

# Rockville Centre



## Monte Carlo Night To Take Over Sandel Senior Center

April 7, At 7 P.M.  
**Board Of Trustees**

April 15, At 7 P.M.  
**Planning Board**

April 23, At 7:30 P.M.  
**Board Of Zoning Appeals**

May 5, At 7 P.M.  
**Board Of Trustees**

May 7, At 7:30 P.M.  
**Board Of Zoning Appeals**

May 20, 2014 At 7 P.M.  
**Planning Board**

May 21, At 7:30 P.M.  
**Board Of Zoning Appeals**

**Monday, May 26**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**Parade at 10 A.M.**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

### Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day- 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.

Tickets are now available for the Sandel Senior Center's annual Monte Carlo Night. The major fundraising event of the year is sponsored by the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., (FOSSI), a not-for-profit community group that supports the RVC Department of Senior Services. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 for only \$60 per person.

Members of the community are invited to participate in the elegant and fun-filled event as the Sandel Center is transformed into a glittering casino. The night will be complete with professional dealers, wheel spinners and croupiers, a variety of exciting games, lots of "betting" action, big prizes and music. A tasty meal will be prepared and donated by Pasetti's Catering of Oceanside and a dessert bar will be sponsored by Molloy College. Fun-seekers will also enjoy a beer garden sponsored by Cannon's Blackthorn Irish American Restaurant and Bar. Better Home Health Care is the night's Hospitality Sponsor. Other major sponsors for the evening include Budget Print, Bristol Assisted Living, Thomas A Glynn and Son Funeral Home, Schenone Landscape, Mercy Medical Center, McDonough Electric, Coach Realty, John Spinelli CPA, Symphony Pianos, Medical Logistics, Accent On Eyes, Front Street Bakery, Champion Cutting Tools and Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony Santino. Local businesses, professionals and community organizations are encouraged to contribute sponsorships and prizes to help the success of the night.

The 2014 Monte Carlo Night honoree is Drew Bogner, PhD, President of Molloy College. Dr. Drew Bogner assumed the presidency of Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY in July 2000. Enrollment has grown at unprecedented levels during Dr. Bogner's tenure, and has rapidly expanded its leadership initiatives in the business and service communities. Dr. Bogner serves on the Boards of Catholic Charities, Long Island Housing Partnership, Long Island Index, Long Island Works Coalition, Rotacare and is Chair of the Dominican Higher Education Council.

"Monte Carlo Night is sure to be filled with great games, delicious food, plenty of laughs and great company," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The night also pays tribute to our tremendous honoree, Dr. Drew Bogner. We recognize Dr. Bogner for his unwavering dedication, commitment and willingness to get involved in this great community. Our community is lucky to have him."

Funds raised support programs and services for the Department of Senior Services. Past Monte Carlo Nights have



made possible the purchase of a handicap-accessible bus and the construction of new bathroom facilities, interior safety upgrades to the Senior Center and the Center's garden park.

For tickets to the Monte Carlo Night, send checks, made payable to FOSSI, to Friends of Senior Services, Inc., 50 South Park Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570, Attn: Monte Carlo Night. For more information, or to pay by credit card, call (516) 678-9245.

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# Around Our Community

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## Mayor's Youth Task Force Gives Back to the RVC Community

The Mayor's Youth Task Force has been busy helping their community. Most recently, volunteers spent time serving members of the Sandel Senior Center an Italian feast as well as hosted a toy drive to benefit Children's Clinic at Mercy Medical Center.

"The Mayor's Youth Task Force was created to encourage community pride and community service in our young adults," commented Mayor Murray. "I am excited to see the group grow to over 100 kids wanting to help their fellow neighbors."

The Task Force is open to all Rockville Centre residents in sixth grade through college. Volunteers have been completing a variety of tasks around the Village including



ing cleaning up in the downtown business district and on the playing fields weekend mornings, planting and weeding designated areas in the Village, coordination of a baby necessity drive, and pitching in at the Sandel Senior Center. Interested volunteers can visit the village website at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us) to fill out an online sign-up form.



