

HOW TO AVOID: Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages; Stay cool in an air conditioned area; Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes

During extreme heat the temperature in your car could be deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°	Inside 109°	Inside 118°	Inside 123°
	Time Elapsed: 20 minutes	Time Elapsed: 40 minutes	Time Elapsed: 60 minutes

For more information on ways to beat the heat please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat>

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Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

Lincoln Park Community Center Reopens After Yearlong Renovation

The Lincoln Park Community Center officially reopened Wednesday, July 1, following a comprehensive renovation that began in May 2025.

The 12,500-square-foot facility now features major upgrades, including new restrooms, accessibility improvements, infrastructure modernization and reconfigured program spaces designed for increased flexibility. New amenities include a STEM classroom and an accessible fitness room on the main floor.

Regular hours are 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

The Lincoln Park Community Center, at 357 Frederick Ave., serves the public by offering more than 600 programs a year at the heart of the historic Lincoln Park neighborhood, including after-school activities, sports, fitness classes, community rentals and special events.

For more information, visit rockvillemd.gov/lpcc.



ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL ... The 37th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards honored members of the Rockville City Police Department. Recipients, flanked by Lt. Andy Crawford (L) and Lt. Kenneth Matney (R), with Lt. Dan Romeril fourth from left and Maj. Bill Nieberding sixth from right, are (L to R): Sgt. Anthony Casabona, Officer Sara Epps, Cpl. Nicholas Weiss, Sgt. Jeff Park, Cpl. Eddie Roman, Officer Dakota Durant and Sgt. Jon Berry (Meritorious Service); Maj. Bill Nieberding and Lt. Javier Baquero (Distinguished Service); Officer Elvis Nguyen (Medal of Valor); Cpl. Ronnie Crowe (Distinguished Service); and Officer Damoni Smith (Meritorious Service).

Not pictured: Cpl. Tyler Haines and Officer Henry Martinez (Medal of Valor); Officer Chance Thrasher (Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service); Cpl. Brandon Thomas (Distinguished Service); Cpl. Robin St. Clair and Officer Samuel Kim (Lifesaving Award); Cpl. Joseph McCann; Cpl. David Corradetti (Meritorious Service); and Neighborhood Services Officer Fred Mowell (Unsung Hero Award).

Rockville 11 takes you to the awards at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "2026 Public Safety Awards."



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Help Rockville Budget and Build

Community Input Needed on Budget and Capital Projects

The Rockville community will have two opportunities from July 1-Oct. 1 to help shape the city's future: proposing capital projects for their neighborhoods and sharing priorities through the city's budget survey.

Each year, the city develops a budget that includes funding for facilities, infrastructure, services and long-term improvements. Large-scale investments in city facilities and infrastructure are known as capital improvement projects and are included in the city's Capital Improvements Program.

Beginning Wednesday, July 1, community members can submit ideas for capital projects that could be considered as part of the Fiscal Year 2028 budget process.

To be considered, proposed projects should fall into one or more eligible categories: acquisition of property for a public purpose; design and construction of a new city facility or infrastructure; major addition

to or extension of an existing facility or infrastructure; significant rehabilitation, repair or improvement of an existing facility or infrastructure; or one-time investments in new or upgraded technology systems.

Proposals cannot serve a private purpose or be located on private property. They should provide an equal, accessible benefit to community members. Neighborhood groups submitting a proposal are encouraged to discuss and agree on the project before submitting it.

Also beginning July 1, community members are invited to complete the budget priorities survey, which helps the city understand residents' priorities for programs, services and community needs. The survey will be available through Thursday, Oct. 1.

Find more information on the budget and Capital Improvements Program, and links to the budget survey, at rockvillemd.gov/budget.

FY27 Budget Maintains Focus on Safety, Economic Development, Housing and Sustaining Progress

Rockville's \$186.8 million budget, adopted May 4, maintains city services and emphasizes the Mayor and Council's focus areas of public safety, economic development and housing.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which begins July 1, is a 6.5% increase over the FY 2026 budget and was informed by comprehensive feedback from the public.

