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**2277 Research Blvd. (ROC Center Redevelopment)**

A new residential development is proposed for Research Boulevard to develop both townhouse and two-over-two units. The property is currently improved with three office buildings and the redevelopment intends to replace one of the buildings with residential, while two of the office buildings will remain.

The proposal intends to provide streetscape improvements, along with restaurant uses, open space and amenity areas.



**2 Research Place**

A new residential development is proposed for Research Boulevard, adjacent to the ROC Center development. The proposal calls for replacing the existing office building with 68 two-over-two dwelling units, green areas and open spaces and associated parking areas.

**Know the Process, Stay Informed**

- Check the latest major planning applications and/or attend an area meeting held by project applicants to provide input on projects being considered by city boards or commissions. Learn more at [rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch](https://rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch).
- Find meeting schedules, agendas and information packets for the Mayor and Council and all city boards and commissions at [rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](https://rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter).
- Call 240-314-8200 to ask about development projects near you.



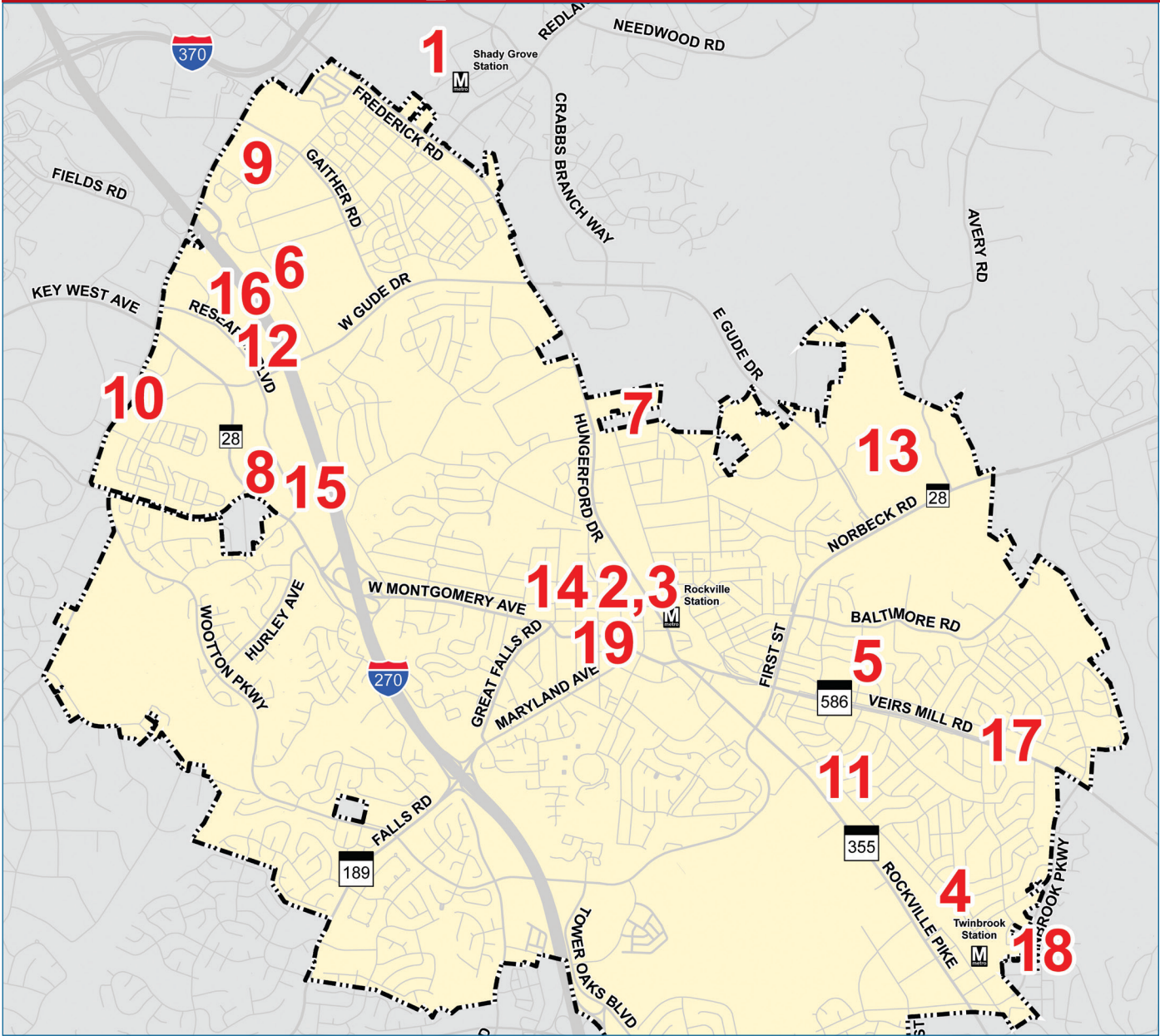
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# Development Watch



**Applications Under Review**

1. **15903 Somerville Drive (Shady Grove Metro):** Annexation of Shady Grove Metro station. Case ANX2023-00147.
2. **255 Rockville Pike:** Project plan to amend the planned development to convert the existing office building to multifamily residential and/or commercial use, and a parking reduction waiver within a PD Zone. Case PJT2025-00021.
3. **255 Rockville Pike:** Level 2 site plan for the change of use from office to residential with a vertical expansion. Case STP2025-00505.
4. **1582 and 1584 Rockville Pike:** Level 2 site plan for phase two implementation of Twinbrook Quarter, consisting of a proposed mixed-use development of 413 units and up to 77,500 square feet of retail. Case 2026-149-STP.
5. **1025 Scott Ave.:** Final record plat for three lots. Case 2026-219-PLT.
6. **1395 Piccard Drive/1 Curie Court:** Level 2 site plan for a proposal to construct 110 townhouses and 32 condominium residential units. Case 2026-267-STP.
7. **1000 Westmore Ave.:** Annexation of property for proposed light industrial development. Case 2026-234-ANX.
8. **1600/1700 Research Blvd., 1441 W. Montgomery Ave. (Westat Development):** Level 2 site plan for a proposal to redevelop the property from existing office to a residential community with 200 townhouses and stacked condominium units. Case 2026-287-STP.
9. **2092 Gaither Road (Shady Grove Phase II):** Level 2 site plan for a proposal to construct 130 townhouses on the property. Case 2026-306-STP.
10. **521 Falls Grove Drive (Falls Grove Village Center):** Level 2 site plan for a proposal to construct a 3,500-square-foot bank pad on the property. Case 2026-310-STP.