## Local Artists Displayed at Village Hall

The Board of Trustees recognized a group of student artists from South Side High School at the March Board Meeting. The students merged old pictures of the Village with new photos they took. The series, called "Know Where You Stand," is on display in Village Hall.



### RVC Little League

RVC Little League will officially open its 64th season on March 29th. The parade will step off at 10 a.m. from South Side Middle School to Hickey Field, where the Opening Day Ceremonies will take place and games will be played all

day long.

In addition to the Parade, the League will be sponsoring its 4th Annual Food Collection Drive. All parade participants and spectators are asked to bring an item of non-perishable food to donate to local Rockville Centre food pantries. Please check the league website, [www.rvclittleleague.com](http://www.rvclittleleague.com) for updates on the day of the event.

### Dogs in the Village

Dog owners are reminded that Village Code requires that dogs be licensed, that they be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet when in any public place, and that they are permitted to defecate and urinate only in the street between the curblines.

Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals immediately and

may not allow them to defecate or urinate in any place other than the street.

Owners are also responsible for seeing that their dogs do not disturb the peace by howling, barking, or whining and are also responsible for any injury or damage caused by their animals.

Violations of these provisions of the Village Code are punishable by a fine of up to \$250, imprisonment of up to 15 days, or both, for each offense.

### Transfer Station

Starting Saturday, April 5, 2014, the Transfer Station will be open to the public the first and third Saturday of each month. The operating hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last day this year the Transfer Station will be open to the public will be Saturday, November 21, 2014.

## RVC Residents Celebrate Margaritaville at Enchanted Winterland



Nearly 500 people came out to take part in the village's 6th Annual Enchanted Winterland celebration, which raises money for the Rockville Centre Community Fund that aids village residents who are faced with emergency financial needs. Partygoers were decked out in tropical colors and styles for this year's Margaritaville theme.

Pictured are NYS Assemblyman Brian Cur-

ran; Mayor Francis X. Murray; honorees Chris, Lori and John Lawrence; Town of Hempstead Senior Councilman Anthony Santino; and event chairs TJ Murray, Susan Bevilacqua and Joan MacNaughton. Joan MacNaughton, Chairperson of the Enchanted Winterland "Margaritaville Evening" presented Mayor Murray and the Board of Trustees with a check for \$17,646 to benefit the RVC Community Fund.



## RVC Welcomes New Police Officer

Rockville Centre Police Commissioner Charles Gennario, right, swore in new officer John Siraco, Jr. Officer Siraco came to Rockville Center after spending ten years in the NYPD, earning a Combat Cross, the NYPD's second-highest departmental award. Siraco is completing his training and will begin work in the Village in a few days.



## Police Explorer Promoted



Thomas Boylan was honored and promoted to Police Explorer Sergeant at the March board meeting. Thomas is the first Police Explorer to achieve this rank. The program offers young men and women between the age of 14 and 20 the opportunity to experience the rewards of a police career and tests an individual's ability and commitment to improve the

quality of life for the people in their community.

Pictured (left to right) are: Trustee Emilio Grillo, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Lt. Chris Romance, Police Explorer Sergeant Thomas Boylan, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, Trustee Edward Oppenheimer, Trustee Michael Sepe, and Police Commissioner Charles Gennario.



## Longtime Employees Bid Farewell

The Village waves farewell to two longtime employees. Superintendent of Electric Paul Pallas is leaving the Village after nineteen years of commendable service to the residents. Under Paul Pallas' leadership, the 10,000 residential and commercial customers received superior service. Deputy Superintendent of Operations at the Recreation Center Joseph Nemeth is

also bidding farewell to the Village he served for over 27 years. Mr. Nemeth started his career at the Recreation Center as a part time Recreation Assistant in 1986 before going full time in 1989. The Mayor and the Board of Trustees thank both for their proficiency, professionalism and dedication, and wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.