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., and 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.

The FY 2027-FY 2031 Capital Improvements Program for funding construction and infrastructure maintenance 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 general fund budget, which supports the largest portion of the operating budget, is \$125.1 million, a 6.9% increase. The city's real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation remains the same for FY27. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax. Rockville has not increased its property tax rate since 1995.

For more information, including the adopted FY27 budget document when it is posted in July, visit rockvillemd.gov/budget.

Ayude a construir el futuro de Rockville

El presupuesto de Rockville ayuda a definir los servicios, proyectos y mejoras que apoyan a la comunidad.

Del 1 de julio al 1 de octubre, comparta sus ideas de dos maneras.

PROPONGA UN PROYECTO PARA EL PROGRAMA DE MEJORAS DE CAPITAL DEL AÑO FISCAL 2028

¿Tiene una idea para una nueva instalación, una mejora de infraestructura o una actualización tecnológica en su vecindario?

Escanee el código QR o visite rockvillemd.gov/budget para completar el formulario para proponer un proyecto.



COMPLETE LA ENCUESTA SOBRE PRIORIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO FISCAL 2028

Ayude a definir el próximo presupuesto operativo de la ciudad compartiendo sus prioridades para los programas, servicios y necesidades de la comunidad de Rockville.

La encuesta está disponible en tres idiomas.

Escanee el código QR o visite rockvillemd.gov/budget para completar la encuesta.



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.

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

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS.

The public is welcome to participate in person or virtually.

Meeting Schedule: Monday, July 27 and Aug. 3 (virtual only) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Visit rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter for details. A drop-in session will precede the July 27 meeting with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Marissa Valeri, 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

- **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)
- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Community Policing Advisory Board (2)
- Education Commission (2)
- Environment Commission (2)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- 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.

Help Shape the Future of East Rockville and Rockville Pike

Rockville residents will soon have a say in what their neighborhoods look like for decades to come, as the city kicks off planning updates for two distinct areas — the established East Rockville community and bustling Rockville Pike corridor.

The Comprehensive Planning Division in the Department of Community Planning and Development Services is leading both efforts, which will guide future land use, development, streetscapes, public infrastructure and other planning decisions. The work will build on Rockville 2040, the city's comprehensive plan and ultimately produce updated recommendations for each area.

The two planning efforts will begin this summer but follow separate timelines, with adoption of the East Rockville plan expected in summer 2027 and the Rockville Pike plan by the end of next year.

Both projects will appear on Engage Rockville at engagerockville.com, where the public can sign up for updates and learn how to get involved.

East Rockville is an established, mostly residential neighborhood east of Rockville Town Center and the Rockville Metro station. The planning area includes

East Rockville, Burgundy Knolls, Charles Walk and Redgate Farms.

Rockville Pike is one of Rockville's most active commercial corridors, with Twinbrook Metro station to the south and a mix of commercial, residential and office uses. The current plan addresses mixed-use development, walkability, transit, parks, street connections and the future of the pike as a multimodal corridor.

Residents, business owners, property owners and others interested in either planning area can participate through public meetings, project updates, surveys and comment forms.

Both plans will ultimately require public hearings and votes by the Planning Commission and Mayor and Council.

Visit engagerockville.com to sign up for news about the two projects.

For background on each area and to learn more about the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan, visit rockvillemd.gov/masterplan and scroll to "Comprehensive Plan by Section." Planning Area 2 covers East Rockville and Planning Area 9 covers Rockville Pike.



ALL THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW AND MORE ... Rockville proudly celebrated its LGBTQ+ community at its 10th annual Rockville Pride festival in June at The Square in Rockville Town Center, hosted by the city's Human Rights Commission. "The City of Rockville is very committed to making sure that everybody that lives here, that works here and visits here knows that they are welcome and in fact they belong," said Jeanne Booth, Rockville's director of the Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Pride Month is celebrated in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, which are acknowledged as the beginning of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement. The month also recognizes the impact LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history, locally, nationally and internationally. Rockville's Mayor and Council have issued proclamations declaring Pride Month since June 2017.

