

## City Joins National Campaign Against Drug Abuse

Rockville will add its voice to the growing national campaign against drug abuse with a drug awareness week program based on the theme "Rockville Citizens Team Up Against Drugs."

The campaign, which will run from Oct. 27 through 31, is aimed at creating a heightened awareness among parents and youths of the causes, symptoms, and effects of drug abuse; promoting drug-free neighborhoods; reducing drug abuse in Rockville; and mobilizing all sectors of the community against drug abuse.

Drug Awareness Week will include "Rockville Says No!" rallies on Oct. 31 for high school students, which will feature entertainment and speakers. During the rallies, a drug awareness pamphlet prepared by City staff will be distributed along with a variety of specialty items carrying the theme "Rockville Says No!" Alcohol-and-drug-free video dances for teens will be conducted during the evening.

The emphasis on increased drug awareness will not end on Oct. 31. Special counseling services for parents and youths, cable television programs on Rockville Cable, channel 23, and special training programs for school administrators and youth workers are also planned to ensure a continuing level of awareness and assistance.

In addition, City police will intensify patrols of locations where drugs sales are known to take place.

The drug awareness brochure has been reprinted on page six of this edition of *Rockville Reports* in order to assist parents and youths in recognizing the signs of drug abuse. The brochure explains common terms for various drugs as well as the physical and psychological effects of each and suggests a number of ways to help prevent drug abuse in families.

Copies of the brochure are available at Rockville City Hall and the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries. □