THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre





April 4, At 7 P.M. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 6, At 7:30 P.M. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

> April 19, At 7 P.M. **PLANNING BOARD**

April 20, At 7:30 P.M. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

> May 9. At 7 P.M. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 11, At 7:30 P.M. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

> May 17, At 7 P.M. **PLANNING BOARD**

May 25, At 7:30 P.M. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

> Monday, May 30 **Village Offices Closed MEMORIAL DAY** Parade at 10 A.M.

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

See inside regarding e-cycling and the transfer station

Memorial Day Week

Monday, May 30, 2016 -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, June 1, 2016

No bulk items or paper pickup

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

Monte Carlo Night to Take Over Sandel Senior Center May 14, 2016!

lickets are now available for FOSSI's Monte Carlo Night. Don't miss the fun! The excitement begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Sandel Center, 50 S. Park Ave. Rockville Centre.

Guests will find the Sandel Center transformed into a glittering casino. Professional dealers, loads of "betting" action, big prizes and music will accompany a light dinner, open bar, and spectacular dessert buffet.

Monte Carlo is the major fundraiser for Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI), a not-for-profit organization that supports the RVC Department of Senior Services. Many of the wonderful programs, activities and upgrades at the Sandel Center are made possible



2016 Monte Carlo Honoree Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard



Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard will be honored for her tireless work on behalf of Rockville Centre's older adults.

with monies raised each year.

The enthusiasm and support of Rockville Centre's business community always ensures a successful night. In fact, local businesses are already lining up to be involved. Mayor Francis X. Murray and Rockville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation are Event Sponsors. Other large donations include Cocktail Sponsors Exit Links Realty and the Grand Pavilion for Nursing and Rehab and Hospitality Sponsor Better Home Health Care.

Sponsorships offer our business community maximum exposure, great networking, a terrific fun filled night, and the knowledge that they are supporting a great cause. All agree the Monte Carlo is a "win – win" opportunity to get involved. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please call Senior Services Director Chris O'Leary at 678-9268.

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 about the evening, or to pay by credit card, call (516) 678-9245.



FOSSI launches new website!

Please visit FOSSI's brand new website: FOSSIRVC.COM

Visitors will find details about the great work of FOSSI, updates on the Monte Carlo fundraising event on May 14, 2016, lots of great photos, and much, much more. And, for the first time, you can buy your tickets, or make a donation right on line!

The Board members of FOSSI would like to express their gratitude for the generosity of Anthony C. Palizzotto, of Palswebdesign.com, whose expertise and boundless generosity made this website a reality.



Village Year as Tree **City USA**

The Village of Rockville Centre has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the past 27 years by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Rockville Centre achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

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RVC Residents Celebrate Margaritaville

Nearly 500 people came out to take part in the Village's third annual "Margaritaville," 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 the Margaritaville theme while listening to the sounds of Jimmy Buffet. The evening honored Anthony Geraci, Tom McNicholas, Jr. and Danny Quinn, co-owners of Kasey's Kitchen and Cocktails, for the work they've done and how they have given back to the community.



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Village Honors First Responders

Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard and the entire Board of Trustees praised the Village's first responders at the February Board of Trustees meeting for their heroism, professionalism, and dedicated service to the Village of Rockville Centre.

A group of first responders honored included firefighters, a police officer and a bystander who saved a man who went into cardiac arrest at Function Fitness on North Park Avenue. Owner of Function Fitness, Angelo Debourg, did chest compressions and CPR on the victim until Village Trustee and Paramedic Edward Oppenheimer confirmed

that the he was in cardiac arrest and took over CPR. Police Officer Pete Rogan and RVCFD First Assistant Chief Brian Cook arrived and set up the defibrillator. Firefighter Paramedic Bossart set up an IV while Firefighters Michael Ambort and Daniel Navarino took over chest compressions. Firefighter Stefan Kharoufa set up oxygen as Firefighter Timothy Brenner took over CPR. Once the victim started to breathe again and a pulse was found an ambulance took him to South Nassau Communities Hospital. "To say that your service to this community is appreciated and valued is an under statement," commented Deputy Mayor



Nancy Howard. "It literally saved a life. The family is eternally grateful."