## Mayor Meets with Governor

Mayor Francis X. Murray met with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo during the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany this February.



## RVCFD Rescues Man's Best Friend

Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard and the entire Board of Trustees commended the Rockville Centre Fire Department for a job well done at the February Board Meeting.

The RVCFD responded to Hempstead Lake State Park for a rescue call in the frigid temperatures on the morning of January 22. The first responders pulled Teddy, a 3-year-old Labrador/border collie mix, from the frigid water. The 90-pound dog was on a leash before pulling away to chase birds at Hempstead Lake.

The RVCFD Truck Company responded within minutes of the 911 call and put their skills to use, sliding out onto the ice and pulling the pup from the water.



THIS MONTH IN

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# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## 2014-15 Nursery School Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2014-15 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2015 are offered five days a week from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2016 are offered four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9339.

## Spring Recess Trips & Special Events

Visit the Center, call 678-9339 or visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us) for information on events and activities from April 14 to 22.

All participants must be registered members of the Recreation Department for the 2013-2014 year. A parental permission slip and appropriate fee for each event must be submitted to the recreation office prior to the day of the trip or activity.

## Spring Programs Begin

The Recreation Center Department Spring Program schedule begins the week of April 7th. Detailed flyers describe a wide array of activities offered by the Rec. Center for toddlers through senior citizens, including Happy Piano, Bricks for Kids, Yoga for Kids, Edible Art, and guitar lessons. For all activities call 678-9339.

## Men's and Women's Softball



Come join in the fun today with an abundance of activities to choose from.

The Recreation Department currently has spring softball information available for men's teams. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of March 23rd. Information for summer softball for men and women will be available in mid-March at the Rec Center or by

calling 678-9339.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12th at the Recreation Center's Veterans Park for boys and girls in pre-school through grade 3. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, April 13th at 2 p.m.

## Roll Around Play Days

The Roll Around gymnastics set-up will be available to parents and children ages 1 to 4 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. during Spring recess. Monday, April 14th through Thursday, April 17th and Monday, April 21st and Tuesday, April 22nd. On Friday, April 18th, Roll Around will meet 9 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Fees are \$12 per family/per session or use your Roll Around Fun Card. Adults and children must wear sneakers.

## Gymnastic Meets

The Rec. Centers two competitive Gymnastic Teams, RVC United and RVC Ultimate will compete in meets against each other and three LI teams on Saturday, April 5th; Sunday, April 6th; Saturday, April 26th; and Saturday May 4th. Individual and Team Championships are Sunday, May 18th and June 8th. Free admission.

## Children's Marketplace

De-clutter and dispose of your unwanted or no-longer-needed children's items at the Rec. Center on April 27th. Sell that pack-n-play or exersaucer sitting in your basement or those almost-like-new clothes your older kids have outgrown. Are you a new parent or a grandparent? Get some great items you'll need at discounted prices. Call Maura at the Rec. for more information.

## Gingerbread And Giggles Special Event

Come celebrate Mothers Day early on Friday, May 9th from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 10th from 1 to 3 p.m. Make hand-made gifts of love that all moms will cherish.

Enjoy a chocolate and crown celebration with the entire family. Kindergarteners through sixth graders can be dropped off at this fun event. Fee: \$28.00 per project.



The Summer Program hosts a variety of activities for all to enjoy.

to a Latin beat with Ruth Karhu meets Monday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Pay as you go for \$5.00 each class.

The weight room at the Rec. is available to adults seven days a week for \$30 a month for residents and \$35 a month for non-residents. The room features a treadmill, recumbent bike, rowing machine, Stairmaster and Arc Trainer, as well as free weights, Cybex machines and a bench cage.

