

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



**October 5, At 7:30 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**October 6, At 9 A.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, October 10**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**COLUMBUS DAY**

**October 18, At 7 P.M.**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

**October 19, At 7:30 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**November 7, At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Friday, November 11**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**VETERANS DAY**

**November 15, At 7 P.M.**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 16, At 7:30 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Thursday, November 24**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**

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

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

### COLUMBUS DAY WEEK

**Monday, October 10, 2016**  
**Columbus 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, October 12, 2016**  
**No bulk items or paper pickup**

### VETERANS DAY WEEK

**Friday, November 11, 2016**  
**Veterans Day - No trash collection**  
Trash collection will be on Saturday, November 12, 2016

### THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK

**Thursday, November 24, 2016**  
**No trash collection**  
will be on Friday, November 25, 2016

**Friday, November 25, 2016**  
Trash collection will be on Saturday, November 26, 2016

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**  
**Bulk and 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

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THIS MONTH IN  
**Rockville Centre**  
One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

## Rockville Centre's Olympic Send-Off

The Village of Rockville Centre joined together to give resident and soccer player Crystal Dunn a proper send-off after earning a spot on the U.S. Women's Soccer Team. Dunn competed in the Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro this summer.

"Tonight we pay tribute to one of our own who is headed to the summer Olympics in Rio," said Mayor Francis X. Murray during the ceremony. "An amazing young woman that has excelled at everything she does, both on and off the playing field. A young woman that has not only brought great pride and joy to her family, but to everyone

in our Village."

Dunn led South Side High School to three state championships, and, in her last high school game, scored three goals in the first 20 minutes of the state final, and finished with four. With numerous accolades, Dunn continued her soccer career at the University of North Carolina, and was drafted first overall in 2014 by the Washington Spirit of the National Women's Soccer League.

With more than 1,000 people in attendance at the send-off ceremony, Dunn was surrounded by past teammates, family, friends, neighbors and young soccer players.

Young soccer players presented Crystal with a replica Olympic torch to illustrate how she has ignited the Olympic virtues and spirit in those that follow her.

Dunn played in all four Olympic matches and helped the team earn a 2-2 draw against Colombia that clinched first place in Group G, with her first Olympics goal. Sadly, the U.S. Women's National Team fell to Sweden 4-3 in a penalty shootout. The Village of Rockville Centre would like to congratulate Crystal Dunn on an outstanding performance and wish her all the best with the Washington Spirit.



## Village Suffers Two Great Losses

Long time Recreation Superintendent Anthony T. Brunetta, known as Mr. B, and Account Clerk Muriel Mieszala both passed away this August.

Mr. B began working at the Recreation Center as a part time Recreation Assistant in 1965. Over five decades later, Mr. B has touched the lives of countless children as the Recreation Superintendent. A lifelong Village resident, Mr. B attended St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary School and South Side High School. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he married Ethel Smith of East Rockaway and together raised four sons Tony, Frank, Joseph and Tommy.

"Rockville Centre has not only lost a

dedicated public servant, but also a dear friend," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Mr. Brunetta was a fixture at our Recreation Center and has touched the lives of countless residents. His warm smile and the dignity in which he treated everyone can never be replicated. He will be missed, but we are grateful to have had him on our team for over five decades."

Muriel Mieszala was an Account Clerk in the Village of Rockville Centre's Payroll Department for 17 years. Muriel was in charge of the entire payroll for the Village, which encompasses over 25 departments. Coworkers described Muriel as hard working, dedicated, knowledgeable, fair, and a friend to

everyone.

"Muriel was the heart and soul of Village Hall," stated Village Deputy Clerk Treasurer Mary Schmeling. "We lost an extraordinary friend and co-worker. There will never be anyone who can replace Muriel and we will miss her every day."

Ginger Creegan has been appointed the Recreation Superintendent. Creegan who has a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and a Master of Arts degree in Reading, has worked for the Village Recreation Department since 1976. She became a full-time employee in 1989 and assumed the role of Deputy Superintendent in 2005.



