

# THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



*Dates & Events*

**October 2, At 9 A.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**October 4, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, October 9  
Village Offices Closed  
COLUMBUS DAY**

**October 17, At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**October 18, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**November 6, At 7 P.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Friday, November 10  
Village Offices Closed in observance of  
VETERANS DAY**

**Normal Friday trash collection  
November 15, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**November 21, At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**Thursday, November 23  
Village Offices Closed  
THANKSGIVING**

**November 29, 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 9, 2017**

**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 11, 2017 No bulk items or paper pickup

**THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK  
Thursday, November 23, 2017**

**No trash collection**  
will be on Friday, November 24, 2017  
Friday, November 24, 2017 trash collection will be on Saturday, November 25, 2017  
Wednesday, November 22, 2017 there will be 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

## RVC First Responders Honored with Liberty Medal

Senator Todd Kaminsky joined the Village of Rockville Centre at its September Board of Trustees meeting to present the Liberty Medals, the highest civilian honor a State Senator can bestow, to Rockville Centre Fire Department Chief Brian Cook and Firefighter and Paramedic Christopher Bossart for saving the life of a fifty-three-year-old man that was in cardiac arrest.

“I am honored to award these Liberty Medals to Chief Brian Cook and Firefighter and Paramedic Christopher Bossart who, without hesitation, used their training to save the life of a complete stranger,” said Senator Todd Kaminsky. “Both Cook and Bossart are true heroes, having gone above and beyond and are an inspiration to us all.”

At the scene, Chief Cook had performed CPR, applied an Automated External

Defibrillator, and ventilated the patient with a bag valve mask. Simultaneously, Firefighter and Paramedic Christopher Bossart, started an IV and assisted with packing the patient for transport. Prior to leaving for the hospital, the patient was breathing and had a pulse. Since then, the patient has made a full recovery from this incident.

“Chief Cook and Paramedic Bossart are well deserving of the Liberty Medals,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Each day they put the needs of the many before their own and leave their families and homes at a seconds notice to respond to a fire or a life emergency. They exemplify everything great about our Village, selflessness and sacrifice.”

The New York State Liberty Medal award program is the highest civilian honor

that can be bestowed by a Member of the New York State Senate. Liberty Medals are adopted by resolution and remain on file in the Secretary of the Senate’s Office. Criteria for receiving the award include meritorious, humanitarian, selfless, noble, heroic and exceptional actions.



## Village of Rockville Centre Proclaimed September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



This September, Rockville Centre renewed its commitment to curing childhood cancer and offers support to the brave young people who are fighting this disease. Village of Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray issued a proclamation designating the month of September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” within the Village.

“We hate to think that something like cancer can happen to children,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “It’s a cause near and dear to my heart. However, I am lucky to say my niece is a survivor. But all parents should be aware that early symptoms for cancer in children are usually nonspecific. It is important that children have regular medical checkups and that parents address any unusual symptoms that persist.”

Thousands are diagnosed with pediatric cancer each year, and it remains the leading cause of death by disease for American children under 15. For those children and their families, and in memory of every young person lost to cancer, we unite behind improved treatment, advanced research, and brighter futures for young people everywhere.

The proclamation recognizes the courage and compassion of children and families

affected by cancer in the Village of Rockville Centre and the nation.



## Officer Brian Vacchio Named “Cop of the Month”

In recognition of his dedicated performance of duty that resulted in the arrest of two subjects for multiple crimes, Officer Brian Vacchio was named RVCPCD’s “Cop of the Month.” The Village commends Officer Vacchio for his diligence, dedication to duty, and highly professional conduct. Officer Vacchio was recognized for his superior work at the September 5th Board of Trustees meeting.



## KARP Auto Contributes to the RVC Community Fund

David Karp, owner of Karp Auto, presented the Village with a \$5,000 check for the Rockville Centre Community Fund at the September Board of Trustees meeting. In celebration of its 60th anniversary, Karp Auto is donating \$60 per car sold in 2017, with a goal of \$60,000. Owner David Karp said, “We are happy and privileged to have met half of our objective at this point and rather than wait until the end of the year, we wanted to present a check to the RVC Community Fund in the amount of \$5,000 now.”