11. **900 Rockville Pike:** Level 2 site plan to construct two 1,404-square-foot retail buildings on the property. Case 2026-318-STP.
  12. **2277 Research Blvd. (ROC Center Redevelopment):** Major amendment and waivers of parking reductions and subdivision requirements for a proposal to develop up to 133 townhouse and/or two-over-two residential units and convert about 10,800 square feet of office space to restaurant use. Cases 2026-333-STPA, 2026-322-WAV and 2027-410-WAV.
  13. **14500 Avery Road (RedGate Park and Arboretum):** Mandatory referral to construct amenities consistent with Re-Imagining RedGate Park Master Plan. Case 2027-397-MRF.
  14. **41 Maryland Ave.:** Level 1 site plan for a proposal to redevelop the existing parking lot into a multifamily residential building, with associated streetscape and infrastructure improvements. Case 2027-423-STP.
- Recently Approved Applications**
15. **1455 Research Blvd.:** Level 2 site plan to redevelop the existing mixed-use employment property into a 206-unit residential development. Case 2026-101-STP.
  16. **2 Research Place:** Level 1 site plan proposal to construct 68 two-over-two condominium units. Case 2026-255-STP.
  17. **Veirs Mill BRT:** Mandatory referral for a new bus rapid transit service along MD 355 and 586 from Montgomery College to the Wheaton Metro station. Case 2026-263-STP.
  18. **5906 Halpine Road:** Final record plat for one lot. Case PLT2025-00642.
  19. **22 W. Jefferson St.:** Final record plat for one lot. Case 2026-96-PLT.



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## Rockville Tops Maryland Cities in National Safety Ranking

Rockville ranks No. 18 among the nation's safest mid-size cities, according to a new study by SmartAsset, and is the highest-ranked city in Maryland on the list.

The study looked at more than 300 midsize cities, those with populations of 65,000 to fewer than 250,000, using an overall score based on violent crime, property crime, traffic fatality rates and natural disaster risk.

Rockville's crime rates in the study were below the FBI's 2024 national rates. The study listed Rockville's violent crime rate of 1.5 per 1,000 residents and its property crime rate of 15.23 per 1,000 residents.

The study also listed a traffic fatality rate of 5.62

per 100,000 residents and a natural disaster risk rating of "relatively moderate." Both measures reflect Montgomery County-level data, which the study used as a proxy for city conditions.

Rockville ranked ahead of Frederick at No. 19 and Gaithersburg at No. 22.

The study's crime figures came from the FBI's 2024 "Crime in the United States" data.

The full ranking is available at [smartasset.com/data-studies/americas-safest-midsize-cities-2026-study](https://smartasset.com/data-studies/americas-safest-midsize-cities-2026-study).

Rockville City Police Department's 2025 annual report, published this year, is available at [rockvillemd.gov/police](https://rockvillemd.gov/police).

## Budget Hearing Scheduled for November

The City of Rockville is heading into budget season once again, with the Mayor and Council's first public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2028 budget scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9.

The city is committed to making financial information accessible, understandable and transparent.

Rockville's interactive Financial Transparency Portal provides high-level summaries of the city's revenues, expenditures and debt, with options to explore the figures in greater detail. Users can compare financial data across multiple years, filter information by fund and department, switch between chart formats, and download data.

Users can drill down to examine individual revenue sources and departmental spending, review historical trends and see per-capita figures. By entering a home value, users can also view an estimate of how their property taxes contribute to different spending categories.

The portal also provides demographic information and explanations of the city's

fund balance policies, Capital Improvements Program and approach to debt management.

Find the portal at [rockvillemd.gov/financial-transparency-portal](https://rockvillemd.gov/financial-transparency-portal).

The \$186.8 million budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which began July 1, maintains the city's real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is paid by residential and commercial property owners.

The FY27 adopted Capital Improvements Program includes new appropriations of \$35.2 million and supports 56 capital projects. The budget includes seven new capital projects that prioritize asset preservation, regulatory compliance, safety and placemaking while positioning the city for long-term sustainability.

The city manager's FY28 budget proposal will be published in March, followed by public hearings and work sessions before the budget is adopted in May. For more information about Rockville's budget, visit [rockvillemd.gov/budget](https://rockvillemd.gov/budget).



**TUNE IN TO HEAR FROM YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL ...** A new episode of "Conversations with the Mayor and Council" will debut later this month. Councilmember Adam Van Grack sits down with the city's Community Planning and Development Services team to discuss efforts to support thoughtful development, strengthen the local economy and help Rockville continue to thrive. The show features rotating members of the Mayor and Council leading discussions with city leaders and staff on topics ranging from legislation and city services to programs and upcoming events. The goal of the series is to provide clearer insight into how the city works and what's happening across Rockville. Tune in to Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, or watch at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://youtube.com/cityofrockville).



**RESOURCES FOR FEDERAL WORKERS ...** Visit [rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers](https://rockvillemd.gov/federalworkers) for a list of resources for federal employees and other workers impacted by the federal government transition.

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

### Meetings Schedule:

Monday, Oct. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and Oct. 12 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. Visit [rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](https://rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter) for details. A drop-in session from 5:15-6:15 p.m. with Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Kate Fulton will precede the Oct. 26 meeting.

Share comments live during community forum. Sign up by calling the city clerk/director of council operations at 240-314-8280 by 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. All comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor and Council at the meeting and added to the agenda for public viewing on the website.

If you wish to submit comments in writing, please email [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov) by 10 a.m. on the day of a community forum or public hearing.

Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, live-streamed at [rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](https://rockvillemd.gov/rockville11) and available a day after each meeting at [rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand](https://rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand).

### Get Involved with the City

- **Send an email** to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov) or by mail to Mayor and Council, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** Find ways to give of your time and talents at [rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](https://rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).

### Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at [rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](https://rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

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

- **Oct. 14 and 28:** Planning Commission 7 p.m. (To participate, visit [rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](https://rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter).)

### Vacancies

- Board of Appeals (1)
  - Board of Supervisors of Elections (2)
  - Community Policing Advisory Board (4)
  - Compensation Commission (2)
  - Education Commission (2)
  - Environment Commission (1)
  - Ethics Commission (1)
  - Financial Advisory Board (2)
  - Historic District Commission (1)
  - Human Rights Commission (1)
  - Human Services Advisory Commission (2)
  - Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission (4)
  - Planning Commission (1)
  - Transportation and Mobility Commission (1)
  - Youth Commission (5)
- For more information, visit [rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](https://rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) or call 240-314-8280.



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

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

## Lawn and Garden Without the Weeds, Feed and Gasoline

Bans on nonorganic pesticides and gas-powered leaf blowers don't mean lifeless lawns and gardens. Rebates and green alternatives are available.

A gas-powered leaf blower and vacuum ban in Montgomery County is in effect and applies to Rockville. The ban aims to reduce harmful air emissions and continued reliance on fossil fuels, and to lessen health impacts that contribute to hearing loss, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, and other health issues. A ban on sales of gas-powered blowers and vacuums took effect in 2024.

Learn more about rebates and the ban at [montgomerycountymd.gov/leafblowers](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/leafblowers).

The county law barring most nonorganic pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas and child care facilities also applies in Rockville. Organic lawn care is healthier for children, pets and the environment. And, with these simple tips, your lawn can stay healthy and green:

Soil tests cost \$10-18 and help determine what lawns need for soil health.

Core aerate the lawn if the soil is compacted and feed the soil with compost, earthworm castings, compost tea or other natural materials to boost soil microorganisms.

Set mower blades to cut higher than 4 inches and sharpen blades after 12 hours of use. Rather than bagging, leave clippings to fertilize lawns.

Pull weeds by hand. Leave clover to provide nitrogen to the soil and tolerate a few dandelions, violets or other flowering plants that are good for pollinators and wildlife. Water deeply and infrequently to promote healthy grass root growth.

Overseed and fight weeds. The denser the grass, the harder it is for weeds to become established. Fall is best for broad overseeding. Bare or thin patches of lawn can be repaired in spring and summer.

Learn more about organic lawns at [montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns).



## Synthetic pesticides cannot be used on lawns in Montgomery County –

# IT'S THE LAW.

Por ley, en el Condado de Montgomery está prohibido usar pesticidas sintéticos en el césped.

[MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Lawns](https://MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Lawns)

## Every Bird Counts: Family Bird Walk

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day with a guided family bird walk from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, starting at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

This year's theme, "Every Bird Counts — Your Observations Matter," highlights how birdwatchers can help scientists better understand and protect

migratory birds and their habitats.

Attendees should bring their own binoculars; a limited supply will be available to borrow. Ages 5 and older.

Register at [rockville.md.gov/registration](https://rockville.md.gov/registration) with course #41568. The program is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents.

## Save Energy. Save Money. Help the Climate.

October is Energy Action Month — a great time to take simple steps to save energy, lower utility bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Start with the following actions:

### Find Energy Solutions

Visit [montgomeryenergyconnection.org](https://montgomeryenergyconnection.org) to find energy-saving actions and resources for using less energy, paying for projects and getting assistance with utility bills.

### Schedule a Quick Home Energy Checkup

Gain a better understanding of household energy use and find ways to

save with a home energy checkup at [homeenergy.savings.pepco.com](https://homeenergy.savings.pepco.com).

### Go Electric

Ready to make the switch? Montgomery County offers an electrification help desk and grants supporting efficient electric options, including heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. Learn more at [montgomerycountymd.gov/electrifymc](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/electrifymc).

### Switch to Green Power

Power a home with wind or solar, without special equipment, by choosing a green energy supplier at [mdelectricchoice.com](https://mdelectricchoice.com).

## Serve the City: Take Part in Service Month in Rockville Parks

Celebrate Montgomery County Community Service Month in October by volunteering in a city park.

Help remove litter from Rockville streams and protect waterways by joining a stream cleanup. Want to go at your own pace? Adopt a local stream and host a cleanup. Find cleanups and register or apply to adopt a stream at [rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream](https://rockvillemd.gov/adopt-a-stream).

Join a Rockville Weed Warrior workday to help remove nonnative invasive

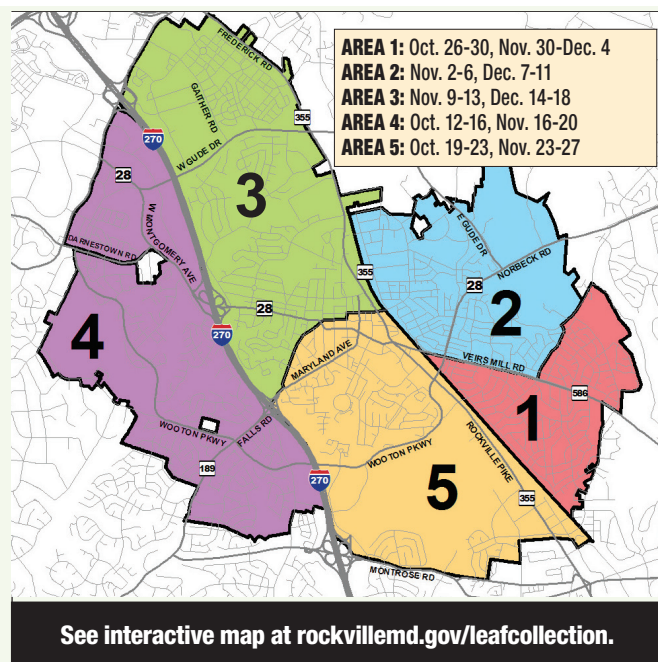
plants from local forests and help restore biodiversity. Find workdays and register at [rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors](https://rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors).

### Student Service

Learning credit hours are available. Registration is required.

Find other ways to give of your time and talents at [rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](https://rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).

For more opportunities around the county, visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter).



## Rockville is Raking In Fall: Leaf Collection

*City Collects Leaves October Through Mid-December*

Rockville will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs in two rounds, beginning Monday, Oct. 12.