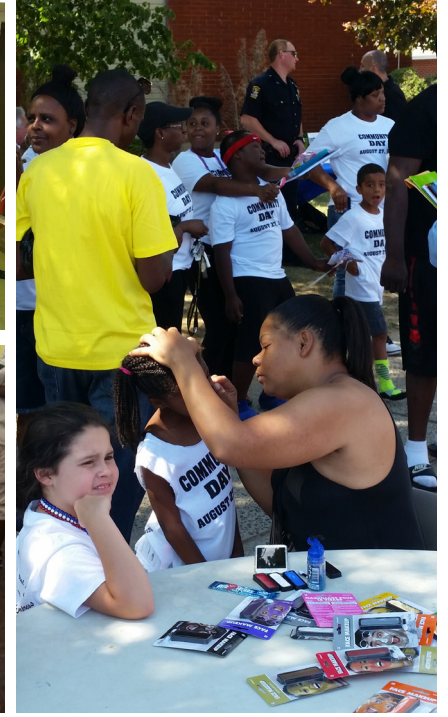


# Around Our Community

## 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. Students at the Center took part in the Early Engagement College Readiness Program, sponsored by the Rockville Centre School District. Designed to prepare students for college and careers, the program was led by Dr. Alice Williams, a former Rockville Centre teacher. Due to the success, the program will continue throughout the school year.

Summer campers cooled down during a trip to Splish Splash. Campers also took part in Book Buddies at the Rockville Centre Library. In addition, the annual Community Day was held on August 27th. Food, rides, dancing, games and face painting for kids was enjoyed by hundreds on a beautiful summer day.



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

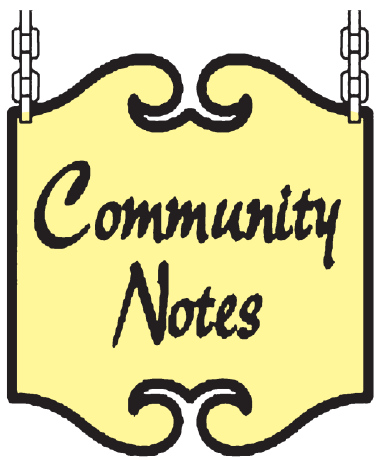
Remember, speed limits around our schools are 20 miles per hour, whether you are on a side street or a main road. Please take steps to slow down to protect our children and your neighbors. In addition, all drivers moving in either direction **must stop for a stopped school bus**, which is picking up 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 elementary school students. We want our children to be able to ride their bicycles to and from school and as part of their after-school play. We want them to engage in healthy outdoor play. Rockville Centre has a number of vehicles on the road at all hours of the day and people are often in a rush. Please take note of children (and adults) on their bicycles and be careful around them and slow down. Remember to remain a safe distance from bicyclists and give them the right-of-way. 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.

## RVC Today Coming to a TV Near You

The Village of Rockville Centre will be premiering its new television show, RVC Today, this fall. The 30-minute talk show is filmed and produced at Molloy College. The program will feature Mayor Francis X. Murray and various department heads throughout the Village giving detailed information with an inside look of the Village. Please log onto the Village website to learn when RVC Today will be airing.



### Buy a Brick in Support of Sandel

Be a permanent part of the Sandel Center's 40th Anniversary celebration with the purchase of a commemorative brick. Bricks are now available for purchase at \$150 each, and will be installed in a newly designated "anniversary section" of the Garden Park. Funds raised support programs and services at the Sandel Center. For more information, please contact the Sandel Center at (516) 678-9350.

### Thanksgiving Feast

Join the MLK Community Center for a Thanksgiving dinner to remember. Community members are invited to attend the feast on Friday, November 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Fall Hydrant Flushing

RVC Village water mains will be given its fall-cleaning during the week of October 16th. The flushing of hydrants may cause some fluctuation of water pressure and/or discolored (rusty) water to flow into homes and businesses, and although this water is perfectly safe to drink, it may stain laundry. Consumers are advised not to schedule projects, which require clear water during the entire flushing period. The water will be both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink.

