



WECA EVENTS

General Meeting

Thu, Sep 11, 7 PM at
Rockville Memorial
Library

Join us for the Fall General
Meeting to talk about:

- **WECA is considering 501(c) status.** Find out how you can help.
- **"Accessory Dwelling Units: What the New Law Means for You"** by Stefan Szell

Farewell to Print

This is WECA's final printed newsletter. Starting next month, we'll publish digital editions with faster updates, more photos, and timely news.

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WECA and joining us as we
move into a new, greener way to
share neighborhood news!

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Become a Block Captain

Block captains distribute printed newsletters and vote on issues that affect the West End. Contact
wecaoutreach@gmail.com.

All West End Residents are Welcome at September 11th WECA General Meeting

WECA has a new meeting location:
Rockville Memorial Library
21 Maryland Ave Rockville MD 20850.

Please follow the signs for the meeting.

– WECA is considering a 501(c) status and seeking volunteers to join its steering committee. Learn more and volunteer.

– Rockville's January 2025 ZTA update opens the door to thoughtful backyard cottages and over-garage apartments—tiny spaces with big upsides for our neighborhood:

- **Keep family close:** a place for aging parents, adult children, or a caregiver.
- **Support local workers:** teachers, nurses, and city staff can live near the people they serve.
- **Preserve our homes:** rental income can help fund maintenance on historic houses.
- **Flexible living:** today's guest suite or office can be tomorrow's nest for family.
- **Quietly tucked in:** most ADUs sit behind the main house, keeping street charm intact.
- **Stronger community:** more eyes on the block, more customers for local shops.

Curious what an ADU could look like on your lot? Join our WECA info session to see real examples and smart design ideas.



From the President's Porch, Ajay Khetarpal

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As summer winds down, I'm excited to share what's been happening — and what's ahead — in our West End community. This year, we launched **WECA Listening Sessions**, giving neighbors a chance to share ideas, voice concerns, and help guide our advocacy with the City of Rockville.

SpringFest was a huge success, with music, food, games, and a wonderful turnout. Thank you to the volunteers who made it possible!

With schools back in session, please watch speeds, follow crossing guard directions, and keep safety in mind during busy pick-up and drop-off times.

The City's **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** is now accepting project proposals, due September 12. This is your chance to suggest park upgrades, street repairs, and other improvements.

Finally, this is our **last printed bi-yearly newsletter**. Starting next month, we'll publish a digital edition (probably monthly) with faster updates, more photos, and timely news. **Subscribe today at westendrockvillemd.org to stay connected.**

Thank you for being part of such a vibrant, engaged neighborhood.

A real estate advertisement for Larry Giammo. It features a black and white photo of Larry, a man with short hair, smiling. To the right of the photo is a text box that reads: "Trusted Real Estate Agent. Licensed in MD, DC and VA. Longtime West End Resident." Below the photo is a large dark grey box with white text that reads: "Experience, Insight, Integrity, Results. Larry Giammo Associate Broker & Realtor® 301-213-5678 | larry@larrygiammo.com larrygiammo.com". At the bottom of this box, in smaller text, it says "Taylor Properties (301-970-2447)". The background of the ad shows a window with a view of trees.

I'm a longtime West End resident and know our wonderful neighborhood well. I'd welcome the opportunity to talk with you about achieving the best possible results from the sale of your home in the current market. Contact me and I'll share with you detailed information describing my approach for successfully selling homes and working in partnership with my clients. Then, if you'd like, let's meet to discuss your home, your priorities and timeline, next steps if you decided to move forward, and any questions you may have — all with no obligation to you. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you! — Larry Giammo

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Your news will be digital!

WECA is going digital so we can reach you more often—not just twice a year. Moving online means faster neighborhood updates—City meetings, street work, and events—plus richer content like photos, maps, and links. You'll see quick polls so your voice shapes priorities. It's greener, easy to read on your phone, tablet, or computer, and frees up printing dollars we can invest in community projects and events. You'll also get timely reminders, meeting recaps, and spotlights on neighbors and small businesses, along with a searchable archive and translation options so more residents can stay in the loop.

