

RDA E-mail Update

February 2007

We would all like to think the worst of winter is already behind us, but living in New England, we know this may or may not be true! With crocuses starting to bloom and cardinals singing merrily outdoors, we can only hope Spring is not too far ahead.

In the meantime, RDA has been busily preparing its year ahead. Here's a quick summary of what's already in the works . . .

- March 14, 2007 - Opening Reception - The Gallery at Rockville General Hospital

Celebrate the opening of a new gallery for local artists showcasing the talent and creativity that abounds in our community. Special thanks to Rockville General Hospital for preparing the gallery corridor and allowing the Rockville Downtown Association to coordinate this year-round series of art exhibits open to the general public.

Board Room and Gallery Corridor, Rockville General Hospital - 6pm (if possible, rsvp 875-7439)

Featuring the Tirebiter Band in a return performance

- March 31, 2007 - 7:30pm - RDA 'A Cappella Slam 2007'

Join us for an evening of fabulous entertainment as four exceptional a cappella singing groups compete for a grand prize and fill the Vernon Senior Center Performance Hall with their incredible sounds and songs

Tickets: \$20 available at the RDA office, Crystal Blueprint & Stationery, Rockville Bank, Vincent's Pharmacy

- April 22, 2007 - RDA Annual Downtown Spring Cleanup Day

Volunteer a few hours of your time to help spruce up the historic downtown district.

Meet at the RDA office, 30 Park Place, 11am to 2:30pm

- April 22, 2007 - RDA Cultural Arts Event 2007

Last year's Cultural Arts Event was so well attended we kept the program going again this year. Dozens of local artisans, performers, workshops for children, food, refreshments -- a true family day of fun-filled activities, sights and sounds for all ages

TKB Club, 1 Vernon Avenue - 12 noon to 4pm

- May 23, 2007 - RDA Annual Meeting

Membership meeting and Annual Awards Recognition Program

Rockville Public Library, Union Street, Rockville

- June 14, 2007 - 2nd Thursday Summer Music Concert Series

Featuring the Patty Tuite Band in a return performance

Park Place, Rockville - Free admission - 7pm to 8:30pm

- July 2, 2007 - July In The Sky

The RDA downtown activities begin at 6pm. Music, concert bands, the famous Patriotic Push, Pull, Pedal Parade and much more West and East Main Streets, Rockville

- July 12, 2007 - 2nd Thursday Summer Music Concert Series

Featuring the Tirebiter Band in a return performance

Park Place, Rockville - Free admission - 7pm to 8:30pm

- August 9, 2007 - 2nd Thursday Summer Music Concert Series

To be announced

- September 28, 29, 2007 - RDA Model Railroad Exhibit

For a bit of nostalgia, come on down to see the spectacular displays of model railroad cars, educational workshops, and information presentations

Vernon Senior Center, Park Place, Rockville - 10am to 4pm both days

We're always looking for volunteers to help out with events and to join our active committees. If you can lend a few hours per month, give us a call. It's a great way to meet neighbors, friends and local business owners who all have an interest in preserving and revitalizing historic downtown Rockville. Call the RDA office at 875-7439 for more information!

Hope to see you at an upcoming event or participating on one of RDA's committees! On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continuing support of the Rockville Downtown Association.

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