



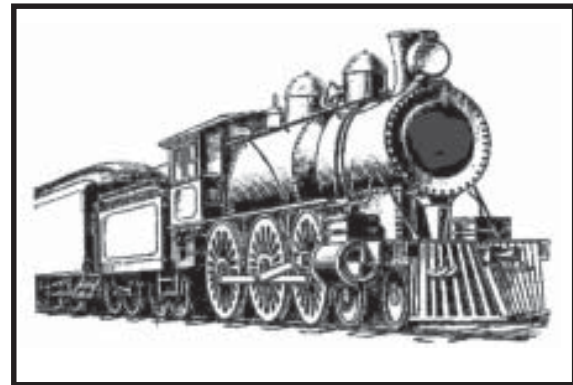
# Rockville Downtown News

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## Rockville Downtown Association to sponsor the Nutmeg Division of the Northeastern Region National Model Railroad Association Exhibit October 14 & 15

The Vernon Senior Center on Park Place will become a “mini-railroad station” on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and October 15, as the Nutmeg Division of the Northeastern National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) presents a public exhibit of its members’ unique and creative collections. Participating members of the NMRA will be bringing their personal model railroad displays to the Senior Center which are then connected in “modular” fashion to other members’ units forming very large exhibits. Plans call for several exhibits to occupy both the first and second floors of the building. You do not have to be a model railroad collector to appreciate and enjoy these fantastic displays. On the contrary, the intention of the organization is to get visitors to see the elaborate designs, customized landscapes, varieties and details of these highly sophisticated models. Many people think of the old Lionel train sets of the ‘50s when they think of model railroad cars, but over the years, a number of different models were popularized and will be on display during the weekend event. Regardless of the style, these exhibits are sure to attract the interest of young and old alike. Charles Bettinger of Rockville/Vernon is with the local chapter and is coordinating the event on its behalf. The Nutmeg Division of the Northeastern Region NMRA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and exists to promote and educate individuals of the broad spectrum of model railroad hobbyist activities while providing historical preservation of this favorite pastime. The exhibits will be open from 10am to 3pm both days. Admission is \$6 Family, \$5 Adults, \$4 Senior Citizens. Additional information can be obtained by calling the RDA office at 875-7439.



“live action displays” will be open for public viewing for two days

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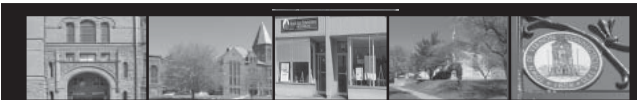


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## What will this year's RDA holiday ornament be?

It has become a tradition for many people in the area to collect the annual RDA Holiday Ornament. The beautiful brass engraved ornaments are boxed and ready for gift-giving each year around the holidays and then available at various locations around town all year long. Recent past designs have featured the Memorial Building, the Rockville Public Library, and the Cogswell Memorial Fountain. So what will this year's ornament be? We promise it is another beauty representing a significant architectural building in historic downtown Rockville. Keep your eyes open for it when we approach the holiday season!

2005  
Cogswell Memorial  
Fountain Ornament



**Get ready for "Get Punched #2 Contest" coming later this fall . . .**

## RDA Participates In Banner Program To Support Mississippi Main Street Center

The Rockville Downtown Association has shipped off one of our community “Renaissance” banners seen on the various street poles in the downtown area in response to a call for assistance from the Hurricane Katrina ravaged community of Pascagoula, Mississippi. “Begging for Banners N’ Brackets” is a new program inaugurated by the Pascagoula Main Street program in Mississippi designed to brighten up their downtown and showcase the support and solidarity they have received from across the country. When Hurricane Katrina blew through Pascagoula on the 29th of August, 2005, all of their Main Street banners and brackets went with her, and left the community with no resources to replace them. Borrowing an idea from yacht clubs who swap burgees (triangular identifying flags), Pascagoula Main Street’s Design Committee decided to ask the Main Street communities who had adopted Pascagoula after the storm, if they could give one more time and each donate a banner. The idea quickly expanded to asking Main Street programs, and cities, from all over the country, to each send one banner and one bracket – the banners could be seasonal or city specific – to be hung on all thoroughfares in the city. Imagine a town of 30,000 with a Main Street Banner on every pole throughout the community in every business, residential, and highway commercial area.



Pascagoula is receiving lots of colorful banners from around the country and hope visitors to the city will enjoy looking for the banner from their home town. Anyone travelling from Rockville/Vernon will be sure to see their own familiar banner hanging on display in support of this worthwhile effort.

### Community News

Smart Growth for Vernon presents “End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream,” a documentary film by the Post Carbon Institute, Canada. Mrs. Molly McKay, CT. Sierra Club Board Member, joins SGV for a question and answer period after the film. Preceding the screening is a display of hybrid cards and greasercars in the parking lot at 6:30 pm. “End of Suburbia” provides many humorous moments as it journeys through the suburbia heaven of the 1950s to the present day energy crisis. This event takes place at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 6, 2006 at the Rockville United Methodist Church, 142 Grove St., (Rte. 30/31) Vernon, CT. For more information and directions please call 860-872-4883. FREE. DONATIONS TAKEN.

### Got News?

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from the RDA Office Assistant's Desk . . .



The Rockville Downtown Association would like to thank all our members who have renewed their memberships for the upcoming year. Special thanks go out to Rockville Bank for their Platinum

Sponsorship; Vincent's Pharmacy, Small & Pietras Funeral Home, and Santini Villa Apartments for their Gold Sponsorships; Dr. Ellen Marmer, Kahan, Kerensky & Caposella, Saint Bernards Church, Rockville Rotary Club, Nicholas & Sons, Union Congregational Church, and Char-Laine Manor for their Silver Sponsorships; and Leighton, Katz & Drapeau, Dowding, Moriarty & Dimock, The Stevenson Family, Springville Development, Anne Miller Real Estate, Garden Barn, and Lee & Lamont Realty for their Bronze Sponsorships. The Rockville Downtown Association relies upon your memberships to support the events and activities conducted throughout the year. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to become a new member of RDA, call us at 875-7439. We would be happy to send you a membership information package and would welcome your participation in our historic downtown preservation and revitalization efforts. We are also looking for volunteers for our various standing committees. Committees meet just once a month, so get involved with your local downtown association. The standing committees are: Organization; Design; Economic Restructuring; Promotions. A few of our sub-committees include: Greenspace Programs; Downtown Events; Grant Funding Programs; Retail Business Support Projects; Economic Development; Downtown Beautification and more. Please consider volunteering – the committees are fun and the results are plentiful!

Lynda Campbell, Office Assistant

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(simply return this form and RDA will contact you or enclose a check)

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**The RDA Mission Statement:**

The RDA is a grassroots, non-profit organization whose mission is to *Preserve, Promote and Enhance* Rockville's Historic Downtown and to create partnerships that stimulate economic activity and action for a renewed sense of pride and community.

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