

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



**April 3 At 7 P.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

**April 18 At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

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

**May 1 At 7 P.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 10 At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**May 16 At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**May 24 At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, May 29  
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED  
MEMORIAL DAY  
Parade at 10 A.M.**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

**Memorial Day Week  
Monday, May 29, 2017**

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, May 31, 2017**

**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

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## Village Makes Two New Appointments

The Village of Rockville Centre has appointed Patrick O'Brien to Superintendent of Buildings, and Suzanne Sullivan as Community Development Director.

In his new role, O'Brien is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Building Department. The Building Department inspects licensed work, conducts life safety inspections, investigates complaints of violations of the Village and New York State Code, and determines whether building permit applications may be granted or if they are required to be directed to the Planning Board for site plan review, special use permits, or subdivision review or to the Zoning Board for zoning code variance requests, as well as Exterior Design Review for those property owners improving and enhancing their respective homes and businesses.

"We welcome Patrick O'Brien to the Village of Rockville Centre and his years of experience in the building industry," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Pat will play an integral role to ensure buildings are safe within the community and the Village remains a highly desirable community to live, work, and play"

Lifelong Rockville Centre resident, Patrick O'Brien previously served as Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Cedarhurst. O'Brien has a vast history in the building industry including owning and operating a home improvement company, serving as Contract Coordinator for the



New York Transit Authority, and a Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Hewlett Harbor. Committed to the Rockville Centre community, O'Brien has served on numerous boards and committees benefitting the community including the St. Agnes CYO Program, St. Agnes Fathers' Club, RVC Basketball League, RVC Community Fund Margaritaville, and a member of the Rockville Centre Planning Board.

Suzanne Sullivan, Rockville Centre native, was appointed as the Community Development Director at the February Board of Trustees meeting. In her new role, Suzanne will plan and administer the annual Community Development Block Grant, prepare grant proposals and contracts to secure funds and services for Village use, and support the efforts of residents, advisory groups, and community organizations access municipal government.

Suzanne has a degree from Manhattan College with majors in Politics and Government, as well as Urban Affairs. She was an Assistant Vice President at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette and has worked with top companies including Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley. Suzanne has spent countless hours serving the Rockville Centre Community. Over the years she has served as a Trustee to the Village Board, a member of the Planning Board, St. Patrick's Parade Board of Directors, St. Agnes CYO Board, and the St. Agnes Mothers' Club. Suzanne also spends time teaching our youth as the co-head coach of the St Agnes Swim Team and a tennis coach at Sacred Heart Academy.

"Suzanne's knowledge of our Village and ability to work with residents and community organizations makes her the best person for the job," continued Mayor Murray.

## Monte Carlo Night to Take Over Sandel Senior Center April 29, 2017

It's Monte Carlo time again! Don't miss the fun! Tickets are now available for FOSSI's annual fund raising spectacular. The excitement begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Sandel Center, 50 S. Park Ave. Rockville Centre.

Guests will find the Sandel Center transformed into a glittering casino. Professional

dealers, lots of "betting" action, big prizes and music will accompany a light dinner, open bar, and spectacular dessert buffet.

The night will pay tribute to the 2017 honoree, David Wong. David Wong and his family, owners of the recently closed Palace of Wong, have quietly and consistently given back to the Rockville Centre community for

over 48 years. A warm and popular host, David's generosity has benefited untold numbers of Rockville Centre residents. His support of the RVC Basketball League began back in the '60s making the Palace of Wong the league's longest supporter. Other longstanding contributions include treating senior citizens to an annual holiday buffet, hosting RVC Youth Council events for South Side High School students, supporting RVC Schools Sponsors for the Arts, hosting traditional Chinese New Year events for local Girl and Boy Scout troops and supporting the RVC St. Patrick's parade. Although the Wong family decided to close the restaurant in October 2015, David's devotion to this community, where he grew up, continues.