For more information, visit rockvillemd.gov/pride. Revisit the Pride celebration with Rockville 11's coverage at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Pride."

Final Zoning Ordinance and Map Drafts Published

Rockville's proposed new zoning ordinance and zoning map have reached the final stage of review, with final staff drafts now available on Engage Rockville.

Published June 15, the final staff draft zoning ordinance and comprehensive map amendment reflect direction provided by the Mayor and Council during work sessions held in May and June. The documents also incorporate technical corrections, minor policy changes and plain-language revisions.

The June 1 meeting was the fourth and final scheduled Mayor and Council work session on the proposals. The work sessions included a detailed review of the zoning ordinance's 13 articles and proposed changes to the city's zoning map.

The review followed the Planning Commission's completion of work in February. The commission adopted advisory recommendations on the draft ordinance and map before forwarding both proposals to the Mayor and Council

for consideration. The Mayor and Council also held three sets of public hearings during the adoption process.

The multiyear zoning ordinance rewrite will revise and replace chapter 25 of city code, including zoning and subdivision regulations. The comprehensive map amendment will confirm or modify the zoning designation for each parcel in Rockville.

Together, the proposals will implement zoning recommendations from the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the adopted Town Center Master Plan while modernizing regulations governing development, land use and application review.

The Mayor and Council were scheduled to vote on final adoption of the zoning ordinance and comprehensive map amendment at their June 29 meeting, after this edition went to press.

Final drafts, project updates and supporting materials are available at engagerockville.com/zoningrewrite.

Know the Rules for Safe Bicycling and E-Biking

Bicycling and e-biking are convenient ways to get around Rockville, whether riding to work, running errands or enjoying one of the city's shared-use paths.

The main rule is simple: People riding e-bikes should follow the same rules of the road as those riding regular bikes. Obey traffic signals and signs, ride with traffic, use bike lanes where available and signal before turning.

Rockville bicyclists may ride on sidewalks but must yield to people walking, rolling or using mobility devices. Slow down near pedestrians, give an audible warning before passing and pass on the left only when it is safe. On shared-use paths and trails, ring a bell or call out "On your left!" before passing. E-bike riders need to be extra mindful of their higher speeds, especially when passing pedestrians, as a quick pass can cause a person to react unexpectedly and result in a crash.

Sidewalk riding also requires extra caution at crossings. Drivers may not expect a bicyclist or e-bike rider entering a crosswalk from the sidewalk. Do not switch back and forth between the sidewalk and roadway, which can make your movements harder for others to predict.

When riding in the street or a bike lane, stop at stop signs and red lights. Watch for opening car doors and make eye contact with drivers when possible. Use lights and reflectors in low-light conditions and make sure your bike has working brakes. Helmets are required in Montgomery County for riders under 18 and are strongly encouraged for everyone.

Drivers also have a role in bicycle safety. Look for bicyclists and e-bike riders before turning, opening a car door or crossing a bike lane. When passing, leave at least 3 feet and wait for a safe opportunity if there is not enough room.

If using a dockless e-bike or scooter, park it upright and out of the way. Do not block sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps, bus stops, building entrances, fire hydrants or pedestrian signal buttons.

Rockville's streets, sidewalks and paths work best when everyone travels predictably, slows down around others and shares the space with care.

Age 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.

Rockville to Study City Bus Stop Seating

Rockville is launching a citywide study to determine the costs and work required to install seating at every bus stop in the city.

The study will evaluate different types of seating and accessibility requirements, and whether additional space would be needed around individual bus stops. The findings will help the city consider the design, construction and funding involved in expanding bus seating throughout Rockville.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation-Land Use Connections Program is funding the project. City staff will work with MWCOG this summer to select a consultant, with the study expected to begin this fall.

