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Rockville's Hometown Holidays kicks off summer this Memorial Day weekend: Saturday, May 26, Sunday, May 27, and Monday, May 28.

Celebrate Rockville During Hometown Holidays More than 40 Bands and Entertainers to Highlight City Festival

The 24th annual Hometown Holidays festival is shaping up to be the best destination in the region for Memorial Day weekend.

The celebration will feature a free concert by Easton Corbin, a rising country performer known for "Roll With It" and "I Can't Love You Back."

Each year more than 60,000 people descend on Rockville's downtown to celebrate the unofficial kickoff to summer.

The Hometown Holidays festival takes place Saturday, May 26, to Monday, May 28, and features two days of music, entertainment, food and crafts, and one

day dedicated to the City's annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade.

Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 10 p.m. festival-goers will enjoy more than 40 bands and entertainers on eight stages, children's activities, a Taste of Rockville and the Marketplace craft festival.

"Rockville is everyone's hometown during the festival," said Colleen McQuitty, special events manager. "Families, sin-

gles, teens, seniors and kids will all find something just for them."

Bruce in the USA, a tribute to Bruce Springsteen, will headline the Saturday night concert.

The Nighthawks, who perform

a mix of rock, blues and more, will open for Bruce in the USA.

In addition to Sunday's headline performance, the Sons

of Bill will open the show with a country performance. Other performances Sunday include

Jah Works and the Lloyd Dobler Effect.

Monday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. the community is invited to honor our nation's veterans at the 68th annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade. Concert performances begin at 9 a.m., followed by the ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and the parade at 10:30 a.m.

The festival is located in Rockville Town Center. Parking is available and the Rockville Metro station is one block away.

For more information, see pages 6-8, connect with us on facebook or twitter, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/hth. +

AT A GLANCE:

- **Hometown Holidays:** Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27, 1-10 p.m., in Town Center.
- **The 68th annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade** begins at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 28, in Town Square.

See pages 6-8 for details.

Rockville's Newly Expanded Senior Center Set to Open Public Invited to Grand Opening June 15

After more than a year of renovation and expansion work, the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, will welcome the community to a grand opening celebration Friday, June 15.

The public is invited to tour the building, learn more about programs available for adults age 55 and older, meet the staff and enjoy light refreshments at



a community reception, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The center includes a 6,000-square-foot expansion and a 4,000-square-foot renovation. An expanded fitness center

with new equipment, modern locker rooms and a new entrance are part of the building's addition. Renovation work included routine maintenance like

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FY13 Budget Set for Vote May 21

The Mayor and Council are expected to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 budget at their May 21 meeting. Fiscal Year 2013 begins July 1, 2012.

The total proposed operating budget of \$107 million is a decrease of 0.2 percent from last year's budget. The General Fund budget - the fund that supports the largest portion of the operating budget - is \$65 million, a decrease of 1.6 percent.

The City's current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of

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Rockville City Hall to Close in Observance of Memorial Day

Recycling, Refuse Collection Shifts One Day

Rockville City Hall will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended and the schedule will shift one day later in the week. Friday collection will be made on Saturday. For more information residents may call 240-314-8568 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

The following Rockville facilities and programs will not operate May 28:

- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Box Office, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Glenview Mansion and the Art Gallery, Lincoln Park, Twinbrook, and Thomas Farm Community Centers, and Rockville Senior Center.**

The following Rockville facilities will be open on Memorial Day:

- **Rockville Swim and Fitness Center** indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Due to the City's Memorial Day parade, access to Martins Lane and the Swim Center parking lot will be restricted until after noon. The North Pool will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The outdoor recreation and fitness pools will be open noon to 9 p.m. The South Indoor Pool will be closed.

- **RedGate Municipal Golf Course** will be open with the first tee time at 6 a.m.

For more information about closings, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. +

Get Into It...

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Rockville celebrates Bike Month in May with a host of activities.

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Bike Month



May is Bike Month in Rockville

Get Out on Two Wheels in the City

Rockville celebrates National Bike Month in May. You can participate in Bike Month by cycling to work or just taking a stroll on Rockville's pedestrian-and bike-friendly roads.

Join other cyclists for one of these upcoming 2012 events:

Sunday Fun Rides: Now until September, Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Meet at Welsh Park (Mannakee and Martins Lane/Nelson) and join the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) for a 45-minute bike ride. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

Tuesday Night Rides: Now until September, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet at King Farm Homestead Park, 1199 Grand Champion Road, for an hour-long neighborhood ride. Routes are on paved, shared-use paths, some sidewalk and short sections of quiet streets. Suitable for families; riders younger than 12 are welcome, if accompanied by parent. We ride at the pace of the slowest rider; no one gets left behind. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

Fifth Annual Ride of Silence: Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m. Starts at Rockville Memorial Library in Town Center. Join the fifth annual ride as cyclists worldwide honor those who have been injured and killed while cycling on public roadways. This will be a police-escorted ride with no fees or sponsors. Bring your helmet for a slow-paced, 10-mile ride throughout the city.



Accessible pedestrian signals like the one pictured above and traffic-calming devices like speed humps help keep bikers and walkers safe.

The City of Rockville continues to take initiative to make sure the City's roads are safe for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists alike. The City has utilized Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and traffic calming devices to ensure bikers and pedestrians are out of harm's way.

Rockville City Police have been partnering with the community to ensure the rules of the road are followed. The recent launch of their "Rockville Reflects" campaign calls for pedestrians to wear a reflective band while walking at night or early morning hours to make sure they are noticed by drivers.

Rockville places priority on being safe for this year's National Bike Month. To get involved with improving pedestrian and bicycle safety, residents are welcome to attend an RBAC meeting held the first Wednesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at City Hall.

Watch a video preview of bike month on Channel 11 or www.youtube.com/cityofrockville, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more information.



Learn how you can commute on your bicycle Friday, May 18.

Bike to Work this Month

Join in the fun and fitness Friday, May 18, as the City of Rockville takes part in National Bike to Work Day, 7 to 9 a.m.

The City will host two pit stops for riders: one on East Montgomery Avenue, in front of Regal Cinemas, and the other in front of the Transit Center in the Falls Grove community.

Pit stops will feature light refreshments, bicycle services and information

about how to use your bicycle to get to work every day.

Pre-registrants receive a free t-shirt that can be picked up at one of the Rockville pit stops. Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer the day of the event, contact Matt Folden at mfolden@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8509. ❖

Ride and Stride for Rockville Supports Local Bicycle Safety Education

Bike or Run on May 27

Rockville will host the 11th annual Ride and Stride for Rockville, which supports bicycle safety education on Sunday, May 27, 8 a.m.-noon in Rockville Town Center.

The event offers avid and novice cyclists and runners, as well as families, the chance to be active and help the community.

Participants can choose from a 5K fun run, or a 12-mile or 28-mile bike ride. Ride and Stride for Rockville is suitable for all ages and ability levels. Refreshments will be provided and Rockville staff will be available to provide maps and event support.

Registration is under way. Registration by May 25 is \$30 for adults; free for children age 13 and younger. Registration on the

day of the event is \$35 for adults. Residents can register online with Rock Enroll <http://rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov/recreation> and use activity number 35056.



The Carl Henn Millennium Trail is Rockville's bike beltway.

For more information about this event and other ways to register, call 240-314-8625 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/bicycling/ride-rockville. ❖

Working together to keep each other safe on the roads



Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Always cross the street at a signalized intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Dress to be seen. Brightly-colored clothes and reflective material at night make it easier for drivers to see you.
- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk in the road, always walk facing traffic, so you can see oncoming cars.
- Do not assume drivers see you. Make eye contact.
- Stop at the curb or the edge of the road.

