



# THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

December 2013

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## Dates & Events

Monday, December 9, 7 P.M.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, December 11, 7:30 P.M.

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Tuesday, December 17, 7 P.M.

### PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, December 25

### CHRISTMAS

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 P.M.

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, January 13th, 7 P.M.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, January 20

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

Tuesday, January 21, 7 P.M.

### PLANNING BOARD

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 22, 7:30 P.M.

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.



## Mayor Murray Announces Free Parking on Saturdays in December to Promote Local Holiday Shopping

As the holiday shopping season gets underway, the Mayor, along with the Board of Trustees, would like to remind residents to shop local and promote our thriving downtown. In recognition of the importance of shopping local, the Mayor announced that parking will be free for patrons on Saturdays during the month of December.

According to elocal.com, if the citizens of an average American city were to shift 10% of their spending to local businesses, it would bring an additional \$235 million per year to that community's economy.

"Shopping local has become a popular movement across the country and it is no different here in the Village of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "When you buy local you support local families, promote employment and add to our tax base."

The holiday season is always critical for retailers, many of whom do 20 percent to 40 percent of their annual business during this period. The downtown business district is key to the future of the Village. Rockville Centre enjoys a thriving downtown, with new businesses coming in every week. The occupancy

rate in the business district has risen to more than 96%, with more shops and restaurants coming.

"Buying locally sustains the unique character and quality of life that exists in Rockville Centre," added Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard. "We have a great variety of shops to meet every holiday shopping list."

Beyond the economic impact of spending, buying locally supports the businesses that reinvest in the Village's social and environmental well-being. Local stores are proportionally more generous in their support of local charities, schools, and community events.

Downtown Rockville Centre remains a diversified and vibrant business district. The Village is home to some one-of-a-kind specialty boutiques, yet there are choices to meet the needs of any family -- home furnishings, sporting goods, clothes, hardware stores, florists, drug stores, gift shops, and a variety of other options. A diverse selection of restaurants allows residents and visitors to complete a long day of shopping.

"Shop local and help your fellow neighbor this holiday season," concluded Mayor Murray.

## Sanitation Schedule

- ◆ Wednesday, December 25  
Christmas  
No trash or bulk collection.
- ◆ Saturday, December 28th there will be newspaper and cardboard pickup only.
- ◆ Wednesday, January - New Year's  
No trash or bulk collection.
- ◆ Saturday, January 4th there will be newspaper and cardboard pickup only.
- ◆ Monday, January 20  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
No trash collection.
- ◆ Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on Tuesday and Thursday.
- ◆ Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections on Wednesday and Friday.

During holiday weeks, paper products may be deposited Wednesdays through Fridays at DPW headquarters 10 Sunrise Hwy.

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## VILLAGE HALL COMMENTS

# Working with Our Building Department

The Building Department plays a vital role in keeping our community safe in order to avoid tragedies like fires, weather-related events and structural collapses. Fortunately, the Village of Rockville Centre's Building Department works hard to take the appropriate measures to ensure that the places we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable.

One of the benefits of living in a Village like Rockville Centre is that we are able to provide hands-on services to our residents. An expert representative from the Building Department is available to meet with an applicant for a pre-submission meeting to discuss future projects to lend expertise to assure an efficient, thorough and quick permit process. They are able to address issues before they become problems. In other words- no surprises.

Many property owners think that it is the contractor's responsibility to make sure a building permit has been obtained, however this is not true. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the necessary permits and approvals are obtained. Building inspectors are not the enemy. In truth, inspectors are your friends and best ally and can provide a wealth of knowledge. Share the details of your project and solicit their input rather than trying to hide things.

I've seen it more than once when the potential sale of a property falls through because the bank



By Trustee  
Edward J. Oppenheimer

and/or the prospective buyers have pulled out of the agreement because of work done without permits or inspections. Besides the more dangerous risks of injuring someone or losing the structure to fire, that is just one of the many reasons to stop by or call the Building Department when you begin contemplating any type of building construction or renovation.

Recently, Mayor Murray, my fellow board members and I extended a six-month moratorium on a fee imposed on residents seeking to legalize

building conditions for which they have no permits. The "maintain fee," normally \$1,190, will be waived until April 10, 2014. I encourage all residential property owners to take advantage of this opportunity and to legalize construction, which is not in compliance with local and NYS codes.

I ask all residents to be conscious of all projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community. We strive to make the experience with the Village as user friendly and professional as possible. To that end, the Building Department is available to assist residents through the process and offer advice when needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Building Department at 678-9247.

