

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

- February 1, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 - February 3, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 - February 23, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD
 - February 24, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 - March 7, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 - March 9, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 - Monday, February 15
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Village Offices Closed
 - March 22, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD
 - March 30, At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- Events are at Village Hall
unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

President's Day Week
Monday, February 15, 2016

President's Day - No trash collection

Normal Monday/Thursday trash collection will be
on Tuesday and Thursday
Normal Tuesday/Friday trash collection will be
on Wednesday and Friday

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

No bulk items or 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

Village of Rockville Centre Rates High with Rating Services

The Village of Rockville Centre was awarded high ratings from both Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Moody's Investors Service. S&P once again issued their highest rating to Rockville Centre, a AAA. In addition, Moody's affirmed the Village's rating of AA2, which is their third highest rating.

"I am extremely proud of our high ratings with both S&P and Moody's," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "My administration has worked diligently to bring about fiscal discipline to the operation of our Village while not impacting services. Much of this can be attributed to the professional team we have in place in Rockville Centre, including Comptroller Michael Schussheim and his entire department."

S&P said of the Village, "Strong management practices and policies contributing to consistently stable financial operations and strong budgetary performance resulting in very strong flexibility and liquidity lend to rating stability. As such, we do not expect to change the rating in our two-year horizon." The report went on to say that the rating reflects its assessment on multiple factors for the Village including: a strong budgetary performance, which takes into account a



relatively stable revenue stream; very strong liquidity providing very strong cash levels to cover both debt service and expenditures; strong management with consistent ability to maintain balanced operations; and very strong budgetary flexibility. Like S&P, Moody's cited the Village's strong financial management and demonstrated abilities

to augment revenues to support budget growth.

"These outstanding credit ratings offer independent confirmation of both the Village's exceedingly strong financial position and the broad economic strength of our highly talented residents," added Comptroller Michael Schussheim.

Village of Rockville Centre Among Safest Cities in NY

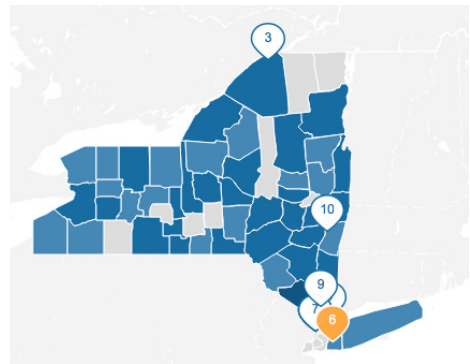


in the United States, and the Village of Rockville Centre is ranked number six in New York for lowest burglary odds.

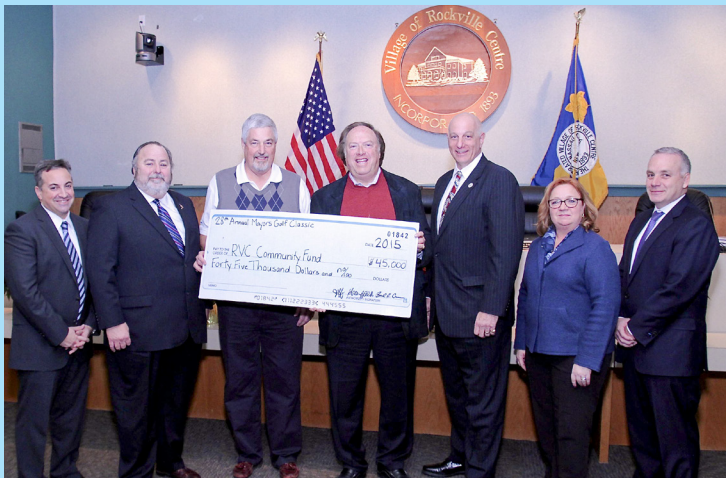
"It's a great honor for Rockville Centre to be named one of the safest cities in New York," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The Village of Rockville Centre has always placed a high priority on

The Village of Rockville Centre was recently named the sixth safest city in all of New York according to ConsumerAffairs.com. Consumer Affairs analyzed FBI and Census Bureau data to create an interactive map displaying the safest cities

public safety and it is rewarding to see our efforts acknowledged. I would like to commend the efforts of our Police Commissioner Charles Gennario and his entire Department because their dedication and vigilance is instrumental in creating the safe community that we enjoy."



Mayor's Golf Classic Hits Big for Community Fund



The Mayor's Golf Classic Co-Chairs Paul Cronen and Jeff Greenfield presented the Village of Rockville Centre a check for \$45,000 at the December Board of Trustees meeting. Proceeds from the 28th Annual Classic will benefit the Community Fund, dedicated exclusively to helping members of the Rockville Centre community. The Community Fund has raised more than \$1.5 million in emergency assistance since 1987.

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Around Our Community

RVC Showcased Holiday Spirit

Festive crowds came out for the annual Rockville Centre tree lighting at the Village Green. After a countdown, Bianca Onorato helped flip the switch, and residents joyously gathered around the tree while students from South Side High School performed holiday songs. Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman visited and Santa made an appearance on a fire truck.