Bicycle Safety Tips

- Always ride with traffic on the road. Use the right lane and obey traffic signals and stop signs.
- If you ride on the sidewalk, do so in a safe and courteous manner.
- Make your intentions clear to motorists and other road users. Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars. Signal your intention to turn, and pay attention to cars and pedestrians.
- Ride where drivers can see you; wear bright clothing. Use front and rear lights, and make eye contact with drivers.

Motorist Safety Tips

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles.
- Allow 3 feet of clearance when passing bicyclists.



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Rockville's Terrific Kids Earn Free Bicycles

The Rockville Mayor and Council awarded 29 children bicycles for proving they were "Terrific" Rockville citizens.



The annual Terrific Bike program is open to all children in kindergarten through fifth grade and requires them to demonstrate the following personal behaviors: being trustworthy, earnest, respectful, responsible, involved, fair and caring.

Each participant must complete six or more responsible acts and have a parent or mentor verify the accomplishments. Each of the awardees earned a certificate, bike, helmet and lock.

The children who completed the program are:

- Kahina Ahmim
- Marine Auroux (for Anne-Sophie Auroux)
- Asha Butterworth
- Danielle Carter
- Jordan Cerna (for Ava Cerna)
- Anthony Eder
- T'aira Gardner
- Kai Gee
- Amena Gibran
- Lara Hamm
- Lena Herrmann

- Joshua Hu
- Sean Hu
- Abdul-Rafiou Idris
- Zouberaton Idris
- Dean Jeffreys
- Kately Jeffreys
- Shrujana Kunnam
- Jennifer Li
- Allison Mintz
- Esha Mittal
- Colby Rosenblatt
- Eliana Rosenblatt
- Juchan Son
- Gandhar Viragi
- Gabriela Weaver
- Brandon Willis
- Matthew Wu
- Katherine Xu

The bikes were collected and reconditioned by staff and volunteers from Bikes for the World, a nonprofit organization that provides bicycles for transportation to deserving people in Rockville and around the globe.

For more information about this annual program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ❖

Mayor & Council

City of Rockville Elected Officials (Two-Year Term from November 2011 to November 2013)



Mayor
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Tom Moore



Councilmember
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All General Sessions, Work Sessions and Public Hearings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during "Citizens Forum" at most meetings. All meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- May 14 (Monday)
- May 21 (Monday)
- June 4 (Monday)
- June 11 (Monday)
- June 18 (Monday)
- June 25 (Monday)

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's Office is appreciated, call 240-314-8280.

In addition to Mayor Marcuccio, the upcoming councilmembers scheduled are: Mark Pierzchala, May 14, John F. Hall, Jr., June 11.



BASEBALL SEASON OPENS IN ROCKVILLE... The Mayor and Council opened baseball season with the Rockville Baseball Association (RBBA), Sunday, April 15. The Mayor spoke to teams, coaches and fans before the ceremonial opening pitch and first games of the season.

Residents Wanted for Charter Review Commission Service

The Mayor and Council are calling on Rockville residents to serve on a Charter Review Commission. The City's Charter empowers the City to pass ordinances, in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, necessary for the good governance of the City.

The 11-person commission will be charged with reviewing the City's charter and codes related to the composition of the Mayor and Council and City elections. The commission will convene this summer and present a final report to the Mayor and Council for their

consideration in December, 2012. It is anticipated that meetings will be held one to two times each month.

For more information on the City Charter, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/citycode.htm

Persons interested in serving on the Charter Review Commission must submit a letter of interest with a resume to: Doug Barber, Rockville City Clerk, dbarber@rockvillemd.gov, or 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. The deadline for submissions is Monday, June 4, 2012, by 5 p.m. ❖

Budget Story

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assessed valuation is maintained for FY13.

The FY13 proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the City's five-year plan for funding capital expenses, is focused on maintaining current infrastructure.

Work on the FY13 budget began last October. Acting City Manager Jennifer Kimball presented her recommended budget in March. The Mayor and Council held four work sessions and three public hearings on the budget.

Under the proposed FY13 proposed budget, residents will see an increase in utility rates for water, sewer and stormwater services, but they will see a decrease in recycling and

refuse rates. The average annual cost for residents is as follows:

Water (56,000 gallons) – Increase from FY12 cost of \$64.46 to FY13 cost of \$69.62.

Sewer (56,000 gallons) – Increase from FY12 cost of \$73.64 to FY13 cost of \$80.22.

Stormwater – Increase from FY12 cost of \$62.48 to FY13 cost of \$78.90.

Refuse – Decrease from FY12 cost of \$392.40 to FY13 cost of \$372.00.

To watch the final budget deliberations, tune in to channel 11 on May 14 at 7 p.m. The public record remains open for written testimony until May 17. Send letters to 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD, 20850 or to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Rockville Welcomes New City Clerk/Treasurer, Doug Barber

The City of Rockville has welcomed Doug Barber as the new City Clerk / Treasurer. Barber started work Monday, April 30.

Barber, who served as the City Clerk to Hyattsville, Md. since 2001, will provide administrative and clerical support for the Mayor and Council. He will also administer City elections, provide staff support for the Board of Supervisors of Elections and the Compensation Commission, and maintain up-to-date records for the City.

"We are very fortunate to have Mr. Barber join our staff," said Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio. "We wanted to find someone with his experience and clear record of hard work. We think he is a good fit for Rockville."

The City Clerk/Treasurer reports directly to the Mayor and Council. He will be responsible for the day-to-day



Doug Barber

operations of the Office of the City Clerk and its staff; ensure the charter and laws of Rockville are maintained and up-to-date; maintain and preserve the official public record of the Mayor and Council, including oversight of the City's archives; and provide a vital link between the Mayor and Council and their constituents.

"I'm looking forward to working in Rockville," Barber said. "The community is known for its outstanding government services, and I am pleased to be part of such a well-regarded organization."

The City Clerk's Office can be reached at cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8280. ❖

Revisions to the City Code Expected in June

The Mayor and Council are expected to adopt changes to Chapter 5 of the City Code, "Buildings and Building Regulation" in June. Proposed changes would bring the City Code into compliance with state regulations, create cost savings for the City and clarify parts of the code related to the City's Zoning Ordinance.

The public is invited to attend a public hearing on the proposed changes at the Mayor and Council meeting, Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Public comments will be accepted in writing until Friday, May 18. To submit written comments, email cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or mail to City Clerk, 111 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850.

Proposed changes include:

- The City will maintain one set of hard copy codes rather than two in order to save money. Codes will be

housed in the Inspection Services Division (ISD). The public may review the codes at the ISD counter on the second floor of City Hall.

- Heating and cooling equipment is not required to be Energy Star certified if it meets or exceeds the Energy Star requirements.
- Residents will be allowed greater flexibility in the use and placement of pre-fabricated garden sheds.

The Mayor and Council are expected to discuss the changes Monday, June 4, and adopt the changes, Monday, June 18. If adopted, the changes will be effective July 1.

For information about the proposed changes or the building code, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/greenbuilding/codes.html or call Robert Purkey, acting chief of inspection services at 240-314-8261. ❖

IN BRIEF



Pinneberg Mayor Kristin Alheit and German-American Society President Bernd Hinrichs hang the sign above the new Rockville room at Pinneberg City Hall.

Pinneberg Dedicates Rockville Room

Rockville's Sister City Takes Pride in Friendship

The Mayor of Pinneberg, Germany, Kristin Alheit, recently dedicated a room in Pinneberg City Hall to Rockville. The honorary title recognizes the Sister City relationship between the two communities.