For more information about public transportation in Rockville, visit rockvillemd.gov/services/public-transportation.

Sketching a Century

Glenview Mansion and Cottage Open to Visual Artists for Venue's 100th Anniversary

Artists are invited to step inside the historic Glenview Mansion from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 19, and create work inspired by the building's architecture, interiors and surroundings in celebration of the mansion's centennial.

This special program offers a rare opportunity to spend time observing, sketching and painting in a space that has been a cultural touchstone for a full century.

Register with course #40374 at rockvillemd.gov/registration. The event is free. The mansion is located at 603 Edmonston Drive.

Rockville Recreation and Parks Named 2026 National Gold Medal Finalist

Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks has been named a finalist for the 2026 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, placing Rockville among park and recreation agencies recognized nationally for excellence in service, leadership and community impact.

The recognition reflects the department's mission to nurture community connections through quality parks, programs, facilities, events and services that support residents of all ages, interests and abilities.

The National Gold Medal Award program is managed and governed by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. Established in 1965, the program honors agencies that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program innovation, professional development and organizational excellence.

Rockville competes in Class IV, for agencies serving populations of 30,001-75,000. The other Class IV finalists are City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts in Kettering, Ohio; Glenview Park District in Glenview, Illinois; and Willamalane Park and Recreation District in Springfield, Oregon.

Rockville has a long history with the National Gold Medal Award program. The city was a Grand Plaque recipient in 1994 and has been named a finalist in 1974, 1975, 1993, 1994, 2025 and 2026.

"This recognition affirms Rockville's commitment to nurturing community connections through exceptional parks, programs, facilities and services," said Steve Mader, acting director of the Department of Recreation and Parks. "It reflects the daily work of our staff, the support of volunteers and partners, the trust of residents and the continued leadership of the Mayor and Council."

Finalist agencies advance to compete for the Grand Plaque Award, with recipients to be announced at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

Visit aapra.org or nrpa.org for more information about the National Gold Medal Award program.

Singing Sisters, Ballet and Evening Pops, Coming Up in Rockville

Rockville Musical Theatre Presents "Sister Act"

7:30 p.m. July 3, 10 and 11; 2 p.m. July 4, 5 and 12. Friday, July 3, will include American Sign Language interpretation.

A feel-good musical comedy based on the hit 1992 film. Features original music by Tony Award and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken.

When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she's put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be found: a convent. Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with the rigid lifestyle and uptight mother superior. Using unique disco moves and singing to inspire the choir, Van Cartier breathes new life into the church and community, but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang gives chase, only to find itself up against Van Cartier and her newfound sisterhood.

Tickets cost \$26; \$23 for students and seniors. Season subscriptions and group pricing are available. Call the box office for more information.

Rockville Civic Ballet Presents "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and "Dracula"

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

Two fantastical tales of wonder and woe directed by Eleanor Simpson and Erin Kwong.

Tickets are \$17; \$13 for children (12 and younger) and seniors (60 and older). Visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/Sorcerer_Dracula for tickets.

The Rockville Concert Band Presents "Summer Evening of Pops"

7 p.m. Sunday, July 5, The Square at Rockville Town Center.

Featuring wicked tunes, golden hits and a little rock and roll, directed by Christine Higley. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy a concert outdoors. For cancellations due to inclement weather, call 240-314-8681 after 5 p.m.

Rockville Chorus Auditions

Auditions for tenor and bass parts will be held Monday, Sept. 14.

Visit rockvillechorus.org in late August to sign up for an audition.

Learn About the Maryland 400 at Glenview Mansion

The Peerless Rockville and Glenview Mansion Speaker Series will explore the story of Maryland soldiers whose stand at the Battle of Brooklyn helped the Continental Army survive one of its earliest defeats during the Revolutionary War.

"The Maryland 400: Revolutionary War Soldiers at the Battle of Brooklyn" will be held 7-8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at Glenview Mansion.

