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Shuttle Service Makes Its Way to Town Center

Bus service through Rockville's Town Square is expected to begin in mid-February, providing frequent and convenient access to Town Square via shuttle buses.

Residents and visitors to Town Square will soon begin seeing Montgomery County Ride On buses painted with a City of Rockville design making their way through Town Square.

With stops on Maryland Avenue between E. Middle Lane and Beall Avenue, the shuttle service will connect Town Square to Twinbrook Metro Station, Twinbrook Parkway, Baltimore Road, Rockville Metro Station, Route 355, College Parkway, Nelson Street, Hurley Avenue, Wootton Parkway, Shady Grove Road and Fallsgrove.



The 'round Rockville' bus will soon be seen around Town Square.

City leaders first discussed the idea for shuttle service in the spring of 2005, less than a year after Town Square construction began. Through an agreement reached with Montgomery County it will operate and maintain six buses branded specifically as Town Center shuttles.

The buses are environmentally-friendly clean diesel shuttles.

The shuttles will operate along the existing Route 45. Five of the buses will operate regularly with stops 20-30 minutes apart in Town Square and one bus will serve as a back up.

Acquisition of the buses is possible through a federal grant for \$971,779 from the Federal Transit Authority and a 20 percent match from the City. **RR**

City Unveils New Look For Web Site

Rockville has launched a new look for its Web site, www.rockvillemd.gov, that it hopes will become a daily destination for residents, workers, businesses and visitors.

The new look is designed to be more user-friendly, easier to navigate and give more entry points to information available on the site. Visitors to the new Web site will also find up-to-date information each day, as well as improved content, photos and video.

The last time Rockville changed its Web site was in 2003. While this latest change is not a complete re-design, the City hopes people using it will find what they are looking for more easily.

Some of the new features include rotating photos, a series of calendars, top stories and a newsroom.

If you have questions or comments about how the site

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Rockville's Web site, www.rockvillemd.gov, has a new look.

looks or its content, e-mail JoAnn Grbach at jgrbach@rockvillemd.gov or call her at 240-314-8116. **RR**

Rockville Celebrates Black History Month with Tribute Performance

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe presents its 14th annual African-American Heritage Production, "Broadway Bound: African Americans on Broadway" on Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Using a variety of music, acting and dancing, "Broadway Bound" tells the story of African-American artists' contributions to American culture on stage and behind the scenes.

Set in New York City on Broadway, the show features portrayals of everyday people going about their lives, vignettes of several shows and specifically pays tribute to Josephine Baker and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. The performance includes scenes from "Raisin in the Sun," "Purlie," "Sarafina," "Fences" and "The Color Purple," and a rousing dance number from "Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk" that will have the audi-



Members of The **FINEST!** Youth Performance Troupe rehearse for "Broadway Bound."

ence tapping its feet. "The show promises a little of the dramatic, some comedy, lots of music and very entertaining family fun," said Karen Rawlins, community recreation programs supervisor. "We tell the story of a people through different forms of African-American music, acting and dance by paying tribute to activists, inventors, educators and other professionals and historical figures."

Kashi-Tara and Kelly Chauncey, Actors' Equity Association professionals,

provide artistic direction and original choreography for the performance.

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe includes about 40 cast members ranging in age from 5 through adult. The troupe, founded in 1989, is comprised of students from Rockville and surrounding areas and performs shows throughout the year.

Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors 60 and older and children 12 and younger.

To purchase tickets, call the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office at 240-314-8690 or visit in person 2-7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets are also available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre or from performers in the show.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at the Rockville Civic Center Park is located at 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. **RR**

Cable, Internet, Telephone Service Choice Nearing For Rockville Residents

Choice in cable television and high-speed Internet service is closer to becoming a reality in Rockville as Verizon works to install its fiber-optic network along streets and other rights-of-way.

Some Rockville residents, according to Verizon, have begun subscribing to FiOS (fiber-based cable, Internet and telephone service) through the company.

Verizon started installing in November fiber-optic cable overhead on existing poles, generally in the south cen-

tral part of the city and began underground installations in December in the Villages at Tower Oaks and Woodmont Overlook.

Verizon plans to continue installations and will provide residents with information on its construction schedule, as well as with information on where and when it will be offering FiOS service in Rockville. The outreach plan Verizon must undertake as part of its agreement with the City includes notifying neighborhood associations,

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February's Best of Rockville

6&13 Rockville hosts two family Valentine's Day outings with a Valentine's Square Dance on Feb. 6 at the new Thomas Farm Community Center and the annual Heart to Heart Valentine Dance on Feb. 13 at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.



6 Don't miss traditional Celtic music and dance when Maggie Sansone and Sue Richards and Friends host a Celtic Celebration at 8 p.m. Feb. 6 at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

26-28 Enjoy an opera with the Victorian Lyric Opera Company's performance of "The Merry Widow" Feb. 26-28 and March 1, 6-8 at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

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ROCKVILLE IS GOING GREEN

To learn more about Rockville's efforts toward building a sustainable City, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment

Rockville Moves Forward with Green Initiatives City Highlights its Top 10 Environmental Accomplishments in 2008

The City of Rockville moved forward in 2008 with goals to be a more environmentally conscious city. The Mayor and Council outlined a desire for green initiatives in its 2008-2010 vision priorities, highlighting the need to be a leader in environmentally sustainable development that protects and enhances the community's quality of life.

Through a number of accomplishments, Rockville continued its push to create new green initiatives, help residents to be more environmentally aware and work toward becoming a sustainable city for years to come.

1. Single-Stream Recycling Begins – Rockville transitioned to the most expansive recycling program in the state, allowing for mixed paper and commingled recyclables to be deposited in one recycling cart for curbside pickup. Rockville's program also allows for plastic bags.

2. New "Greener" Zoning Ordinance Adopted – The City adopted its new zoning ordinance, which encourages environmentally sustainable developments through the promotion of mixed-use developments, more stringent requirements on the conservation of natural resources and the promotion of alternative modes of transportation, such as walking, biking and public transportation.



Among Rockville's environmental accomplishments in 2008, the City created a sustainable Rockville Web site, began single-stream recycling and held an electronics recycling event.



3. Sustainable Rockville Web Site Created (www.rockvillemd.gov/environment) – To make environmental information more accessible to Rockville residents, the City unveiled its redesigned Sustainable Rockville Web site, with more content arranged in a easier-to-read format.

4. Stormwater Utility Fee Adopted – The City adopted a stormwater utility fee to provide a sustainable funding source for stormwater management and watershed protection

activities. The stormwater fee will be used to fund improvements to stormwater management facilities, storm drain inlets and conveyance pipes, and programs to protect and preserve the watershed.