In addition to the room's new name, it has been decorated with Rockville memorabilia exchanged through the Sister City program. Items on display include photographs of Rockville, a handmade tapestry with Rockville's name embroidered on it, Rockville flags and a painting by artist Detlef Allenberg.

The president of Pinneberg's German-American Society, Bernd Hinrichs, was also on hand during the dedication and noted that the Pinneberg Room in Rockville's Glenview Mansion was the inspiration behind the project.

Rockville and Pinneberg have been sister cities for more than 50 years.

For more information about Rockville's Sister City Corporation, visit www.rocknet.org/Community/SisterCities or call 240-314-5029.

Boards and Commissions

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Compensation Commission (one)
- Environment Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (one)
- Planning Commission (one)
- Senior Citizens Commission (two)
- Sign Review Board (one)

Focus on the Environment Commission

Volunteer to Serve and Improve the Environment

The Environment Commission recommends policies and programs to the Mayor and Council relating to the environment. Core to this mission is promoting a sustainable community through initiatives relating to natural resource management and development, energy efficiency, watershed stewardship and protection, pollution prevention, and public education.

The commission holds official meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



Have Fun and Practice Summer Safety at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center

Learn to stay safe and have fun at the pool or lake this summer with a free Water Safety Day, Friday, May 18, 4-7:30 p.m. The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane, will open its doors to encourage water safety.



Learn about:

- How to prevent drowning;
- Proper use of life jackets;
- Basic first aid;
- Swim lessons; and
- Skin cancer prevention.

Participants may also watch lifeguarding demonstrations and learn more about all the Swim and Fitness Center offers.

The event is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County.

The outdoor pools will be closed for recreational swimming during the event.

For more information see www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter or www.montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-314-8750.

Ask Your Local Government Council a Question

Questions Answered in a 'Mayor and Council Minute'

The Mayor and Council invite your questions for the weekly "Mayor and Council Minute" a new video series from Rockville 11.

Every month a different member of the council highlights upcoming events, responds to pending citizen service requests, answers a question from the community or previews important information for the Rockville 11 viewing audience.

The "Mayor and Council Minute" is a way for residents to hear directly from their Mayor and Council about important information in Rockville.

To watch the current "Mayor and Council Minute," tune into channel 11 or visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov. To watch older segments, visit the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.



LEARN MORE ON CHANNEL 11

Watch a short video about all of Rockville's infrastructure improvements at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.



News You Can Use

Street Repaving Planned *Affected Residents will be Notified*

The City of Rockville will be repaving more than 80 street segments in the coming months as part of ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the community's infrastructure. The projects should be complete by the end of October.

The streets affected are located near the Rockville Civic Center Park, in New Mark Commons, near industrial areas south of Gude Drive, and in other neighborhoods throughout the city. To see a complete list of streets to be repaved this summer, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/repaving.

Residents who live on or near roads that will be repaved will receive

a neighborhood advisory in the mail from the City prior to the work.

Roads may be closed for five to 10 minutes at a time during the paving while crews shift equipment. Signs will be placed on major roads to notify drivers of potential traffic impacts and closures when necessary. Temporary no parking signs will also be posted along affected streets.

The City repaves each street on average every 12 years in order to improve drivability and preserve the integrity of the road.

For more information contact Dan Stevens at 240-314-8552 or dstevens@rockvillemd.gov.

City Makes GIS Data Available to the Public

For businesses and citizens who work with GIS (Geographic Information System) applications, there's a new reason to check out the City's website. The City has recently added GIS data downloads to the website for use by the public.

A wide range of data is available, including bicycle routes, parks, planning areas, property, streets and sidewalks and zoning districts and overlays.

Some GIS data will still not be made public for reasons including where the data is regarded as sensitive or where the original source of the data is such that the City does not have the authority to distribute it further.

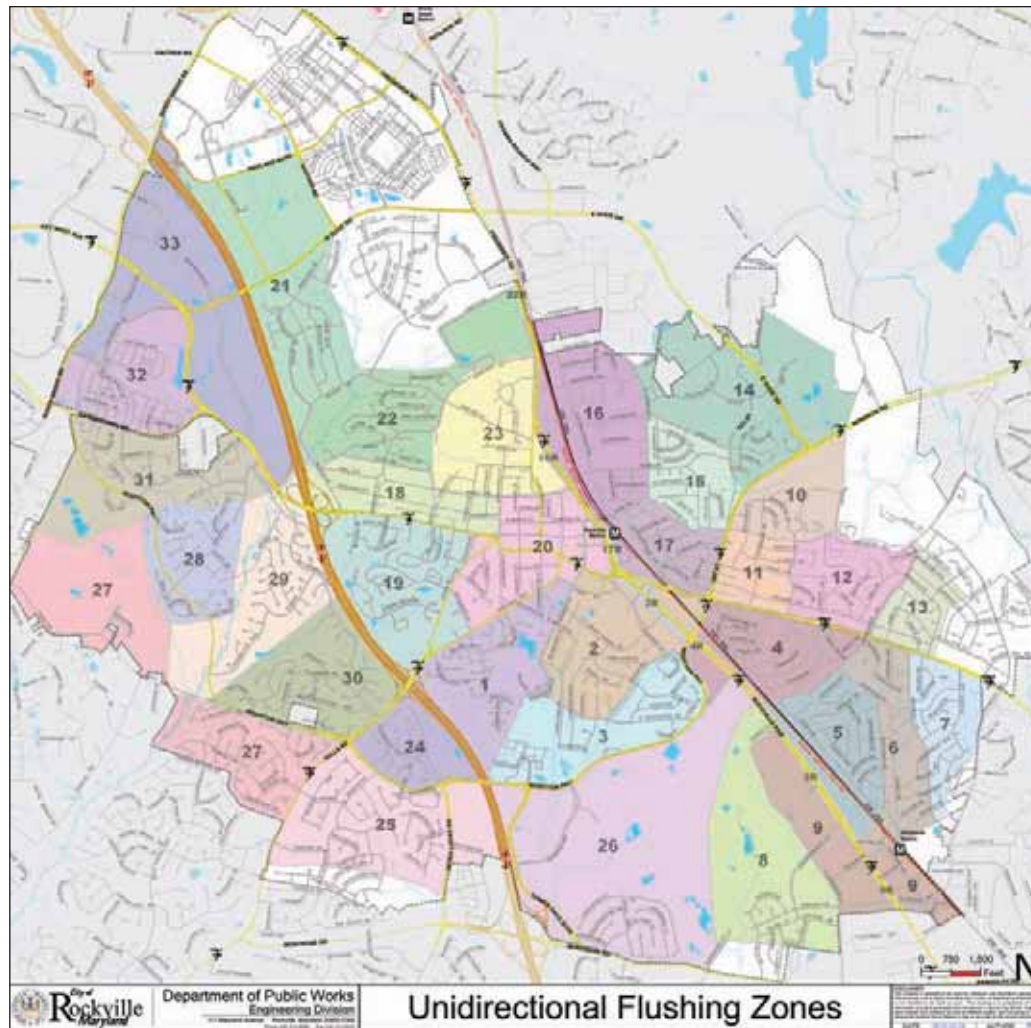
The use and mapping of

GIS data has become more commonplace as the technology has become more accessible to the general public. Concurrently, the movement towards open government and e-government has seen data sharing become a recent trend. Making data readily available on the City's website is not only a convenience and a value to the general public but also represents a measure of efficiency for City staff.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/gis/gis_data_download.html, access the information from the website, www.rockvillemd.gov and click on City Maps, or contact Marc Weinschenker, GIS Manager at mweinschenker@rockvillemd.gov.