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

### Leave Leaves, Help Fireflies

Want to help fireflies thrive? Consider leaving some leaf litter in garden beds or under trees instead



of raking it to the curb. Firefly larvae rely on leaf layers as natural habitat during the fall and winter before emerging as glowing adults the following summer.

With just one season of leaving leaves, residents may start to see more fireflies in their yards. Learn more about helping wildlife at [rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats](https://rockvillemd.gov/backyardhabitats).

## Keeping Rockville Moving When Heavy Rain Hits

How should Rockville prepare for more intense rain events and related flooding?

The answer affects everyone. Flooding can make travel more difficult, disrupt businesses and services, and damage roads, parks, streams and public infrastructure throughout the community.

The Flood Resiliency Master Plan is entering its next phase. Explore findings from flood modeling and community input, learn about potential actions and help identify Rockville's priorities.

Community members with firsthand flooding experience, concerns about neighborhood risks or an interest in Rockville's future are invited to help shape the plan.

A virtual information session will be held 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22.

An in-person workshop will be held 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

To register and find out more, visit [engagerockville.com/floodplan](https://engagerockville.com/floodplan).

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# Clear Out the Medicine Cabinet on Drug Take-Back Day

The Rockville City Police Department will again offer a safe, free and anonymous way to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicine and pet prescriptions on Saturday, Oct. 24.

City police will accept unused and expired prescription drugs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Rockville City Police Station parking lot at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. RCPD officers will be outside with easy drive-up and drop-off access, so there is no need to get out of your vehicle.

Only pills and patches will be accepted. Liquids, needles, sharps, syringes, illicit drugs, glass containers and pressurized aerosols, such as inhalers, cannot be accepted. Bring medication in original containers or combine pills in a clear, sealed plastic bag for disposal. Collected medication will be safely destroyed.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a convenient and responsible means of disposal, keeping prescription drugs from potentially polluting drinking

water, while educating the public about the potential for abuse or theft of these medications.

During the most recent collection in April, 4,306 law enforcement agencies collected 642,410 pounds — 321 tons — of unwanted prescription drugs, including 12,511 pounds in Maryland. Since the program began, it has collected 10,500 tons over 30 national collection dates, including 298,785 pounds (more than 149 tons) in Maryland.

For more information about the city's take-back event, contact Cpl. Ronnie Crowe at 240-314-8974 or [rcrowe@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rcrowe@rockvillemd.gov). Unused, unwanted or expired medication can be disposed of, with no questions asked, in a prescription drug drop box available to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in the front lobby of the city police station. The drop box accepts only pills or patches; no liquids, needles, sharps, inhalers, glass containers or illicit drugs are allowed.

Learn more at [deatakeback.com](http://deatakeback.com).

# Speaker Series Explores Maryland's 1864 Constitution and Emancipation

The Peerless Rockville and Glenview Mansion Speaker Series will continue at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at Glenview Mansion with a lecture by psychiatrist, author and war historian Stephen A. Goldman.

The presentation will explore Maryland's 1864 constitutional election and the role of Union soldiers' votes in securing approval of a new constitution that abolished slavery. The constitution took effect in November of that year.

Maryland, a slave-holding border state that remained in the Union during the Civil War, contributed about 63,000 soldiers, sailors and Marines to the Union war effort, including 10,000 African Americans.

Goldman will examine Maryland at this pivotal moment in the war, when President Abraham Lincoln faced reelection and the fate of 4 million enslaved people remained uncertain.

Goldman is a distinguished life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the Abraham Lincoln Institute board of directors. His work has focused on military veterans and the effects of war. He is the author of "One More War to Fight: Union Veterans' Battle for Equality through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Lost Cause."

Space is limited. Register at [peerlessrockville.org](http://peerlessrockville.org).

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# Walktober to Feature Walk and Roll and Candlelight Vigil



Join the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee, city staff and elected officials for a neighborhood walk and roll and candlelight vigil from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, as part of Walktober.

Meet at the entrance to Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. The approximately 1.25-mile route will follow sidewalks and neighborhood streets in Twinbrook before returning to the recreation center.

Participants will learn about pedestrian initiatives, city projects and the city's Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. A candlelight vigil following the walk will remember victims of traffic crashes.

The event replaces the committee's monthly meeting.

For details, check the city's calendar at [rockvillemd.gov](http://rockvillemd.gov) or email principal transportation planner Bryan Barnett-Woods at [bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov).

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

**In this edition, Rockville 11 talks to Evan Johnson, director of the Department of Community Planning and Development Services.**

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

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**BATTERIES CAN SPARK OR EXPLODE**

**DO NOT put batteries with recycling or trash.**

**Take all batteries to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood ([montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/dropoff](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/dropoff)) or a battery recycler for special disposal.**

**Save the Date: Rockville Means Business**

Rockville's Department of Procurement will host its fourth annual Rockville Means Business, a procurement event for vendors, from 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

The event will feature information sessions, exhibits by city departments and a moderated panel discussion. Minority-, female-, disabled- or veteran-owned businesses are encouraged to attend.

Learn more and register at [rockvillemd.gov/rockvillemeansbusiness](http://rockvillemd.gov/rockvillemeansbusiness).

**Take Steps to Prevent Vehicle Theft**

A few simple precautions can help reduce the risk of vehicle theft.

More than 650,000 vehicles were stolen nationwide in 2025, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In Maryland, a vehicle is stolen about every 27 minutes, according to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council.

**To help prevent vehicle theft:**

- Lock all doors and close windows whenever leaving your vehicle.
- Take keys and key fobs with you.
- Never leave a running vehicle unattended.
- Park in well-lit areas when possible.
- Remove valuables or keep them out of sight.
- Consider using anti-theft devices, such as steering-wheel locks, vehicle immobilizers, alarms or vehicle tracking systems.

Owners should also check with their manufacturer or dealership for security updates, recalls or theft-prevention measures specific to their vehicle.

Report any suspicious activity, especially during evening or overnight hours, to the Rockville City Police Department at 240-314-8900. In an emergency, call 911.