5. Thomas Farm Community Center Built – Construction was completed on the new Thomas Farm Community Center in the Falls Grove community. The community center includes several sustainable features, such as pervious pavement in the parking areas, a geothermal heating



and cooling system, high efficiency plumbing fixtures and indoor materials with low VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds). Efforts were made to limit site disturbance and preserve native trees and vegetation.

6. Bio-diesel Fuel Used for City Diesel Vehicles – Rockville began using a bio-diesel blend as fuel for its diesel vehicles and equipment. Bio-diesel, vegetable oil that goes through a refining process, is a renewable energy source. About 155, nearly 40 percent, of the City's approximately 400-vehicle fleet uses the bio-diesel blend fuel.

7. Wind Power Used for City Facilities – The City increased the percentage of wind power purchased from 10 percent to 15 percent of its total electricity use. This means that 15 percent of all the electricity used by the City comes from clean, renewable wind power, which does not emit any greenhouse gases.

8. Stormwater Facilities and Salt Dome Upgraded – The Rothgeb Drive Maintenance Facility completed a project to improve the stormwater management capabilities on site and constructed a new salt dome to hold the City's supply of road salt.

9. Mandatory Recycling Ordinance Adopted – The City adopted an ordinance making mandatory recycling mandatory at all commercial and multi-family residential facilities in Rockville.

10. Citywide Electronics Recycling Collection Event Held – The City held its first electronics recycling event, urging residents to bring old computers, televisions, monitors, printers, phones, etc., to City Hall. The equipment was taken to a facility that breaks down the equipment, and recycles the electronics. **RR**

MDE Awards Grant to City

The City of Rockville is set to receive approximately \$100,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment to retro-fit a portion of the City's diesel vehicle fleet with Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF).

Diesel Particulate Filters reduce particulate matter, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions.

Reducing these air pollutants contributes to regional air quality goals to meet Clean Air Act standards.

Rockville is part of the Metropolitan Washington Region designated as a non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act. This means that, re-

gionally, the levels of air pollutants like ozone that come from hydrocarbons and particulate matter are too high. On average Diesel Particulate Filters reduce emissions by 90 percent, hydrocarbon by 95 percent and carbon monoxide by 85 percent. About 10 of the City's vehicles will receive the filters.

"Installation of the equipment purchased by this grant helps the City get closer to the goal of maintaining clean, healthy air and contributing to regional air pollution solutions, which is outlined in the Strategy for a Sustainable Rockville," said Heather Gewandter, a City environmental technician. **RR**



Focus on ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Trainings Scheduled for Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program

The City of Rockville created a volunteer stream monitoring program designed to develop report cards on the condition of Rockville's three watersheds – Cabin John, Rock Creek and Watts Branch.

Stream monitoring volunteers are the front-line defense for neighborhood streams. Volunteers help expand the City's capacity to study and protect streams and provide information to help safeguard and improve the environmental

habitat.

To get involved, volunteers need to attend classes in stream monitoring and commit to monitoring a stream site twice a year – once in April and again in October. The City provides collecting nets, field tables, collecting pans and microscopes. Volunteers provide their time and a pair of boots to wade in a stream.

If interested in participating, call Heather Gewandter at 240-314-8873 or e-mail her

at hgewandter@rockvillemd.gov to sign up. The Habitat Assessment training will be held 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 652 Avery Road. The Aquatic Insect Identification training will be held 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the cottage near Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Volunteers should be in middle school or older. **RR**

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the City Government at Work

Mayor and Council Appoint In-House Attorney Counsel to M-NCPPC to Now Serve as City's Legal Advisor

Debra Yerg Daniel will begin Feb. 23 as Rockville's new in-house city attorney, following her appointment by the Mayor and Council.

Daniel, who has served as associate general counsel to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) since 1995, will provide legal counsel to the Rockville Mayor and Council, the City administration and boards and commissions, and will represent Rockville before courts and administrative entities at the state and federal level.

"We have found the right person to join our organization as our first in-house attorney in many years," said Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann. "We wanted someone with experience, particularly in land use, and someone

who will understand the needs and demands of Maryland's second largest city."

The city attorney reports directly to the Mayor and Council. She will be responsible for all facets of managing the day-to-day operations of the City's legal office. The City requires legal support to respond to claims and lawsuits; manage litigation of personnel matters involving more than 536 full-time employees; and to provide advice and counsel in the preparation of contracts, resolutions, ordinances and regulations.

The Mayor and Council began discussing in January 2007 the choice of maintaining the City's legal services as an outsourced function or whether to bring those services in house. After analysis, public hearing



Debra Yerg Daniel

Since 1989, the law firm of Venable LLP has performed the legal work for Rockville with Paul Glasgow serving as the city attorney.

"I am very grateful to Paul Glasgow, our city attorney, and Sondra Block, our assistant city attorney, for their many years of excellent legal representation and good counsel," Hoffmann said.

While with M-NCPPC,

and discussion, the Mayor and Council decided to pursue hiring an in-house attorney.

Daniel's most recent role has been to serve as lead counsel on planning matters to the five-member Montgomery County Planning Board. During her 13-year tenure with the commission, Daniel has served in a variety of capacities.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity to work with the City of Rockville," Daniel said. "It is the culmination of so many elements of my career into one role; and I couldn't be happier to have the opportunity to serve in such a great organization."

Daniel graduated cum laude with a juris doctorate in May 1993 from The George Washington University Law School. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1988 from University of Maryland. **RR**



Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember John B. Britton



Councilmember Piotr Gajewski



Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions 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 the "Citizens Forum" portion at all meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- Feb. 9 (Mon.), Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 23 (Mon.), Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Mayor & Council Drop In

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, 111 Maryland Ave. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's Office is appreciated as drop-in times are subject to change. Call 240-314-8280.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for February is:

- Feb. 9 (Mon.) Anne M. Robbins

Town Hall Meeting

- Feb. 12 (Thurs.) Councilmember Piotr Gajewski, at City Hall, 8 p.m., not televised.

Boards & Commission Vacancies

- The City is seeking applicants for:
- Animal Matters Board (one)
 - Board of Appeals (one)
 - Cultural Arts Commission (one)
 - Landlord Tenant Affairs (four)
 - Personnel Appeals Board (one)
 - Retirement Board (one)
 - Rockville Seniors, Inc. (one)
 - Rockville Sister City (one)
 - Senior Citizens Commission (one)
 - Sign Review Board (one)

For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov

Rockville Holiday Drive Helps Neighbors in Need

While the holidays may seem a distant memory for many, the Mayor and Council recently recognized the contributions of many individuals, groups and businesses that helped to provide much needed food, toys and gift cards for those in need.