— Contributed by Louise Atkins

Watermain Flushing Program to Begin



In 2012, flushing will take place in the following districts:

| District | Dates | District | Dates | District | Dates |
|----------|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| 24 | Through May 18 | 2 | June 4-29 | 12 | Aug. 27-Sept. 21 |
| 25 | Through May 18 | 3 | June 4-29 | 13 | Aug. 27-Sept. 21 |
| 27 | Through May 18 | 4 | July 2-27 | 14 | Aug. 27-Sept. 21 |
| 28 | Through May 18 | 5 | July 2-27 | 15 | Aug. 27-Sept. 21 |
| 29 | May 7-June 1 | 6 | July 2-27 | 16 | Sept. 24-Oct. 19 |
| 30 | May 7-June 1 | 7 | July 2-27 | 17 | Sept. 24-Oct. 19 |
| 31 | May 7-June 1 | 8 | July 30-Aug. 24 | 18 | Sept. 24-Oct. 19 |
| 32 | May 7-June 1 | 9 | July 30-Aug. 24 | 19 | Sept. 24-Oct. 19 |
| 33 | June 4-29 | 10 | July 30-Aug. 24 | 20 | Oct. 22-Nov. 2 |
| 1 | June 4-29 | 11 | July 30-Aug. 24 | 21 | Oct. 22-Nov. 2 |

A systematic city-wide flushing program to remove accumulated fine sediment from the City water system takes place every spring. The City is divided into 33 districts, but not all districts undergo the flushing operation every year.

Flushing will take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some parking restrictions may occur to allow for access to water valves. Should this need arise, signs will be posted 48 hours in advance.

As flushing takes place, some temporary discoloration of water may occur. Refrain from laundering clothes during periods of discoloration, usually two or three hours. Following the flushing, run cold water for a few minutes to clear any discoloration in the water.

Check the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/watermains.htm for any changes to the flushing schedule for this year. For more information contact the Department of Public Works at 240-314-8500.

Summer Enjoyment

Summer Playgrounds Program Keeps Kids Happy and Healthy *Twelve Locations, Registration Open*

Children ages 6 to 12 can go for the gold during this year's Summer "Olympics" Playground Program. The affordable and convenient drop-in program will operate weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, June 25, to Thursday, Aug. 2. The program is available at 12 neighborhood parks throughout Rockville.

Reliable, energetic, caring and experienced staff will lead weekly themed events at each of the playground sites. Activities will include fitness play, sports, arts and crafts and board games. Playground extras such as field trips, tennis and swimming are available for additional fees.

Locations include Beall

Elementary School, College Gardens Park, Elwood Smith Park, Falls Grove Park, Isreal Park/Lincoln Park Community Center, King Farm Park, Lakewood Elementary School, Maryvale Park, Montrose Community Center and Park, Potomac Woods Park, Twinbrook Elementary School and Woodley Gardens Park.

The fee for the entire summer session is \$99 for Rockville residents and \$175 for nonresidents.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/playgrounds.html or contact Jon McLaren at 240-314-8625 or jmclaren@rockvillemd.gov.



El Programa Summer Playgrounds (Campos de Juego para el Verano) mantiene a los niños sanos y felices

Hay doce ubicaciones en todo Rockville y puede registrarse ahora

Los niños de 6 a 12 años pueden competir por la medalla de oro durante el Programa Summer "Olympics" Playground de este año. Este programa de costo asequible y conveniente para el que no hay que hacer reserva, funciona los días de semana de 9:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m., del lunes, 25 de junio al jueves 2 de agosto. El programa se realiza en 12 parques del barrio en Rockville.

Un personal confiable, dinámico, amable y experimentado dirigirá los eventos temáticos semanales en cada uno de los sitios de los campos de juego. Las actividades incluirán juegos para mantener el buen estado físico, deportes, arte y manualidades y juegos de mesa. Los adicionales del campo de juego como viajes de estudio, tenis y natación están disponibles por

un costo adicional.

Las ubicaciones incluyen Beall Elementary School, College Gardens Park, Elwood Smith Park, Falls Grove Park, Isreal Park/Lincoln Park Community Center, King Farm Park, Lakewood Elementary School, Maryvale Park, Montrose Community Center and Park, Potomac Woods Park, Twinbrook Elementary School y Woodley Gardens Park.

El costo de la sesión completa de verano es de \$99 para los residentes de Rockville y \$175 para los no residentes.

Para obtener mayor información visite www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/playgrounds o póngase en contacto con Jon McLaren llamando al 240-314-8625 o jmclaren@rockvillemd.gov.

Farmers Market to Open for Season May 12 in Downtown Rockville *Fresh-Cut Flowers, New Vendors Featured at First Week of Market*

Rockville's farmers market returns to town center Saturday, May 12. The market is held Saturdays through Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

The market offers your pick of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods and more. The market will also feature fresh-cut flowers for Mother's Day. All items offered are picked fresh daily and available as supplies last. Zeke's Coffee and Go Fish, two new vendors, will join the market this year.

A second weekly farm-

ers market begins later this spring. The second market is held Wednesdays, June 6, to Oct. 31, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on East Montgomery Avenue between Maryland Avenue and Monroe Street

in conjunction with Out to Lunch Wednesdays. For more information about the second market see page 9.

For a complete list of participating farms and vendors and a calendar of approximate harvest dates visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events. Follow the farmers market on facebook at www.facebook.com/RockvilleFarmersMarket.

FARMERS MARKET NOW THROUGH NOV.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Corner of Rt. 28 and Monroe St.
Wednesdays starting June 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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| <p>Saturdays May 12 - Nov. 17 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street Cash, Debit, WIC and EBT/SNAP Accepted</p> | <p>Wednesdays June 6 - Oct. 31 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Live music June 8 - August 28, 12:00-1:30 pm East Montgomery Avenue Cash, WIC Accepted</p> |
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Rockville 2012 Summer Recreation Guide

Available now at City facilities and online at www.rockvillemd.gov

A guide to summer fun, health, adventure and more for children and adults. Registration begins May 17. Guide will not be mailed to homes.

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IN ROCKVILLE SUMMER = FUN

Enrollment for Summer Preschool Opens May 17

The Montrose Discovery Preschool, 451 Congressional Lane, will open summer enrollment Thursday, May 17, for residents and Thursday, May 24, for nonresidents.

The preschool is open to children 3 to 5 years old who are potty trained.

The preschool offers five, two-week sessions beginning Monday, June 11, ending Friday, Aug. 17. Families may choose to enroll for all five sessions or may select specific sessions. Two program choices are available: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Rates range from \$279 for one session for residents to \$399 for one session for non residents depending on the dates and program times selected. Families who live within the city limits are eligible for financial assistance through the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund.

Montrose Discovery Preschool is licensed by the State of Maryland and staff is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment that helps children develop to their fullest potential.

For more information about the program, eligibility standards for financial aid and required application forms, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/preschool or contact Alice Nikitina at 240-314-8631 or anikitina@rockvillemd.gov.



LEARN MORE ON CHANNEL 11

Watch a short video about Montrose Discovery Preschool to learn more. www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

Register for Rockville's Favorite Road Race

One of the area's most popular road races, the Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest returns to town center Saturday, July 21, at 8:45 p.m.

The event consists of an 8K race, including a wheelchair division, and a 1K fun run, followed by music and refreshments in Rockville's downtown. Race start and finish is at the corner of N. Washington street and Beall Avenue.

The annual runfest is sponsored by the City of Rockville, Rockville Rotary Club and Montgomery County Road Runners. A portion of the proceeds from the runfest benefits the Rockville Recreation Fund, which provides financial assistance to a child who would not otherwise be able to participate in City programs, activities and camps.