The talk will feature Owen Lourie, a senior Maryland state archivist. Lourie will discuss the Maryland soldiers who

helped hold off British forces in August 1776, allowing the American army to retreat and continue the fight for independence.

The program, marking America's 250th anniversary, will include firsthand accounts of the soldiers' actions at the Battle of Brooklyn, the first major battle of the Revolutionary War. Lourie will also discuss the lives of several soldiers from the unit and explore their families' experiences during and after the war.

Space is limited. Register at peerlessrockville.org/events/9445.

Engage in Conversation, Find Resources for Aging and Avoid Scams with the Senior Center

Stay healthy, informed and entertained with seminars and events from the Rockville Senior Center in July and August. Register with the course number at rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Learn about 60-plus programs, courses, activities and services at rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or by calling 240-314-8800.

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

Lunch and Learn

Learn tips for selling your home, downsizing and exploring senior housing options. Get expert guidance, ask questions and enjoy a complimentary lunch while planning your next chapter.

Register with course #41127. 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, July 1. Free.

Grupo de Apoyo Hispano

Las personas mayores pueden compartir sus miedos y frustraciones, recibir apoyo sin sentirse juzgadas y expresar sus sentimientos con una terapeuta bilingüe de Affiliated Santé Group.

Register with course #41122. 11 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, July 2-Sept. 24. Free.

Engaging Conversations

An informal discussion group centered on a topic of the day. Participants are encouraged to share perspectives, listen and enjoy respectful conversation in a relaxed setting. Meets first and third Tuesdays.

Register with course #41136. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 7-Sept. 15. Free. Online.

Managing Stress Online

Weekly support to counter isolation and anxiety. Participants learn coping skills. Each session begins with meditation.

Register with course #41129. 11 a.m.-noon, Fridays, July 10-Sept. 25. Free. Online.

Wise Wanderers

Travel can look different as we age, but can still be exciting, meaningful and enjoyable. This interactive discussion explores important questions to ask before travel, from comfort and accessibility to safety and planning, helping participants create smoother and more successful trips. Participants will share experiences, tips and ideas to make future adventures accommodating and enjoy-

able. Presented by Happy Habit Travel.

Register with course #42237. 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30. Free.

Brain Games Online

Test memory and solve problems while engaging in friendly competition. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Register with course #41130. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 14-Sept. 22. Free. Online.

Better Breather's Club

Monthly educational presentations on respiratory issues. Presented by Kerri Donnelly of Montcare.

Walk-ins welcome. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 16, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17. Free.

Navigating Resources for Aging Adults

Learn about local and national resources, including transportation services, respite care, financial assistance programs and support groups. Presented by Jacques Noumsi, Platinum Seniors Care.

Register with course #41137. 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 22. Free.

Fraud Bingo

Play bingo while learning how to spot common scams targeting seniors, from phone and email fraud to identity theft. This relaxed session helps participants build confidence about keeping money and personal information safe.

Register with course #41133. 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23. Free.

Stronger from the Core: Pelvic Floor Health

Learn how pelvic floor health affects bladder control, core strength and overall well-being. Grace Chen with the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will discuss common concerns, causes, prevention strategies and treatment options.

Register with course #41124. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23. Free. Online.

Take Charge of Prediabetes

Learn about prediabetes and lifestyle changes that can reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes. Discussion will focus on healthy eating, physical activity and stress management. Presented by Juliann DeStefano.

Register with course #41247. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 29. Free.

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R11 LEARN MORE ON ROCKVILLE II

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Make a Difference in Your Community
Join a Rockville Board or Commission!

Boards and commissions in the city provide the Mayor and Council with informed thoughts and ideas that help shape Rockville's future.

Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/boards

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

JULY

1 LUNCH AND LEARN See article on page 6. **SR**

3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "SISTER ACT"
See article on page 6. **FSF**

4, 11, 18, 25 FARMERS MARKET See ad on page 5. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe Streets.