At the end of the year, Karp Auto hopes to raise \$50,000 for Memorial Sloan Kettering Breast Cancer Research and \$10,000 for the RVC Community Fund. The Community Fund is dedicated exclusively to helping members of the Rockville Centre community. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Karp Auto for their generous donation and support to the RVC Community Fund.



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# Around Our Community

## Hole in One for Rockville Centre Resident



The Village of Rockville Centre recognized resident Rod McWalters at its September Board of Trustees meeting for his quick actions that saved fellow resident Dan Lennon's life. While playing golf last

October, Lennon suffered a heart attack on the 17th hole at Rockville Links Club where McWalters sprang into action.

"This story illustrates all that is good about the Village of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "It's a story we hear quite frequently here in the Village, neighbor helping neighbor. However, this time the heroic actions performed by Rod McWalters saved the life of one of our own."

McWalters, who was trained in CPR days earlier, performed chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth on Lennon. Kevin Flynn, an Army veteran with combat life-saving skills, was caddy nearby and raced to grab an AED device. Nearly a year later, the grandfather of eight, Lennon, returned to

Rockville Links. On the 17th, the very hole he cheated death, he made an ace.

No stranger to going above and beyond, in

2012 McWalters donated bone marrow to save the life of a four-year-old-boy from Michigan.



## Fall Fun at Sandel

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

Get in shape this fall at Sandel with a certified instructor. A variety of classes are offered including: Yoga, Meditation, Pilates, Range of Motion, Chair Dance, Line Dance, Stretch and Balance, Zumba, Core, Aerobics with Weights, and Cardio Dance. Physical exercise is not only important for your body's health, but it also helps your brain

stay sharp. To further exercise your brain, members can participate in lifelong learning classes including: Headlines, Brain Fitness, The News, Tuesday Topic, as well as Talk it Out and Words of Wisdom. Members can showcase their creativity with an assortment of programs including: Center Stage Chorus, Sing a Long, Art, Knitting and Crochet, Flower Arranging, and Card Making.

New classes are continuously being offered. Empower and enrich your life through the creative process of hands-on self-expressions with multiple art modalities at the new Art for the Heart - Busy Hand and Happy Heart class. On Tuesday, October 24th at 11 a.m. join Assemblyman Brian Curran and LiveOn New York for a Medicare fraud prevention presentation. The informative program will protect individuals

from common health care scams. For further details, please call 516-561-8216.

"The Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services consistently provides essential, quality and responsive service to older adult residents and their families," commented Chris O'Leary, Director of the Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services. "I encourage adults ages 60 plus, who live in Rockville Centre or the surrounding communities to stop in for a tour and see if membership is right for you."

Please contact the Sandel Center for all regularly scheduled classes and programs featuring that include trips, guest speakers, discussion groups, volunteer opportunities and much more. For information about the Sandel Senior Center, or any of the programs and services offered, please call (516) 678-9245.



## 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.



### Leaf pickup to begin

November 13, 2017

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 23, 2017 will be on Friday, November 24, 2017. The last day of leaf pickup is Friday, December 15, 2017.

### 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.

### Fishing Festival

The Village of Rockville Centre Recreation Department in cooperation with the DEC presents a Fall Family Freshwater Fishing Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th 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, pumpkin decorating, inflatables and a casting for pumpkin contest. For more information, call Hempstead Lake State Park at (516) 766-1029.

### Fall Hydrant Flushing

RVC Village water mains will be given its fall-cleaning in mid-October. Residents will be notified once specific dates are chosen. 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) 678-9301.

### Halloween Party

Join the MLK Community Center in late October. For more details, including a date and time, please call the Center at (516) 678-9236.

### Thanksgiving Feast

Join the MLK Community Center for a Thanksgiving dinner to remember. Community members are invited to attend the feast in mid

November. For more details, including a date and time, please call the Center at (516) 678-9236.

### 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 \$740; combat \$1,233; and disabled up to \$2,466 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 2016 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications are available by visiting the Tax Office on the first 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.



## Village Hall Comments by Trustee Emilio Grillo



While the summer of 2017 wreaked havoc on many Rockville Centre commuters, one important segment of our community that experienced some relief over the summer, was our Electric Department.

As one of the few Villages in New York State with its own electric utility company, the efficient operation and maintenance of

our Village electrical services are essential to our daily lives. As such, preserving and improving the integrity and infrastructure of our Village electrical systems remains a top priority for our Village Board.