The cost to register is:

- \$28 before Sunday, May 20;
- \$32 Monday, May 21, through Sunday, July 1; and
- \$37 Monday, July 2, through Friday, July 20.
- Register in person at Potomac River Running Friday, July 20, 5 to 8 p.m. for \$37 or on race day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for \$42.
- The 1K fun run is \$10.

For more information and to register visit www.rockvilletwilighter.org or call 240-314-8620.



In The Community

Community Input Needed for Horizon Hill Stormwater Improvement Plans

Residents and community members are invited to attend an informational meeting and design discussion about potential changes to the Horizon Hill park and stormwater management plans. The meeting has not been scheduled, but is expected in mid-June.

The project will restore and protect the stream val-

ley, enhance water quality and stormwater management, repair and prevent erosion, and protect park amenities.

The redesign and modification of the park and stormwater management system is part of the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2013.

The City's consultant has prepared a conceptual plan that outlines the anticipated changes to the stormwater management facility. These changes include the conversion of the upper and lower dry ponds to wet ponds which will have permanent, year-round water surfaces. Additional changes include the widening and

stabilization of portions of the stream connecting the middle and lower ponds.

For more information about the project or for specifics about the meeting, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/publicworks/HorizonHill.html, or contact Gabe Kosarek, civil engineer II at 240-314-8513 or gkosarek@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Rockville Residential Recycling Program Receives National Recognition

The publication "Waste and Recycling News" identified the City of Rockville as one of the top residential recycling programs in the nation. Out of the 102 nominations received for 2012, Rockville was recognized as one of the top three programs.

The award recognizes what the Rockville community has achieved since once-per-week, single stream recycling and refuse service was implemented

citywide.

The recycling rate has consistently increased from 35 percent in 2005, to 38 percent in Fiscal Year 2009, to 43 percent in FY10, to 45 percent in FY11. The recycling rate includes yard waste composting but does not include seasonal leaf collection.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call the Department of Public Works at 240-314-8500. ❖

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY
New recycling and refuse videos are available on the City's website. Improve your recycling rates: www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse/videos.



Celebrate Public Works Community Invited to Event May 24

Rockville and the American Public Works Association (APWA) are celebrating National Public Works Week Sunday, May 20, to Saturday, May 26. The City will host a free event for the community to see large public works equipment Thursday, May 24, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center outdoor pool parking lot, 355 Martins Lane.

The event will provide an opportunity to speak with the City's public works staff and get up close and personal with recycling and refuse trucks, earth moving equipment and other machinery.

The Department of Public Works provides for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the City's infrastructure to provide transportation, water, sewage disposal, stormwater management, recycling and refuse, fleet services, environmental management and similar services.

The Public Works Department is made up of seven divisions, all dedicated to serving

Rockville to make it safe, clean and sustainable.

The seven divisions are Management and Support, Construction Management, Traffic and Transportation, Engineering, Environmental Management, Operations and Maintenance, and Fleet Services.

Questions or comments about the Department of Public Works can be emailed to pw@rockvillemd.gov or directed by phone to 240-314-8500. For specific questions or concerns, contact the following:

- Recycling and Refuse Collection: 240-314-8568.
- Emergency line for water, sewer or street issues: 240-314-8567
- Traffic and Transportation: transportationinquiry@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8500
- Environmental Management: environment@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8870

For more information, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks or call 240-314-8500. ❖

Public Safety Awards to Honor Community's Finest

The 23rd Annual Public Safety Awards will be held Wednesday, June 6, in Rockville. The event will honor City and county public safety personnel who have distinguished themselves through service to the community during the past year.

Honorees will receive one of the following four awards:

- Citation for Bravery- for an act of bravery which was beyond the call of duty.
- Distinguished Service Citation- recognizes diligence, perseverance, or timely judgment.
- Meritorious Service Citation- recognizes a service that does not fall within the guidelines of

the medal of valor or citation for bravery or distinguished service, but is deserving of special acknowledgment.

- Community Service Award- recognizes exemplary community service.

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation are eligible for awards.

The City of Rockville, Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Rockville Gazette host the annual event with the support of nonprofit and community groups. ❖

IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE

Take an Environmental Road Trip at Free Movie Screening

"YERT (Your Environmental Road Trip): 50 States. 1 Year. Zero Garbage?" will be publicly screened Saturday, May 26, at noon and 3 p.m., at the Rockville Memorial Library.



The free screening is open to the public and hosted by the Rockville Environment Commission.

The film tells the story of three friends called to action by a planet in peril, who hit the road - traveling with hope, humor, and all of their garbage - to explore every state in America (the good, the bad... and the weird) in search of the extraordinary innovators and citizens who are tackling humanity's greatest environmental crises.

Movie producer Mark Dixon will attend the screenings to discuss the film with attendants.

For more information contact the City's Environmental Management Division at 240-314-8800.



Lincoln Park Community Center Exhibit Showcases Community's History



Until Thursday, May 31, Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue, will host a series of displays about Dr. Lorenzo Dow Turner, (1890-1971) the first African-American linguist and a founder of the field of African American Studies

Dr. Turner grew up in Rockville's Lincoln Park neighborhood during the early nineteen hundreds and became a nationally recognized scholar. Photos of Dr. Turner and items that belonged to him will be showcased to shed light on the history of African Americans in Rockville.

The exhibit is open to the public during normal business hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Join Us Out to Lunch

Weekly Street Festival and Market Return in June

Every Wednesday, June 6 through Oct. 31, East

Montgomery Avenue is transformed into a farmers market and street festival as part of the Out to Lunch series.

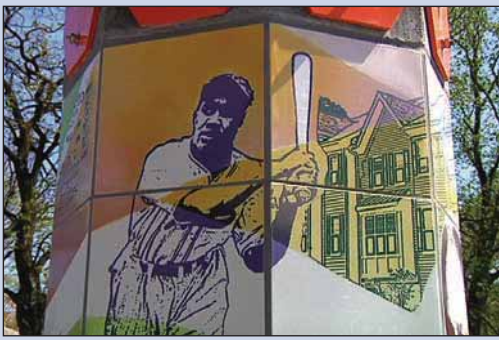
The series features farm fresh produce, baked goods and live plants; information from nonprofit organizations; and live music June 6 to Aug. 29, noon to 1:30 p.m.

The 2012 performers are:

- June 6 Mary Ann Redmond
- June 13 Squeeze Bayou
- June 20 Bobbe Shore Trio
- June 27 Ruthie and the Wranglers
- July 4 Independence Day-No Market
- July 11 Dave Chappell
- July 18 Lloyd Dobler Effect
- July 25 Backroads Band
- Aug. 1 Rick Whitehead Trio
- Aug. 8 Joint Chiefs
- Aug. 15 Boundary Rock
- Aug. 22 Barry Gurley Band
- Aug. 29 Robert Redd Trio

For more information visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/events or call 240-314-8620.





See the new public art dedicated to East Rockville's history and people at the corner of Park Road and South Stonestreet Avenue.

East Rockville Art Installed

Rockville's History on Display in New Work

Featuring local heroes, Pint Isreal and William Gibbs, a new statue designed by renowned Los Angeles sculptor Wayne Healy will now welcome visitors to the historic East Rockville neighborhood.

It stands at the corner of Park Road and South Stonestreet Avenue as a welcome to East Rockville. After a nationwide search and approval by the Cultural Arts Commission and the Mayor and Council, the \$30,000 project was installed in early April.

Wayne Healy used to be an engineer, but now creates murals and sculptures in his native Los Angeles, he describes the 12-foot tall structure as origami made of steel.

With a steel blossom dome and colored tiles, the artwork stands out from the main road near the metro but, Healy says the most important part of the project was that all the inspiration came from the residents.