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION See article on page 1. Celebrate America's 250th birthday. Enjoy live music by Run for Cover and a 20-minute fireworks display. Free. 7-10 p.m. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

5 THE ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND PRESENTS "SUMMER EVENING OF POPS" See article on page 6. Free. The Square at Rockville Town Center.

7, 21 ENGAGING CONVERSATIONS See article on page 6. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **V SR**

7, 14, 21, 28 TUESDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE Weekly rides rotate locations by month. July rides meet at Silver Branch parking lot, 7301 Calhoun Place. Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/bicycling. Free. 6:30 p.m.

9 PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: "THE MARYLAND 400: REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS AT THE BATTLE OF BROOKLYN" See article on page 6. Free. 7-8 p.m. **GM**

11 TOAST2PEACE ON PEACE DAY Celebrate peace advocate Mattie J.T. Stepanek's 36th birthday with a fun evening of food, beer and entertainment. See ad on page 4. Free. 2-5 p.m. World of Beer, 196 E. Montgomery Ave.

13 BEAUTIFY YOUR YARD AND COMMUNITY: GREEN GRANTS AND REBATES INFO SESSION Free. Register at rockvillemd.gov/calendar/events/env-rebates-and-grants. See article on page 4. **V**

13 MURALS IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT TECHNICAL SESSION See article on page 8. Free. Noon. **V**

16 BETTER BREATHERS CLUB See article on page 6. **SR**

19 GLENVIEW MANSION AND COTTAGE: SKETCHING A CENTURY See article on page 6. Free. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **GM**

22 NAVIGATING RESOURCES FOR AGING ADULTS See article on page 6. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

23 FRAUD BINGO See article on page 6. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

23 STRONGER FROM THE CORE: PELVIC FLOOR HEALTH See article on page 6. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **V**

25 PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: ROCKVILLE 250: OUR AMERICAN STORY
See article on page 1. Free. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Sq.

25, 26 ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET PRESENTS "THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE" AND "DRACULA" See article on page 6. **FSF**

29 TAKE CHARGE OF PREDIABETES See article on page 6. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

30 WISE WANDERERS See article on page 6. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

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AUGUST

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4, 18 ENGAGING CONVERSATIONS See article on page 6. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **V SR**

4 SPOT THE SCAM See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

4, 11, 18, 25 TUESDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE Weekly rides rotate locations by month. August rides meet at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/bicycling. Free. 6:30 p.m.

4 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME Rockville City Police Department joins Rockville neighborhoods for community celebrations. See article on page 8.

5 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S See article on page 6. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

6 MOVIES IN THE PARKS: "THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE" See article on page 8. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks. Movie begins at dusk. Free. 8 p.m. Montrose Park, 451 Congressional Lane.

12 NEXT MOVE OR NOT See article on this page. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

12 HEALTHY HACKS See article on this page. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

13 MOVIES IN THE PARKS: "FREAKIER FRIDAY" See article on page 8. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks. Movie begins at dusk. Free. 8 p.m. Falls Grove Park, 700 Falls Grove Drive.

20 BETTER BREATHERS CLUB See article on page 6. Free. 1:30-2:30 p.m. **SR**

20 MOVIES IN THE PARKS: "TURNING RED" See article on page 8. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks. Movie begins at dusk. Free. 8 p.m. Isreal Park, 357 Frederick Ave.

27 SMALL STEPS, BIG IMPACT: PREVENTING TYPE 2 DIABETES See article on this page. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **V**

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

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

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watch took place from July 2024-June 2025. COG said the region has experienced record-breaking high temperatures from March through April, along with periods of historically low streamflow. The Potomac River reached its lowest level during that period, based on 130 years of data. The region also has a two-year precipitation deficit of nearly 8 inches.

COG Executive Director Clark Mercer said the region has not seen such extreme dry conditions in about two decades, when leaders and COG first established a regional drought response plan.

"During the Drought Watch, we're asking the public to help by incorporating simple, water-saving actions into their daily routines," Mercer said.