FOSSI, Friends of Senior Services, Inc., is 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 with monies raised each year.

For tickets to the Monte Carlo Night, send checks 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, to pay by credit card, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, call (516) 678-9245.





# Around Our Community

## Village Honors Detective McDonald

In a surprise presentation at the February 6th Board of Trustees meeting, the Village of Rockville Centre unveiled a street sign, Det. Steven McDonald Way, which has been placed next to the Village Police Station, at the corner of Madison and Maple avenues. The sign was presented to Detective McDonald's wife, Malverne Mayor Patti Ann McDonald, and son, NYPD Sgt. Conor McDonald, who were in attendance to thank the Village for its support during the difficult days after Steven suffered a heart attack and died on January 10th.

"Detective Steve McDonald, a Rockville Centre native, was shot 30 years ago while on duty in Central Park leaving him paralyzed," Mayor Francis X. Murray said at the presentation. "Defying all medical predictions, Steve lived for three decades after the shooting. He

never let his debilitating injury define him, he inspired us all to love, respect and most of all forgive. Turning tragedy into inspiration, Steve forgave the very young man who shot him."

Members of the St. Agnes Choir sang "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America" for the crowded room including family, friends, and police officers.

"For every great hero you need a great heroine and this story has one," continued Mayor Murray. "Throughout it all, the ups and the downs, Steve had the love of his life by his side, Patti Ann. Her dreams and aspirations were dramatically changed when Steve was shot. Three months pregnant, Patti never gave up and her strength and character lifted and carried her family and all they would touch."



## Village Rolls Out 2017 Road Program

In 2017, the Village of Rockville Centre will be repairing approximately 3 miles of roadway. Sites are selected based on a number of factors including pedestrian safety, pavement condition, and other utility upgrade needs such as water mains.

"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."

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 depending on weather.

Phase Two of the 2016 road program has eight roadways that include parts of Princeton Road, Plymouth Road, Oxford Road, Stratford Road, Derby Road, Wellsley Road, Marlborough

Court, and Bramshott Court. Phase One of the 2017 roadway program is scheduled to begin in the early summer and is comprised of 14 roads including parts of Heyward Lane, Stonewell Road, Paddock Lane, Brouwer Lane, Midfarm Road, Virginia Avenue, Leon Court, Meehan Lane, Rockaway Avenue, Wilson Lane, Woodland Avenue, Holyoke Road, Hamilton Road, and Amherst Court. Phase two of the 2017 road program is scheduled to commence in the early fall and is comprised of eight roads including parts of Hughes Street, Combes Avenue, Kennedy Avenue, Bennett Street, South Village Avenue, Locust Avenue, Major Court, and Bleinheim Court. In addition to the road

repairs, the Village will provide a welcoming environment for visitors and commuters through its streetscape projects that will include Morris Avenue from Sunrise Highway to Maple Avenue and South Village Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to South Centre Avenue.

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.



### Antiques Appraisal Day

Do you have antiques, collectibles, cherished family pieces and want to know their worth? Go to the Phillips House, Museum of the Village of Rockville Centre, located at 28 Hempstead Avenue on Sunday, May 7th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Phillip Weiss from the Antiques Road Show will volunteer his services to conduct appraisals at the annual fundraiser, sponsored by Astoria Bank.

Appraisals are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. For further information, call the Phillips House Museum at 516-764-7459.

### Swift 911

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Village's Swift 911. This system enables the Village of Rockville Centre to provide residents with critical timely information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and power outages.

Residents can register for Swift 911 on the Village's website at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us).

### Village Election Coming

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre will hold a general Village election on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. The following offices with the following terms will be contested for: two trustees (four years) and Village Justice (four years).

Candidates may pick up election packets from the Deputy Village Clerk's Office on the second floor of Village Hall. The Village is currently accepting applications for absentee ballots for the general election.

All voting in the June 20, 2017 Village election will be conducted at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The single polling place effects only for the odd-year Village elections, not the even-year general elections for county, state and federal offices.