I would also like to wish all Village residents a Happy Holiday and, most important, a healthy and successful New Year.

## Community Notes

### Tax Office Announcements

Second Installment tax bills have been mailed. Payment is due without penalty not later than January 2, 2014. If you have not received your tax bill by December 12th, please contact the Tax Office @ 516 678 9242 to obtain a copy.

Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes must be filed by December 31, 2013. If approved, exemption(s) will be effective June 1, 2014.

The Tax Office, located on the 2nd floor of Village Hall at One College Place, is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### 'Maintain Fee' Moratorium

The Rockville Centre Village Board of Trustees has extended its moratorium on a fee imposed on residents seeking to legalize building conditions for which they have no permits.

The so-called "maintain fee," normally \$1,190, will be waived until April 10, 2014 in a pilot program to encourage residential property owners to legalize construction which is not in compliance with local and NYS codes.

### 'Nutcracker' Dec. 6th

The Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts' annual production of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet The Nutcracker will be performed this year on Friday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 7th at 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 8th at 4 p.m. at South Side High School.

Call 516-766-7171 for reservations.



## Pearl Harbor Day December 7th

The Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303 will host ceremonies, including casting a wreath on the water, at Mill River Park on Saturday, December 7th beginning at 10:45 a.m., honoring the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941. Everyone is invited to the Post at 197 Maple Avenue for food and refreshments after the ceremony.

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# Holiday Tips From Your Police Department

By Police Commissioner Charles A. Gennario

## MLK Christmas

Santa will visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Friday, December 20th at 4 p.m.

## Leaf Collections End December 20th

Rockville Centre's curbside leaf collections will end Friday, December 20th.

Bagged leaves will be collected from the curbside:

◆ Mondays – South of Sunrise Highway

◆ Tuesdays – North of Sunrise Highway and east of Long Beach Road

◆ Wednesdays – North of Sunrise Highway, between Hempstead Avenue and Long Beach Road

◆ Thursdays – North of Sunrise Highway and west of Hempstead Avenue

## January Tree Pick-ups

Discarded Christmas trees will be picked-up from the curbside January 6th - 24th on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Trees should be placed at the curb without lights and not in plastic bags.

## Elf Yourself RVC

Once again, the elves on the RVC St. Patrick's Parade Committee will set out to break the Official Guinness World Record for the most number of elves in one location. This year, your support will benefit the 2014 RVC St. Patrick's Parade charities: The Angelman Syndrome Foundation, New Ground and The Nassau County AOH Feis.

The event will be held on Sunday, December 15th at municipal parking lot #22 between North Village Avenue and Washington Street at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Niall at 516-318-5948 or visit [www.rvcstpatrick.com](http://www.rvcstpatrick.com). Suggested donations are \$10 minimum per adult. Children are free but encouraged to get sponsors.

## "Margaritaville"

RVC Community Fund presents "Margaritaville," to be held at Molloy College on Saturday, Feb 1st at 7:30 p.m. Dinner and dancing while listening to the sounds of Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band "Parrot Beach." All proceeds will go to the RVC Community Fund. For further information, call 678-9260.

As we enter the holiday season, be extra mindful that there is usually a spike in crime. When shopping, be extra vigilant. Park in well-lit spaces and shop with a friend; there is safety in numbers. Keep your purchases out of sight: use your trunk when traveling and at home, do not leave valuable items visible from the outside.

At home do not forget to lock the doors and windows in your house and cars: criminals look for an opportunity; don't give it to them. Light

up your homes well and ensure shrubbery does not mask windows giving burglars a place to hide. Do not leave valuables in sight of windows. Keep laptops and pocketbooks out of sight.

Be sure to report any suspicious persons or activity to the police immediately with as much information as you can safely provide, such as race, clothing, height and weight, and vehicle.

Please have a safe and healthy holiday season and remember your Police Department is there for you.



## THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

# Getting Into The Holiday Spirit at Sandel

The Sandel Senior Center provides Rockville Centre with a multipurpose facility that promotes vital aging and life satisfaction through programs and activities, volunteer and civic participation and meaningful social engagement. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous programs offered. Some great events coming up include:

- Holiday "Pasta & Lights" where the dining room will be transformed into an Italian Café on Wednesday, December 11th at 5 p.m.

- A Holiday Party to celebrate the season at Temple Avodah in Oceanside on December 13th at noon.