Prefer paper? You can download and print any issue from the site or pick one up at the Rockville Memorial Library. We'll keep printed copies available for those who need them.

Need help subscribing? We'll have sign-up support at meetings. Make sure you're on the list: **subscribe at WestEndRockvilleMD.org**, and encourage a neighbor to sign up too. If email isn't your thing, you can still check new posts on the website anytime.

In the coming days we will be making our website more user-friendly, interactive, and responsive, with clearer navigation, larger text options, and high-contrast modes. You'll find discoverable information, including FAQs, forms, and ways to contact us. Moving newsletters to the site is the next step in our communication strategy: more timely, more sustainable, and easier to share.

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Springfest 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **WECA's Spring Fest 2025** on May 17th! It was a wonderful day filled with sunshine, smiles, hands-on activities, great food, and even greater company. We're so grateful for the volunteers, sponsors, and families who made this event a success.

Whether you helped set up, planted seeds with the kids, grilled burgers, or simply came to enjoy the fun—you made it **unforgettable**.



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Neighborhood News & Events

Sept 9th - Fire Prevention and safety in your home - Fire Prevention & Safety in Your Home—presented by Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services: learn about causes of residential fires, escape planning, and the free Home Safety Check program. Rockville Senior Center (Azalea Room), Tuesday, Sept 9, 7:00–8:00 PM with Q&A; RSVP required (limited seating) westrockvilleconnects.org

Sept 15th - Mayor and Council meeting - Rockville City Hall, 5:30pm - 11:00pm

Sept 20th - 2025 Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival - Organized by Taiwan Sister Cities with Rockville Sister Cities Corporation—celebrates Taiwan's iconic drink. Enjoy bubble tea vendors, cultural performances, live music, and interactive booths for all ages.

Sept 23rd - Senior Center: Optimize your PC - Tame pop-ups, speed up startup, and get answers to your trickiest tech questions. Register via Rec1, call Rockville Senior Center at 240-314-8800, or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov (Course #36823)

Sept 27: Family Bird Hike at RedGate - Join Croydon Creek naturalists to spot fall migrants, learn bird behavior, and hone your ID skills—binoculars encouraged. All ages 4+; all participants must register.

Sept 27: Rocktoberfest at Town Center - Rockville's free Oktoberfest since 2017—celebrating German culture with beer, bands, bratwurst, and more at Town Center. Two stages of live music, local brewery beer, artisan vendors, and kids' activities; draws nearly 8,000 attendees each year. 11am to 5pm, Rockville Town Center.

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Listening Session Highlights

Neighbors brought forward ideas and concerns to guide WECA's priorities:

- 🐾 **Dog Park** – Explore space for dogs to run safely.
- 🌳 **Public Fields** – Improve upkeep and maintenance.
- 🚶 **Forest–Nelson Path** – Better surface, lighting, and care.
- 🌳 **Mannakee Circle Park** – Encourage more community use.
- 🗑️ **Trash Bins** – Add pet waste and public receptacles.
- 🚲 **Bike Path (N Washington–Middle Ln)** – Fix safety/access issues.
- 🧒 **Kids on Sidewalks** – Encourage safe riding habits.
- 📌 **Community Bulletin Boards** – Post news and events.
- 🌻 **Garden Tour/Porch Fest** – Celebrate gardens, porches, music.
- 🚗 **Traffic (Harrison, Van Buren, Middle Ln)** – Address congestion and cut-through driving.
- 🚗 **Speeding on Forest Ave** – Promote safer traffic speeds.
- 🦌 **Deer** – Seek more info and updates on management.
- 🌱 **Gardening Club** – Build connections through local gardening.
- 🏙️ **Encouraging Density** – Discuss benefits and impacts in Rockville.
- 📁 **Town Center Master Plan** – Share info and track updates.
- 🗣️ **City Liaison** – Volunteer role to strengthen WECA–City communication.

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