**Rockville Seeks Input on Future of Community Gardens**

Rockville is seeking input on the future of community gardening as the city studies opportunities to expand community gardening.

A new survey asks about interest in gardening, preferred locations and size of gardens participants would like to see. No gardening experience is needed to take part.

The study follows an assessment of Rockville's five existing community gardens. Two, at Wootton's Mill Park and the Rockville Senior Center, are operated by the city. Three others, at King Farm Farmstead, King Farm Watkins Pond and Fallsgrove Park, are on city property and operated by community boards.

The survey will help the city gauge demand more broadly, identify where interest is strongest and ask about potential features and gardening preferences.

Staff will use the survey results along with information from existing gardens and potential sites to develop recommendations. Findings and a recommendation are scheduled to be presented to the Mayor and Council at a work session in December.

The survey is open through midnight Sunday, Nov. 22 at [surveymonkey.com/r/rockvillecommunitygarden](http://surveymonkey.com/r/rockvillecommunitygarden).

## Shape a New Artwork and Tour the City's Public Art

Rockville community members can help shape “Shared Passage,” an 18-by-25-foot sculpture planned for David Scull Park, during workshops in October. They can also explore artwork on display in The Square in Rockville Town Center during public art walking tours.

CJRDesign will be in Rockville from Oct. 7-9 for community engagement as “Shared Passage” moves into its final design phase. Feedback from two public workshops will help guide the arrangement of the sculpture’s colorful acrylic panels and arches, as well as a solar lighting option. The team will also visit Maryvale Elementary School for assemblies on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9.

The 4.1-acre park is at 1133 First St. The sculpture will be installed at the park’s entrance to welcome and engage visitors.

- The workshops are open to the public:
- 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Pump House, 401 S. Horners Lane. Space is limited. Pizza and beverages will be provided.
  - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at Rockville Housing Enterprises, 1201 First St. Pizza and beverages provided.

Find registration information with the events listing on the city's online calendar.

For more information on David Scull Park, visit [rockvillemd.gov/projects/david-scul-park-improvements](http://rockvillemd.gov/projects/david-scul-park-improvements).

### Tour The Square’s Public Art

Arts and culture program staff will lead walking tours of the city’s public art collection in The Square in Rockville Town Center.

Tours will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 3 and 10.

Each tour will last about an hour and follow sidewalks through The Square. Space on each tour is limited and registration is required.

See the city’s online calendar to find registration information under the Oct. 3 and 10 tour listings.

### Memory Walk Park Artwork Moves Toward Installation

“Guiding Light,” a work by Dina Fisher, is headed for fabrication as the Memory Walk Park public art project enters its final phases.

Park preparation is expected to begin this month, with installation anticipated for late October or November. A dedication may be held the following spring when weather warms.

Fisher conducted 14 interviews, and a total of six workshops and three community listening sessions, to ensure the artwork reflects Lincoln Park’s historic past and present, along with community wisdom for future generations.

### Community Helps Shape RedGate Public Art

The RedGate Park and Arboretum Public Art Survey received 155 responses.

Those who expressed interest in serving on the project’s Public Art Advisory Committee will be contacted soon. Although the committee cannot accommodate everyone interested in serving, respondents are invited to take part in future community engagement opportunities for the project.

### Caring for The Square’s Public Art

Artwork in The Square in Rockville Town Center will be cleaned and repaired in coming months.

Some pieces need routine maintenance, while others require repairs because of vandalism.

Community members are encouraged to help care for these artworks, which reflect Rockville’s history and vitality.

Learn more about Rockville’s public art at [rockvillemd.gov/aipp](http://rockvillemd.gov/aipp).

## Mystery, Classic Rock, the Roaring '20s and Calligraphy, This Month at the Civic Center

Games, tribute acts, classic tracks and murder will entertain you throughout October and beyond in Rockville.

### Rockville Little Theatre Presents “The Game’s Afoot”

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3; matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

Ken Ludwig’s mystery comedy play follows a Broadway star known for portraying Sherlock Holmes. When a murder occurs during a holiday party at his mansion, he assumes the role of detective in real life. Twists, turns and laughs abound as the theatrical detective attempts to solve the crime.

Directed by Laura W. Andruski.

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

For tickets, visit [fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheGame](http://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TheGame).

### The interPLAY Orchestra Presents “Time of Our Lives”

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7.

This 36-year-old ensemble provides performance opportunities for adult musicians with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities. More than 90 musicians with and without disabilities take part in a concert celebrating collaborative and inclusive music-making.

The program will include works by U2, Olivia Dean, Prince, Duke

Ellington, Antonin Dvorak, Phil Collins, Herbie Hancock, Dolly Parton, Ozzy Osbourne and others. The show features loud music. Earplugs are available on request.

General admission tickets cost \$20. For tickets, visit [fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TimeofOurLives](http://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/TimeofOurLives).

### Moxie Events Presents “The Fleetwood Mac Experience”

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23.

Silver Springs brings Fleetwood Mac’s magic roaring back to life with a night that feels like stepping straight into the band’s golden era. Be swept up in iconic harmonies, unmistakable energy and the timeless, generation-defining songs, including “Dreams,” “Go Your Own Way,” “Landslide” and “Don’t Stop.”

Tiered tickets cost \$49-\$69.

### Rockville Musical Theatre Presents “Caroline, or Change”

7:30 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 6, 7, 13 and 14; 2 p.m. Nov. 1, 8 and 15.

Set in 1963, the Tony-nominated musical “Caroline, or Change” follows Caroline, an African American maid working for a white family in Lake Charles, Louisiana, as the country undergoes sweeping social change.

A single mother of four, Caroline develops an unlikely friendship with Noah, the young son of the Gellman family. When Noah’s stepmother, Rose, tells Caroline she may

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## Celebrate Active Aging Week with Free Activities at the Senior Center

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

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

For more information, see the “Adults 60+” recreation guide at [rockvillemd.gov/life](http://rockvillemd.gov/life).

### Active Aging Week

Montgomery County observes Active Aging Week in early October with free programs and events that promote healthy physical, mental and intellectual lifestyles. The Rockville Senior Center will host three events during the week to help prevent falls, make connections and learn self-defense.