Mayor **Francis X. Murray** and Deputy Mayor **Nancy Howard** attended Sandel's fashion show where members wore fashions provided by Dress Barn of Oceanside and accessories provided by Guilty Indulgence of Rockville Centre.



Sandel members and students from South Side High School get into the holiday spirit around the piano with some classic tunes.

- An Intergenerational Holiday Party for Sandel members and South Side High School students on Monday December 16th at noon.

- On Tuesday December 17th at 11 a.m. a group of Middle School performers will perform a show.

- On Wednesday December 18th at noon members can enjoy a delicious holiday meal followed by the Center State Chorus' Winter Concert.

- A New Years Party will take place on Friday, January 3rd.

A complete calendar of events is available online at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us) on the senior services link or for further information, please call 678-9245. You can also visit Sandel on facebook at Rockville Sandel.

## Village Employee of the Month



Supervisor of the Sewer Department Anthony Campion has been named Employee of the Month for the Village of Rockville Centre. His nomination for Employee of the Month comes from a resident of the Village. A letter was sent to Mayor Murray about Anthony after having some sewer work done at his home to, "commend him for his professionalism. He is extremely personable...His demeanor and exceptional competence inspired me to write..."

The resident also told the Mayor that, "Mr. Campion oversaw the work and made sure it was done properly and in an efficient manner. He obviously had the respect of the contractor's crew. I have to believe that the job was done better because he was there, protecting my interests as the homeowner, making sure that the Village code requirements were enforced."

It is for these reasons that the Village would like to thank Anthony for his hard work and dedication to the Sewer Department and to the residents of the Village.

## Recycle Wednesdays!



### It's more than newspapers!

Cardboard, product packaging, magazines, catalogs and junk mail can all be recycled on Wednesdays.

# THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
Permit No. 70



## THE JOHN A. ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

Shop for holiday gifts and decorations on Sunday, December 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Vendors feature jewelry, floral arrangements, ornaments, crafts and edibles. Free admission and parking.

### Chanukah Party

Children from pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade of all faiths are invited to the annual party sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Rec Center on Monday, December 2nd from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

### Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

An evening of song and fellowship officially opens the holiday season at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 5th on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to add to the festivities.

### North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Tuesday, December 10th or Wednesday, December 11th, fill out an information sheet at the Rec. Center.

### Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual breakfast on Sunday, December 15th is one of the Rec Center's most popular events. All faiths are invited to join the elves who serve pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids may visit Santa or have a picture taken with Rudolph or Frosty.

Deadline for tickets is Friday, December 13th for one of the three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$6.00 per person and tickets are available at the Rec. Center.



The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5th on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, officially opens the holiday season.

### Annual Mitten and Hat Tree

The Rockville Centre Parks and Recreation Department is again requesting residents to share their warm holiday feelings with those less fortunate by donating new hats and mittens of all sizes and colors beginning December 3rd.

The donations will be hung on the Mitten and Hat Tree in the Rec Center lounge.

### Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. by December 14th.

### Rec Department Gift Certificates

Gift certificates are available for holiday gift giving to the Rec Center. Certificates can be purchased at the Rec. Center office.

### Winter Programs

Winter programs will begin the week of January 5th. Call 678-9339 for further information.

## Happy Chanukah • Merry Christmas Happy New Year

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its best wishes to all of our residents for a healthy and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

*Mayor Francis X. Murray*

*Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard  
Trustee Emilio Grillo*

*Trustee Edward Oppenheimer  
Trustee Michael Sepe*

# SANITATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

(Residential Areas Only)

## COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### SECTION



Monday\*  
Wednesday  
Thursday\*

Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics  
Bulk Items & Recyclable Paper Products  
Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics



Tuesday\*  
Wednesday  
Friday\*

Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics  
Bulk Items & Recyclable Paper Products  
Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics

\*Enter your street address on the Village website <http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html> to check which is your day to recycle glass, cans, and plastics.

Collections will be made from the curb in front of all houses in accordance with the following regulations:

### TIMES and PLACEMENT

Solid waste and bulk items must be placed on the curbstrip (not the roadway) no later than 7:30 A.M. on collection days. Items may be placed on the curbstrip the evening before pick-up. Materials put out late for collection will not be picked up. Empty containers must be removed from the curb area as soon as possible after pick-up and no later than 6 P.M.

### CONTAINERS

Solid waste should be placed in metal or plastic containers with handles, non-attached covers, and with no holes or rips; or in sealed black plastic bags; or in sealed moisture-proof paper bags. Filled containers may weigh no more than 50 pounds.