During the 2008 Holiday Drive, 89 donors contributed close to \$21,000, and 192 people volunteered 473 hours to sort food donations, pack and distribute 500 food baskets, assist with a Thanksgiving dinner for 115 Rockville seniors, decorate the City's Secret Toy Shop and help distribute new toys to 773 children ages 11 and younger.

In addition, 307 youngsters ages 12-18 received gift cards

and 127 families without children received gift cards for grocery stores. Another 67 families were matched with a sponsor who provided gifts tailored to each family member's specific need.

"Despite the economic downturn, the outpouring of support from the Rockville community has been truly gratifying," said Mary Lou Jacobs, Community Services Manager. "A number of individuals and companies increased their financial contribution or gave for the first time, recognizing that the holidays would be difficult for some in our community."

"It's a wonderful reflection on them and provides another



The Mayor and Council recognized donors to the annual Holiday Drive.

example of why Rockville is a great place to live."

Manna Food Center, IMAAM Center, Montrose Baptist Church and Rockville Church of Christ served as partners for the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets. Nine local schools sponsored food or

toy collection drives, including Maryvale and Lakewood elementary schools, Christ Episcopal and St. Mary's schools and Robert Frost Middle School, which collected \$1,189 and 35 boxes of canned food through its annual Turkey Trot. **RR**

Choice of Cable

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posting signs at entrances to neighborhoods and distributing door hangers in neighborhoods where underground work will take place. Verizon also will be posting construction information on its Web site.

Verizon hopes to have construction of its network complete in Rockville within 10 months. That construction includes the network "backbone," not necessarily all of the FiOS connections requested by individual homeowners. Construction of the main network lines in the King Farm area is expected to be completed later because that area



A choice in cable providers is coming to residents.

is served by a central facility, known as a wire center, that is located in Gaithersburg.

As part of its agreement with the City, Verizon also submitted a damage prevention and complaint resolution plan under which the company will be training its employees and contractors. Under the plan the company also is providing several ways for people to contact the company with questions and complaints.

Verizon Contact Information

Construction schedule, service availability:

- www.verizon.com/md
- Customer Care Center: 1-888-550-2244, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- E-mail: md-fios-dpcc@verizon.com

Construction inquiries:

Call the Verizon Customer Care Center 1-888-550-2244, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; or e-mail md-fios-dpcc@verizon.com.

Comcast also offers cable television, high speed Internet and telephone service via its network.

Contact Information for Comcast

Customer Service:

- www.comcast.com/Corporate/Customers/HelpSupport.html
- 301-424-4400

Service Complaint Resolution, Montgomery County Office of Cable and Communications Services: (not for Verizon construction complaints)

- www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/cableOffice/compctm.asp
- 240-773-2288

All of this contact information is on the City's Web site, also, at www.rockvillemd.gov/cabletv-telecom. **RR**

Fiscal Year '10 Budget Dates

FEBRUARY 23:	Mayor and Council receive final preview
MARCH 23:	Proposed budget presented to Mayor and Council and introduction of ordinances and resolutions
MARCH 30:	Budget Public Hearing No. 1 (<i>constant yield tax rate and general</i>)
APRIL 13:	Budget Public Hearing No. 2 (<i>general</i>)
APRIL 20:	Budget Worksession No. 1 (<i>operating</i>)
APRIL 27:	Budget Worksession No. 2 (<i>CIP</i>)
MAY 4:	Budget Public Hearing No. 3 (<i>general</i>)
MAY 18:	Budget Adoption

Three Public Hearings Planned for 2010 Budget

The Mayor and Council will receive a final preview for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget at their Monday, Feb. 23, meeting.

This final preview is a culmination of previews that took place in the fall, where each of Rockville's nine department directors gave the Mayor and Council a preview of priorities that will help to build the 2010 budget.

The nine departments in the City are the Office of the City Manager, Office of the Mayor and Council (includes the City Clerk's Office), Human Resources, Finance, Information and Technology, Recreation and Parks, Public Works, Community

Planning and Development Services and Police.

What the Mayor and Council will receive in this final preview is another overview of revenues and utility rates as of now. At the final preview, the Mayor and Council will give input before the formal introduction of the budget on March 23, when the public process kicks off.

The adopted Fiscal Year 2009 operating budget is \$102.7 million and the Capital Improvements Program budget is \$73.6 million.

To learn more about the current budget and the budget process, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/budget/index.html. **RR**

International Group Honors Rockville for Budget Presentation

The City of Rockville was recently honored for its budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The annual award is for the Fiscal Year 2009 budget, which began July 1, 2008, and ends June 30, 2009. It is given to a government that satisfies nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, communica-

tions device and an operations guide.

This is the 18th consecutive year that the City of Rockville has received this budget award from this organization.

"This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting, and it represents a significant achievement by the City," said Stacey Tate, budget officer.

For more information on the budget, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/budget, or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. **RR**



A new state District Courthouse is expected to be completed downtown in late 2010.

District Courthouse Work Continues

Work to build a new District Courthouse is continuing at the intersection of Route 28 and Maryland Avenue where the former Rockville Library once stood.

Workers have removed all dirt from the site and have begun building a retaining wall along Route 28.

Coakley Williams, the contractor building the new courthouse, has hired a company to monitor vibrations at the construction site to protect neighboring historic homes from any vibration-related damage. To date, readings indicate low levels of vibration.

Both state and city officials have designated specific routes that trucks must follow

during construction to minimize traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The dirt and dust that accumulates on the streets as a result of construction is being cleaned regularly by a street sweeper, and the contractor is required to hose down the trucks before they can leave the construction site. However, no water will be used when temperatures are below freezing to prevent ice from forming on the roads.

Motorists should take caution when traveling on Route 28 past S. Washington Street toward Maryland Avenue as visibility is limited due to the covered walkway that was built along the Jefferson Street/Route 28 sidewalk. The City asked the State

Highway Administration to alert motorists of the upcoming traffic signal.