### Preventing Falls, Preserving Independence

Learn practical home safety strategies and simple exercises that can help improve strength, balance and confidence. The presentation will offer tips for reducing fall risks and maintaining independence.

Register with course #42381. 10-11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5. Free.

### Coffee, Questions and Connections

A relaxed morning of coffee, light breakfast and meeting fellow senior center members to share ideas and spark conversation.

Register with course #41181. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. Free.

### Kickboxing and Self Defense

Small-group training in self-defense techniques for a full-body workout that improves strength.

Register with course #42377. 1-2:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. Free.

### A Taste of Diwali: Celebration, Food and Games

Join representatives from the nonprofit Ashiyanaa to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. Learn about Diwali’s traditions and Ashiyanaa’s programs, sample traditional festive food and play Diwali-themed bingo.

No prior knowledge of Diwali needed.

Register with course #42527. 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19. Free.

### Ten Things You Must Know About Loneliness in Later Life

Krishna Kumar, author of “Loneliness in Later Life: Causes, Consequences, and a Path to Connection,” will discuss 10 things to know about loneliness.

Following the presentation, Kumar will be available to sign books, and attendees may take home a signed copy.

Register with course #42526. 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. Free.

### Medicare Bingo

Learn simple ways to protect yourself from Medicare fraud and scams while playing bingo. The program will also cover Medicare benefits and practical ways to keep personal information safe. Prizes

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## Halloween Fun for Everyone (Pups Included)

Get into the Halloween spirit with games, costumes, forest adventures and more in Rockville this October.

Register at [rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://rockvillemd.gov/registration) using the course numbers listed.

### Croydon Creep at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road. 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Celebrate Halloween with games, treats, crafts, magic, balloon twist-ers, a campfire and more. All ages are welcome. Activities inside the center are free and require no registration.

Children ages 5-12 can also take a 30-minute, non-spooky guided hike through the forest to meet friendly woodland creatures and collect goodies. An adult must accompany

registered children.

Hikes depart every 15 minutes from 6-7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are required and cost \$10 for residents and \$12 for nonresidents.

Search “Croydon Creep” at [rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://rockvillemd.gov/registration) to select a time slot.

### Halloteen Bash at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrrove Drive. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23.

Step into a haunted carnival just for students in grades 6-8. Enjoy carnival games, music, snacks, Halloween activities and surprises. Come in costume for a chance to win prizes.

Register with course #42090. Free for residents; \$10 for nonresidents.

### Mini-Creep at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852

Avery Road. 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 24.

Little ones ages 2-5 can celebrate Halloween with festive games, crafts, treats and hands-on fun. Come in costume for this not-so-spooky celebration.

Register for course #41565 for the 9:30 a.m. session or #41566 for the 11 a.m. session.

The cost is \$12 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents.

### Doggie Halloween Extravaganza at Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Bring your four-legged friend for an evening of doggy tricks and treats. Costumes are suggested but not required. Dogs should be comfortable

around other dogs and people. Registration is for participants ages 16 and older. Register for course #39490.

The cost is \$20 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

### Monster Mash Halloween Dance at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

Come in costume for pumpkin decorating, dancing and more at this all-ages celebration. Refreshments will be sold by the Twinbrook PTA. Masks and costume props, including sticks and swords, are not permitted. Register with course #42022.

The cost is \$5.

# October

## CALENDAR

### FACILITIES LEGEND:

- CC** **Croydon Creek Nature Center**, 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.  
**GM** **Glenview Mansion**, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.  
**FSF** **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre**, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.  
**LP** **Lincoln Park Community Center**, 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

- CH** **Rockville City Hall**, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.  
**SR** **Rockville Senior Center**, 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.  
**SFC** **Rockville Swim and Fitness Center**, 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.  
**TF** **Thomas Farm Community Center**, 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.  
**TC** **Twinbrook Community Recreation Center**, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.

- V** Virtual Program/Offering  
**H** Hybrid: Offering both Virtual and In Person  
**P** Facebook Live Event

**2 HISPANIC FESTIVAL** Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with lunch, live entertainment and a festive cultural gathering. Register with course #42226. \$17 R/\$24 NR. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

**2, 3, 4 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS “THE GAME’S AFOOT”**  
*See article on page 6.* **FSF**

**3 GENTLE EXPLORERS** Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers explore nature through sensory activities, gentle movement and guided observation. Register with course #41572. \$10 R/\$12 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

**3 PUBLIC ART TOUR** *See article on page 6.* 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31 FARMERS MARKET** Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe Streets. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**5 PREVENTING FALLS, PRESERVING INDEPENDENCE** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #42381. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

**7 ASK AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNER: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED** Shopping for an EV? Have questions about your new EV? Join EVADC for its online “Ask An EV Owner” event. Free. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visit [evadc.wildapricot.org/ask](http://evadc.wildapricot.org/ask).

**7 COFFEE, QUESTIONS AND CONNECTIONS** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #41181. Free. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

**7 INTERPLAY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS “TIME OF OUR LIVES”** *See article on page 6.* 7:30-9 p.m. **FSF**

**7, 8 PUBLIC ART WORKSHOP – DAVID SCULL PARK PUBLIC ART** *See article on page 6.* 6-8 p.m.

**8 LITTLE SPROUTS** Children ages 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers explore nature through circle time, sensory activities and free play. Register with course #41556. \$8 R/\$10 NR. 10-10:45 a.m. **CC**

**8 MONTGOMERY MONTAGE: A 250-YEAR TAPESTRY OF TIME, PEOPLE, AND PLACE** Ralph Buglass presents a visual history of Montgomery County, from its rural and agricultural roots to its increasingly suburban and urban character. Register with course #42189. \$7 R/\$10 NR. 10:30-11:30 a.m. **SR**

**8 KICKBOXING AND SELF DEFENSE** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #42377. Free. 1-2:15 p.m. **SR**

**10 PUBLIC ART TOUR** *See article on page 6.* 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Square in Rockville Town Center.