### SOLID WASTE

**Includes:** food waste; soiled or otherwise unrecyclable paper products; waxed cartons and packages, such as those used for beverages and frozen foods; plastic toys, utensils and tableware; discarded clothing.

**Does NOT include:** leaves (which are collected in special bags in the Fall); broken glass; concrete; construction debris; propane tanks; hazardous materials (paints, solvents, batteries, which may be disposed of through the Town of Hempstead's S.T.O.P. program – call 378-2200).

### BULK ITEMS

Call 678-9216 before Noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pick-up of waste items too large for insertion into trash containers: branches and wood debris in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and weighing no more than 50 pounds; furniture; mattresses; rugs; household appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators (with doors off), stoves).

### RECYCLABLES – Glass, Cans, Plastics - Collection Day Depends on Area

Glass, metal and plastic containers should be rinsed out and placed in a blue Rockville Centre recycling bin, a designated container with an RVC recycling sticker attached, or in a clear plastic bag. Call 678-9216 for a replacement bin or a recycling sticker.

**Includes:** all plastic supermarket food containers (catsup, mayonnaise); plastic deli and take-out containers; all plastic beverage containers (water, milk, juice); and plastic containers for detergents and other cleaning products.

**Does NOT include:** other types of plastic, such as those used in toys, utensils and tableware, which will contaminate the recycling stream and should be discarded as regular trash.

### RECYCLABLES – Paper Products - Collection Wednesdays

**Includes:** newspapers; magazines; brochures and catalogs (including glossy catalogs); telephone books; cardboard boxes and cardboard packaging, gift boxes and food packaging (with any waxed or plastic paper inserts removed); photocopy and printer paper and packaging; writing paper, drawing paper, note paper, wrapping paper; junk mail postcards and envelopes (including windowed envelopes); index cards; manila folders, binder dividers; old files and reports; computer printouts; and register tapes. Stapled paper can be recycled; remove all other fasteners. Shredded paper should be placed in paper bags or clear plastic bags.

Magazines, catalogues, telephone books, as well as other paper products listed and collapsed cardboard may be tied into bundles, collected inside cardboard boxes whose flaps can be closed, or put into paper bags or clear plastic bags.

**Does NOT include:** carbon paper and self-carbonized paper; typewriter ribbons; cellophane, sticky tapes and adhesive labels; rubber bands and metal fasteners and clips; facial tissue and paper towels; food wrappers, foil wrappers, waxed cartons and packages, such as those used for beverages and some frozen foods.

### SPECIAL ITEMS

The following items should be separately contained and the containers prominently marked: broken glass, fluorescent bulbs, sharp instruments, discarded medical supplies.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Call the Town of Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program at 378-2200 for monthly drop-off locations for hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products such as paints, solvents, varnish, waste oil, antifreeze, batteries, car tires (off the rim), and photography and pool chemicals.

### EXCLUDED ITEMS

Neither Rockville Centre nor the Town of Hempstead will accept contractor or medical waste, ammunition, explosives, propane tanks, broken concrete, or unlabeled materials.

# VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## RVC OFFICIAL SANITATION SCHEDULE HOLIDAY WEEKS 2014

POST FOR EASY REFERENCE

- = NORMAL MONDAY AND THURSDAY PICK-UP ROUTE\*
- = NORMAL TUESDAY AND FRIDAY PICK-UP ROUTE\*
- ✘ = HOLIDAY – NO SANITATION COLLECTION

NOTE: FOR EASY REFERENCE, PLEASE COLOR CODE EITHER SQUARES OR CIRCLES,  
WHICHEVER REPRESENTS YOUR NORMAL PICK-UP DAYS

\*Enter your street address on the Village website <http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html> to check your pick-up days.

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>							
NEW YEAR'S	DECEMBER 29	DECEMBER 30 ○	DECEMBER 31 □	1 ✘	2 ○	3 □	4 <small>CARDBOARD &amp; PAPER ONLY</small>
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>							
M.L. KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY	19	20 ✘	21 ○	22 □	23 ○	24 □	
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>							
PRESIDENTS' DAY	16	17 ✘	18 ○	19 □	20 ○	21 □	
<b>MAY 2014</b>							
MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)	25	26 ✘	27 ○	28 □	29 ○	30 □	
<b>JULY 2014</b>							
FOURTH OF JULY	JUNE 29	JUNE 30 ○	1 □	2 <small>RUBBISH &amp; PAPER</small>	3 ○	4 ✘	5 □
<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>							
LABOR DAY	AUGUST 31	1 ✘	2 ○	3 □	4 ○	5 □	
<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>							
COLUMBUS DAY (OBSERVED)	12	13 ✘	14 ○	15 □	16 ○	17 □	
<b>NOVEMBER 2014</b>							
VETERANS' DAY	9	10 ○	11 ✘	12 □	13 ○	14 □	
<b>NOVEMBER 2014</b>							
THANKSGIVING	23	24 ○	25 □	26 <small>RUBBISH &amp; PAPER</small>	27 ✘	28 ○	29 □
<b>DECEMBER 2014</b>							
CHRISTMAS	21	22 ○	23 □	24 <small>RUBBISH &amp; PAPER</small>	25 ✘	26 ○	27 □