Residents, workers and visitors of Rockville can stay informed throughout the project process in two ways:

- Sign up to receive e-mails periodically from the City with news and updates about the project
- Participate on an advisory group that will help City staff communicate effectively with neighbors

To sign up for the e-mail alerts, participate in the advisory group or have questions answered, call Rocio Estrada, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator, at 240-314-8345 or restrada@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Work Sessions on Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Continue

The Mayor and Council will continue with their second work session on the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan on Monday, Feb. 9. A third work session will be held on Monday, Feb. 23. Both will be held in council chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

- **Feb. 9/Work session** – Chapter 2, Land Use; Chapter 4, Non-residential

Land Use; and Chapter 5, Transportation

- **Feb. 23/Work session** – Chapter 6, Environment; Chapter 7, Community Facilities, Parks and Open Space; and Chapter 8, Implementation
- **March 23/Mayor and Council discussion and instructions to staff**
- **April 20/Mayor and Council**

introduction (and adoption if changes are minor)

- **June 1/Mayor and Council adoption**

Copies of the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan are available on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html. Hard copies can be obtained at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Call Ann Wallas, planner, at 240-314-8200 for more information. **RR**

Continúan las sesiones de trabajo sobre el Plan del Vecindario de Twinbrook

El Alcalde y el Concejo Municipal continuarán con la segunda sesión de trabajo sobre el Plan del Vecindario de Twinbrook el lunes, 9 de febrero. Se realizará una tercera sesión de trabajo el lunes, 23 de febrero. Ambas sesiones se celebrarán en las cámaras del concejo en el Municipio en 111 Maryland Ave.

- **9 de febrero/Sesión de trabajo** – Capítulo 2, Uso de la tierra; Capítulo 4, Uso de la tierra

no residencial; y Capítulo 5, Transporte

- **23 de febrero/Sesión de trabajo** – Capítulo 6, Medioambiente; Capítulo 7, Instalaciones de la comunidad, Parques y espacios abiertos; y Capítulo 8, Implementación
- **23 de marzo/Comentarios del Alcalde y del Consejo e instrucciones al personal**
- **20 de abril/Introducción del Alcalde y del Consejo (y**

adopción si fueran cambios menores)

- **1° de junio/Adopción por parte del Alcalde y del Consejo**

Copias del Plan del Vecindario de Twinbrook están disponibles en el sitio web de la Ciudad en www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html. Se pueden obtener copias impresas en el Departamento de Planificación y Desarrollo Comunitario en el City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue. Comuníquese con Ann Wallas, planificadora, llamando al 240-314-8200 a fin de obtener mayor información. **RR**

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New Program Protects Residents Against Identity Theft

In an effort to defend against identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission issued "Red Flag" rules that require municipalities with utility accounts to implement programs that will help protect customers against the growing crime trend.

The new program, which went into effect Jan. 1 in Rockville, will identify, detect and respond to patterns, practices or specific "red flag" activities that could indicate identity theft.

Each identity theft prevention program must be specific to the municipality based on size, types of services offered and day-to-day operations. In Rockville, where residents have utility accounts for water, sewer and refuse, officials with the Revenue Division have outlined a program that emphasizes the City's commitment to protecting the identities of its residents.

Changes that residents will notice include:

- Only customers listed in the City's utility billing system

will have access to the information in an account. If someone who is not listed on the account wants access to account information or is seeking to make a change to the account, the account holder must give written consent for that person to receive information about the utility account.

The only exception will be that anyone can have access to the amount owed on an account or make a payment to an account.

- Customers who call the City and do not have their state or federal ID listed in Rockville's account system will be asked to give their name and phone number, and to verify the address receiving service to ensure they are authorized to access information or make changes to the account.
- If a customer comes to Rockville City Hall in person to make a payment, change an account or find information

on an account, City officials will ask for the person's state or federal ID. The City will verify that person is on the account (as an owner or tenant) and add the state or federal ID number to the utility billing system.

- If a customer makes a request for a change to an account by e-mail, fax or bank lockbox, City staff will call the customer to verify the needed information before making the change. If no phone number exists in the system, City staff will mail a letter explaining why the change was not made.
- Bank starter checks that do not have the customer's name and address on the check will not be accepted for payment.

To have questions about the "Red Flag" program or Rockville's new policy answered, call 240-314-8420 or go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/utility.htm. **RR**

Rockville Prepared When Winter Weather Hits

Rockville has 28 snowplow trucks with spreaders and 21 spreader trucks, a salt dome with a capacity for 2,400 tons of salt, three backhoes for heavy snowstorms and two front-end loaders. The City maintains 24 plow routes and 20 salt routes.

In addition to the equipment, Public Works staff has been trained, routes assigned, dry-runs taken and the on-call list developed.

When it snows, the City follows its winter weather policies. The following list will help residents to know those rules.

Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance

- The City Manager may invoke snow emergency parking restrictions
- The City may remove or impound cars that are not parked properly
- Residents with driveways must park all vehicles there
- Residents without driveways, or who have more vehicles than will fit in the driveway, may park on the even-numbered side of the street only
- In courts or cul-de-sacs, where house numbers are not even on one side of the street and odd on the other, parking is allowed only on the left side of the street as one enters the cul-de-sac or court
- No parking is allowed in the bulb of the cul-de-sac or court
- After the snowfall ends and



The City of Rockville tackled its first storm on Jan. 27 and 28.

the odd-numbered side of the street is cleared, vehicles must be moved to the odd-numbered side to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side

- A fine of \$100 for a snow emergency parking violation will be incurred

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 240-314-8566.

Snow Shoveling

The Snow Ordinance requires that snow must be removed from all sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and the paved right-of-way sidewalk immediately fronting or abutting a property. This includes access ramps and curb cuts designed for use by people with disabilities.

Snow and ice removal must occur within 24 hours if the snowfall is less than 3 inches and within 48 hours if it is more than 3 inches. Fines may be imposed if the ordinance is not followed.

Call 240-314-8330 for more information.

Rockville Inclement Weather Updates

The City of Rockville announces inclement weather status through several outlets.

To find out whether a City meeting or recreation program has been cancelled due to the winter weather, check the City's Web site (www.rockvillemd.gov), Rockville Channel 11 and the following radio and television stations for Rockville City government closings and delays:

- Radio: WTOP (1500 AM, 820 AM and 107.7 FM); WARW (94.7 FM); WRQX (107.3 FM); WFRE (99.9 FM and 930 AM).
- TV: WRC-TV (NBC Channel 4); WTTG-Fox TV (Channel 5); WJLA-TV (ABC Channel 7 and News Channel 8); and WUSA-TV (CBS Channel 9).

The Rockville Recreation Inclement Weather hotline number is 240-314-5020. **RR**



A new addition to the Swim Center is expected to open this spring.

Swim Center Renovation, Addition Nears Completion

Construction of a 6,000-square-foot, one-story addition to the Rockville Municipal Swim Center is nearing completion. The addition will house a 1,500-square-foot multi-purpose room that can accommodate meetings of up to 100 people, a 2,500-square-foot fitness center, new bathrooms, additional storage and a reconfigured lobby and reception area.

The new fitness center will feature a variety of strength-building and cardio machines.

"We are excited about this addition to the center and look forward to its completion," said Mark Eldridge, swim center director. "Our current members will really benefit from the new facilities. We also look forward to meeting many new patrons who are looking for a first rate fitness center with very reasonable fees."