## Summer Program Registration

Summer Nursery School Registration: Registration for summer nursery school for children entering kindergarten in 2014 or 2015 has begun for residents and begins March 31st for non-residents. Classes meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. from June 30th through August 7th.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2014 (birthdates from January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009) are offered Monday through Friday.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2015 (birthdates from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010) are offered Monday through Thursdays.

Please bring your child's birth certificate or other proof of age.

## Summer Playground and Recreation Programs:

See the flyers at the Recreation Center for detailed information about the summer playground programs for students in grades 1-6 and summer Rec. programs for students in grades 7 and 8 as of September 2014.

The programs, staffed by trained recreation personnel, meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon from July 2nd through August 7th. Registration begins April 1st.

**Seasonal Staff:** Residents who are at least 16 years old may apply to work as seasonal recreation leaders this summer. Supervisors will interview qualified applicants in April. Pre-employment questionnaires are available at the Rec. office. Prospective LIT volunteers (ninth graders as of Sept. '14) may pick up application packets at the office January 27th. Applicants will also go through an interview process.

**Summer Sports Schools:** Applications for summer programs, including the baseball school, girls basketball school, boys and girls lacrosse (Shooting Stars), the Rec. Center gymnastics school are now available.

Trained professionals are on site to provide children with sports instruction and a rewarding experience.

## Spring Shape-up

Square dancing with nationally known caller Lee Kopman, Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and 8:30 to 10 p.m. \$5 per person.

Co-ed cardio workout with Nancy Codisoti on Mondays (Step Aerobics), Tuesdays (CCW) and Thursdays (CCW) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Pay as you go for \$5 each session.

Zumba exercise

# Recycle Wednesday



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

During holiday weeks, paper products may be deposited Wednesdays through Fridays at DPW headquarters, 10 Sunrise Highway, or in Municipal Parking Field #12, Sunrise Highway between North Forest Avenue and North Long Beach Road.



# 2014 State of Village Address



**Mayor**  
**Francis X. Murray**

I am so proud of the work that we have accomplished since I have taken office two and a half years ago. Rockville Centre remains one of the most desirable communities to live and raise a family in. Our schools, recreation programs for our youth and seniors, safety, downtown area and overall quality of life is second to none.

This is my third State of the Village and I want you to know how proud I am to be your Mayor and to represent you, not just in Rockville Centre, but in Nassau County, Albany and Washington D.C. as well.

I am grateful to have this opportunity to share with you what this Administration has accomplished this past year and what we are planning for 2014.

- Our Police Department plays a vital role in the Village. The Rockville Centre Police Department is comprised of 52 sworn officers and a support staff of 10 full-time civilians and 21 part-time civilians. In 2013, the Department handled more than 17,000 calls for service including more than 2,000 medical aided cases and more than 1,000 traffic accidents. Members of the Department are continuously involved in training exercises and programs to assist them in their daily duties. As a result of grant money secured, the Department was able to secure license plate readers to help monitor traffic going in and out of the Village that in turn can help to deter crime.

- The Village has experienced a 25% decrease in major crime in 2013 as compared to 2012. We had 141 crimes in 2013, the lowest figure in modern history in Rockville Centre. Total burglaries (24) are the lowest since statistics have been kept. We have enjoyed a downward trend in major crime categories for the last 4 years except for a small spike in 2011. Much of this is due to the beefing up of the anti-crime and investigations unit along with aggressive policing by the patrol force. There is more of an interest in post conditions by a larger percentage of the patrol force than I can remember.