**11 MEET THE ARTISTS: CALLIGRAPHIC JOURNEYS** *See article on page 6.* Free. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

**11 SHADOWS AND SPECTERS: MUSIC FROM THE MYSTERIOUS, MAGICAL AND MACABRE** Rockville Concert Band presents a fall concert inspired by the mysterious, magical and macabre. Free; \$5 suggested donation. 3-4 p.m. **FSF**

**13 FALL COMMUNITY PARTNER CAFÉ: CHANGEMAKER CONNECTIONS** *See article on page 8.* Free. 4-6 p.m. Kumbia Restaurant, 100 B Gibbs St.

**14 PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND INDEPENDENCE** Learn practical ways to improve home safety, prevent falls and support independent living through preventive maintenance, smart technology and accessible home modifications. Register with course #42182. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

**15 NEIGHBORHOOD WALK AND ROLL** *See article on page 5.* Free. 6 p.m. **TC**

**17 ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW** *See article on page 1.* 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **GM**

**17 CROYDON CREEP** *See article on page 6.* Indoor activities free; guided hikes \$10 R/\$12 NR. 6-8 p.m. **CC**

**19 A TASTE OF DIWALI: CELEBRATION, FOOD AND GAMES** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #42527. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

**22 MOBILE MARKET** The Capital Area Food Bank Mobile Market provides free fresh produce to community members in need. No income requirements or other qualifications. Bring reusable bags. 2-4 p.m. **SR**

**22 TEN THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT LONELINESS IN LATER LIFE** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #42526. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

**23 HALLOTEEN BASH** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #42090. Free for residents; \$10 for nonresidents. 7:30-10:30 p.m. **TF**

**23 MOXIE EVENTS PRESENTS “THE FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE”** *See article on page 6.* 7:30 p.m. **FSF**

**24 SEWING FUN FOR BEGINNERS** Young makers ages 7-12 learn basic hand-stitching techniques and beginner-level sewing machine skills. Register with course #42018. \$120 R/\$130 NR. Noon-3 p.m. **TF**

**24 MINI-CREEP** *See article on page 6.* \$12 R/\$15 NR. **CC**

**24 ROCKVILLE POLICE DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY** *See article on page 5.* 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

**24 ANNUAL F. SCOTT FITZGERALD LITERARY FESTIVAL** Writing workshops, keynote speaker Deborah Tannen, awards, a Fitzgerald sites tour and more, featuring 2026 festival honoree Tobias Wolff. Visit [fitzgeraldfestival.com](http://fitzgeraldfestival.com). 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Montgomery College Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St.

**25 NATURE JOURNALING FOR ADULTS** Adults ages 16 and older learn simple nature journaling techniques and spend time outdoors observing and recording seasonal details through writing, drawing and reflection. Register with course #41574. \$15 R/\$18 NR. 1-3 p.m. **CC**

**28 WISE WANDERERS** Explore travel for older adults, including comfort, accessibility, safety and planning for more enjoyable trips. Presented by Happy Habit Travel. Register with course #42181. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

**28 DOGGIE HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA** *See article on page 6.* Register for course #39490. \$20 R/\$25 NR. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road.

**30 MONSTER MASH HALLOWEEN DANCE** *See article on page 6.* Register with course #42022. \$5. 7-9 p.m. **TC**

**31 ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS “CAROLINE, OR CHANGE”**  
*See article on page 6.* **FSF**

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

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

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keep the money Noah leaves in his pockets, Caroline initially refuses. But with her own children in need of food, clothing and shoes, the arrangement forces her to confront questions of money, race and change.

Written by Tony Kushner, with music by Jeanine Tesori, the musical blends blues, gospel and traditional Jewish melodies.

The Friday, Nov. 6 performance will feature American Sign Language interpretation.

Tickets cost \$26; \$23 for students and seniors. Group pricing is available. Call the box office for more information.

**Murder at the Mansion Presents**

#### “Funeral for a Gangster”

8 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7; 2 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8.

Celebrate 100 years of Glenview Mansion with a mob funeral and a missing fortune.

Welcome to 1926 and step into the roaring ’20s at the secret sendoff for mob boss Vito “The Gut” Marzetti at Ruby’s Place, the city’s hottest speakeasy. The family’s in mourning — sort of. Vito’s widow is hunting for his hidden fortune and guests might be the key to unlocking his final, deadly secret.

Patrons dressing in roaring ’20s-themed costumes have the chance to win a prize. Recommended for ages 15 and older.

Presented in partnership with A Taste For Murder Productions.

Tickets cost \$40; \$35 for students and seniors. Tickets and optional buffet are \$70; \$65 for students and seniors.

#### Calligraphy at the Gallery

“Calligraphic Journeys,” celebrating the Washington Calligraphers Guild’s 50th anniversary, will be on display Oct. 11-Nov. 25 at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Meet the artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. The event is free and open to the public.

The gallery, located on the second floor of

Glenview Mansion, is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed for official city holidays and private events. Admission is free, and the gallery can be accessed by stairs and an elevator.

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and light refreshments will be available.

Register with course #43085. 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2. Free.

#### Plan Ahead for Winter Snow Removal

Volunteer to help neighbors with snow

removal this winter.

Many seniors and individuals with disabilities depend on the help of volunteers to get through the winter weather.

Request assistance or volunteer online at [bit.ly/rkvsnowvol](http://bit.ly/rkvsnowvol) or

contact Jerry Jones at [gjones@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:gjones@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8819.

For more information, call the Rockville Senior Center Support Services office at 240-314-8810 or email [seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov).

## 52nd ANNUAL

# ROCKVILLE 10K/5K

## Save the Date

### Sunday, Nov. 1 at 8:30 a.m.

King Farm Village Center  
403 Redland Blvd., Rockville



Register online at [rockville10k5k.com](http://rockville10k5k.com)

## Keep Halloween Safe and Fun in Rockville

Halloween falls Saturday, Oct. 31, bringing back trick-or-treaters to Rockville neighborhoods. The city does not set hours for trick-or-treating.

The Rockville City Police Department offers these safety reminders:

### For trick-or-treaters:

- Travel in groups and stay in familiar, well-lit areas. An adult should accompany young children.
- Set a safe route and time to be home.
- Choose costumes that fit well and do not block vision. Carry a flashlight or glow stick and add reflective material to costumes or bags.
- Have an adult inspect all treats before children eat them.

