

## Richard Gottfried – Your Rockville Neighbor

Richard is a longtime Rockville resident who believes that responsible management of our City finances will benefit ALL Rockville residents and keep the cost of living in Rockville affordable for everyone.

Richard holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Syracuse University. After graduating, Richard worked in New York City, where as an auditor for two big eight accounting firms, Richard had the wonderful opportunity to examine multinational fortune 500 companies.

Richard then moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he worked for a smaller public accounting firm which specialized in small to medium sized business entities such as doctors, lawyers and construction companies - that is when Richard learned how important our independent businesses are to the financial wellbeing of our society.

In 1990 Richard decided to get his Master of Science in Taxation from Georgetown University. Richard loved Rockville so much that he never went back to Connecticut. In 2001 Richard made a commitment to the Rockville community and bought a single family home on Twinbrook Parkway.

In the Washington Metropolitan area, Richard worked as a Controller for several companies and worked as a Director of Finance for not-for-profit companies such as the National 4-H Council, the Children's Law Center, Inc., and Best Friends Foundation. Richard was part of senior management teams governing and formulating policies.

Richard has been an adjunct Faculty for the University of Maryland University College, Howard Community College, Strayer University, and Montgomery College – Rockville Campus, for accounting, auditing, governmental and not-for-profit accounting, business and individual income taxation.

Richard has been active with the Montgomery County Tennis Association, as a World TeamTennis league director, as a Volleyball Club tournament director, with the Jewish Community Center softball league and the City of Rockville softball and volleyball leagues.

A few years ago Richard decided that if he was working ten to fourteen hour days anyway he would set up his own tax practice to focus on entrepreneurial ventures.

Richard considers public service to be an honor and a privilege. Richard's community work includes serving as the Twinbrook Citizens Association Outreach Chair where he provides pro bono tax services for senior citizens.

Richard has performed a comprehensive analysis of the City of Rockville's fiscal year 2008 budget, capital improvements program, refuse and recycling program, financial management policy manual, and the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan.

Richard plans to take his financial talents to City Hall to benefit ALL of the citizens of Rockville.