Rockville's Department of

Public Works will implement water conservation practices in its preventive maintenance activities, and the water treatment plant will continue to monitor Potomac River conditions and water demand closely.

Simple tips to limit indoor and outdoor water use include:

- Reduce showers to less than five minutes.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving.

- Wash full loads of dishes and laundry.
- Fix plumbing leaks, especially toilets and faucets.
- Monitor watering lawns, plants and shrubs.
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using a hose.
- Avoid washing your car or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

A detailed list of water conservation tips can be found at

mwcog.org/wisewater.

For more information about COG, drought conditions in the region and other resources, visit mwcog.org/environment/planning-areas/water-resources/drinking-water-and-drought-monitoring/current-drought-conditions.

Contact Sydney Wright at swright@mwcog.org or 202-962-3209 for more information.

Senior Center Events *continued from pg. 6*

Spot the Scam

Stay safe online by learning how to spot and avoid common scams targeting seniors. Learn how to recognize suspicious emails, text messages and websites before they can trick you. Instructor: Andre Hickman.

Register with course #41180. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4. Free.

10 Warning Signs of

Alzheimer's

Learn the difference between normal aging and when memory-related symptoms may signal a larger problem. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Register with course #41139. 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5. Free.

Next Move or Not

Local experts, including a lender, senior placement adviser,

concierge moving company and estate-planning attorney or accountant, will share insights and answer questions to support decision-making.

Register with course #41134. 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. Free.

Healthy Hacks

Learn how to prepare quick, healthy and budget-friendly

recipes in this live cooking demonstration. Presented by Johns Hopkins. Free food samples will be available after the demonstration.

Register with course #41126. 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. Free.

Small Steps, Big Impact: Preventing Type 2 Diabetes

Learn how prevention and early action can make a difference in diabetes risk and long-

term health. Vidhu Vadini with the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will discuss healthy lifestyle habits, screening, family risk, prevention and early detection.

Register with course #41125. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. Free. Online.

Free Public Wi-Fi Now Available at The Square

City of Rockville and Morguard Bring Wireless Connectivity to Popular Downtown Area

Visitors to The Square at Rockville Town Center now have access to free public Wi-Fi, the result of a partnership between the City of Rockville and Morguard, the property management company that operates the mixed-use development.

The network is open to anyone with a Wi-Fi-enabled device. The service allows users to browse the internet, check email, stream content and share on social media while spending time in Rockville Town Center.

How to connect:

- Open Wi-Fi settings on your device.
- Select the network, "The Square Rockville — Public Wi-Fi."
- A browser page will display: "Connect to WiFi with Verizon."
- Check the box to accept terms and conditions.
- Click "Connect."

The Square is encompassed by Hungerford Drive, East Middle Lane, North Washington Street and Beall Avenue in Rockville, and features restaurants, retailers and public gathering spaces.

For more information about The Square at Rockville Town Center, visit thesquarerockville.com.

Rockville's Car Show Roars Back Into Civic Center Park in October

The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, a city tradition for more than six decades, rolls into Rockville Civic Center Park on Saturday, Oct. 17. Registration for the 2026 show opens Monday, July 13.

The show will be held 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the picturesque park at 603 Edmonston Drive. Home to historic Glenview Mansion, the hills of Rockville Civic Center Park offer a fall backdrop for collectors and enthusiasts to share memories as they stroll through vehicles from 33 car clubs, from Packard and Plymouth to Fiat and Ferrari.

The free show, one of the oldest and largest in the mid-Atlantic region, is open to the public and features a flea market, car sales area, live music by The Rock-A-Sonics, and food and drinks available for purchase.

This year's special display, "Mercedes-Benz: A Century of Amalgamation," will mark two automotive milestones: the 140th anniversary of Karl Benz's 1886 Patent-Motorwagen, widely regarded as the first true automobile, and the 100th anniversary of the 1926 merger that created the Mercedes-Benz brand.

While admission is free, there is a fee to display a vehicle. Participants must preregister. There will be no day-of registration.