### Kayaks on the Lake

Come and explore Hempstead Lake on Saturday, June 10th 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](http://www.rvcconservancy.org).



### Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, May 28th and continue every Sunday until November 26th 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.

### Celebrate Earth Day

Join the Mayors Youth Task Force and the RVC Conservancy this Earth Day. Volunteers will be cleaning up the shorelines of Mill River on April 22nd at 9 a.m. If you would like to be apart of the cleanup, please visit [www.rvcconservancy.org](http://www.rvcconservancy.org).

The Mayor's Youth Task is made up of over 100 residents in sixth grade through college who volunteer their time to help their fellow neighbors. Volunteers have been completing a variety of asks around the Village including cleaning up in the downtown business district and on the playing fields weekend mornings, planting and weeding designated areas in the village, coordinating food and clothing drives, and pitching in at the Sandel Senior Center.

The RVC Conservancy group is made up of Rockville Centre Residents, volunteering their time to make a difference in the RVC community. Their mission is to identify local public spaces which need attention, gather volunteer support and private funding, and work with our village government to restore and enhance its trees, parks and public spaces.

### TRANSFER STATION

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 1st 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

#### Televisions must be dropped off at e-cycling

Assistance will be given for EXTRA LARGE items. Please call (516) 678-9216 to schedule a pickup



#### ACCEPTABLE E-CYCLING ITEMS

- Computers / Computer monitors
- Small Electronics
- VCR \* DVD \* I PAD
- Video Systems
- Anything that plugs into a computer
- Televisions
- Cable Boxes
- Small Servers



## Village Hall Comments by Trustee Michael Sepe



### How Much Regulation Is Enough

Village government constantly struggles with the question of how far should we go in regulating the lives of our residents and businesses. It's a question we see our national leaders wrestling with and it is no different at the local level. When should the government step in and impose its authority

and when should it simply leave people to their own choices?

In the last few years, many well intentioned people in our Village have asked us to use our power in ways that range from sobering to alarming. For example, we've been asked to seize privately owned property by eminent domain to create public parking and to force the owners of older homes that certain people deemed historic, to sell to designated buyers, at half their value. We have also been urged to force residents renovating their homes to change their design choices to satisfy the tastes of others, to ban farmers markets, and to prohibit the use of basketball hoops on sidewalks. We've even discovered a section of our Village Code that would prohibit children from playing ball on our streets.

Whether on issues of taxes, residential and commercial restrictions, or spending, we are constantly dealing with the question

of 'how much is too much' and 'how far is too far' in extending the authority of Village Government into your lives.

The last six years have taught some eye opening lessons. First, realize that any Village regulation is, by definition, a restriction on your choices as someone who lives or runs a business here. Many are necessary and some are simply desirable. Second, in my own experience over the past six years is that one-size-fits-all solutions never work and you yet somehow always seem to have unintended consequences. These situations typically come as a result of requests to pass Village-wide restrictions out of a real concern for individual situations or projects. Whether the concern is rooftop bars, breeds of dogs, a particular home being built, or night parking revenue, we have seen well intentioned measures affect the lives of residents and businesses in unwanted

ways. In too many of these cases we have then been required to spend considerable time undoing the resulting problems. Third, our best legislative work has usually been the most narrowly focused. In that way we have used our powers to prohibit specific businesses like marijuana dispensaries and paraphernalia stores, hookah lounges and adult entertainment and added certain restrictions to our building code to protect residents. At the same time, we've eliminated certain outdated code provisions and streamlined Village procedures to make them faster and fairer for our residents.

Every issue we will deal with the years ahead will raise this question and only you will decide what the proper balance should be. I encourage residents to stay involved and take an interest in the affairs of local government. At the end of the day, it's these decisions that have the greatest impact your daily lives.

