

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



- October 6, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- Monday, October 12
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
COLUMBUS DAY
- October 20, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD
- October 21, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- November 2, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- November 4, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- Wednesday, November 11
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
VETERANS DAY
- November 17, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD
- November 18, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Sanitation Schedule

COLUMBUS DAY WEEK

Monday, October 12, 2015

Columbus Day - No trash collection

Normal Monday/Thursday trash collection will be on

Tuesday and Thursday

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Wednesday, October 14, 2015

No bulk items or paper pickup

VETERANS DAY WEEK

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Veterans Day - No trash collection

No bulk items or paper pickup

THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Thursday, November 26, 2015 - No trash collection, collection

will be on Friday, November 27, 2015

Friday, November 27, 2015 trash collection, collection

will be on Saturday, November 28, 2015

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 there will be bulk and paper pickup

During holiday weeks, paper products may be deposited Monday through

Friday at DPW headquarters 10 Sunrise Hwy.

Village Hall Hours

Cashier & Registrar 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Court Counter 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Electric/Water Billing 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Tax Department 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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

Eugene Murray Honored on 90th Birthday

Rockville Centre's Eugene Murray Village Hall was packed on August 10th as village officials and well-wishers gathered to honor former Mayor Eugene Murray on his 90th birthday. A lifelong resident of Rockville Centre, Murray was recognized for his dedication that has significantly enriched the lives of the community

"My father taught me all about work and work ethic, but just as importantly he



taught me about giving back," commented son and Mayor Francis X. Murray. "I got to see a young man give back to his community, volunteering in every facet of Rockville Centre. I couldn't be prouder to celebrate his accomplishments that have made Rockville Centre the desirable community it is today."

During his twenty years as Mayor, Murray established the RVC Community Fund that has supported numerous residents and charities in need during and after his tenure, as well as the We Care Committee to support family and friends of those lost in 9/11. Murray has received numerous accolades for his public service including "Man of the Year" for 1993 by Molloy

College, which also awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1994, and "Citizen of the Year" for 1997 by the RVC Kiwanis Club. Murray has also been recognized for his community service by numerous organizations including the Nassau County Boy Scouts Council, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Guiding Light Lodge of the Masonic Order, the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund Award, the Hispanic Brotherhood, and the RVC Guild for the Arts. Murray has been an active member of the RVC Volunteer Fire Department for over 60 years and served in the ranks of chief from 1977 to 1983.

RVCFD Hosted Nassau County



The Rockville Centre Fire Department hosted the Nassau County Firemen Association Parade and Drill on Saturday, July 25th. This time-honored tradition of all the Nassau County Fire Departments assembling to display their Department and community pride has been conducted since 1903.

Over two-dozen teams competed in motorized and old fashion tournament of firefighting skill against the clock and each other for trophies. There were two styles of competition: motorized and old fashioned. The motorized contests involved setting up

ladders from moving trucks, hooking up hoses, pumping water and more. The West Hempstead Westerners came in first place overall. The old-fashioned competition included participants running with ladders, creating bucket chains to move water, and more. The Bellmore Ballbreakers came in first place.

Following the tournament, the Rockville Centre Fire Department led a parade of over 3,000 firefighters with hundreds of fire apparatuses from 42 Fire Departments located throughout Nassau County.



28th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic



On Monday, October 5th, the Rockville Links Country Club will be hosting the 28th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic. For its 28th anniversary the Classic will be honoring the Board of Directors of the RVC Basketball League.

The Classic, and accompanying dinner, is the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund. The Fund, dedicated exclusively to helping members of the Rockville Centre community, has raised more than \$1.5 million in emergency assistance since 1987.

For reservations or for information about sponsorships, call Mary Rohrs at (516) 678-9260.





Around Our Community

Lister Park and Smith Pond Get Makeovers

Lister Park and Smith Pond are in the midst of a facelift. Lister Park pathway, on the west side of the park, extends from Park Avenue to the Department of Public Works building's parking lot, on Sunrise Highway will be replaced with permeable pavement, which will eliminate rainwater runoff and reduce erosion. The pathway will be widened as well to allow visitors to pass with ease. Multiple trees, 40 bushes, and hundreds of flowers will be planted to enhance the aesthetics of the park. In addition, lighting and



benches will be replaced, as well as garbage cans and bike racks will be added. Smith Pond has received a new pathway from the Reverend Days Park South parking lot leading to the pond. In addition, the lookout deck has been rebuilt.

"Once again the Village of Rockville Centre is leaving no stone unturned when it comes to receiving grants and donations to improve our community," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "A large portion of this project has been funded by grants from Nassau County and



the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

School is open, please drive ... and walk carefully!