Construction for the \$1.84 million project was approved by the Rockville Mayor and Council last February and began last March.

The swim center is located at 355 Martins Lane. The center includes indoor and outdoor pools.

The indoor facility currently includes two lap pools, one with a graduated entrance for disabled access, a 15-person spa, locker rooms with saunas and an exercise room. Outdoor amenities include a 50-meter lap pool with diving boards; a large free-form recreation pool with a waterslide and beach-style entrance; a tot pool with fountains; an interactive "sprayground" with slides, fountains and waterfalls; locker rooms and a snack bar.

Daily, seasonal and annual memberships are available. Daily passes for City of Rockville residents are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children.

For more information about the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, including additional pricing options for memberships, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/swim-center or call 240-314-8750. **RR**

Historic Pump House to Receive Interior Renovation Residents Invited to Comment During Design Process

The 1897 Pump House at Croydon Park is scheduled to receive an interior renovation this year. The renovation will make the pump house interior more functional for community groups that use the historic building.

"The Pump House is a unique historic property," said Betsy Thompson, superintendent of recreation. "This renovation allows us to preserve this important building while making it more user-friendly for the community groups that call it home."

Currently the building is used for East Rockville Citizens Association meetings, Girl Scouts meetings, music classes and senior citizen programs. The building also houses THE FINEST!, a City-sponsored youth performing arts troupe.

A steering committee for the renovation has been formed and will work throughout the winter

to design appropriate space for the diverse needs of the users. A public meeting to review the proposed designs will be held in March, with construction slated to begin in the fall.

Once known as "Rockville Electric Lights & Water Works," the building and park, located at 401 South Horners Lane, were the centerpiece of the City's first public water system and supplier of electricity for street lights and private homes. The Pump House was one component of the water system, which included the water tower on Grandin Avenue and, eventually, a 1 million gallon capacity stand pipe tank and a 75,000 gallon reserve tank next to the building in the park at Horners Lane.

To comment on the project or participate in public meetings, call Betsy Thompson, superintendent of recreation, at 240-314-8627. **RR**

Family-Friendly Music and Dance Performances Come to Rockville

Tired of being cooped up in the house because of cold weather? Bring the family out to enjoy performances at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Maggie Sansone Highlights Celtic Celebration

Warm up with traditional Celtic music, dancing and culture on Friday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. as Maggie Sansone and Sue Richards and Friends reprise their popular Celtic Celebration.

The energetic and exciting show will get your feet tapping with traditional upbeat jigs and reels that are fun for all ages.

This one-night only performance features nationally known folk artist Maggie Sansone on hammered dulcimer; Sue Richards on Celtic harp; Andrea Hoag on fiddle; Rob Greenway on guitar and Irish flute; Matt Bell on bodhran; Seth Kibel on sax and clarinet; and Irish step-dancers.

Tickets are \$15, adults; \$13, seniors age 60 and older; and \$13, students of any age with ID.

Take a Trip into Eastern European Tradition

Enjoy the sights and sounds of traditional Eastern-European music and dance with the Duquesne University Tamburitians on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

The always-popular Tamburitians dazzle audiences with its performance incorporating brilliantly colored ethnic costumes, impressive footwork in styles from across Eastern Europe and a remarkable variety of music performed in different languages. Featuring 40 professionally trained Duquesne University students performing 20 distinct pieces of music with origins from Croatia to Greece to Transylvania, the show is sure to please everyone in the family.

Tickets for the Tamburitians are \$30, adults; \$28 seniors age 65 and older; and \$28, children age 12 and younger.

A Merry Opera Opens

Travel back in time to a different age altogether with the Victorian Lyric Opera

Company's performance of "The Merry Widow." Set in turn of the century Paris, this operetta is an intoxicating swirl of elegant ladies, eligible bachelors, can-can dancers and ever-flowing champagne. Sit back and let the beautiful melodies of Franz Lehar transport you. The show is sung in English.

"The Merry Widow" will be performed Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 27 and 28, and March 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. and Sundays, March 1 and 8, at 2 p.m. A half-price preview performance will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m.

Tickets for "The Merry Widow" are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors age 62 and older and students age 15 and younger.

To purchase tickets call the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office at 240-314-8690 or visit in person between 2-7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets are also available on-line at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. The theatre and box office are conveniently located at the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. **RR**

Community Centers Host Valentine's Day Events

Looking for a fun and different way to celebrate Valentine's Day this year? The City will host two Valentine's Day dances for families.

Check out Rockville's newest community center on Friday, Feb. 6, from 7-9 p.m. and do-si-do with a professional square dance caller at the Valentine's Square Dance. Held at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, the dance will feature an arts and crafts table and light refreshments.

Pre-registration is recommended by Thursday, Feb. 5, and the cost is \$7 for City residents and \$8 for non-residents. To register, visit the City's on-line registration system at www.rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov and use course code #26669. Tickets will also be

available at the door. For more information, call Martha Coester, center supervisor, at 240-314-8640.

Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will host its seventh annual Heart to Heart Valentine's Dance on Friday, Feb. 13, from 7-9 p.m. This fun-filled and popular event features a live DJ, an arts and crafts table and refreshments sold by the Twinbrook Elementary School PTA.

Pre-registration is recommended and the cost is \$2 per person. To register, visit the City's on-line registration system at www.rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov and use course code #26669. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call Kelley Day, center supervisor, at 240-314-8833. **RR**

Swingtime Concert Warms Things Up in February

Back by popular demand, the Rockville Concert Band, Rockville Swing Band and the Walt Whitman High School Jazz Ensemble will present Swingtime at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

This toe-tapping concert will feature "Take the A-Train" by Duke Ellington, "Blue Skies" by Irving Berlin, "Mambo Hot" by Victor Lopez and "Count Bubba's Revenge" by Gordon Goodwin to name a few featured selections.

Each of these regionally-

recognized musical groups will perform independently, followed by the swing band and jazz ensemble performing two selections side by side.

"This high energy concert is so infectious that it will chase the February blues away," said Betty Wisda, arts programs supervisor.

The concert is free; no tickets are required.

The theatre is located at the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. **RR**



The Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra will host auditions in February.

Rockville Youth Invited to Showcase Creative Talents in Music and Arts

Student artists and performers will not want to miss two opportunities in the City this month. The Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra (RRYO) will hold auditions Tuesday, Feb. 3, and Tuesday, Feb. 10, and the Rockville Student Art Show will accept entries on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Musicians in grades four through nine are encouraged to audition for the RRYO. The orchestra is comprised of violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, trumpets, trombones, French horns, low brass and percussion. Directed by Brian Seith, Rockville's Lifetime Achievement in Arts Award winner, the youth orchestra has performed in Rockville for nine years.