Visit the Village website for specific areas and times of flushing near you at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us). If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at (516) 678-9252.

### Halloween Party

Join the MLK Community Center on Friday, October 28th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Join the party in your best costume.

### 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 15th 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.

### 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 \$761; combat \$1,269; and disabled up to \$2,538 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 2015 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.

### Duck Pluck

On October 22, 2016 the RVC Lions Club will be hosting its 16th Annual Rubber Duck Pluck. The pluck will be at the Madison Theatre grounds at Molloy College. The Pluck will be held at the Madison Theater's Halloween festival with rides, games, music, entertainment and fun for all ages. Fun starts at 11 A.M. and duck pluck winners will be announced at 3:30 P.M. Winners need not be present to win one of the over 30 prizes.

### Leaf pickup to begin November 14, 2016

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 scheduled for Thursday, November 24, 2016 will be on Friday, November 25, 2016. The last day of leaf pickup is Friday, December 16, 2016.

### Fire Hydrants

One of the first challenges that firefighters face when they arrive at a fire is finding a suitable water source that provides enough water for the type of fire they are fighting. Fire hydrants are commonly color coded to indicate that a hydrant is an adequate source for firefighting. This allows for quick decision making when they are deciding which hydrant to access. Hydrants are the property of the Village of Rockville Centre and should not be painted or used by anyone without Village approval. If you have any questions, please call the Village Water Department at (516) 678-9301.



## Village Hall Comments by Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard “Sandel Celebrates 40th Anniversary”



We are one of the few communities in Nassau County to have a senior center and Sandel is known through out the County as a premiere facility. Approximately 20% of our Village population is considered senior citizens and its clear that as a community we recognize the importance of the well being of all.

Chris O’Leary the director of the center and her professional and caring staff do an extraordinary job providing an environment that offers a full scope of services to ensure the needs and welfare of its members are met. Their dedication to vital aging includes providing programs that address the intellectual, emotional and physical aspects of a diverse older adult population.

The members themselves are an important part of the centers warm and social atmosphere. Members come to the center for a variety of reasons, many are long time residents and are familiar with the center and its services. For my family, like many others, we moved my mother in-law here so she could be close to us. Moving at that stage in life

can be extremely difficult but the center with its programs and the way the membership embraces new members make the transition remarkably easier. Chris O’Leary has watched time and again those moments when new members easily acclimate as a result of the welcome they receive and says “I believe miracles happen here.”

The Center provides social work services as part of its membership that can be of great assistance to members as well as their families. There are programs that include lectures, in house art exhibits and exercise classes and opportunities for civic involvement to name a few. Many seniors volunteer around the community in a variety of ways. Some members are involved in intergenerational activities with South Side High Schools students that provide an enriching experience for the seniors and students alike. Services also include transportation to and from the center, to non-emergency doctor visits within the Village, weekly grocery shopping and Sandel sponsored trips. I encourage anyone

unfamiliar with Sandel Center to go onto their website ([www.fossirvc.com](http://www.fossirvc.com)) to learn more about the extensive programs offered through the center.

When speaking about the success of our senior services its important to acknowledge Friends of Senior Services Inc. (FOSSI). Fossi is a group of dedicated residents who fundraise to support the efforts and programs provided by Rockville Centre’s senior services. Their support is an essential part of Sandel Center’s success.

I congratulate the Sandel Center membership, Director Chris O’Leary and her wonderful staff on its 40th anniversary celebration and their dedication to being at the for front of addressing the needs of our ever growing population of older adults.

I commend the residents of this Village for their commitment to and support of our senior residents who continue to be a vital part of our locality. It’s just one more example of our sense of community and generosity that sets us apart from other communities.

One of the most rewarding responsibilities as a Village Trustee is my role as Liaison to the Sandel Senior Center. I share the sentiment of those who realize what a tremendous blessing it is to the members and their families.

This September Sandel Center celebrated its 40th Anniversary. That milestone speaks volumes about our community and our ongoing commitment to our older residents.

