



Community Reach
of Montgomery County

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**JOIN REACH TO VOLUNTEER OR ATTEND THE RETURN OF
TASTE OF ROCKVILLE AT HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS**



After a two year hiatus due to COVID, the City of Rockville's Hometown Holidays returns over Memorial Day weekend. The event will take place from 11am - 7pm Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29 at Redgate Park (new location).

Taste of Rockville, a showcase of local food purveyors, has traditionally been a part of Hometown Holidays and also returns to the event this year. Hometown Holidays: A Community Gathering includes two stages of music for all ages, children's rides, and booths with information about organizations in Rockville. This event is free and open

to the public.

Taste of Rockville is managed and organized by Community Reach of Montgomery County and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce. In addition to introducing attendees to the rich array of cuisine available in Rockville, it is also a fundraiser for Reach and the Chamber. Reach staffs a booth with volunteers who sell tickets used to purchase "tastes" at food booths. People 16 years and older are wanted to volunteer for 2 to 2 1/2 hour shifts on Saturday or Sunday. Those 14 and 15 years old are encouraged to volunteer with an adult volunteer partner. SSL hours are available. See information about registering to volunteer below in "**Spotlight on Volunteer Opportunities.**"

A full schedule of entertainers, food vendors, and other Hometown Holidays activities, as well as information about entry and parking, can be found [HERE](#).



A SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL GALA

On Saturday, April 30, Reach held its annual Gala. For the third year, the event was presented virtually to protect the health of supporters. Michael Bobbitt, a leader in the arts, served as Master of Ceremonies for the second year. He was joined on screen by Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice as Auctioneer and Gala Chair Paul Newman.



The event included a live auction with exciting items procured by gala committee members and supporters, trivia challenges, video messages from community leaders, and an animated video about the organization. For those who were not able to attend, or just want to re-visit the evening, please find the video, electronic program, and sponsor list [HERE](#).

The annual event raises important funds to cover Reach expenses. For those who are interested in donating funds, please do so [HERE](#).

Thank you to the sponsors, attendees, and donors, for supporting Reach through the Annual Gala and throughout the year!

Reach Connects with the Community

There are many ways to Connect with Reach to help the most vulnerable in Rockville and Montgomery County

- Schedule a group project ♥
- Attend an event and bring a friend ♥
- Sponsor a Reach supply drive ♥
- Volunteer at an event ♥
- Volunteer with a Reach Program ♥
- Serve on a committee ♥
- Donate items ♥
- Make a financial donation ♥
- Promote Reach to your family and friends ♥
- Share your expertise to make Reach even stronger

PLAN TO SUPPORT & ATTEND LOP'S GRADUATION



The Language Outreach Program (LOP) spring semester is drawing to a close and plans are being made for the annual graduation ceremony. This event will once again be held virtually so people from all over the world can join in the celebration.

Tom Perez will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Mr. Perez, whose parents both immigrated to the United States, has a firm understanding of the challenges faced by people who do not speak English. In his positions in Montgomery County, Maryland, and U.S. government, he has advocated for voter rights, civil rights, and the rights of workers, among many other issues.

Over 100 students will be celebrated at the Virtual Graduation ceremony on Friday, June 17. The event begins at 7:00pm, and spectators are welcome. This year, LOP is also offering limited sponsorship opportunities for supporters. Find more information about sponsor opportunities [HERE](#). Register to attend by emailing [Cecilia Rojas](#) with your name and the email address to be used in the Zoom webinar.

Find more information about LOP [HERE](#).

FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WELCOME SENIORS

In autumn 2021, a Rockville apartment building for lower income seniors was slated to be vacated, and most residents were offered the opportunity to move to a newly built apartment house just blocks away. Some of those senior citizens were clients of Reach's Senior Reach Program.

Brenda Jones, who was Deputy Director of Reach until January 2022, suggested members of Reach's Faith Advisory Committee create baskets that could be delivered to residents as they moved to their new apartments. A number of congregations and social organizations heeded the call, and provided the Welcome Baskets, filled with household essentials, that would be presented as housewarming gifts from the Senior Reach Program.



Although all residents were expected to be moved by the end of 2021, construction delayed the moving process until Spring 2022. Many seniors have now successfully settled in the new building, and Senior Reach staff and volunteers delivered the Welcome baskets at the end of April.

Thank you to the Faith Advisory Committee, the congregations and organizations that assembled and donated the Welcome Baskets. According to Senior Reach Program Manager, Will Mohan, one of the recipients shared this message: "You have been more than kind to

me and my cat! The gift basket you brought, you could win a prize for it! You read the heart. My family is not always available but you bring personal care things! They do the trick. Senior people have specific needs and you know this, thank you so much for 'reading the senior soul,' seeing what is lacking and that is personal care...You really meet the personal care need. I've never had anybody care that much..."

Find more information about Senior Reach Program [HERE](#).

CANDIDATE FORUM ON JUNE 12

**GET VOTER-READY!
CANDIDATES FORUM**

Sunday, June 12, 2022
10 am - 1 pm
Doors open 9:30 am

This event is open to the public.
Please visit www.bethami.org for our Covid protocol.

