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If I were Mayor, I would make it my mission to ensure our community is a safe, healthy, and caring environment for all residents.

First, I would focus on our schools. To ensure every student gets a world-class education, every school needs the right tools. This means modern science labs, libraries filled with updated books, high-speed Wi-Fi for research and homework, healthy meals and fun after-school clubs.

Second, I would transform our parks. Playgrounds should be fun, but they must also be safe. I would replace hard, prickly ground surfaces with extra-soft, bouncy rubber tiles. This ensures that every child, including those with mobility challenges, can play comfortably and safely without the fear of a hard fall.

Third, I would launch a bi-weekly newsletter titled, *“From the Desk of the Mayor of Rockville.”* It would share both the highlights and the "lowlights" of our city. It is important to listen to residents, share honest updates, and address concerns so that everyone feels heard.

Fourth, I would make it a priority to stop by annual community events to meet with residents face-to-face.

Finally, I would bring us together through sports. Since pickleball is incredibly popular here, I would organize an annual city-wide tournament! We already have amazing courts, a giant yearly tournament would be the perfect way for the community to compete, show off their skills, and celebrate together.

Rockville is already a great place to live, but with the right leadership, it can be extraordinary. If I were Mayor, I would empower every resident to help me build the best community in Maryland.