"This is a great way for kids to work with students from oth-

er schools in a musician ensemble," said Jenny Aiello whose children were in the orchestra last year.

To schedule an audition, call Julie Farrell, arts program supervisor, at 240-314-8682. For more information on the RRYO, including audition requirements and performance schedules, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/rryo.

Student artists who live or attend school in the City limits are invited to exhibit their work in the annual Rockville Student Art Show being held March 1-24.

To participate in this exciting and popular show, students should submit a registration form and one piece of two- or three-dimensional artwork in any media on Sunday, Feb. 22,

from 1-3 p.m. Entries should be submitted to the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. Registration forms will be available at the art gallery during the scheduled drop off time.

Judges will give ribbon awards to the best submissions in grades four through 12. Submissions from students in kindergarten through grade three are not judged. All participants will receive a certificate.

For more information about how to register for this unique opportunity or to obtain a registration form, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/student-exhibit or call Julie Farrell, arts program supervisor at 240-314-8682. **RR**

Hunt for Hidden Treasure

It is now possible to uncover one of Rockville's hidden treasures using a set of map coordinates and a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS).

The City launched a new geocache as part of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Geocache Trail.

A geocache is a box of small items like pens, toys, lapel pins and stickers that are typically not worth much money but are fun to find. The geocache can be hidden anywhere at the map coordinates and can be easy or difficult to find.

A geocache trail is a series of geocaches tied together by a common theme. The theme of the MML Geocache Trail is Celebrating Maryland's Cities and Towns. The MML Geocache Trail is designed to promote visits to Maryland's cities and towns, with the goal of helping to stimulate economic development.

To get the coordinates for Rockville's hidden treasure go to www.geocaching.com,

and search for the Maryland Municipal League, go to the MML account and download or manually enter the map coordinates for each cache on the Geo Trail.

The trail is home to 78 caches located in the 11 MML districts (regions) throughout the state. A collectible geo coin will be given to the first 500 geocachers who locate a minimum of 22 caches. To be eligible for the coin, geocachers must pick up a passport at any participating visitor center, use the stamp in each cache on their passports and write in the cache code word. After at least two municipal caches in each district are discovered, geocachers may return to one of the visitor centers and have their passports validated to receive the collectible coin.

For more information about the City's geocache call 240-314-8625. A list of participating visitor centers and municipalities is available on the MML's Web site at www.md-municipal.org. **RR**

In Brief

Learn to Deal with Social Bullying

Bullies are no longer the bigger kids waiting in the schoolyard to steal a younger student's lunch money. Today, both boys and girls are using exclusion, rumors and teasing to bully their peers.

Social Bullies: Dealing with Cliques and Exclusion will explore these various behaviors and discuss strategies for recognizing these behaviors and learning to cope with them.

The program will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

CALL 240-314-8317 FOR INFO

Computer Center Opens at David Scull

A new computer center opened in January at the David Scull Community Center thanks to the Montgomery County Students Informational Technology Foundation and students at Clarksburg High School.

The technology foundation awarded six refurbished Dell computers to Rockville Housing Enterprises. The computers are equipped with the latest software and have Internet access at the center.

For more information about the computer center, call Florence Cole, resident counselor.

CALL 301-424-6265 FOR INFO

Shared-Use Path Receives a Facelift

Rockville has completed work to give bicyclists and pedestrians using the shared-use path along Seven Locks Road at the Fortune Terrace intersection more width of the pavement.

Following several weeks of work, City Traffic and Transportation engineers have moved one pedestrian pole and one traffic signal pole, so they are no longer blocking a portion of the asphalt path.

The suggestion to relocate the poles came from a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee listserv. The City determined it was feasible to relocate the poles and would make the 10-foot wide path more user-friendly and safer.

CALL 240-314-5000 FOR INFO

Plenty of Fun for Teens in the City

Rockville Teen Programs is offering three events for students after school, as well as onno school and half school days, during February.

The following programs are open to students in grades six to 12:

- Indoor Football Madness – Friday, Feb. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.
- Snow tubing trip to Ski Liberty – Monday, Feb. 16, 3-8 p.m. Pick up and drop off at Robert Frost and Julius West middle schools. Cost is \$26, residents; \$31, non-residents.
- Movie trip to a local theater – Friday, Feb. 27, noon-4 p.m. Pick up and drop off at Robert Frost and Julius West

middle schools. Cost is \$10, residents; \$12, nonresidents.

CALL 240-314-8634 FOR INFO

Find Out How to Parent without Threats or Bribes

The use of rewards and threats to discipline children may be an effective way to control behavior immediately, but over time, it can decrease the level of mutual respect between parent and child. Learn alternative approaches and gain more cooperation in your home during the Parenting Without Threats or Bribes program 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

CALL 240-314-8317 FOR INFO

TOWN SQUARE

Daily through Feb. 21 "Turning the Page" and "Art of the Book" An exhibit featuring the art behind book illustration for children and artist books presenting images as the main form of communication at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Call 301-315-8200 or go to www.visartscenter.org. FREE.

ARTS

The *Glennview Mansion Art Gallery* and *F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre* are located in *Rockville Civic Center Park*, 603 Edmonston Drive.

6 Celtic Celebration Maggie Sansone performs with Sue Richards on Celtic harp; Rob Greenway on Irish flute, accordion, guitar; Matt Bell on percussion; and Seth Kibel on sax and clarinet. The Teelin School of Irish Dance will perform with step dancers. 8 p.m. Tickets \$15, adult; \$13, seniors (60+) and students.

7 Tamburitans The Duquesne University Tamburitans return with the music, song and dance of Eastern Europe featuring authentic costumes. 8 p.m. Tickets \$30, adults; \$28, seniors (65+) and students (12 and younger).

8 Winter Concert The premiere 75-member Rockville Concert Band performs a winter concert. 3 p.m. FREE, no tickets required.

13,14 African Americans on Broadway The 14th Annual African-American Heritage Production presents a sampling of African American contributions to Broadway both on and off stage. Shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Tickets \$15, adults; \$10, seniors (60+) and students (12 and younger).

26-28 The Merry Widow Victorian Lyric Opera Company performs Franz Lehár's operetta, an intoxicating whirl of elegant ladies, eligible bachelors, can-can dancers and ever-flowing champagne. Preview performance at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb. 28. Tickets \$20, adults; \$15, seniors (62+) and students. Preview performance tickets \$10 and \$7.50.

NATURE & OUTDOOR

All programs held at *Croydon Creek Nature Center, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road, unless otherwise noted. Registration required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.*

7 Valentine Cards Parents can help their children create a special,

february calendar of events

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

nature-themed card for a special Valentine. Each participant will make two or three cards. 10-11:30 a.m. Ages 7-10. \$8RES/\$10NR.