### For drivers:

- Slow down and stay alert in residential neighborhoods. Watch for children entering the street or crossing between parked cars.
- Turn on headlights and use extra caution when backing out of driveways.

### For residents handing out treats:

- Clear walkways and steps, and keep outdoor areas well-lit.
- Keep pets secure and consider battery-operated candles instead of open flames.

Find Rockville's Halloween events on page 6. Check the city calendar for the most up-to-date information at [rockville.md.gov/calendar](http://rockville.md.gov/calendar).

## Connect With Community Partners at Fall Café

Connect with changemakers from across the region at the City of Rockville's Fall Community Partner Café: Changemaker Connections from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Kumbia Restaurant, 100 B Gibbs St.

Hosted by the city's Department of Housing and Community Development, the gathering will include Rockville's 40 nonprofit grant partners and celebrate local Latino changemakers in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month.

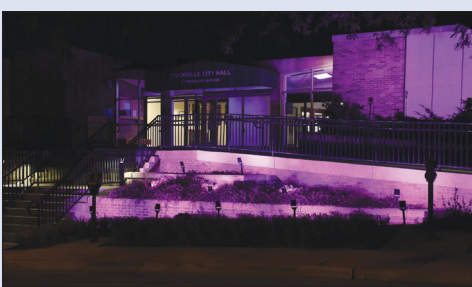
Participants can learn how to access and collaborate with city-led programs and services and review important updates to the city's Fiscal Year 2028 grant applications.

Attendees are encouraged to bring program materials and partner resources to share.

Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

Register at [bit.ly/FallCommunityPartnerCafe](https://bit.ly/FallCommunityPartnerCafe).

For questions or accommodations, contact collective impact manager Nik Sushka at [nsushka@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:nsushka@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8321.



**ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE WRAPS...** Rockville City Hall glowed purple in September as part of Rockville Goes Purple, a month of events and activities focused on substance use prevention, treatment and recovery, including Narcan trainings and a screening of "La Estrella," a short film about the impact of counterfeit prescription pills on Latino families.

# Oct. 16 Deadline Nears for Rockville Nonprofit Grant Applications

Local nonprofit organizations seeking more than \$10,000 through Rockville's Fiscal Year 2028 Community Services and Enrichment Grant Program must apply by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

The city's grants team will offer a final technical assistance session for applicants from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8.

Approximately \$1.5 million is expected to be available, with typical awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Nonprofits providing community services and enrichment programs to Rockville residents are encouraged to apply.

For the FY28 cycle, Rockville is encouraging applications for programs that advance one or more of the city's five impact focus areas: household stability, economic mobility, youth and family success, service

access and navigation, and community enrichment and belonging.

Grant funding typically supports nine service areas: adult education, arts and culture, food and clothing services, health care, housing services, resources for immigrant communities, public safety, senior services, and youth development. Competitive applications will explain how the proposed program contributes to one or more impact focus areas.

Applications requesting \$10,000 or less will be accepted through the Community Empowerment Mini-Grant Program, beginning in March.

Visit [rockvillemd.gov/grants](http://rockvillemd.gov/grants) for application instructions, access to the grants portal and registration for the technical assistance session.

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county cable) have received 1,851 views on the city's YouTube channel ([youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://youtube.com/cityofrockville)).

But these efforts alone won't get Rockville to its Vision Zero goal. The "It's Up to Us ..." campaign reminds community members that whether driving, walking, rolling, biking or taking transit, everyone has a responsibility to pay

attention, follow the rules of the road and look out for one another.

Look for "It's Up to Us ..." messages across the city in the coming months, including on social media, Rockville 11 and in "Rockville Reports." Learn more about the city's ongoing Vision Zero efforts at [rockvillemd.gov/visionzero](http://rockvillemd.gov/visionzero).



**FOX 5 DC'S ZIP TRIP** stopped at the Square in Rockville Town Center, putting a spotlight on the city's businesses, attractions and community. To view all of the segments from the Rockville "Zip Trip," visit [fox5dc.com/shows/zip-trip](http://fox5dc.com/shows/zip-trip).



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# Economic Development Strategy Makes Progress, Holds Community Meetings

Rockville's effort to create the city's first-ever economic development strategic plan is underway and includes two more opportunities for community involvement in the coming months.

The city held a kickoff meeting for the community on Thursday, Sept. 17. Additional community meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, to discuss targeting and opportunity assessment, and Thursday, Jan. 14, to discuss the implementation framework.

Both meetings will be held 6-8 p.m. in the Mayor and Council chamber at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., and will include a hybrid option to participate online.

Learn more at [engage.rockville.com/redsp](http://engage.rockville.com/redsp).

By engaging residents, businesses, institutions, property owners, investors and other stakeholders, the whole community has an opportunity to take part in shaping the plan's goals, its

strategies and how they are implemented.

An external working group comprising business leaders and other city economic development partners continues to meet this fall and winter. Feedback from the working group will help frame and prioritize actions for city leadership to consider.

Before the plan is presented to the Mayor and Council for adoption, its development will include a baseline and comparative analysis, real estate market trend analysis and forecast, site identification and readiness analysis, economic competitiveness analysis, economic development strategies and recommendations, identification of potential impacts and challenges, and drafting of the implementation plan.

The resulting framework will help the city make strategic decisions that support long-term economic vitality and maximize the impact of public investments.

# Watch Your Mailbox for Rockville's Community Survey

Keep an eye on your mailboxes — Rockville's biennial community survey is being delivered.

The community survey, which provides an opportunity for residents to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the city, the community's amenities and local government services, is conducted every two years.

The 2026 survey is being sent to a random sample of 3,500 households throughout Rockville over a roughly three-week period.

Selected households will have received a postcard with a week's notice that the survey is on its way. Surveys can be completed on paper, and returned by

mail, or online. Households receiving the survey should complete it no later than Saturday, Oct. 24, to ensure responses are included.

The survey, of which this year's is Rockville's 12th, returned in 2024 after a hiatus caused by the pandemic. The results help the city improve the quality of its services to the community. The online option provides the survey in several languages. Translation services are available for those who need further assistance.

Responses will be anonymous.

Visit [rockvillemd.gov/survey](http://rockvillemd.gov/survey) to see the 2024 survey results and results of the 2026 survey when published.

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