As your Village Board liaison to the Electric Department, I can confirm that during the summer of 2017, Rockville Centre experienced milder temperatures than previous years which resulted in lower electrical usage overall. For example, during the month of July 2017 total electrical usage was 23,300 Megawatt hours (MWh's) compared to 24,115 and 24,567 MWh's in 2016 and 2015, respectively. While we can consider ourselves fortunate to not have experienced significant power losses during summer of 2017, the possibility of future power outages remains, and we must remain vigilant to prevent any future power shortages.

The Village Board, along with the Village Electric Department is constantly looking for ways to improve and modernize our existing

electrical infrastructure to ensure that reliable and uninterrupted electrical service remains, especially during emergencies.

Our Village Electric Department, under the leadership of Philip Andreas, has received several grants in the last two years, including \$600,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy, to upgrade aging relay breakers, and computer systems that monitor our power plant and substations. In addition, the Rockville Centre Electrical Department was 1 of 83 recipients in the New York State, to receive \$100,000 from the New York State Research and Development Authority, for the study and installation of a community micro grid in the Village. The micro grid will permit key village facilities, such as the Police and Fire Departments, Village Hall, Electric and Water Departments, as well as South Nassau Community Hospital and several supermarkets, gas stations and pharmacies to retain power in the event of extended power outage or major storm

and provide life sustaining services. The microgrid will replace several of the older power plant generators that are at end of life and do not meet current emissions standards.

In addition to the aforementioned grants, the Electric Department has advanced to Stage Two of the New York State Prize Competition, and was 1 of 11 recipients of \$1 million for the preliminary design, commercialization, financial and business plan assessment for the microgrid. Our goal is to advance to Stage 3 of the competition where 4 of 6 participants will receive approximately \$4 million, to \$6 million to construct the micro grid in 2018.

While effective maintenance and upgrading of our electrical infrastructure takes time, we feel confident through effective management and oversight, by our Electric Department and our Village Board, we will be able to realize our goals, and continue to provide efficient and safe electrical services for many generations to come.

## Are You on The Electric Department's Life Support List?

Power outages, while inconvenient, are a fact of life. Strong storms, car accidents and warm weather can cause a disruption in service. For many of us these outages are simply a hassle, but for others, they can be life-threatening. If there is someone in your home whose health depends on an electrically operated device, it's important that you take these necessary precautions to prepare for power outages. The first provision to make is to call the Electric Department at (516) 678-9323 or (516) 678-9221 to find out how your name can be added to the life support list. Other safeguards include:

- Plug electronic devices into surge protectors, which will protect the equipment from damage due to a power surge.
- Use an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) that will provide emergency power for a period of time.
- Consider investing in a portable generator, which can power important devices in the event of an extended outage.
- Keep an adequate supply of prescription drugs and medical equipment on hand in case a storm prevents you from getting refills.
- Keep a corded landline or cell phone in your home so you can make phone calls when the power is out.
- Report outages immediately by calling (516) 766-5800.

## RVC Conservancy Tackles Diseased Trees

Street trees, otherwise known as curb strip trees, are a vital asset to communities. They not only add beauty to their surroundings, but are also proven to contribute to a community's economy and way of life.

Providing almost immediate gratification when it comes to adding beauty to a community, the Bradford pear tree became the street tree of choice for American cities. The Bradford Pear tree, a variation of the Callery Pear which is native to China, was developed in 1963 by government scientists in Prince George County, Maryland.

Like communities across the country, Rockville Centre Bradford Pear trees are under attack. An increasingly large number of these trees have become diseased. Symptoms may include, but are not limited to, less flowers, less leaves, undersized leaves,

leaves that may be discolored or blotchy, leaves falling prematurely and a general decline in health. One of the most common of the diseases is the fire blight that starts at twig ends and progresses back toward the main stem. The dead foliage will be a very dark brown and remain attached to the tree. Unfortunately, when a large number of trees of the same variety are planted in one area, it allows the diseases to spread very quickly throughout the area.

"As residents, we need to be proactive in preserving the look and feel of our community for ourselves and future generations," commented Matt Cliszis, a Rockville Centre resident and member of the RVC Conservancy. "We cannot sit idly by while these trees that line our streets are dying. Trees help reduce energy costs, create shade,

increase property values and bring more business to our commercial district."