NOTE: DURING HOLIDAY WEEKS, **NO** NEWSPAPER OR RUBBISH COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAYS  
EXCEPT JULY 4TH WEEK, THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SANITATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS. FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CALL 678-9216.

# Snow Newsletter



*Mayor Francis X. Murray and Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard with the Public Works Department snow removal crew.*

## Get Ready for Winter!

### **Before the Snow Falls**

The Rockville Centre Department of Public Works uses the fall months to prepare for the coming winter. Vehicles are serviced, equipment is checked, and about 800 tons of salt and 3,000 gallons of calcium chloride are stockpiled at DPW headquarters on Sunrise Highway. When snow is expected, the Department monitors the weather reports and someone is always on duty to report when the snow begins to fall.

### **When the Snowfall Starts**

The DPW employs nearly 50 experienced, full-time workers who are on the job, round the clock if necessary in the case of a major snow storm, operating 20 vehicles dedicated to removing snow from the Village's 52 miles of roadway.

The first step is salting the streets, beginning with the Village's main roads and downtown areas. If temperatures are very low, liquid calcium chloride is added to the mix. Applications continue until the streets are cleared or until the snow is too deep for the chemicals to be effective.

### **When the Snowfall Continues**

When two or three inches of snow have accumulated or more is expected, plowing becomes more effective than salting. All main roads and residential streets will be

plowed by the DPW, which assigns its crews to eight plow zones.

The first priority is to open the main roads to provide safe access for emergency vehicles and to maintain traffic flow, since most residents live within a few blocks of the main roads. The plows then continue to all streets in each zone until all the streets are clear.

If the storm continues, the crews continue working in the same pattern until the storm abates. Then the trucks begin to widen out all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curbs and clearing the intersections.

The crews will be out working throughout a storm. To report a hazardous condition, call the DPW at 678-9267. For medical emergencies or the police, call 911.

### **After the Storm Is Over**

Crews continue to monitor all roads for icy conditions and where winds may redeposit snow onto the roadways. Usually salt and / or sand are applied so that all surfaces remain safe to drive on.

Residents and business owners are reminded that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a storm. Residents should NOT throw snow into the roadway when clearing driveways and sidewalks.

# Snow Newsletter

## When Snow Falls:



## Help Us Help You

### Be Prepared, Be Aware, Be Patient

Before it snows, make sure you have your tools and supplies handy. Shovels, ice chippers, snow blowers, salt, sand, and calcium chloride should be ready for use. If you hire someone to do snow removal, make your arrangements in advance. Move cars off the street.

Please do not go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is really necessary. Crews have many hours of hard work to clear away the snow. Less traffic on the roads means the crews will be able to do their job more quickly and completely. Under the best conditions, it will take 8 to 10 hours after the snow has stopped falling to complete the snow removal operations.

Snow removal is an arduous and time-consuming task. Please understand that the Department of Public Works cannot shovel out your driveway entrance nor can it plow out any private property.

### Tips and Suggestions

- If snow is expected, move your cars into the driveway. Parking on the streets during a snowstorm is prohibited.
- If you are shoveling out the entrance to your driveway, never throw snow directly into the street; shovel onto the curbstrip or other area of your property.
- If possible, finish clearing your driveway entrance **AFTER** the final widening pass by the snow plow, which will come about 8 to 10 hours after the snow stops falling, depending on the severity of the storm. **DO NOT** throw snow into the street.
- If you have to go out during hazardous driving conditions, remember to drive slowly, brake slowly, allow plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front, and watch for sudden obstructions.
- Plan alternate ways to travel to main routes and to your place of employment and give yourself extra time to get there.



***The Rockville Centre Fire Department reminds you to clear snow away from any fire hydrants on your property so they may be located easily in case of an emergency.***