- Our Fire Department is one of the largest all Volunteer Fire Departments in New

York State with 345 members. In 2013, the Department answered more than 2,400 alarms, including over 1,400 calls for emergency medical services; over 1,000 other alarms which included over 100 automobile accidents, many with personal injury, over 400 reports of fire alarms, 65 carbon monoxide alarms, vehicle fires, brush fires, elevator rescues, and other incidents. In addition, the Department acted on over 30 requests for mutual aid assistance from neighboring Fire Departments. The members of the Department meet several times weekly to train, drill and to ready their apparatus and equipment for alarms. Training is held on both the Company and Department levels, and is coordinated through the Chiefs' office and by the Department's Board of Instruction. This training came handy recently when members of the Department answered the call of a dog that fell through the ice at Hempstead Lake. Teddy, the dog, was returned safely to its owner thanks to the hard work and dedication of our trained heroes. The story received a tremendous amount of media attention and showcased the professional and well-trained volunteers that our Village enjoys. We continue to look for ways to improve upon the equipment being used to ensure the safety of the volunteers as well as residents. A new ambulance was welcomed in 2013, two new fire trucks will be welcomed in 2014 as well as one in 2015 and 2016 by the Rockville Centre Fire Department. In addition, I am looking to build a new firehouse that will be used as an emergency management headquarters for disasters like Superstorm Sandy through grants and donations.

For the first time, in a long time, we had to evacuate a building in our Village. The Maple Pointe Assisted Living facility on Maple Avenue was recently evacuated due to a frozen and thawing pipe. Once again, our Fire Department and Police Department personnel came through without any difficulties/complications. These men and women have the training, compassion and know-how in dealing with emergencies and making sure the safety of our residents comes first. Another job well done.

I would like to thank both the Fire and Police Department for their unwavering

commitment to all who live in and around our Village and the sacrifice you and your family make.

- A priority of my administration has been the health of our downtown. Our downtown business district is key to our Village's future and sets the tone for our Village. It is the most visible indicator of community pride as well as the economic health of the Village. Our downtown represents a significant portion of our tax base and their prosperity protects resident's property values. When I took office two and half years ago, the downtown occupancy rate was 84% compared to a staggering 98% that we are enjoying now with more businesses on the way. By the end of 2014, I hope to say that number has risen to 100% occupancy. In 2013, the Village welcomed 19 new businesses to the Village including:

- Fortunata's Fine Food
- Ikura Sushi Restaurant
- Colourbar Hair Salon
- Bio Reference Lab
- Medical Office / Sleep Center
- Jeans for Less
- Mystique Boutique
- Slider Joe's
- Sushi 212
- Ultra Sonic Car Wash
- George Martin's Burger Bar
- Osio Hair Salon
- Parlay Gastro Pub
- Valley National Bank
- Signature Bank
- Chocolate Works
- Lockers4Laundry
- Aesthetically Yours

Not only has the occupancy rate risen, but businesses are expanding and continuously making façade improvements. Both McDonalds and Chase Bank did significant improvements and nine businesses have expanded including:

- Polka Dot Pound Cake
- Molloy College
- Harusaki Sushi Restaurant
- AMC Fantasy Theatre
- Chase Bank
- The Beach House
- Mercy Medical Center
- Kasey's
- Karp

Unlike other communities, our downtown is not littered with boarded up windows and "For Rent" signs. To the con-

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# 2014 State of Village Address

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trary, Rockville Centre downtown is filled with thriving businesses that are expanding their operations and well cared for facades and storefronts.

- We continue to be aggressive in going after major grants and gifts to benefit the Village and hold the line on taxes. In the last two years alone, we have secured over \$5.5 million dollars in federal, state and local grants and gifts to make improvements in our Village. Much of this money has been used to improve our ball fields and parks, provide transportation and assistance for seniors, equipment to repair our roadways, provide sophisticated tools for our police and fire departments and much more. In 2014, it is our hope to keep securing these grants on behalf of our residents.

- As your Mayor, I look for ways to negotiate public-private partnerships to save money while making improvements. Most recently, we saved money by sharing services with Molloy College to further improve our athletic facilities at the Skelos Sports Complex. The College has funded lights and other improvements to the Bob Klein Softball Field, giving the college an NCAA-regulation softball field. At the same time it provides the Village and school district with the cost-free use of a state-of-the-art stadium. For this effort, the Village was presented First Place in the category of Public Works for Local Government Achievement Award from the New York State Conference of Mayors.