Temple Beth Ami 14330 Travilah Road Rockville, MD

SESSION 1 (10 - 11:15 am)
Candidates for Maryland House of Delegates
from Districts 15, 16, 17 & 39 (separate sessions)
IN PERSON ONLY

SESSION 2 (11:45 am - 1 pm)
Candidates for Montgomery County Executive
IN PERSON & VIA **LIVE STREAM**

All sessions will be moderated panels.
For more program information, visit the Community of Action [website](#).

TO REGISTER, [CLICK HERE](#).
Submit questions, receive parking information,
and learn your voting district.

Register to vote on site ★ July 19 Primary ★ Republicans & Democrats

TEMPLE BETH AMI WELCOMES OUR CO-SPONSORS:

Reach is again a sponsor in Temple Beth Ami's Candidate Forum. Beth Ami first successfully created a Candidate Forum leading up to the 2018 election. This event on Sunday, June 12 will offer residents the opportunity to meet and hear the views of some of the candidates running in the July 19 primaries. Both Maryland House of Delegates candidates for Districts 15, 16, 17 & 39, and those running for Montgomery County Executive from all parties have been invited to this Candidate Forum.

The event will be held in person at Temple Beth Ami and will include a panel of moderators asking questions submitted in advance by audience members and the Beth Ami Community of Action. The County Executive forum will be held with an in person audience and live streamed.

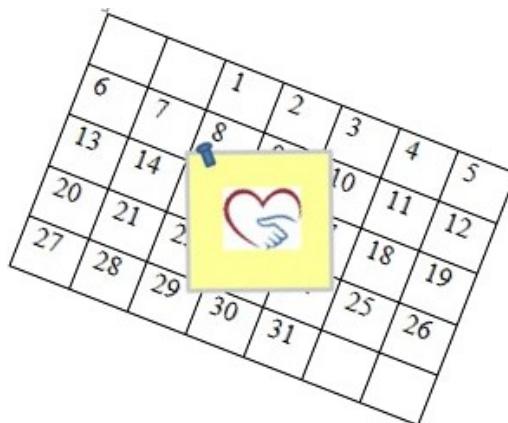
All information about this event, as well as the link to register, may be found [HERE](#). This event is being presented as part of the Temple Beth Ami Community of Action "Get Voter Ready!" series. Log back in frequently for updates as well as other "Get Voter Ready!" presentations.

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, May 17 7pm
FAITH COMMUNITY TOWN HALL
featuring REACH
Virtual Event
[Register in advance](#)

Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29 11am - 7pm
TASTE OF ROCKVILLE at HOMETOWN
HOLIDAYS: A Community Gathering

Redgate Park
14500 Avery Road, Rockville



[Information](#)

Sunday, June 12, 10am - 1pm

CANDIDATE FORUM (Temple Beth Ami event with Reach as a sponsor)

Temple Beth Ami
14330 Travilah Road, Rockville

[Register here](#)

Friday, June 17, 7pm - 8pm

LOP Graduation Celebration

Virtual on Zoom

Email CRojas@CMRocks.org to register to attend

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ONE-TIME EVENT - VOLUNTEER AT THE TASTE OF ROCKVILLE Sell Taste of Rockville tickets or help restaurant vendors serve Hometown Holidays attendees over Memorial Day Weekend at Redgate Park. Must be 16 years old or 14/15 accompanied by an adult volunteer. SSL hours available. Shifts are Saturday, 5/28 and Sunday, 5/29 10:30am - 1pm, 1pm - 3pm, 3pm - 5pm, and 5pm - 7:30pm. For more information or to register for a shift, contact Andrea at AndreaKWink@CMRocks.org. Find more information about performers [here](#).

EXCEL EXPERT to complete an annual/historical statistics spreadsheet. Help organize and add formulas to this large spreadsheet that includes sheets for individual programs, and a summary sheet. The final spreadsheet to include periodic amounts as well as historical totals for individual programs and combined organizational total numbers.

JOIN A REACH COMMITTEE - Development, Finance, Faith Advisory, and Governance currently all meet online as standing committees. Help determine the success of Reach through your service. Short term committees also need new members. **Reach especially encourages people of diverse ages, ethnicities, cultures, and economic backgrounds to consider supporting Reach through service on a committee.**

INTERPRETERS at the Kaseman Health Clinic are needed for four-hour shifts once each week between the hours of 9am and 5pm. This opportunity is available for virtual or in-person service. Help us ensure that our providers and patients can communicate clearly. Confidentiality is required.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

For Kaseman Health Clinic & Housing Program:

C-Fold Paper Towels, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Antibacterial Hand Soap, Trash Bags, Disinfecting Wipes, Scouring Powder, Window Cleaner, Facial Tissue, Bleach, Disinfectant Spray, Dishwashing Liquid

For more information about these opportunities and others, please visit our

[Volunteer Page](#) or contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](mailto:AndreaKWink@CMRocks.org) at 301-637-0172.



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