The Recreation Center held its annual breakfast with Santa. Hundreds of families attended with

elves serving pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids visited Santa, Rudolph and Frosty. Cheerful guests attended the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center Christmas party.

In conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women, the Recreation Center held its annual Chanukah Party/Festival of Lights. In addition, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees attended the annual community Chanukah Candle-Lighting at Temple B'nai Sholom-Beth David.

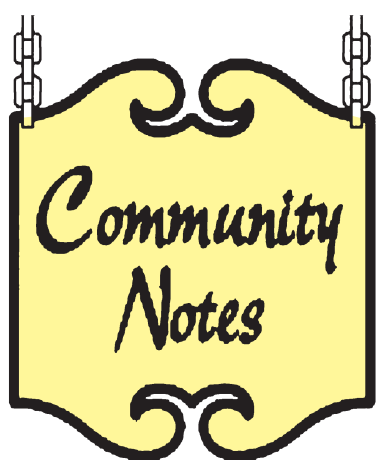
The Sandel Senior Center hosted its annual Intergenerational Holiday Party, giving seniors a chance to spend time with students from South Side High School. Seniors and students shared food and conversation before the SSHS Chamber Singers performed holiday numbers.



RVC Commemorates Pearl Harbor Day



The Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303 hosted ceremonies, including casting a wreath on the water, at Mill River Park on Monday, December 7th. The ceremonies honored the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941.



20th Annual St. Patrick's Parade

The 20th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade will begin at Noon on Saturday, March 19th. This year's Grand Marshal is long-time Rockville Centre resident Michael O'Reilly. The parade that "shares and cares" will benefit the Tommy Brull Foundation, the Children's Tumor Foundation, and Ballinasloe Eagles Special Olympics Club.



Monte Carlo Casino Night

FOSSI's annual Monte Carlo Fundraising Event will take place Saturday, May 21st. Every year the Sandel Center is transformed into a glittering casino with delicious food, open bar, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes through exciting gaming action! The 2016 honoree is Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard. For information about tickets or sponsorship opportunities please contact Chris O'Leary, Senior Services Director, 678-9268.

Parking Pass

Residential parking passes expire on March 31, 2016. Renewal applications will be mailed out by the end of February 2016. In order to receive your renewal permit before March 31, 2016 please mail back the application and payment by March 11, 2016.

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



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

Village Hall Comments by Trustee Edward J. Oppenheimer



As we begin the New Year in Rockville Centre, we are looking to build on the positives of the previous years. Last year the Village achieved and maintained high bond ratings from both Standard and Poor's (AAA) and Moody's (AA2). These top ratings allow the Village to borrow money at low cost to invest in our infrastructure, including road, water and electric system improvements. We have also invested in new emergency vehicles and other state-of-the-art equipment that will make all of our departments more productive and prepared to respond to any event.

The Village is in the middle of a number of IT projects, including the conversion of all of its accounting and billing systems. The updates will allow for more opportunities for electronic payments and improved control of tracking expenses.

The Board is constantly looking for ways to improve the Village and it

appears that the Village is improving with the help of the residents and the commercial property owners. Our residents are also continuing to invest in the Village by improving their property and there are multiple new single family houses currently under construction or recently completed. The commercial district has seen significant reinvestment with 10 recently completed projects. There are also multiple building projects beginning or ongoing.

The Board has identified and invested in a variety of projects to improve our parks, downtown streetscapes and infrastructure. This has been done in a financially prudent manner and with funds that did not just come from tax revenue. We have been able to do this by identifying and successfully applying for a variety of grants.

We have also entered into public / private partnerships that have helped the Village deliver necessary services to the

Village. A prime example of this effort is demonstrated by our use of North Shore Hospital's ambulance service. At no cost to the Village, this emergency service is available to assist our dedicated volunteers in delivering timely responses to requests for medical assistance. The Fire Department as a whole answers on average 200 calls or more per month with about 150 or more of those are for medical aid. North Shore has consistently answered weekday calls for service in less than four minutes, a very remarkable effort.

The Board has a responsibility to provide for a secure and vibrant community. As we do our jobs, the Village will continue to be a stable community that is constantly reinvesting and renewing itself. All the members of your Village Board would like to thank the entire community for their efforts and investment in our Village.

Dr. Joel Heller Honored with Bench Dedication



Pictured are, from left, are Alex Heller, Caitlin Heller, Jonathan Heller, Maryjane Heller, Michael Heller, and Mayor Francis X. Murray. Seated are Susan Heller and Dr. Joel Heller.

In honor of Dr. Joel Heller's 35 years of service to the community, his sons dedicated a bench in his name in front of his old office on Parking Field 1, off of Sunrise Highway.