- Parking has and continues to be a great concern of this administration. We can no longer take the cookie cutter approach, but need to think of out of the box solutions. One of my first acts as Mayor was to make parking in our downtown area free after 6 p.m. This has helped to increase the occupancy rate, which in turn has increased our tax base.

In an effort to think of out of the box solutions, the Village entered into a three-month trial period with the Parkeon Company for smart parking meters. The pilot was to see if these new meters would transform parking into a retail experience, offering parkers coupons to local stores and restaurants. This system was the first of its kind, and while I do believe we need to find new ways to keep people shopping

local while attracting visitors from other communities, the plain fact is residents and business owners did not like certain aspects of the system and the Board and I decided to remove the Smart Meters and get a full refund until the meters can be improved.

Rockville Centre is one of four Long Island municipalities that were named winners of the "Build a Better Burb: Parking-PLUS Design Challenge," a contest created by the Long Island Index that focuses on innovative parking facility designs intended to enhance downtown areas on Long Island. Utile, Inc. of Boston was chosen as the design team to develop state-of-the-art parking designs for the Village. The Utile team's proposal focused on creating an aesthetically pleasing yet fully functional and flexible space. My team is in the process of reviewing the designs. However, I promise to continue to look for new ways residents and visitors to park in this great Village.

Although these designs might not be the answer for our Village, I promise you that parking within the Village is at top priority for this administration.

- A number of infrastructure upgrades will be taking place throughout the Village including the painting of two of the water towers as well as improvements of the lights and sidewalks along the east side of North Village Avenue between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road. We will also explore making enhancements along Park Avenue between Sunrise Highway and Lenox Road. As new technology is being created and perfected each day, the Village is looking into new equipment that would eliminate meter readers for both the Water and Electric Department. The new technology will allow both Departments to remotely read meters resulting in operational efficiency and reduced costs.

- 2014 has not seen a shortage of snow. The Public Works highway division plows 55.2 miles of lanes, 30 parking fields and Village owned sidewalks. The Department replaced three new trucks this year and will be replacing more in 2015 to keep our streets clear and safe. In 2015, the Village will be unveiling the new salt brine snow management system. The new brine truck will provide a separation layer, keeping the snow from bonding, increases traction and will provide easier separation for plowing.

- In the past, the Village improved one-

mile of roadway per year. However, with the help of our Department of Public Works and our engineers, we will be improving approximately three to four-miles of roadway in 2014. Our infrastructure has been suffering and one mile is not enough. Due to state funding, Maple Avenue was slowed down. However, I am committed to bringing our own "Fifth Avenue" to Rockville Centre in 2014.

- Beautification of our Village will continue to be a focus. Our fields are all well on the way to being refurbished. Thanks to a large part of private donations, Hickey Field has many new upgrades including new sod, irrigation system, stonework, improved entrance and most notably, finally new restroom facilities.

- The Village of Rockville Centre is one of only three municipally owned electric utilities on Long Island. We are also one of only a few full service municipal electric utilities in New York, providing everything from electric generation, transmission and distribution. I will continue to work with our Superintendent of the Electric Department to explore new ways to implement an energy efficiency program to help slow the growth of electric demand within the Village.

- Residents will soon be going greener with the help of two new recycling bins in 2014. The first, 23-gallon rectangular blue bins, will replace the bins currently used for bottles and cans, and provide significantly more room for plastic recyclables. The second, green bins closer in size to the old bins, will serve as a paper and cardboard recycling bins, and come with two detachable bungee cords across the top, to help secure their contents.

- We are always looking for efficient and green ways to do things around the Village. That is why our IT Department has and continues to update our computer systems. This will streamline the way we do business here to make us more efficient and easily accessible to our residents.

I consider it a privilege to be the Mayor of Rockville Centre and pledge to continue to keep our home the desirable community it is, while striving to make it better. I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to continuing to improve on this great foundation to make it an even better place for our children, grandchildren and our great-grandchildren.