Live music will be held 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Mayor and Council Award presentation will be held at 2:45 p.m. The event closes at 3:30 p.m.

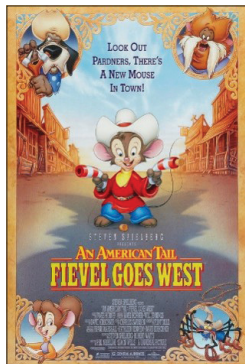
To show or sell a car, reserve a flea market space or learn more, visit rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email special_events@rockvillemd.gov. For show updates, follow the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Facebook.

Connect with us on Social Media.



Back on the Lawn: Rockville's Movies in the Parks Returns in July

Four Movies. Four Weeks. Four Neighborhood Parks.



Mark your summer entertainment calendar for Rockville's free outdoor Movies in the Parks, on the big screen at neighborhood parks on Thursday evenings from July 30 to Aug. 20.

Bring chairs, blankets, food and nonalcoholic beverages and enjoy four family-friendly movies at four different neighborhood parks throughout the city. Movies begin at dusk, about 8 p.m.

Closed captioning will be turned on for all movie screenings. All movies are rated PG.

The 2026 schedule is:

- "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" on July 30, at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.
- "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie" on Aug. 6, at Montrose Park, 451 Congressional Lane.
- "Freakier Friday" on Aug. 13, at Falls Grove Park, 700 Falls Grove Drive.
- "Turning Red" on Aug. 20, at Isreal Park, 357 Frederick Ave.

Learn more at rockvillemd.gov/moviesintheparks.

National Night Out Brings Rockville Neighborhoods Together

The Rockville City Police Department will join Rockville neighborhoods for community celebrations as part of National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Now in its 43rd year, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships.

Neighborhoods will host block parties featuring cookouts, bounce houses, carnival games

and giveaways. The Mayor and Council and RCPD officers will stop by several block parties to meet the community.

Residents are invited to turn on outdoor lights as part of the traditional display of front porch vigils, sending the message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

For more information, visit rockvillemd.gov/nno. To register your block party, contact Cpl. Ronnie Crowe at rcrowe@rockvillemd.gov.

Public Art Surveys Seek Community Input

Rockville wants feedback on public art projects planned for RedGate Park and five new bike fix-it stations.

The RedGate Park survey asks visitors what they value about the park and where public art could best enhance the visitor experience. Participants can comment on options that include sculptures, light installations, shade structures and art incorporated into trails, signs or the proposed amphitheater.

A second survey will help guide the design of artful signs at each of the city's five new bike fix-it stations. Questions focus on whether the signs should highlight the surrounding neighborhood, local history, nature or other characteristics of each location.

Both surveys also allow participants to volunteer for an art selection committee.

Complete the RedGate Park survey at surveymonkey.com/r/redgatepublicart and the bike fix-it station survey

at surveymonkey.com/r/fixitpublicart.

Both surveys close Friday, July 10.

Mural Grant Program Aims to Put More Art on Private Buildings

Rockville's new Murals in Private Development Grant Pilot Program will launch soon, and owners or property managers of retail, commercial or mixed-use properties might be eligible to apply.

The program will fund three grants of \$12,500 each with a required match from the applicant.

The city will host a virtual technical session to provide details about the program and the application process at noon, Monday, July 13.

Visit rockvillemd.gov/calendar, click on "Events" and search "mural grant" for more details about the session and how to join.

If no attendees are present by 12:10 p.m., the technical session will end. No registration is required.

Readying for Rocktoberfest

Rocktoberfest returns to Rockville Town Center on Saturday, Sept. 26, for a Bavarian-themed bash featuring bands, beers and bratwurst.

The eighth edition of the free festival, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., will include two stages of live music, food, beer sales by local breweries, an

artisan shopping area and kids' activities. This popular event attracts nearly 8,000 people each year.

Learn how to become an event sponsor and find more details, including the entertainment schedule, as it becomes available, at rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest.



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.



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