

# Rockville Centre



Monday, May 26

**Village Offices Closed**  
**Parade at 10 A.M.**

June 2, At 7 P.M.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 11, At 7:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

June 17, At 7 P.M.

**PLANNING BOARD**

July 7th, At 7 P.M.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

July 9, At 7:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

July 14, At 7 P.M.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Friday, July 4**

**Village Offices Closed**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- Friday, July 4 – Independence 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.

## Rockville Centre Board Passes 2015 Budget Under the State Tax Cap for 2 Straight Years

Despite the financial pressures from maintaining the Villages extensive infrastructure, the Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has passed a budget for next fiscal year that stays within the tax cap for the second year in a row while maintaining all Village services. The budget of \$42.7 million is an increase of less than \$1 million and approximately 2% above the current fiscal year budget.

A portion of the increased tax rate which totals 4.44%, is related to the assessed valuation decline in the Village. The total assessed valuation dropped in the Village like every other Village in Nassau County, primarily due to successful commercial property challenges that continues unabated. Most fees will remain the same as in the current fiscal year.

"I believe this budget balances the need

to hold down taxes and not impact the services that residents have come to expect and enjoy," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The Village has left no stone unturned when it comes to securing gifts and grants. In an effort to hold down taxes, the Village has secured nearly \$6 million dollars in federal, state and local grants and gifts to make improvements within the Village in the past two and a half years."

Funds secured through gifts and grants have been used for a variety of upgrades throughout the Village. Much of this money has been used to improve ball fields and parks, provide transportation and assistance for seniors, equipment to repair roadways, acquire state-of-the-art crime fighting tools for the police and fire departments and much more. Public/private partnerships have also been negotiated

to be a mutually beneficial endeavor that will save taxpayer's money, and reward residents for years to come. Most notably, the Village is sharing services with Molloy College to further improve the athletic facilities at Bob Klein Softball Field giving the college an NCAA-regulation softball field and provides the Village as well as the Rockville Centre School District with the cost-free use of the upgraded field.

"The spending plan we are putting forth is the product of a great deal of work by the Village, our Comptroller and our department heads to hold down costs wherever possible," stated Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard. "We will continue to look for ways to reduce costs and bring in additional revenue to the Village."

Residents can view the spending plan on the Villages web site, WWW.RVCNY.US.

## RVCFD Announces Memorial Brick Program

Since 1875 more than a 1,000 residents of Rockville Centre have volunteered as members of the Rockville Centre Fire Department. Each year in October, the Volunteers of the RVCFD come together at Firemen's Memorial Park located on North Forest Avenue to pay tribute to those firefighters who passed away in the last year. Wreaths are laid in their memories, prayers are offered and their families are presented with a thank

you from the membership.

The RVCFD recently received a Nassau County grant to refurbish and rededicate this park. The work includes a new memorial wall and monument with an eternal flame, new brick walkways, flag poles, lighting, plantings and an irrigation system. Work has begun.

Unfortunately the funds received fall a little short of the overall project cost.

Therefore, the RVCFD is offering the

public a chance to place an engraved brick in the walkways honoring a Rockville Centre Firefighter, a Rockville Centre Resident who perished as a result of 9/11 or to honor the Rockville Centre Fire Department. Each 4-inch by 8 inch brick can be engraved with three lines of fifteen characters including spaces for a \$100 donation. Call 678-9063 to order your memorial brick today.



## Village of Rockville Centre Awarded Certificate of Achievement

The Village of Rockville Centre has been awarded the prestigious "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Government Finance Officer Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The recognition is for the Village's comprehensive annual fiscal report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial re-

porting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Pictured (left to right) are Village of Rockville Centre Trustee Emilio Grillo, Trustee Edward Oppenheimer, Village Comptroller Michael Schussheim, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, and Trustee Michael Sepe.

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# Around Our Community

## South Side Middle School Fights the "R-Word"

South Side Middle School students joined Village officials to "Spread the Word to End the Word." The campaign aims to promote the inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities while encouraging people to pledge to stop using the "R-word." "The "R-word" has unfortunately found a place in common language with no regard to how hurtful it is to millions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those that love them," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "I commend South Side Middle School for taking a stand against the "R-word" and helping to spread the word." Mayor Murray and Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard presented the students with a proclamation for their hard work and dedication to the cause.



### Margaret Lasalle Named Village Employee of the Month

Margaret Lasalle of the Building Department is a hard worker, coming in early and staying late on many occasions. She always rises to the challenge, especially when guiding residents through the necessary paperwork for Exterior Design Review and Board of Zoning Appeals. Additionally, Margaret consistently offers to help her co-workers whenever the need arises.