Remember, speed limits around our schools are 20 miles per hour, whether you are on a side street or a main road. Please take active steps to slow down to protect our children and neighbors. In addition, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a stopped school bus, which is picking up or dropping off children. You must remain stopped until all children are clear of the roadway and the bus stop arm is withdrawn.

The Village and the Schools partnered in September, as they do every year, to provide a bicycle safety course for the elementary school students. We want our children to be able to ride their bicycles to school and as part of their after-school play. We want them to engage in healthy outdoor play. Rockville Centre has a lot of cars on the road and people are often in a rush. Please take note of the children (and adults) on their bicycles – be careful around them.

Slow down. Stay a safe distance from bicyclists. Give them the right-of-way as appropriate. Most of us grew up in an environment where we could ride bicycles freely and remain safe. Let's allow our children and other bicyclists to have the same benefit.

Also note that the School District is performing construction on a number of the school buildings. With this construction comes trucks and other large vehicles that can cause more congestion in school areas than we are used to. If you can avoid driving your car to school, or avoid driving very close to the school, please do so. We understand that this is a particularly difficult situation in the neighborhoods adjacent to the high school where students don't always heed basic safety rules (like walking on sidewalks). Using common sense in construction areas, and at all school crosswalks, will go a long way to promoting safety.



Fall Fun at Sandel

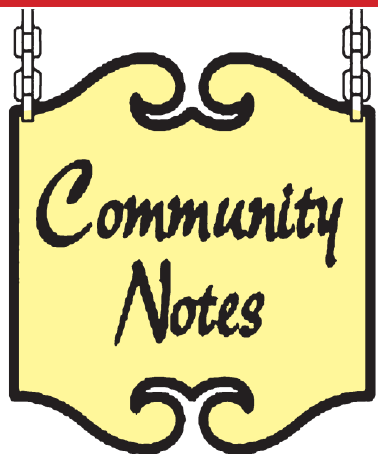
Autumn is a great time to get involved at the Sandel Center. The building hums with activity as members enjoy a wide spectrum of activities, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Shop for bargains on October 23rd at the Giant Flea Market. The Sandel Senior Men's Club will be honoring veterans on November 6th for a Veteran's Day program and luncheon. Start your holiday shopping with the purchase of wonderful hand crafted gifts at Sandel's Holiday Craft Fair on November 20th. Beautiful quilts, knitted and crochet items as well as various vendors will be featured as well as

delicious home baked cookies and other mouth-watering treats to tempt your taste buds. New classes this fall include Quilting and Core Strength. Center Stage Chorus will resume on October 5th. In addition, the "Seniorversity Program," from

the RVC School District, is offering six sessions of Pilates beginning September 29th, Drawing and Painting beginning on September 28th, Meditation beginning on October 7th, and Yoga beginning on October 8th. Registration is required for each program.

Adults ages 60 plus, who reside in Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities, are encouraged to visit, and consider joining the Sandel Club. For information about the Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services, the Sandel Senior Center, or any of the programs and services offered, please call 678-9245.



Fresh Water Fishing Festival

The Village of Rockville Centre Recreation Department in cooperation with the DEC presents a Fall Fresh Water Fishing Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 17th at Hempstead Lake State Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event includes fly fishing instruction, outdoor exhibits from local fishing clubs, demonstrations, face painting, pony rides and a casting for pumpkin contest. For more information, call Hempstead Lake State Park at (516) 766-1029.

Leaf pickup to begin November 16, 2015

Bagged leaves will be collected from the curb strip as follows:

- Monday - South of Sunrise Highway
- Tuesday - North of Sunrise Highway (East of Long Beach Road)
- Wednesday - North of Sunrise Highway (between Hempstead Ave & Long Beach Road)
- Thursday - North of Sunrise Highway (West of Hempstead Avenue)

Please note that leaf pickup on Thursday, November 26, 2015 will be on Friday, November 27, 2015. The last day of leaf pickup is Friday, December 18, 2015.

Tax Office Announcements

Real estate tax exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years or more of certified service and to veterans based on the date and type of military service. The maximum assessed value that may be exempted varies with the status of the veteran claimant: non-combat and Cold War \$799; combat \$1,332; and disabled up to \$2,664 based on the percent of disability.

Real estate tax exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2014 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications are available by visiting the Tax Office on the second floor of Village Hall at One College Place weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by calling (516) 678-9242.