The artwork includes images of Lincoln Park, Pint Isreal and William Gibbs along with a map of the area.

Check out the Rockville 11 video on the new art installation at the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Rockville's Annual Ballet Recital Welcomes Guests



Limited Spaces Available for Families

More than 130 children and teen ballet class participants will dance in the City's annual ballet recital for family and friends on Saturday, June 2, 1 to 3 p.m. The dancers will perform what they have learned in dance classes throughout the year.

Most seats will be reserved for class participants and their families, but a limited number of special guest invitations are available. To reserve your seat, register for activity #39917. Each registration is free and is good for one adult and child. To register, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation. When you register, be sure to include your email address to ensure confirmation.

For more information, contact Pam Baxter, recreation programs supervisor, at pbaxter@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8659.

Receive Information about the Arts Via Email

Subscribe to Listserv for Gallery and Theater Notices

Stay informed about all of the latest Glenview Mansion Art Gallery exhibits and performances at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre by subscribing to the City's electronic Arts listserv.

To sign up, visit the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/connections, click on join an email list, enter your email address and select the arts list.

Subscribers will receive monthly emails highlighting the art on display at the free art gallery and the upcoming shows at the theater.

The theater and the gallery are located at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. For more information about the arts in Rockville visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.

Arts & Entertainment

Enjoy Art, Gardens During Annual Exhibit



The 26th annual Sculpture on the Grounds exhibit returns to the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive Sunday, June 3. The show features large scale sculptures surrounded by the park's natural beauty. Residents and visitors

are invited to enjoy the exhibit until October. The exhibit will open with a community reception and walking tour.

For more information contact Betty Wisda, arts programs supervisor, at bwisda@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8681. ✦

Free Exhibits Feature Local Artists at Glenview

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive will host two free shows in May and June. The annual Rockville Art League Juried Members' Show will run until Tuesday, May 29, and three photographers will display their work Sunday, June 3, to Tuesday, June 26.

The June exhibit will feature work from Susan Feller, Alan Simmons and George Smyth. The show will open with a chance to meet the artists at a free community reception Sunday, June 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Cypress Trio will perform waltzes and two-steps from Louisiana, 2-3 p.m.

Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and closed official City holidays. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible.

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is housed on the second floor of the historic 19th-century mansion. The mansion is surrounded by an English style garden and the building and gardens are available for rent. The gallery hosts monthly exhibits featuring the work of Rockville



visual artists and performing groups.

For additional information about the monthly shows, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell, arts programs specialist at jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8682. ✦

It's a Free for All in Local Parks

New Performance Series Debuts in June

Featuring everything from Americana music to skateboarding demos to a magic show for kids, the new Free for All series set in neighborhood parks is sure to entertain your family. All shows are free and open to the public.

The Free for All schedule consists of:

- **Charmcity Skate Demo:** Monday, June 25, 7-8 p.m. - watch the best of Baltimore show off their flips, kicks and tricks at the Rockville Skatepark, 355 Martins Lane.
- **Turley the Magician:** Monday, July 9, 7-8 p.m. - from the White House to the Thomas Farm Community Center, Turley delights and entertains all ages at Falls Grove Park, 700 Falls Grove Drive. The show will move inside the adjacent community center in case of rain.
- **"The Billy Finch Americana Stage Show" featuring the Lovely and Talented Minerva:** Monday, July 16, 7-8 p.m. -

bring the whole family to sing and swing along with a couple of characters who bring American folk songs alive at the Pump House Park, 401 S. Horners Lane.

- **Mariachi Los Amigos:** Monday, July 23, 7-8 p.m. - celebrate the tradition of this lively, upbeat music with pros who have been playing together for decades at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone.
- **Trip 7's:** Monday, July 30, 7-8 p.m. - straight from the 9:30 Club's battle of the bands, these Rockville teens will amaze you with their classic and alternative rock at Potomac Woods Park, 2276 Dunster Lane.

In case of inclement weather, call 240-314-8682 after 4 p.m. the day of the show.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for comfortable seating.

For more information, contact Julie Farrell, arts programs specialist, at jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8682. ✦

Senior Center Renovations

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carpet replacement, new paint and furniture.

"The City is dedicated to providing the absolute best for our community's older adults," said Terri Hilton, center supervisor. "These improvements will help us provide improved services so that our clients can lead healthier, longer lives."

Anyone age 55 and older is eligible to join the center. Memberships are available for basic center services and the fitness center. Current rates are \$40 for a basic member-

ship for Rockville residents and \$135 for nonresidents. Fitness memberships are an additional \$50. First-time members can save up to 50 percent off the membership fees. Rates will increase on July 1.

The \$1.9 million project to expand the senior center began in December 2010. Rockville Seniors, Inc. contributed \$96,000 toward the project and donates \$20,000 per year toward the center's operating expenses.

For more information about the center visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or call 240-314-8800. ✦

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Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra

SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, May 12, at 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Enjoy classical music with these talented students.

TICKETS: \$8-\$20

Dawn Crafton Dance Connection

SPRING PERFORMANCES

Thursday, May 17 through Sunday, May 20

Sparkles, spangles, feathers and dance combine for magical shows.

TICKETS: CALL 301-840-8400 FOR TIMES AND TICKETS

Sign up to receive arts news and alerts via email:

✓ Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/connections.

✓ Click on join an email list.

✓ Enter your email address and select the arts list.

Rockville Chorus

SPRING PERFORMANCE

Sunday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Rockville's own adult chorus sings under the direction of Bryan Seith.

NO TICKETS, \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

Victorian Lyric Opera Company

TRIAL BY JURY/THE SORCERER

Fridays, June 8, 15, at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, June 9, 16, at 8 p.m.; Sundays, June 10, 17, at 2 p.m.

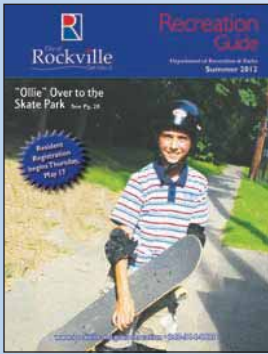
Trial by Jury is a comic opera in one act, with music by Arthur Sullivan and libretto by W. S. Gilbert.

The Sorcerer is a two-act comic opera, based on a Christmas story, *An Elixir of Love*, that Gilbert wrote for *The Graphic* magazine.

TICKETS: \$16-\$20

FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** **SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov and click on recreation registration on the right side.

For the most up-to-date event listings visit www.rockvillemd.gov or sign up for the E-Letter: Just click on "subscribe to news" on the left side of the home page, enter your name and email, and choose City Events.

May

- 9-24 Rockville Art League Juried Members Show** Daily. See page 10 for details. FREE
- 9-31 Lorenzo Dow Turner Exhibit** Daily. See page 9 for details. FREE
- 12,19,26 Farmers Market** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. See page 5 for details.
- 12 Recycle, Reduce, Reuse Community Book Swap** Have a positive effect on your community by bringing in your old books to swap with your neighbors, 10 a.m.-noon. Drop off books May 1-12, at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. FREE
- 12 Peerless Rockville Inc. Homes and Hospitality Tour** 1-5 p.m. See page 12 for details.
- 12 Royal Tea Party** Princesses and their royal family are invited to celebrate Mother's Day at our annual tea party, 2-4 p.m., Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Dress in your fanciest princess attire. Games, activities and tea will fill the afternoon. Pre-registration for course #38074 required; \$10 RES/\$12 NR.
- 12 Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra Spring Concert** 4:30 and 7 p.m. See page 10 for details.

