

Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place Community Charrette Begins

Community Encouraged to Take Part in the Design Process

The City of Rockville's Community Planning and Development Services Department has been working with the public for eight months on a visioning process called *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place*. The goal of the process is to develop a vision, goals and steps to implement steps to improve the Pike. After four public meetings and many interviews, the process has now received significant public input on land use, transportation, open space, and other elements. The next step is to take the technical analysis and the input from previous public events and turn them into solutions for the Pike. Beginning May 31, Rockville will be hosting a community charrette, which is an intensive, open public work session that will create a plan for the future. The charrette will be a collaborative process involving a multi-disciplinary team of consultants, Rockville staff, and the public. The concepts developed through the charrette will be refined and presented to the public later this year.

The public is encouraged to attend one or both of the



The public has several upcoming opportunities to participate in the city-wide initiative, Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place.

public meetings, or just drop by the charrette studio (located at 718 Rockville Pike) during Design Studio hours. The hours are May 31, 2-8 p.m.; June 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; June 2 and 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit more than once to see the evolution of the Rockville Pike design.

- **First Public Meeting** (Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Richard Montgomery High School, located at 250 Richard Montgomery Dr.). At this interactive workshop YOU get to plan the Pike! You will work in small groups to respond to specific design

questions and draw your ideas on a map.

- **Open House (Monday, June 2, 5-8 p.m., at the charrette studio at 718 Rockville Pike.)** Stop by the charrette studio to check on the progress of the plan, ask questions, and provide your comments.
- **Second Public Meeting (Tuesday, June 3, 7-9 p.m., at Richard Montgomery High School, located at 250 Richard Montgomery Dr.)**. At this meeting the consultant team will present the results of the charrette, highlight key initiatives, and ask for your feedback. **RR**

Reminder: City of Rockville Follows Montgomery County Noise Ordinance

When the weather turns warm, residents find themselves outside more often. Whether it is completing yard work, hosting an outdoor get together or playing outside, residents should be aware that the City of Rockville enforces the Noise Control Ordinance set by Montgomery County's Division of Environmental Protection.

Basic reminders to be compliant with the noise ordinance:

- Mowing of lawns, leaf blowers, nor loud construction, cannot begin prior to 7 a.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Mowing of lawns, leaf blowers and loud construction must stop by 9 p.m. Monday – Sunday.

Some additional actions prohibited under this ordinance are:

- Sounding a horn or other



The Montgomery County Noise Ordinance, which the City of Rockville follows, prohibits mowing of lawns prior to 7 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. on weekends.

signaling device on any motor vehicle on private property except during an emergency or to signal a danger warning.

- Operating a sound-producing device on public streets for commercial advertising or to attract attention.
 - Selling anything by outcry.
 - Allowing an animal to create a noise disturbance.
 - Excessive noise during a party and/or allowing the party to proceed past acceptable hours.
- Citizens who are experiencing a noise problem should call the City Police non-emergency line at 240-314-8900. Contact Steve Davis, code enforcement officer, at 240-314-8333 or sdavis@rockvillemd.gov for more information on the ordinance.
- Compliance is necessary by all residents thereby improving the quality of life in all Rockville neighborhoods. **RR**



The draft plan guides the future of the land currently zoned while maintaining and enhancing the historic residential character of the Twinbrook neighborhood.

Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan – Planning Commission Votes June 11

The Planning Commission completed its work on the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan and has given instructions to staff to make changes to the Plan before it is presented and recommended to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council will vote on the amended draft during the Planning Commission meeting on June 11. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and broadcasts live on The Rockville Channel, cable channel 11. The meeting will re-air throughout the following

weeks (see page 8 for complete schedule).

Copies of the draft plan, including proposed changes, are available free of charge at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave., second floor). The draft plan and proposed changes also is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/master-plan/twinbrook/index.html.

A public hearing before the Mayor and Council will be scheduled in early fall. **RR**

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Charrette Studio just days away...

Schedule for Charrette

- **First Public Meeting**
Date: Saturday, May 31
Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: Richard Montgomery High School cafeteria
250 Richard Montgomery Drive
- **Open House**
Dates: Monday, June 2
Time: 5 - 8 p.m.
Location: NEW LOCATION: 718 Rockville Pike
(formerly Koons Ford)
- **Second Public Meeting**
Date: Tuesday, June 3
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
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Did You Know?

The French word "charrette" means "cart" and is often used to describe concentrated work effort expended by art and architecture students to meet a project deadline. This use of the term is said to originate from the *École des Beaux Arts* in Paris during the 19th century, where proctors circulated a cart, or "charrette," to collect drawings from the students.