The Police Officers responsible for apprehending the suspect responsible for dismantling and stealing the aluminum bleachers in Skelos Field and Lister Field were also honored. Nassau County and Rockville Centre police officers arrested a man who had allegedly dismantled bleachers between December 19th and January 6th, and sold the metal to local scrap yards. The Village honored Detective Chris O'Connor for heading the investigation, as well as Rockville Centre Police Officers Paul Kaplon, John Murphy, John Siraco

and Paul Pope. Detectives Tim Seward and Mike Meehan searched the suspect's home along with Nassau County Police detectives. "One of the great things about living in our Village is the outstanding police force we have," stated Trustee Michael Sepe at the presentation. "The dedication of the men and women in our Police Department is second to none... We take very seriously these crimes because they impact our quality of life and cost residents through higher taxes. It won't be tolerated in our Village and we are forever in the debt of our hardworking first responders."



Water Update

Work on the iron removal filtration plant and elevated storage tank at the Village's Plant 1 are complete. Sampling and testing has been approved by the Nassau County Department of Health.

Residents should see an improvement in the water quality due to the iron removal plant being placed back into service. If you continue to have discolored water, specifically in your hot water system, it may be due to sediment in your hot water heater. Over the years, sediment can form in the bottom of your hot water heater, causing discoloration or rust in the hot water taps. To resolve this issue, residents are encouraged to drain your hot water heater to remove this excess iron sediment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department at 516-678-9301.



Rockville Centre Gets It Right

In an article featured in the February 24, 2016 edition of Long Island Business News, the Village of Rockville Centre is featured as a municipality that gets it right. Mayor Francis X. Murray was singled out for his visionary leadership.

Lawrence C. Levy, Executive Dean at Hofstra University's National Center for Suburban Studies was quoted saying, "Fran Murray is one of those mayors who has come to realize that the future of the village lies in making even better use of a strong downtown. He has understood that a lot of people want to move to Rockville Centre, but not everybody wants to live in a traditional, single-family house. They want rental apartments. They

want to be able to walk to restaurants, to the movie theater...Rockville Centre could be a model for downtown development rocketing a whole village!"

"Long Island Business News has pointed out what our residents have known all along," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Rockville Centre is a desirable place to live, work, and play. Our thriving downtown area is a visible indicator of community pride as well as the economic health of our Village. I am humbled and proud of this recognition and remain committed to serving each and every resident, as well as merchant during my tenure as Mayor."



Antiques Appraisal Day

Do you have antiques, collectibles, cherished family pieces and want to know their worth? Come to the annual antiques appraisal day under the tent at the Phillips House Museum of the Village of Rockville Centre located at 28 Hempstead Avenue on Sunday, May 1st from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Appraisals are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, which includes a free museum membership. Phillip Weiss from the Antiques Road Show will conduct appraisals and donate 100% of the proceeds to the museum.

For further information, call the Phillips House Museum at 516-764-7459.

Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, May 29th and continue every Sunday until November 29th from 7 a.m. to noon in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and North Forest Avenue.

Kavaks on the Lake

Come and explore Hempstead Lake on Saturday, June 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kayaks are available to rent. Reservations recommended, but not required. Secure your spot today with the RVC Conservancy at www.rvcconservancy.org.



Yoga

The RVC Conservancy and RVC Yoga are partnering for Yoga on the Green. Classes are available Sunday mornings in June beginning on June 5th at 10 a.m. on the Village Green. Bring your own yoga mat or towels and a donation of \$5 per session to join in the fun. To register please visit www.rvcconservancy.