It is for these reasons that the Village would like to thank Margaret for her hard work and dedication to the Building Department and to the residents of the Village and has named Margaret Lasalle as the Employee of the Month for April 2014.

### RVC Participates in Building Safety Month

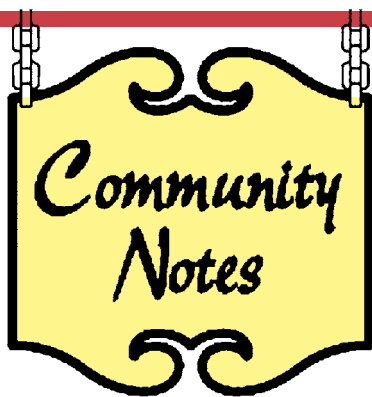
The Village of Rockville Centre's Building Department works hard to ensure buildings are safe within Rockville Centre. To help raise awareness of building safety, the Village proudly celebrates Building Safety Month during May. "Public safety is our number one concern," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "During Building Safety Month and all year long, building safety and fire prevention officials are here to help protect you, your family and our community."

New York State Building Official (NYSBOC) President Jim Morganson (center) was presented with a proclamation by Mayor Francis X. Murray and Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard for his commitment to ensuring that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.



### Elvis Has NOT Left the Building

The Sandel Senior Center was recently transformed into Las Vegas with their very own Elvis performer. Members spent the afternoon listening to the sounds of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Mayor Francis X. Murray, Elvis and the Director of Senior Services Chris O'Leary joined the festivities.



### Online Payments

Parking violations fines and certain traffic violations fines can now be paid online through the Village's website. Payments can be made on this website Daily between 6:00 a.m. and midnight EST. Visit [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

### Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Join your neighbors for the annual Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. from SSSHS to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road where a service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Contingents representing the RVC police and fire departments, the schools, service and sports organizations will be marching.

### Lawn Sprinkling Hours

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has adopted a stringent water conservation plan, as mandated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).



This plan includes universal water metering as well as mandatory fines for watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Watering of lawns must coincide with the house address for odd an even days.

### Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1st are scheduled to be mailed the week of May 27th. Taxes may be paid, without penalty, at the Cashier's Office in Village Hall not later than July 2nd.

New property owners and those who have satisfied, refinanced or sold their mortgage to another lending institution should contact the Tax Office as soon as possible by telephone at (516) 678 9242, by fax at (516) 678 9306 or by email at [taxoffice@rvcny.us](mailto:taxoffice@rvcny.us).

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.

### Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sun-



day, June 2nd and continue every Sunday until November 23rd from 7 a.m. to noon in Municipal parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and Forest Avenue.

### 1st Annual EAT. SHOP. ROCK. RVC.

The Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us in our 1st Annual EAT.SHOP.ROCK.RVC. The event is being held on Saturday June 7th from 12pm-9pm on Park Avenue between Sunrise Hwy and Lincoln Ave.

### Yoga

RVC Conservancy and RVC Yoga are partnering for Yoga on the Green. Classes are available Sunday mornings in June beginning on June 8th at 10 a.m. on the Village Green. Bring your own yoga mats or towels and a donation of \$5 per session to join in the fun. To register please visit [www.rvccconservancy.org](http://www.rvccconservancy.org).

### Kayaks on the Lake

Come and explore Hempstead Lake on Saturday, June 14th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kayaks are available to rent. Secure your spot today with RVC Conservancy at [www.rvccconservancy.org](http://www.rvccconservancy.org)

### Fireworks July 12th!

The Village's 121st birthday celebration is Saturday, July 12th. There will be food vendors and entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. The South Shore Symphony concert of summertime favorites will begin at 7:45 p.m. and the Grucci fireworks display over Mill River will begin about 9:15 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, July 13th.

There is still time to make a tax-deductible donation in support of this event. Make checks payable to RVC Guild for the Arts and mail to: RVC Guild for the Arts, Fireworks Celebration, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-0662.



## Maple Avenue Status Report

Maple Avenue has been several years in the making. If you've driven Maple Avenue, you know that the construction is being performed in two phases. Last fall, we did substantial and necessary work under the road to improve the aged water and electric infrastructure. The task now at hand is to improve the surface of the road.