May/June Calendar

RES = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

12 Oh Deer! Campfire Did you know that deer can jump as far as 30 feet in a single bound? Find out many more amazing facts about our largest urban mammal, the white-tailed deer, 8-9 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must register. Register for course #38993; \$4 RES/\$5 NR. **CC**

13,20,27 Sunday Fun Rides 1:30 p.m. See page 2 for details. FREE

14,21 Mommy and Me at Twinbrook Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, each Monday at 10 a.m. for playtime in the gym. Center membership required.

15 RSI Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Party RSI members are encouraged to attend at 1 p.m. and vote for the board of directors. Board of directors ballots and volunteer of the year nomination forms can be found near the front desk of the senior center. **SR**

15,17 Laptops Bring your laptop to class, 1-3 p.m. and learn about wireless connections, touch pads and internet access. Register for course #38976; \$15 MEM/\$20 RES/\$26NR. **SR**

15,22,29 Tiny Tots Drop In at Thomas Farm Tuesdays at 10 a.m., you and your toddler can run, crawl and play in the gym at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Center membership required.

15,22,29 Tuesday Night Rides 6:30 p.m. See page 2 for details. FREE

16,23,30 Toddler Time at Lincoln Park Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon preschoolers and their caregivers can play in the gym at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue. Center membership required.

16 Fifth Annual Ride of Silence 7 p.m. See page 2 for details. FREE

17-20 Dawn Crafton Dance Connection Performances See page 10 for details.

18 Bike to Work Day 7-9 a.m. See page 2 for details. FREE

18 Hooray for Homeschoolers: Plants Matter Plants play a critical role in our everyday life. Participants will understand the agricultural, medicinal and economic importance of plants while learning the basics of plant anatomy and identification, 1-3 p.m. Ages 6-15. Register for course #39006; \$6 RES/\$8 NR. **CC**

18 Water Safety Day 4-7:30 p.m. See page 4 for details. FREE

19 Conservation Landscaping Workshop Learn about how you can make your yard work for you and the environment, 9 a.m.-noon. Register via email at sphilbin@rockvillemd.gov. FREE **CC**

19 Saturday Story and Hike Stop by for story time and a hike, 10-11 a.m. Our naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Dress for the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 2-5. Pre-registration is required; \$3 RES/\$5 NR. **CC**

20 From the Bard to Broadway with the Rockville Chorus 7:30 p.m. See page 10 for details. FREE

23 Go Green Lecture Series - Landscape Audits Evaluate the sustainability of your landscape, 7-8 p.m. Learn the basics of landscape audits and find out how to analyze your landscape to increase biodiversity, improve drainage issues and beautify your garden. Be sure to register in advance. Ages 16 and older. FREE **CC**

24 Nature Tots - Butterflies Spend time with your child, ages 2-5, discovering the wonders of nature, 10-11:30 a.m. A naturalist will help you explore a new nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Pre-registration is required; \$6 RES/\$7 NR. **CC**

24 Public Works Truck Show 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. See page 9 for details. FREE

24 Geriatric Surgery: Past and Present Dr. Michael Zeniman, regional director of surgery, Johns Hopkins Medicine, will discuss some of these changes, how safe they are and how they affect recovery time, 1-2 p.m. Register for course #38754. FREE **SR**

24 Movie Special Effects Take an inside look, 1-2:30 p.m., at special effects in movies. Come with questions about your favorite films and learn "how did they do that?" Register for course #38787; \$4 MEM/\$6 RES/\$9NR. **SR**

26-28 Hometown Holidays and Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade See pages 6-8 for details.

26 YERT: Your Environmental Road Trip Screening Noon and 3 p.m. See page 9 for details. FREE

27 Ride and Stride 8 a.m.-noon. See page 2 for details.

June

1 Late Night Friday Pre-teens and teens in third through sixth grades have the Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, all to themselves to play in the gym, enjoy video games, dance and listen to music, make a craft and or just hang out with their friends, 7-10:30 p.m. Refreshments will be sold. Pre-register for course #38072. Pre-registration cost: \$7 RES/\$10 NR. Fee at the door: \$10 RES/\$15 NR.

2,9,16,23,30 Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. See page 5 for details.

2 Spring Ballet Recital 1-3 p.m. See page 10 for details. FREE

3-26 Glenview Art Gallery Show Daily. See page 10 for details. FREE

3,10,17,24 Sunday Fun Rides 1:30 p.m. See page 2 for details. FREE

3-Oct. Sculpture on the Grounds Daily. See page 10 for details. FREE

4,11,18,25 Mommy and Me at Twinbrook Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, each Monday at 10 a.m. for playtime in the gym. Center membership required.

5,12,19,26 Tiny Tots Drop In at Thomas Farm Tuesdays at 10 a.m., you and your toddler can run, crawl and play in the gym at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Center membership required.

5,12,19,26 Tuesday Night Rides 6:30 p.m. See page 2 for details. FREE

6,13,20,27 Toddler Time at Lincoln Park Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon preschoolers and their caregivers can play in the gym at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue. Center membership required.

6,13,20,27 Out to Lunch Wednesdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. See page 9 for details. FREE

6 Annual Public Safety Awards See page 9 for details.

8 Hooray for Homeschoolers - Stream Study This program for our homeschooling friends, ages 6-15, consists of hands-on and minds-on activities that include both time in our classroom laboratory along with activities and hikes outdoors, 1-3 p.m. Pre-registration required; \$6 RES/\$8 NR. **CC**

8,9,10,15,16,17 Trial by Jury/The Sorcerer by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company See page 10 for details.

9 Twinbrook Day at the Park Noon to 2 p.m. See page 12 for details. FREE

9 Rain Barrel Training Learn how to select, install and maintain rain barrels, 1-3 p.m., at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Registration is required; call 240-314-8877 or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov. **SR**

9 Star Party Join us to learn about the stars in the late spring sky. Discover objects easily visible in the night sky, look through telescopes with an astronomer and enjoy a campfire treat, 8:30-9:30 p.m. All participants must register. Ages 5 and older. Pre-registration required; \$5 RES/\$6 NR. **CC**

13,14,15 School's Out! School's out but camps haven't started yet; not to worry. Participate in sports and games, arts and crafts and a field trip, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Avenue. Register for each day separately: Wednesday, course #38202; cost \$25 RES/\$35 NR; Thursday, course #38203; cost \$25 RES/\$35 NR; Friday, course #38204; \$25 RES/\$35 NR.

14 Eco-Explorers - Maryland Science Center Children ages 8-12 can join us at the nature center after school ends for hands-on activities, hikes and trips. Participants will spend the day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exploring the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore. Register by June 10; \$40 RES/\$47 NR. **CC**

14 Flag Day Ceremony Honor our nation's flag at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #15, 5 Taft Court. FREE

15 Senior Center Fitness Center Grand Opening See page 1 for details. FREE

15 Men's 3 on 3 Late Night Basketball Tournament Grab a few friends and play in the Men's 3 on 3 Late Night Basketball Tournament at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. All men 18+ welcome to participate. Games will begin at 7 p.m., with the championship game scheduled to start at 11:30 p.m. Individual registration required before June 7; \$22 RES/\$28 NR.

19-22 Junior Naturalists Summer Camp Interested in insects? Wild about wildflowers? Explore forest, field and creek through hands-on activities while learning more about the world that surrounds us each day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Camp is suitable for ages 9-12 and may include an off-site field trip. Pre-registration required; \$225 RES/\$250 NR. **CC**

23 Men's Summer Basketball League Begins Gather a team and play ball this summer. Details are available on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports.