## RVCPD Partners with Community Through Youth Officer

RVC Youth Officer Nicholas DeLuca can often be seen out in the community working with the Rockville Centre youth. Frequently participating in school and community events, Officer DeLuca seeks to be a role model to the children and young adults, as well as to support and counsel families in Rockville Centre.

“His focus is on providing a safe and positive environment for our youth to prepare them for a successful future,” commented Police Commissioner Charles Gennario.

Officer DeLuca continuously conducts

bicycle safety classes, works in conjunction with the Recreation Center for a successful Kidsfest, and attends programs within the Rockville Centre School District to educate students.

Officer DeLuca recently attended the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Conference allowing him to become certified in Advanced Roadside Impairment, as well as attending several seminars focusing on the most recent drug trends. In addition, he has attended Alcohol Training Awareness Program (TIPS), which helps to educate

bartenders, security guards and managers of licensed premises on the issues of serving alcohol to minors, verifying identification and overserving customers. These classes will help Officer DeLuca educate fellow Officers, business owners, and our residents to preserve the health, safety and welfare of our Village.

In October, Officer DeLuca will be working in conjunction with the PTA to educate our youth at the elementary schools on Stranger Danger and the importance of reinforcing these principles at home with your children.



## Softball Champions Honored

The Village Board of Trustees honored Rockville Centre’s fast pitch 10u girls softball team at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Finishing 8-3, the girls were District 30 Champions, Section 4 Champions and went on to represent one of eight teams in New York State, marking the first time in Rockville Centre history for a softball team to go on to States.

Congratulations to Alice Araneo, Jacquelyn Bee, Keira Birk, Julianna Bivona, Sarah Borruso, Lauren Marquardt, Bianca Onorato, Mary Ruchalski, Olivia Scalere, Charlotte Schmidt, Ashley Sewell, Molly Stines, Avery Testa, Sofia Vargas, Caroline Waldron, Coach Steve Araneo, Coach Paul Sewell, Coach Gary Waldron, and Manager Eddie Stines.



## Village Welcomes New Police Officer

Police Officer Timothy Crosby took the oath of office at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Police Commissioner Charles Gennario swore in the new Officer.

“Police officers in our Village make significant sacrifices every day to ensure our safety and maintain our peaceful neighborhoods,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “When others are running away from danger, they run toward it, putting their lives on the line in pursuit of helping innocent bystanders and victims while bringing criminals to justice.”

Officer Crosby was born and raised in Nassau County. A three-sport athlete and captain of his high school football team, Officer Crosby studied kinesiology at SUNY Cortland. After leaving Cortland to join the New York Police Department in 2012,

he was assigned to the Mid-Town South Precinct upon graduation from the academy. Officer Crosby received the Departmental Recognition for outstanding attendance.

“I feel extremely confident that Officer Crosby will continue to keep our community a safe home to work, play, and raise a family,” continued Mayor Murray.



## Keeping RVC Green with Recycling

The Village Department of Public Works oversees the disposal of an estimated 17,000 tons of garbage each year. The Village searches for new ways to dispose of waste in a sound, environmentally safe manner. To that end, the Village operates a comprehensive, curbside recycling program, removing from the waste stream those items which can be successfully recycled and collects, on average, 1,800 tons of bottles, cans and newspapers from commercial and residential locations.

“Being more sustainable in our everyday lives helps our environment now and for future generations,” commented Trustee Emilio Grillo. “One of the easiest ways to start being more sustainable is by recycling. I encourage every resident and business to take advantage of all the different recycling programs we have to offer and to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.”

On Wednesday’s paper (including newspaper, magazines, paper & soft cover books, phonebooks, junk mail and corrugated cardboard) are to be placed curbside in the Village green recycling container. Glass,

metal and plastic containers should be rinsed out and placed in a blue Rockville Centre recycling bin, a designated container with an RVC recycling sticker attached or a clear plastic bag. Collection for these items depends on your area.

In accordance with the New York State Electronic Recycling and Reuse Act of 2010, residents are prohibited from disposing of electronic waste at any solid waste management facility or placing electronic waste in the trash or at curbside for trash collection. Therefore, the Village has implemented an E-Cycling Program to provide residents with opportunities to recycle unwanted computer, televisions, and electronic equipment, keeping harmful toxins out of the waste stream. Every first Saturday of the month all year round from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., residents can discard their electronic equipment at 10 Sunrise Highway.

The transfer station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances.

The transfer station is open the first and third Saturday of the month from April until November 19th from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. with proof of residency.

For further information or details, please log onto [www.RVCNY.us](http://www.RVCNY.us) or call the Department of Public Works at (516) 678-9288.



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# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## Golden Gathering

Join Senator Todd Kaminsky for the Annual Golden Gathering Senior Health Fair on October 21st. Senior Citizen information, demonstrations and flu shots will be available at the Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Halloween Mural Painting Contest

All artists are invited to paint Halloween themes on murals which will be displayed during the Fall holidays. Boys and girls in grades 4-8 must register by October 16th at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 22nd from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Awards are given by a distinguished panel of judges for murals that convey the best Halloween spirit!

## Pumpkins and Pepperoni

It's family fun night, using your pumpkin-carving creativity while sharing a pizza dinner! This event will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The fee is \$25 per family (up to four people with \$5 for each additional person). The Recreation Center will supply pumpkins, carving supplies and pizza/beverages. Prizes for best pumpkins will be announced and awarded at the Ragamuffin Parade and Party the next day.

## Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Children of all ages and their families are invited to take part in our Annual Ragamuffin Parade on Sunday, October 30th beginning at 2:00 p.m. The parade kicks off at Parking Field #12, north side of Sunrise Highway, and proceeds down Long Beach Road to the Recreation Center, where families will be amazed by Magicians and Animal Shows and kids can try out their Trick-or-Treat skills. Costume awards are given to age group winners. Everyone must pre-register for the parade and party at \$8 per family. In case of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the party will begin at 2:30 p.m.

## Food Donations

The Recreation Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods, as well as frozen turkeys or turkey coupons for distribution to the needy. Unwrapped toys are also welcomed for needy children during the holiday season. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the

Recreation Office Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the holidays.

## Open Gym Program

The gymnasium of the Recreation Center will be open for free-play basketball for grades four and up on Saturday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. beginning November 5th. The evening open gym for grades six and up will begin Friday, November 4th and Saturday November 5th from 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. Valid Recreation Cards 2016-2017 are needed for entry. Participants must wear sneakers and cell phones will be kept in the office for safekeeping. Open Gym sessions will be preempted by special events. Check the website for the most up-dated information.

## Annual 10K, 5K, and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K, 5K, and one-mile Family Fun Run will be held on Saturday, November 12th. Join hundreds of your neighbors and friends who will be running in our Road Races through the beautiful streets of Rockville Centre. Register at the Recreation Center or on-line through Active.com. All races begin and end at the RVC Train Station.

## Winter Program Registration

Registration for the Winter 2017 program session begins Monday, November 7th for residents and returning program participants. Non-resident registration starts on November 14th. Registration is open until classes reach their maximum enrollment. Along with our perennially popular programs such as Gymnastics, Swimming, Tae Kwon Do and Tumble-Time, we now offer Cheerleading, Learn to Play Chess, Happy Piano music classes, Yoga Kids, Fencing, Baton Twirling, First-Aid/CPR and more! Check out the schedule on our website or pick up detailed flyers at the office. Programs begin on January 3rd.

**DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE RECREATION CENTER WEBSITE AT [WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM](http://WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM)**



Join in the fall festivities at the annual Mural Painting Contest on Saturday, October 22nd.



Gather the family for Rockville Centre's Annual Ragamuffin Parade and Party that will be held on Sunday, October 30th.

**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**

## Recycle Wednesday



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

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 10 SUNRISE HIGHWAY

### 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

### E-CYCLING ITEMS

that are required to be dropped off

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)



### TRANSFER STATION

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Lace up your shoes for the Village's annual 10K, 5K, and one-mile family fun run on Saturday, November 12th.