Together, the cost of both those phases of work is somewhat more than \$5 million. To offset the burden on the taxpayers of the Village, a grant was secured for well over \$1 million. That grant is from the Federal Government and is dedicated to the resurfacing portion of the project. The NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) administers the Federal grant. This makes the NYS DOT responsible for overseeing almost every element of the project – from what the design looks like, to how thick the asphalt is, to which materials are being used, and where street lamps are

being placed. The NYS DOT is also responsible for making sure that we follow their procedures for obtaining bids from vendors, making sure we include women, minority, and other disadvantaged businesses in the process and for contracting with vendors. And DOT will closely monitor the project through to completion. **It's important for our residents to understand that the involvement of NYS DOT takes the timing of the project somewhat out of our control.**

It was the Village's intention to have the two phases of construction follow each other closely. However, the approval process with the NYS DOT is intense and time-consuming. And even though we hoped to resurface Maple Avenue last fall, we didn't obtain NYS DOT approval until a date that was too late to make fall construction possible. Once that became clear, the Village worked with the engineers and DOT further on the design over the winter to make

the reconstructed Maple Avenue a more resilient and safer roadway for autos, pedestrians, residents and businesses.

Today, planning of the project has been completed and the design was approved by NYS DOT. We are currently soliciting bids from vendors and will know at the end of May which contractor is the lowest qualified bidder for the project. NYS DOT will then review the bids, approve the contractor and give us permission to enter into a contract to perform the work.

The Village is committed to doing everything in its power to make this approval and contracting process run smoothly. Our goal is to have the resurfacing work begin during the summer and finish up in the fall. We know your patience has been tried ... ours has too. But very soon we will have our beautiful "Main Street".



**Kathleen MacDonald Murray,**  
Director of Community Development

## The Parade That Cares and Shares Paints RVC Green

With nearly 2,500 onlookers, the Parade That Cares and Shares took the streets with green pride on March 22nd. The 18th annual St. Patrick's Parade brought 136 organizations and groups from across Nassau County and New York City to march on behalf of the three chosen charities; Angelman Syndrome Foundation, New Ground; and the Nassau County AOH Feis and Irish Festival.

Pictured (left to right) is Mayor and 2009 Grand Marshal Francis X. Murray, 2010 Grand Marshal Bernie O'Brien, 2014 Grand Marshal Sean O'Rourke, 2013 Grand Marshal Thomas Glynn, and 2011 Grand Marshal Joe Kelly.



## Sandel Center Wins Big at Monte Carlo Night

The Sandel Senior Center brought Las Vegas to Rockville Centre with its annual Monte Carlo night. The major fundraising event of the year, sponsored by the Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI), was

filled with a variety of games with professional dealers. The night also paid tribute to honoree Dr. Drew Bogner, president of Molloy College, for his contributions to the Rockville Centre community.



## RVC Village Ambassadors

The Village Ambassadors have grown to over 30 dedicated members who provide a great deal of service to the Rockville Centre community. The Ambassadors can be seen greeting and directing visitors throughout Village Hall. Volunteers were recently treated to a lunch for their devoted service and volunteerism.



## Friends of Mercy Hosts 48th Annual Gentleman's St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Friends of Mercy Medical Center held its 48th Annual Gentleman's St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Rockville Centre Links honoring Gregory F. Burke. Mr. Burke is an ardent believer in offering a helping hand to those less fortunate than he and has been a strong supporter of the Coalition for the homeless and the Grad Central Food Program. His newest initiative is to help fund the new Pediatric Express Care Unit at Mercy Medical Center. The Express Care Unit will provide rapid and thorough assess-

ment and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, providing a more convenient, lower cost alternative to the hospital's Emergency Department, especially during evening hours when private physician offices are closed.

Pictured left to right are Assemblyman Brian Curran, Legislator Fran Becker, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Councilman Anthony J. Santino, Honoree Gregory Burke, Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, Brian Burke and Charlie Burke.

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## I Love My Parks Day

The Mayor's Youth Task Force and the RVC Conservancy group came together for "I Love My Parks Day," to clean up both Mill River

and Smith Pond. Volunteers spent the morning collecting trash and beautifying both areas. Both groups are made up of Rockville

Centre residents volunteering their time to make a difference in the RVC community.





# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## Summer Pre-School Programs

The Recreation Department offers a fun-filled summer nursery program for children entering kindergarten in 2014 and 2015. Classes meet from 9:00-11:30am.

The Recreation Department offers Roll Around, Kinder-Crafts, Introduction to Gymnastics, Tumbles, Happy Piano Musical Safari, Happy Piano Baby-Jam, Artfull Adventures, Wacky Wednesday, Parent-Toddler Workshop and ComputerTots.

Call the Rec. Center office at 678-9339 to make an appointment to visit.