The RVC Conservancy is currently performing research to work towards arranging a resident-funded mass removal and replanting of the affected trees. By working together, the Conservancy hopes to secure less expensive removals and replacement trees than homeowners would be able to arrange on their own.

For residents who feel that their curbside Bradford Pear tree has been impacted by the blight, and are interested in learning more about the RVC Conservancy's plan, please visit their website at <https://www.rvcconservancy.org/tacklingtrees> and complete the form online."

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



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center hosted a flurry of activities this summer. Attendees enjoyed a variety of recreational activities including basketball, martial arts, and dodgeball, as well as Book Buddies at the Rockville Centre Library. In addition, summer campers enjoyed multiple day trips to top spots on

Long Island including Splish Splash and Adventureland. The annual Community Day was held on August 26th. Hundreds of community members came out for food, rides, dancing, games and company.

Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the MLK, Jr. Community Center serves as a vibrant neighborhood

gathering place that strives to provide residents of Rockville Centre with the tools and knowledge to support their dreams. For further details about the MLK, Jr. Community Center or upcoming events and programs, please call (516) 678-9236.



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# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## 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 3-8 must register by October 15th at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 21st from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon. Awards are given by a distinguished panel of judges for murals which convey the best Halloween spirit!

## Senator Kaminsky Golden Gathering

Join Senator Todd Kaminsky for the annual Golden Gathering Senior Health Fair on October 27th. Senior Citizen information, demonstrations and flu shots will be available at the Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Pumpkins and Pepperoni

It's family fun night, using your pumpkin carving creativity while sharing a pizza dinner! Join the Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. The fee is \$25 per family (up to four people with \$5 for each additional person). The Recreation Department will supply pumpkins, carving supplies and pizza/beverages, as well as prizes for best pumpkins. Pre-registration is a must, space is extremely limited.

## Ragamuffin Parade

Rockville Centre's Annual Halloween Ragamuffin Parade and Party will be held on Sunday, October 29th. Costumed youngsters and their parents are invited to join the parade, which starts at Parking Field 12 (corner of Long Beach Road and Sunrise Highway) and proceeds to the Recreation Center. At



Gather the family for Rockville Centre's annual Ragamuffin Parade and Party that will be held on Sunday, October 29th.

the Center, family members will be amazed by John Turdo's Magic show. There will be fun prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Kids can try out their Trick-or-Treat skills at the "Trunk or Treat" activity with our festive staff members! Everyone must pre-register for the parade and party at \$10 per family. In case of rain, the parade is cancelled, but the party will begin indoors at 2:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



Lace up your shoes for the Village's annual 10K, 5K, and one-mile family fun run on Saturday, November 11th.

## Work-Out Classes

Join Sheila Clark-Hawkins in a wide array of workout options. None of the hassles of joining a gym, just pay-as-you-go for \$5. Go at your own pace and have fun! Classes are on-going throughout the year.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: Total Body Workout

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: Zumba

Thursdays at 7 p.m.: Fitness Power Hour

Fridays at 1 p.m.: Zumba Gold (member of Silver Sneakers Fitness Flex Program)

## 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 and any time of the year.

## Winter Program Registration

Registration for the winter 2018 program session begins Monday, November 6th for residents and returning program participants. Non-resident registration starts on November 13th. 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, you might want to try one of our many classes including: Learn to Play Chess, Happy Piano music classes, Bowling, Yoga Kids, Fencing, Pickle Ball, and more! Check out the schedule on our website or pick up detailed flyers at the office. Programs begin on January 2nd.

## Annual 10 K And 5 K Runs and One-Mile Family Fun Run

Join hundreds of your neighbors and friends who will be running in the annual Road Races through the beautiful streets of Rockville Centre on Saturday, November 11th. Register at the Recreation Center or on-line through Active.com. All races begin and end at the of Rockville Centre train station. Race registrants may opt to make a donation to benefit the Rockville Centre Breast Cancer Coalition, a community group that aid local residents who are afflicted with Breast Cancer.



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

**WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM**



Get into the fall spirit with pumpkin carving and pizza for the entire family on Saturday, October 28th

### TRANSFER STATION

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

## Wednesday is Paper Day!



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

### PLEASE NOTE

Paint Disposal- Only dried out latex paint cans are accepted.  
Please call 678-9288 with any further questions.

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