TRANSFER STATION

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until November 19th to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

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 to schedule a pickup



ACCEPTABLE E-CYCLING ITEMS

Computers / Computer monitors
Anything that plugs into a computer
Small Electronics
VCR * DVD * I PAD * GPS
Video Systems
Calculators

Televisions
Cable Boxes
Small Servers
Camera or Video Cameras
Telephones (any type)

Around Our Community



Village Hall Comments by Trustee Michael Sepe Return of the Drug Epidemic



In the last few years, an old problem had resurfaced dramatically. While it has not been given much attention, the number of deaths from opioids such as heroin, oxycontin and vicodin has risen nearly 500% since 2000. According to the U.S.C.D.C., most of that increase is among teens and preteens. Nationally, the number of deaths from heroin alone has tripled since 2010. Long Island districts report epidemic level use of black tar heroin, alcohol, marijuana, and prescription painkillers in high schools and middle schools. In other words, what used to be stigmatized has become popular.

An eye opening presentation was given at South Side High School in March. It described how it is increasingly popular for teenagers to use other parts of their bodies including their eyeballs and body cavities to ingest alcohol in order to evade breathalyzer tests. Even what we think is the comparatively less dangerous use of marijuana is much more dangerous than we think. First, the marijuana of today is often 40 times more potent then what was grown in the 60s, 70s and 80s. Second, modern street marijuana of today is often laced by dealers (without telling their customers) with methamphetamine or PCP in order to enhance the effects and gain a competitive edge.

Thankfully, this problem is combatted much more effectively in our Village than in the rest of Nassau County. We've equipped our own police force with NARCAN devices, emergency adrenalin-type inhalants used to treat severe heroin overdoses. Unfortunately, we have had to use them on an average of

once per month in the Village. Because of the high number of teenagers, pre-teens and children in Rockville Centre, we treat even minor drug offenses seriously. We take the same approach when our officers encounter underage drinking. Our Police Department is aggressive and proactive in its drug investigations and dealers are targeted, not encountered. Finally, our schools excel at early intervention programs that instill a healthy fear of drug use in our children. As engaged parents, we help in this effort by being vigilant because we've learned that there is simply no better way to combat drug dependence than by preventing first time drug use.

Michael Sepe is a Village Trustee and served as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney from 1996-2003.

The Village of RVC Awarded Certificate of Achievement

For the 20th consecutive fiscal year, 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 reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

When the COA is awarded, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is also presented to the individual designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the award. This has been presented to Michael Schussheim, Comptroller for the Village, who

worked closely with the auditors to assure that the Village's financial reporting met very high standards.

"I am thankful to the staff of our Comptroller's Office, led by Michael Schussheim, for their efforts to be up-front and accurate in the way they report the Village's financial information," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "This award reflects the value this Village's government puts on transparency for the benefit of our taxpayers."

The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Village to Repair Approximately 3 Miles of Roadway

In 2016, the Village of Rockville Centre will be repairing approximately 3 miles of roadway. Historically, the Village improved one-mile of roadway per year. However, with the help of the Department of Public Works and Village engineers, the Mayor and Board of Trustees made a commitment to improve approximately three to four miles of roadway per year over the past several years.

"Roads are a critical component of any community's transportation infrastructure," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "With 50 miles of roadway, the Village of Rockville Centre is committed to maintaining and improving Village roadways for residents and visitors."

Sites are selected based on a number of factors including pedestrian safety, pavement condition, and other utility upgrade needs such as water mains. The road construction process includes a number of stages. If road improvements are being done in your neighborhood, you can expect to see the following typical process stages occur: surveying, water main upgrades, drainage upgrades, electrical lighting and infrastructure upgrades, new base and top asphalt, new stop bars, and new concrete curbs, pads, driveway ramps and handicap ramps. In addition, if there is a tree that will be impacted by the excavation or if the tree is deceased, it will be removed. Each roadway is expected to take three to five months.