8 Women on the Move/Snowtubing Enjoy two hours of high-speed tubing followed by dinner on your own at the Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont. Cost includes tubing fees, transportation and leadership. Registration required. Noon-7 p.m. Women, age 30 and older. \$32RES/\$38NR.

11 Junior Naturalist Club Learn the history of a place by observing the clues in the landscape. 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 10-14. \$12RES/\$14NR.

14 Great Backyard Bird Count Participate in this annual event and help the Cornell Lab of Ornithology with its ongoing bird research. Learn common backyard birds and how to identify them, then take a hike to practice your skills. 9-10:30 a.m. Ages 1 and older. \$2RES/\$3NR.

19 Tiny Tot Walk Maryland's Winter Residents Ever wonder what squirrels, foxes and deer do for the winter? Learn how these animals survive the weather through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 1/2. \$6RES/\$7NR.

19 Tyke Hike Animals in Winter Have you noticed that some animals stay here and stay awake for the winter? Learn about these special creatures through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3 1/2-6. \$6RES/\$7NR.

20 Tyke Hike Animals in Winter Have you noticed that some animals stay here and stay awake for the winter? Learn about these special creatures through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3 1/2-6. \$6RES/\$7NR.

21 Hike Maryland Heights Experience 6.5 miles of trails around historic Civil War forts and artillery batteries overlooking Harpers Ferry, W. Va. This is a scenic circuit trail, but the first 2 miles are steep uphill. Cost includes transportation and leadership. Register by Feb. 12. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ages 16 and over. \$37RES/\$46NR.

21 Winter Nature Journals Connect with nature by keeping a nature journal. Participants will learn observation and drawing techniques while exploring the grounds around the Nature Center. Cost includes instruction, blank journal and watercolor pencil

set. Register by Feb. 10. 1-3:30 p.m. Ages 15 and over. \$16RES/\$20NR.

27 Winter Bird Feeders Learn how to identify common winter birds and make a bird feeder. Register by Feb. 22. 1-2 p.m. Ages 1 and over. \$7RES/\$9NR.

SENIORS

All programs are held at *Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Call 240-314-8800.*

2-Apr.13 Income Tax Assistance. Appointment required. Call 240-777-2577. No fee.

3-10 Digital Photography II, Part two A continuation of camera usage with emphasis on individual controls. 1-3 p.m. \$35MEM/\$44RES/\$55NR.

3 Vista Desktop Management The basics of the operating system. 10 a.m.-noon. \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR.

4 Clarify Computer Concepts Now that you have completed the basics, learn what comes next. 10 a.m.-noon. \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR.

4 Reiki for Seniors Join an introductory discussion and demonstration of Reiki, a technique used to work with "life force energy." 1-2 p.m. FREE.

10 Peeking at the Presidents Want to know more about the First Family of George and Martha or Abe and Mary? Register by Feb. 5. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2NR.

10 Don't Be A Victim Dave Baker, Crime Prevention Specialist from the Montgomery County Police Department, will speak. 1-2 p.m. FREE.

10&Mar.10 Woodworking Club (Beginner) Interested in woodworking? The Senior Center has an excellent carpentry shop for those who have not used power tools or want a refresher. Register by Feb. 3. 1-3 p.m. \$4MEM/\$6RES/\$8NR.

11 Senior Smiles Are you having trouble with your teeth? A Rockville oral and maxillofacial surgeon will discuss the latest methods of extraction, implants and dentures. 1-2 p.m. FREE.

12 Genealogy: What's It All About? Lorraine Minor of the Montgomery County Historical Society will give direction into the fascinating world of Genealogy. Register by Feb. 5. 1-2:30 p.m. \$3MEM/\$5RES/\$7NR.

13 Line Dance Social Join us as we celebrate our love for country line dancing and get ready to have a rip roarin', foot stompin', good time. No previous experience or partner is necessary. Instructions will be given. Light refreshments served. 2-3:30 p.m. \$5MEM/\$6RES/\$7NR.

17&19 Computer Basics This class is a hands-on introduction to the use of computers. 10-11:30 a.m. \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR.

17-24 Digital Photography Editing Learn how to correct composition, color quality, resolution, contrast, brightness, hue, content and use layers. 1-3 p.m. \$45MEM/\$56RES/\$67NR.

17 and Mar.24 Woodworking Club (Advanced Beginner) The Senior Center has an excellent carpentry shop for those who have used power tools and can operate them safely. Register by Feb. 10. 1-3 p.m. \$4MEM/\$6RES/\$8NR.

17 Jewelry Basics Make necklaces and bracelets, using crimp beads and choosing a stringing material. Bring a pair of small needle nosed pliers and wire cutters if you have them. \$6 materials fee due to instructor at class. Register by Feb. 9. 1-3 p.m. \$24MEM/\$26RES/\$30NR.

18 Maintaining Your Computer Does your system run slowly? Let us show you some tips. 10 a.m.-noon. \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR.

18 Softball Pizza Party Learn how can you become a part of our Rockville Senior Softball Team in 2009. Come to our Pizza Party. All former members and anyone interested in playing softball next season should come to this organizational meeting. 12:30-2 p.m. FREE.

18 Jefferson Café Presented by Montgomery College and The Paul Peck Institute for American Culture, whose mission is to increase knowledge of American culture, history, principles and political traditions. Register by Feb. 11. 2-3 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2NR.

19 Crochet, Beginner Plus Knitting has been the rage, but crochet is a simpler technique. Bring acrylic yarn and a crochet hook to class. 10 a.m.-noon. \$10MEM/\$12RES/\$15NR.

19 Young in Heart Senior Club Meeting and Luncheon. New members welcome. Enroll by Feb. 12. 11 a.m.

19 Preventing Brain Attack What is the latest in stroke treatment? 1-2 p.m. FREE.

23-Mar.2 Microsoft Excel Learn how to enter data and create a basic worksheet from data; and design, develop, format and manipulate spreadsheets. 10 a.m.-noon. \$24MEM/\$32RES/\$38NR.

23-Mar.23 Memory Academy Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source is presenting a memory training course that teaches practical techniques for enhancing memory ability. \$25 fee for textbook, handouts and folder due by Feb. 9. 1-3 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2NR.

26 SKYPE/Webcams Free telephone calls anywhere in the world to anyone. Learn about this high quality service. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE.

26 Book Club Meeting with Judy Each month's reading is posted on the bulletin board outside the lunch room. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

26 Right Click, Left Click Learn to use the right mouse button. Discover it's many applications. 1-3 p.m. \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

4 Rockville Bike Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m.

11,25 Planning Commission 7 p.m.