25-29 Guppy Nature Camp What's creeping, crawling and flapping your way? Guppy Nature Camp! Meet the critters that call Croydon Creek home and explore exciting natural history topics, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Camp is suitable for ages 5-7. Preregistration required; \$190 RES/\$230 NR. **CC**

25-29 Nature Explorations Summer Camp Whether on land or in water, enjoy discovering nature. Topics may include geology, stream ecology, zoology and botany. Explore a variety of habitats each day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., through hands-on and mind-on activities, field studies and other experiments. Camp is suitable for ages 7-10 and may include an off-site field trip. Pre-registration required; \$215 RES/\$245 NR. **CC**

25 Charmcity Skate Demo 7-8 p.m. See page 10 for details. FREE

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

May 15, June 19 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Meets the third Tuesday of the month.

May 16, June 20 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m., 621-A Southlawn Lane. Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

May 17, June 21 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Meets the third Thursday of the month.

May 17, June 21 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month.

May 22, June 26 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

May 23, June 13,27 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

May 23, June 27 Human Rights Commission 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month.

June 6 Rockville Bike Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

June 12 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

June 13 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

June 13 Rockville Sister City Corporation 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

Spend Your Summer at Camp

Play sports and games, create art, conduct science experiments, explore nature and more.
Camps for ages 5-12 • Aftercare available • Transportation provided
Convenient locations • Affordable sessions



For more information or to register: 240-314-8620 or www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation.

Architects to Visit Three of Rockville's Neighborhoods

Three of Rockville's neighborhoods, King Farm, New Mark Commons, and Rockville Town Square, will be showcased Wednesday, May 16, during the annual American Institute of Architects convention.

Approximately 40 convention-goers will tour the three neighborhoods to experience the differences in community planning between the 1970's when New Mark Commons was built, the 1990's when King Farm was built and recent developments like Town Square.

The tour will be led by Dr. Elizabeth Milnarik, an architect and an architectural historian specializing in the 20th century, and Rockville resident, Max Van Balgooy.

The American Institute of Architects convention attracts about 20,000 architects, engineers and designers from around the world.

Watch channel 11 this summer for a recap of the tour and more information about Rockville's neighborhoods.

Take a Tour of History

The always-popular Peerless Rockville, Inc. Homes and Hospitality Tour returns to the community Saturday, May 12, 1 to 5 p.m.

This year's tour features a variety of historic and beautiful homes along with the newly renovated Pump House in East Rockville. In addition to live music, hors d'oeuvres and a selection of beverages, the tour offers visitors the opportunity to mingle with fellow residents and public officials.

Advance tickets cost \$18 for Peerless members; \$22 for nonmembers. Day-of-tour tickets, which may be purchased at the Pump House at 401 South Horner's Lane, cost \$20 for Peerless members; \$25 for nonmembers.

The tour takes place rain or shine.

For more information and to buy advance tickets visit www.peerlessrockville.org or call 301-762-0096.



Spend an Afternoon at Twinbrook Day at the Park

The City of Rockville is partnering with the Twinbrook Civic Association and local businesses to host a free community fair Saturday, June 9, noon to 2 p.m. Twinbrook Day at the Park will include activities for kids, live music, fitness classes and informational booths and tables. The event will be held at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

"This event is a celebration of the people that live and work in Twinbrook," said Hjarman Cordero, senior neighborhood resources coordinator. "This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people in the community and learn more about the programs that the City has for the whole family this summer."

Community partners include JBG and Amerigroup.

For more information about Twinbrook Day at the Park visit www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook or contact Cordero at 240-314-8344 or hcordero@rockvillemd.gov.

Teddy Bears Help Out Officers

Rockville City Police use state-of-the-art equipment but did you know they also use teddy bears as part of their job? Eight-year-old Jack Burton Buckley recently donated teddy bears and stuffed animals to the Rockville City Police. Every police cruiser includes a teddy bear for officers to give to children who might need it at the scene of a crime or accident. Watch a Channel 11 video featuring Jack and the Police at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Neighborhood Notes



Rockville maintains 69 parks, playgrounds and recreation and open space sites totaling approximately 1,035 acres.

Play Ball at City Parks

This is the second in a four-part series profiling Rockville's parks and open spaces. This month the focus is on the City's four athletic parks. Athletic parks are for team sports, pickup games and large group activities.

Get to know one of the following athletic parks:

- Mark Twain School Athletic Park** (14501 Avery Rd.): In 1999 this seldom-used area was transformed into a sports park to benefit Mark Twain School and City sports enthusiasts. Boasting almost nine acres of space, the park features two softball fields, batting cages, benches, bleachers, a picnic shelter, play equipment and tennis courts. It's a perfect place for working out or just enjoying the outdoors.
- Broome Athletic Park** (751 Twinbrook Parkway): Located on Twinbrook

Parkway, the Broome Athletic Park has it all. If you're not playing tennis or having a softball game, you can easily watch from the park's many bleachers and benches.

- Dogwood Park** (800 Monroe St.): At Dogwood Park, find 44 acres of fun. Grill out and eat at the gazebo, or hit up one of the three batting cages. The Walter Johnson Field was named in honor of the legendary Washington Senators pitcher. With stadium lights, a scoreboard, and perfectly trimmed field, you can play ball or take in a game close to home.

For more information about Rockville's parks, watch channel 11 on television or online at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/parks-facilities.

— Contributed by Bridget Broullire

College Gardens Park Stormwater Project Nationally Recognized

Rockville's College Gardens Park Stormwater project was recently honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Shawn Garvin, Region 8 EPA administrator, toured the park with members of the Mayor and Council and City staff in April while the APWA named the project as a 2012 Public Works Project

of the Year. The revamped park successfully blends attractive amenities and functional stormwater management.

The stormwater project included the evaluation, redesign and reconstruction of the College Gardens park and pond, and 500 feet of stream restoration below the pond. The pond was expanded to better capture runoff within the Watts Branch watershed, is spanned by a new bridge and circled by a walking path and benches, and features extensive landscaping, a fountain and two overlook decks. The park includes a

new picnic shelter, basketball courts and bathrooms.

The project grew out of a 2001 Watts Branch watershed study. College Gardens Park serves as the focal point for the neighborhood. A cooperative effort



by City staff, consultants and residents helped forge consensus on the right course for the aging park.

For more information about the project visit www.rockvillemd.gov/cip/collegedgardenspark or contact Lise Soukup, project manager, at lsoukup@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8874.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to visit the City of Rockville's website. If you don't already have a QR code reader on your phone, there are plenty of free apps you can download. When you have an app installed, point your phone's camera at the code and the website will appear in your phone's web browser.



The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. donated \$5,000 to The Finest! performing group for their trip to Pinneberg, Germany in July 2012.

Support Cultural Exchange with a Donation to The Finest

The Finest! Performance Troupe's IMPACT! ensemble will travel to Pinneberg, Germany, Sunday, July 22, to Saturday, Aug. 4, to perform and participate in dance and theater classes.

The trip itinerary includes a performance at the Pinneberg town hall and other locations, dance and theater classes with the Pinneberg Dance Academy, a combined performance with the dance academy students, and tours of local attractions to learn about German culture.

Each student and chaperone will be matched with a Pinneberg host family for the duration of their stay.

All of the funds for the trip must be raised through private donations; to make a donation, visit www.indiegogo.com and search for Touch Hearts.

The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation and the Rockville Sister City Corporation have each donated \$5,000 to support the cultural exchange program with Rockville's sister city.

The IMPACT! ensemble is

comprised of teens who explore and tackle real world global issues in a theatrical setting, fostering thought-provoking audience discussion while building resiliency skills. To learn more about the group, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/finest.

To learn more about the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. visit www.rppfi.org/.

To learn more about the Rockville Sister City Corporation visit www.rocknet.org/Community/SisterCities/.



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