Unfortunately, this type of work will have impacts to residents during the construction period. However, we do strive to minimize impact as much as possible, and will make all efforts to provide advanced notice for planned access or service impacts. Village officials will announce the streets to be repaired in the 2016 road program this spring.



Pictured is the new roadway on Earle Avenue.

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The Village of RVC to Participate in Building Safety Month



Pictured are Superintendent of Buildings Dan Casella (left) and Mayor Francis X. Murray (right) reviewing building plans.

The Village of Rockville Centre's Building Department works hard to ensure buildings are safe within our community. To help raise awareness of building safety, the Village will proudly celebrate Building Safety Month during May. This year's theme is Building Safety: Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes.

"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."

The RVC Building Department continues to take the appropriate measures to ensure that the places people live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable. Building codes address all aspects of construction, from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency. To ensure buildings are safe requires the active participation of code officials, fire inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.

"When our building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings during and after construction, they help to ensure that the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe," said Dan Casella, Superintendent of Buildings for the Village. "Ensuring public safety is something we think about and do every day working with home builders, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades and

The Village Building Department asks all residents to be conscious of all projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community. If you have any questions, please call the Building Department at 678-9247.



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Summer Program Registration

Registration for Summer Programs has begun. Detailed flyers for all programs are available at the Recreation Center. Toddlers, children, teens, and adults can enjoy recreational activities such as gymnastics, tumbles, dance, parent-toddler workshop, cartooning, tennis, kindercrafts, and roll around.

Summer Nursery, Playground, and Sports Schools

The Recreation Department offers a Summer Nursery School Program for children ages 4 - 5, and a Summer Playground Program for youth in grades 1 - 7. Our highly successful sports schools will once again fill our ball fields and gymnasiums: Bob Hirschfield's Baseball School, RVC Girls Basketball Clinic, RVC Boys and Girls Lacrosse (Shooting Stars), RVC Gymnastic School, as well as Lego Camps. We are very excited to present a new week-long Fencing Academy and a Tennis Academy, along with an introductory Cheerleading Camp.



Join the Recreation Center at the L.I. Independent Gymnastics League. Pictured is Kayla Chin competing on Vault at a recent gymnastics meet.

Softball and Basketball Leagues

Registration information for softball leagues for Men and Women and Basketball Leagues for boys and girls in grades 5 - 12, as well as adults, is available online and at the Recreation Center.

Passover Recess Trips and Special Events

Recess trips and special events are planned for April 25th – 29th. 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 at the Recreation Center.

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 to rent a table at 678-9339

Gymnastics Meets

The Recreation Center's two competitive Gymnastic Teams, RVC United and RVC Ultimate, will compete in meets in the LI Independent Gymnastics League on 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.

Zumba

Zumba classes resume in April after a winter hiatus! Ruth Karhu presents exercise to a Latin beat on Mondays at 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Beginners are encouraged to participate. The pay-as-you-go fee is \$5 per hour-long session.



The Recreation Department offers a Summer Nursery School Program with a variety of activities for all to enjoy. Pictured is Mrs. Polito's nursery class.

DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE RECREATION CENTER WEBSITE AT

WWW.RVCREC.WEEBLY.COM



Pictured is Micaela Murphy and her third grade group from Summer Playground 2015. Registration has begun for 2016.



Lister Field Celebrates 65th Anniversary with Upgrades

Over 1,000 fans packed Lister Field on June 19, 1951 for the Rockville Centre Little League opening day ceremony and double-header. Lister Field was named after Rockville Centre Mayor Harry Lister, who served from 1945 to 1967. 65 years later, Lister Field is still creating memories for many of the Rockville Centre Little League players. Recently the field has been updated with new sod in the infield and parts of the outfield, 300 feet of seed in the outfield, a new backstop, new lights, and flexible bases at 60 and 70 feet.

Recycle Wednesday





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

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