10 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m.

10 Commission on the Environment 7:30 p.m.

11 Sister City Corporation 7:30 p.m.

11 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.

17 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

18 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m., 621-A Southlawn Lane.

19 Senior Citizens Commission 10 a.m. to noon, Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

19 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m.

26 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m.



A CELEBRATION TO HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR... *The City of Rockville presented two awards – the F. Michael Taff and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award – at its annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Jan. 19. The Arc of Montgomery County was recognized with the F. Michael Taff award, which honors the late human rights activist and recognizes exemplary efforts by an individual or group who reduce barriers that restrain participation for those with disabilities. Rockville High School student Shyiesha Smith received the Youth Award, which recognizes outstanding efforts of a high school student who has helped to advance the goals and dreams of King. (Above) Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann, right, and Human Rights Advisory Commission member Yvonna Love, center, present the F. Michael Taff Award.*

Projects in the Pipeline

The City of Rockville has numerous projects that will come before various boards, commissions and the Mayor and Council in February. Each are in a different phase of review.

Highlights:

- Hearing for the variance for

a freestanding bell tower adjacent St. Elizabeth's Church, 917 Montrose Road – Board of Appeals, Feb. 7.

- Discussion of sign signage at Chestnut Lodge, 50 W. Montgomery Ave. – Historic District Commission, Feb. 19.

- Review for the creation of nine ownership lots in the Upper Rock Creek development – Planning Commission, Feb. 25.

To learn more about these and other projects being reviewed, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/cpds.htm **RR**

Job Opportunities with the City

- Bus Driver** – Operates the city's buses; transports citizens to and from scheduled destinations; assists citizens on and off the bus and with their packages; maintains ridership records.
 - Teen Program Director** – Responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the teens and pre-teen program at the Thomas Farm Community Center.
 - Police Officer** – Charged with tasks and responsibilities relating to maintaining order, protecting life and property, and upholding the laws of the State of Maryland and the ordinance of the City of Rockville.
- To learn more about these and other position, go to www.rockvillemd.gov and click on careers in the navigation bar on the left. **RR**

Peerless Works with Students on 'Pink Bank'

The University of Maryland School of Architecture and Peerless Rockville will host an intense planning session, known as a charette, for the adaptive use of the Suburban Trust/Bank of America building as a design exercise for School of Architecture students. The public can also participate.

The charette will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Saturday, Feb. 7, and Sunday, Feb. 8, in the first floor meeting room of the Rockville Library in Town Square.

The 1964 commercial bank building, known as the 'Pink Bank,' on N. Washington Street was designed by Washington architect Arthur L. Anderson and is an example of modernist architecture, illustrating the use of standard building materials, such as metal panels and brick, to achieve a highly decorative surface.

Call Peerless Rockville at 301-762-0096 or e-mail info@peerlessrockville.org. **RR**

Where We Live: Lincoln Park

This month on Rockville Channel 11 (The Rockville Channel), the Where We Live series explores the close-knit community of Lincoln Park.

This unique area of Rockville has a story with tremendous pride found among its residents. This documentary-style program introduces viewers to the history of the neighborhood and the many faces and facets that make up this historically black community.

Check Rockville Channel 11's schedule for times **RR**



A viewing party of "A Pair of Jacks" will be held Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Peerless, City Partner to Host 'A Pair of Jacks'

The City's historic planners, Rockville Channel 11, and Peerless Rockville will host a viewing party of "A Pair of Jacks" on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Produced by Rockville Channel 11, the documentary features two local retired architects, John S. "Jack" Samperton and John H. "Jack" Sullivan, and how their work helped shape Rockville during the postwar era.

"The story of the two Jacks is really a story about the City and how it has grown and changed since the end of World War II," said Teresa Lachin, historian with Peerless Rockville.

Mr. Samperton worked with developer Joseph Geeraert in designing homes in Twinbrook, and Mr. Sullivan designed the Tenley Building and the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, among many other projects. The Feb. 3 program highlights their careers in Rockville and offers perspectives on what it was like to be community architects during the 1950s. Now in their eighties, the two men were classmates at the Catholic University School of Architecture and have remained lifelong friends.

The viewing party will include a screening of the documentary as well as a live audience discussion with the architects. *A Pair of Jacks* will air on Rockville Channel 11 during the month of February, check for airdates and times.

The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Peerless Rockville at 301-762-0096 or programs@peerlessrockville.org. **RR**

THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE							
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight Until Meeting Ends	Planning Commission	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	K-9 Cops	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	K-9 Cops	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	K-9 Cops	Where We Live: Lincoln Park
7:30 a.m.	NCTV	Trash Talk	NCTV	Trash Talk	NCTV	Trash Talk	NCTV
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
9 a.m.	Recruit To Rookie	Arts Sampler	Recruit To Rookie	Where We Live: East Rockville	Trash Talk	Recruit To Rookie	Arts Sampler
9:30 a.m.	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: East Rockville	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Arts Sampler	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Where We Live: Lincoln Park
10 a.m.	Arts Sampler	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	K-9 Cops
10:30 a.m.	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	On Patrol Encore	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	Where We Live: East Rockville
11 a.m.	A Pair Of Jacks: Architects	K-9 Cops	A Pair Of Jacks	Recruit To Rookie	A Pair Of Jacks	Recruit To Rookie	A Pair Of Jacks
11:30 a.m.	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 p.m.	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	A Pair Of Jacks
4:30 p.m.	MLK Day Celebration	Arts Sampler	Arts Sampler	MLK Day Celebration	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	MLK Day Celebration	Arts Sampler
5 p.m.	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	K-9 Cops	K-9 Cops	Arts Sampler	Arts Sampler	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	K-9 Cops
5:30 p.m.	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Planning Commission	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Mayor & Council	Where We Live: Lincoln Park
7:30 p.m.	Recruit To Rookie	Recruit To Rookie	Recruit To Rookie	Recruit To Rookie	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device (HDC) (3rd Thurs.)	Recruit To Rookie	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device
8 p.m.	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: East Rockville	Where We Live: East Rockville
8:30 p.m.	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Q&A: Traffic Calming Device	Recruit To Rookie	Recruit To Rookie	Recruit To Rookie
9 p.m.	A Pair Of Jacks	A Pair Of Jacks	A Pair Of Jacks	A Pair Of Jacks	Recruit To Rookie	A Pair Of Jacks	A Pair Of Jacks
9:30 p.m.	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	Where We Live: Lincoln Park
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
11 p.m.	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: Lincoln Park	A Pair Of Jacks	Where We Live: Lincoln Park
11:30 p.m.	K-9 Cops	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes	On Patrol Encore	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes

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