Dr. Heller, who now practices out of a new office at 66 Lincoln Court in Rockville Centre, housed his practice, Family and Cosmetic Dental Office, on Sunrise Highway for more than 35 years. An active community member, Dr. Heller continually gives back through sponsorships to the Rockville Centre Basketball League and baseball teams, donations to the South Side Booster Club, and volunteering his time at the elementary schools to teach kids about the importance of dental hygiene, and volunteering his time with the United Cerebral Palsy Center, providing free dental care to those with physical ailments.

"The Village of Rockville Centre

thanks Dr. Joel Heller for his dedication, commitment, and selflessness for serving the residents of Rockville Centre and its visitors while repeatedly giving back to this great community through his charitable work," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray.

Benches are available to Village residents through the Rockville Centre Conservancy. People can purchase benches for \$2,500, which includes a custom bronze plaque with four lines of text. Money raised from the sale of the benches is used towards a variety of RVC Conservancy projects including, but not limited to, community gardens, street tree inventory and planting and school gardening programs. Those interested in purchasing a bench can contact the Conservancy at its website, www.rvccconservancy.org.

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Village Announces Employee of the Month



Mayor Francis X. Murray and the Board of Trustees are happy to announce that Venita Siebert has been named the December 2015 Employee of the Month. Venita is a dedicated and loyal employee for the Department of Public Works. Since undertaking her role, Venita has thoroughly and diligently performed all of the duties of her position in addition to learning and performing other crucial functions of the department. She not only excels at her own job, but also is a team player that assists in other departments.

"Venita is a true asset to the Village of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Venita has been a critical member of the Public Works team always willing to help where needed."

The Village would like to thank Venita Siebert for her dedication and enthusiasm and would like to congratulate her on being the Village's Employee of the Month for December 2015.



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

LIT Program for Summer 2016

The Leader In Training Program is for teens entering 9th and 10th grade in September 2016. LIT's will assist our group leaders in our seven-week Summer Playground Program. This program is open to residents and/or prior program participants. Interested LIT's can pick up an application packet at the Recreation Center office. Applications must be in by Feb 29th. Call 678-9338 at the Recreation Center with any questions or email MRessegger@rvcny.us.

Spring Programs Registration

The Recreation Department's Spring Program registration begins February 22nd for Residents and February 29th for non-residents. See detailed flyers for all programs.

Summer Playground and Recreation Programs

Information will be available on March 1st for our summer programs, including Summer Nursery School, Summer Playground Program, Baseball School, Girls Basketball Clinic, RVC Boys and Girls Lacrosse (Shooting Star), RVC Gymnastic School, Lego Camps, Cartoon-time, and Tennis Lessons. Registration for softball leagues for Men and Women and Basketball Leagues for males and females in grades five and up will take place in the Spring.

February Recess Trips and Special Events

Trips and special events are planned for February 15th -Feb 20th. 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. For complete listing of events see detailed flyer.

Children's Marketplace

Want to de-clutter and dispose of your unwanted or no-longer-needed children's items? The Recreation Center is the place to do so on April 17th. Sell that pack-n-play or exersaucer sitting in your basement or those almost-like-new clothing your older kids have outgrown. Are you a new parent or grandparent? Get some great items you'll need at discounted prices. Call Maura at the Recreation Center for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Follow the Bunny down the trail to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19th at 9:30 a.m. held at the Recreation Center's Veteran's Park. Prizes are awarded for special numbered eggs for boys and girls in pre-school through grade three. A rain date is schedule for Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m. No fee or registration required.



Join the Recreation Center for its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center's Veterans Park.

Gymnastic Meets

Our two competitive Gymnastic Teams, RVC United and RVC Ultimate will compete in meets in the LI Independent Gymnastics League on Saturday, January 30th, Saturday, March 5th, Sunday March 6th, Saturday, April 2nd, Sunday April 3rd, and Saturday April 16th. Individual and Team Championships are Sunday, May 22nd and June 12th. Come out and support our gymnasts. Admission is free.

**DETAILED INFORMATION
FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
CAN BE FOUND AT THE
RECREATION CENTER
OFFICE OR ON THE
RECREATION CENTER
WEBSITE AT
WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM**



Come cheer on our Gymnastic Teams,
RVC United and RVC Ultimate of the LI Independent Gymnastics League.



RVCFD Welcomes New Fire Truck

The Eureka Hook Ladder and Bucket Company No. 1 Fire Department welcomed a new addition to its fleet of vehicles. The new rig, a 105' Pierce Rear Mount Aerial Ladder, was placed into service in December of 2015.

"The addition of this new state-of-the-truck will help our Fire Department continue to protect our residents from fires and other disasters," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. The vehicle is the first line of defense for truck company operations that involves search and rescue for victims and fire, forcible entry, and roof operations.

Recycle Wednesday



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

During holiday weeks, paper products may be deposited Monday through Friday 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**

Thank you!

The John A. Anderson Recreation Center was named "Best Recreation Center" on Long Island by Bethpage Credit Union and LI Press. We thank all of our residents for making us #1.