## Village Welcomes New Police Officers

Police Commissioner Charles Gennario swore in new Officers Christopher Stafford, Sean Freely, and Nicholas Palladino at the March Board of Trustees meeting.

"In Rockville Centre we value, appreciate, and support our first responders," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "They make significant sacrifices every day to ensure our safety and maintain our peaceful neighborhoods. I feel extremely confident that these three new Officers will continue to keep Rockville Centre a safe community to work, play, and raise a family.

Officer Christopher Stafford was born and raised in Nassau County. Chris follows his father John into a career in law enforcement who served as a Captain at Nassau County Corrections. Prior to joining the Rockville Centre Police Department, Chris was also a Corrections Officer with Nassau County. Chris also serves as a Lieutenant in the East Meadow Fire Department. Chris is currently attending the Suffolk County Police Academy and is expected to graduate in late April.

Officer Sean Freely was born and raised in Floral Park. He attended SUNY Cortland where he played football and obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Physical Education. In addition, Sean earned a Master's of Science Degree in Special Education from

Touro College. Prior to joining the RVC PD, Freely was a physical education and health teacher in Floral Park, where he also coached football, basketball, volleyball, and lacrosse. Sean is currently attending the Westchester County Police Academy and is expected to graduate at the end of May.

Officer Nicholas Palladino was born and raised in Nassau County. He graduated from Lynbrook High School and received an Associates Degree from Nassau Community College in Criminal Justice. Palladino joined the New York City Police Department in 2013 and was assigned to Police Service Area 3 in Brooklyn. He spent the last two years with the "Times Square Unit" in Manhattan. In addition, Nick is a nine-year veteran of the Lynbrook Fire Department.

The RVC PD is comprised of 54 sworn officers and has a dynamic professional training program, logging more than 3,000 hours in disciplines such as emergency vehicle operations, drug and alcohol recognition, hazardous materials handling, use of force, active shooter response, narcotics enforcement and gang intelligence. Although criminal activity remains on a downward trend in the Village, the RVC PD remains vigilant and proactive.



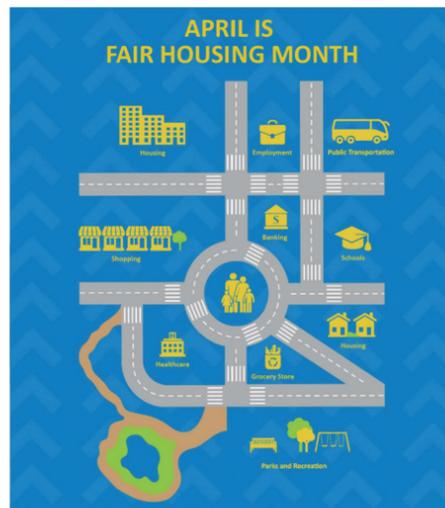
## RVC Celebrates National Fair Housing Month

In honor of the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act, and in remembrance

of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, April is set aside as National Fair Housing Month. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the campaign includes efforts to end housing discrimination and raise awareness for fair housing rights in communities across the country.

"National Fair Housing Month recognizes the efforts to eliminate unfair barriers to housing opportunities," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Every person deserves a fair chance to secure safe and stable housing which helps to establish vibrant, diverse, and inclusive neighborhoods in all communities."

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status, contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 or log onto [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing)



## RVC Residents Celebrate Margaritaville

Nearly 500 people came out to take part in the Village's fourth 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 honoree's for the evening were the Rockville Centre's Over 40 Senior Basketball League. "The League is a shining example of what a civic-minded organization should be today," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "They're not only interested in playing basketball, but they're interested in being good neighbors."



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# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## Easter Egg Hunt

Join the Easter Bunny as he hops down the bunny trail at the Recreation Center on Saturday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m. After searching for colored eggs, you'll be entertained by the mesmerizing magic of John Turdo. Make a springtime craft and take a photo with the Bunny. All activities are FREE and pre-registration is not required.