## Summer Youth Programs

The 60th Summer Playground Program for residents in grades 1-7 are being offered at the Rec. Center, Hewitt or Covert School sites from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Parents can combine Summer Playground with any of these afternoon mini-camps to provide a full-day program for their children.

- Afternoon "mini-camp" programs include:
  - Artfull Adventures from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Lego Summer Fun from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Sweet Summer Fun from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## Summer Sports Schools

Applications for summer programs, including the baseball school, the girl's basketball school, boys and girls lacrosse (Shooting Stars), and the Rec. Center gymnastics school are now available.

- Baseball: June 30th through July 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics: 3 sessions – June 30th through July 3rd, July 28th through August 1st, and August 25th through 28th from 12:45 to 3:34 p.m.
- Shooting Star Lacrosse School: July 14th through July 17th
  - o Boys 9:00am-1:00pm
  - o Girls 5:00-9:00pm
- Basketball School for Girls: August 18th through August 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Gymnastics Programs

The Recreation Department offers gymnastics programs for both girls and boys in kindergarten through eight grades.

Introduction to Gymnastics is an informal and fun summer workout on the various gymnastics equipment for boys and girls age 4 and in Kindergarten in Sept. 2014.

Recreational Workouts is for students in grades 1-8 (Sept. 2014). Informal gymnastics workouts featuring tumbling, dance, balance beam, uneven bars and vault.

Super Sessions is an intensive workout led by team coaches for girls in grades 1-8 (Sept. 2014) who are contemplating trying out for the training teams this fall and for current team members to stay in shape and hone their current skill set.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center office or call 678-9338.



## RVC Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Over 500 kids followed the Bunny down the trail to the Village of Rockville Centre's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Kids filled their baskets with colorful eggs and enjoyed games and prizes at the Recreation Center.

## Other Programs Offered

Kinder-Crafts, Tennis Lessons, Cartooning, Happy Piano Musical Safari, Computer Explorers, and Artful Adventures are also available. Call 678-9338 for recreation schedules and fees or visit the Village web site [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

## Adult Programs:

Square dancing is available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dancers can pay as they go for \$7.50 per person.

Co-ed cardio workouts are available. Step Aerobic classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Pay as you go for \$5.00 each class. Cardio classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Pay as you go for \$5 each session.

Zumba exercise to a Latin beat on Monday mornings from 7:45 to 8:45 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.

Tennis Courts are open for use seven days a week. Call the Rec. Center office at 678-9339 for fees and times.

## Joan Schapiro dedication

The Village of Rockville Centre is honoring the Rec. Centers Nursery School Program

Coordinator Mrs. Joan Schapiro by dedicating the Nursery School area of the building in her name as the "Joan S. Schapiro Early Childhood Education Center" on Saturday June 14 at 11:00am.

The Rec. Center is extending an invitation to the people who were fortunate to have worked alongside Mrs. Schapiro, as well all past and present Recreation Department employees. Former students are encouraged to attend as well.

Please RSVP to Jean at 678-9238 if you plan to attend the dedication ceremony on June 14.

## Basketball and Softball Leagues

Basketball leagues for students in grades 5-12 plus adult men are conducted weekday evenings at the John Friedermann Basketball Courts at Centennial Park.

The Recreation Department conducts softball leagues for men and women's teams during the summer months. Games are

played weekday evenings at ball fields within the village.

Interested players can call the Rec. Center office at 678-9339 to get further details regarding registration.

## Fall Programs and Registration

Information regarding Fall Programs and Registration dates will be detailed in the Annual Recreation Department brochure, which will be mailed to residents during the last week in July. Registration will take place in early August. Informational flyers will also be available at the Rec. Department office.

DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AT [WWW.RVCNY.US](http://WWW.RVCNY.US), CLICK ON THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT LINK.



## RVC Little League

RVC Little League officially opened its 64th season on March 29th. To kick off the festivities, the League held its annual parade from South Side Middle School to Hickey Field, where the Opening Day Ceremonies took place. In addition to the Parade, the League sponsored its 4th Annual Food Collection Drive to help the area's needy. The league's collection on behalf of the less fortunate has now surpassed 10,000 pounds of donated food.

Pictured (left to right) is Parade Coordinator Salvatore Palazzo, Village Justice William J. Croutier Jr., Commissioner Michael Lawless (with Julia on his shoulders), Senior Councilman Anthony J. Santino, RVCLL President Tom Bucaria, RVCLL VP Tom Wagner, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, Mayor Fran Murray, Trustee Ed Oppenheimer, Assemblyman Brian Curran, Judge Anthony Paradiso and Rockville Centre Police Chief Chuck Gennario.



## 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.