New property owners and those who have mortgages that have been satisfied, refinanced or sold to another lending institution are reminded to notify the Tax Office as soon as possible in order to avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is open the first and third Saturday of each month April through November. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Note: The Transfer Station will be closing on November 21, 2015 and will reopen the first Saturday in April of 2016

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
10 SUNRISE HIGHWAY.
RVC License Required

E-CYCLING
EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.
Residents may bring their electronics
Note: E-CYCLING will remain open all year

Assistance will be given for EXTRA LARGE items. **Please call (516) 678-9216**

- ACCEPTABLE E-CYCLING ITEMS
- Computers / Computer monitors
 - Anything that plugs into a computer
 - Televisions / Small Electronics
 - VCR * DVD * I PAD * GPS
 - Video Systems
 - Cable Boxes
 - Small Servers
 - Camera or Video Cameras
 - Telephones (any type)
 - Calculators

Halloween Party

Join the MLK Community Center on Friday, October 30th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Join the party in your best costume.

Thanksgiving Feast

Join the MLK Community Center for a Thanksgiving dinner to remember. Community members are invited to attend the feast on Friday, November 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Village Hall Comments



By Trustee Emilio Grillo

All good things must come to an end, and as the summer of 2015 fades into its final sunsets, it is a good time to reflect on our past as well as our future.

As you can see we have made tremendous progress in upgrading our Village infrastructure, with the refurbishment and re-paving of nearly four miles of roadway and street scape enhancements throughout our Village. Yet our collective work as your Village Board is far from finished. I am proud and hopeful of the progress we have made as a Village Board, by continuing to work in a collaborative manner, despite having a difference of opinions at times. We

look forward to continuing our progress on behalf of all of our residents, in the coming years.

As summer closes and autumn begins, we take this time to wish all of our Village families and students continued success and good luck in the upcoming school year, and again, we wish our Class of 2015 graduates the very best of luck, as they commence the "next stage" of their young lives.

On a personal note, after having had the bittersweet experience of moving my oldest daughter into college this month, as I drove back to Rockville Centre, I realized that what is most important to me, as well as to any parent, is the

safety and welfare of our family. I came to realize that while my daughter may be off to a "new beginning," she is leaving the safety and tranquility of our wonderful Village. I can only hope that the values and expectations that have been instilled in her by her family, neighbors and friends of our great Village will remain with her, so that her future remains a tranquil and safe one. May all of our 2015 Village graduates experience nothing but continued success in the future, and keep with them the values that have made our community so great. Good luck to all.

Village Appoints New Supervisor of Water Distribution

The Village of Rockville Centre has appointed Kevin Reilly, P.E. as Supervisor of Water Distribution. Reilly brings extensive experience and knowledge in the water industry to Rockville Centre.

In his new role, Reilly is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Water Department serving over 24,000 residents. Water in Rockville Centre is drawn from 10 wells located throughout the Village that are drilled to an average depth of 540 feet. In 2014, 1.3 billion gallons of water was withdrawn from the aquifer. The Rockville Centre Water Department has four elevated tanks with a combined capacity of four million gallons and is distributed through more than 70 miles of water mains.

"We welcome Kevin Reilly to the Village of Rockville Centre and his years of experience in the water industry," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Kevin will play an integral role to ensuring that every resident receives the highest quality of water."

Reilly recently served as the Superintendent of Distribution for the Suffolk County Water Authority. In his various roles at the Suffolk County Water Authority, Reilly

oversaw water main installations as well as road restorations, managed rehabilitation and maintenance of elevated and ground storage water tanks, and supervised daily activities for construction of water main and road restoration. The Suffolk County Water Authority serves approximately 1.2 million Suffolk County residents and is the largest groundwater supplier in the country. Prior to his work at the Suffolk County Water Authority, Reilly was a Staff Engineer at Browne AE&T Group.

The Water quality in Rockville Centre is constantly monitored and tested to assure its purity and the entire system is flushed twice per year. In addition, the Water Department assists the annual road program by reviewing each street to see if a main upgrade is needed along with the fire hydrants.

"I look forward to bringing superior service that residents have come to expect here in Rockville Centre," commented Kevin Reilly. "This department will continue to provide residents with the advantages of local ownership and operation: low cost and high reliability."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Enjoys Summer Activities



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center had a flurry of activity this summer. Summer campers took a trip to Art Flower Shop on August 3rd. Owner Keith Linsalata (center) welcomed 16 campers to the shop to teach the different kinds of flowers, how to care for them, and presented each camper with a carnation flower.

The annual West End Community Day was held on August 22nd. Food, rides, dancing, games and face painting for kids was enjoyed by hundreds on a beautiful summer day. Residents also participated in the Rev. Frank Robinson Basketball Tournament.



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Sandel Center Hosts Caribbean Night Party



Members of the Sandel Senior Center spent a night under the stars dressed in their best whites. The Sandel Supper Club held its Caribbean White Night where attendees enjoyed an evening in the Garden Park entertained by the smooth sounds of Mustafa Alexander on his steel drum. Attendees also dined on delicious appetizers catered by guest chef Nadine Gelestino and served by the Mayors Youth Task Force.