## Spring Recess Trips and Special Events

Recess trips and special events are planned for April 10th – 18th. 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.

## Nursery School for Fall 2017

The Recreation Department is currently taking registration deposits for the Fall Nursery School program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2018 and 2019, plus the Time for Two's Program, a separation class for 2-year-olds with a curriculum designed to help children explore their own ideas at the same time they are gaining new skills. A warm, nurturing and positive school experience is offered in our bright, inviting classrooms, renovated

playground and gymnasium! Call or visit the office for information or to visit our school.

## Spring Program Registration

The spring program schedule begins on April 3rd. We offer a wide variety of activities including Babysitting, Creative Cartooning, Cooking for Kids, CrossFit Kids, Yoga for Kids, Happy Piano, Lego building as well as instruction in Swimming, Tae Kwon Do, Guitar, Tennis and Fencing. Classes for little ones include Music for Infants and Toddlers, Tumble-Time, Parent-Toddler Workshop, and Kinder-Crafts. Our gymnasts will begin practicing for the annual Gymnastics Shows on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

## Summer Playground and Summer Nursery Registration

Registration is underway for the 63rd Annual Summer Playground Program for grades 1-4 and Summer Recreation Program for grades 5, 6, and 7. The program is conducted from June 27th through August 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Recreation Center and Wilson Schools. New this year: partial summer session option, new trip



destinations, and an early bird payment discount. Afternoon trips to place of interest are available as well. The Recreation Department also offers a Summer Nursery program for children entering Kindergarten this fall and in 2018. Be sure to check out our summer sports schools in Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse and Gymnastics, as well as other weekly programs, which meet throughout the summer.

## Summer Sports 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 on-line and at the Recreation Department.

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

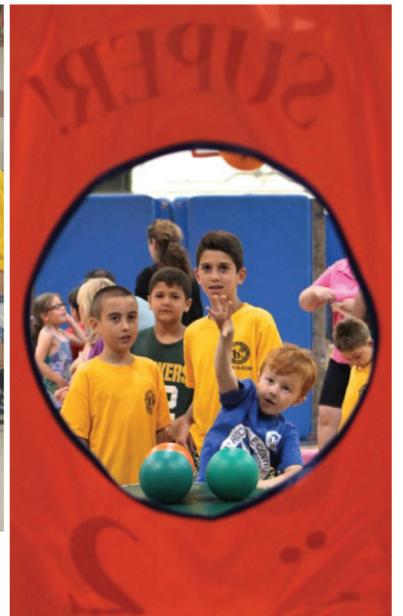
**WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM**



Join the Recreation Center for its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center's Veterans Park.



With a variety of activities, the Summer Program is sure to be a blast this summer. Call the Recreation Center for detailed information.



## Wednesday is Paper Day!



**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**



## Sandel Offers New Programs

The Sandel Senior Center is offering new programs to keep members minds and bodies in shape.

Solid academic research proves that mental fitness needs to be taken care of as much as physical fitness. The brain can change at any age – you can grow more neurons and the brain can even re-learn. Dr. Shelly Pazer, Ph.D. will conduct "Brain Fitness" classes at the Sandel Center twice a month. This program is sponsored by Lynbrook Restorative Therapy and Nursing. For more information call the Sandel Center 678-9245.

A brand new weight loss program, Watch Your Weight: Mission Slimpossible, designed for active seniors will be held on Mondays

at 12:30. Meetings will include weigh-ins, demonstrations on meal planning, lectures on developing skills to fuel a healthy life and tips on moving more each day. Nicole Graziano BSN/MN will guide the group in open discussions on goals, strategies, and recipe ideas to help participants reach their goals and achieve optimal health.

South Nassau Communities Hospital Healthy Senior Speakers Series will include nine consecutive Wednesdays at 2 p.m. beginning April 5th. Physicians and other health professionals will speak on a wide variety of important health topics. The series is open to the public. For more information call 678-9245