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



Gather the family for Rockville Centre's 17th Annual Ragamuffin Parade and Party that will be held on Sunday, October 25th.

Halloween Mural Painting Contest

Calling all artists in grades 3 - 8! The annual Mural Painting Contest will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Teams of 2-4 students paint a Halloween theme on paper murals taped to the walls of the Recreation Center. These will be used to decorate the Rec Center for the Halloween season. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, October 14. Plaques are awarded to winners.

Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Children of all ages and their families are invited to take part in our Annual Ragamuffin Parade on Sunday, October 25th beginning at 2:00 p.m. The parade



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kicks off at Parking Lot #12, north side of Sunrise Highway, and proceeds down Long Beach Road to the Rec Center, where ghosts and goblins are treated to fun, games, and prizes. Costume awards are given to age group winners. In case of rain, the parade is canceled, but the party will begin at 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Participants can register at the Rec. Center for a small fee in advance.

Goblin Calls

The Goblin may call you on Halloween evening, Saturday, October 31st! Lucky children who are at home to speak to the Goblin will receive a prize. Goblin call slips will be available in the Rec. lobby and at the Halloween party.

Annual 10K, 5K, and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K, 5K, and one-mile family fun run will be held on Saturday, November 7th. The one-mile family fun run



Lace up your shoes for the Village's annual 10K, 5K, and one-mile family fun run on Saturday, November 7th.

is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and both the 5K (3.1 miles) and 10K (6.2 miles) races will begin at 10 a.m.

The Fun Run starting line is on Front Street by the LIRR station. The 5K/10K starting line is on N. Park Ave. near Sunrise Highway. The finish line for both is at the train station on Front Street.

Registration will be held at the recreation center or online at active.com.

Children's Marketplace

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center is holding a Children's Marketplace on Sunday, November 15th from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are looking for people who want to rent table space and sell their infant and toddler items. Examples of items at sale: toys, high chairs, strollers, exersaucers, baby swings, toys, play mats, clothing in good condition, outdoor toys, toddler beds, and even cribs and changing tables. Whatever you can fit at your table and space is welcome. Reserve your table at the Recreation Center fast so you don't miss out!

For further details or to make a reservation, contact Maura Ressegger at the Recreation Center at (516) 678-9238.

Adult Programs

Step Aerobics classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Cardio classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pay as you go for \$5 each session. Zumba exercise to a latin beat on Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m.,

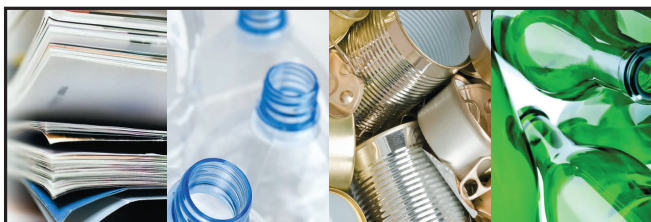
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Pay as you go for \$5 each session. Square Dancing for beginners is held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Dancers can pay as they go \$7.50 per person. We will also be offering a new adult yoga 101 class on Tuesday nights from 7-8:15pm. \$120 for residents, \$135 for non-residents for 10 sessions, or Pay as you go \$20 per session, call the Recreation Center office for more details.

Winter Programs and Registration

Information regarding Winter Programs and Registration dates is detailed in the Annual Recreation Department brochure. Registration will begin on November 9th for Residents. 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 RECREATION CENTER WEBSITE AT WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM

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.

PLEASE NOTE DISPOSAL OF USED MEDICAL NEEDLES

Used medical needles must be discarded at The Department of Health, any local hospital or nursing home.

***DO NOT DISCARD USED NEEDLES IN HOUSEHOLD REFUSE**

TIME TO ORDER A TREE

The Rockville Centre Department of Public Works curbside tree planting program is now underway for the Fall of 2015. Residents have until October 9, 2015 to order a tree from among the six varieties listed below. Trees are \$250.00 each. Village contractors will plant a tree for you for \$350.00, which includes the cost of the tree, planting and a one-year guarantee.

(If the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free)

2015 TREE PLANTING ORDER FORM

Order deadline: October 9, 2015 – Planting date: Fall, 2015

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

VARIETY:

Pin Oak Crimson King Norway Maple Male Ginkgo Biloba

Japanese Lilac Little Leaf Linden Kwanzan Oriental Cherry
____ Tree Only: \$250.00 ____ Tree and Planting \$350.00

MAIL TO: 2015 TREES * ROCKVILLE CENTRE D.P.W. * P.O. BOX 950 * RVC * NY * 11571

Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre