

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



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

**April 9 At 7 P.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**April 17 At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

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

**May 2 At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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

**MAY 15 At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**May 23 At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule Memorial Day Week

**Monday, May 28, 2018**  
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 30, 2018**  
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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One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

## Monte Carlo Night to Take Over Sandel Senior Center April 7, 2018!

It's Monte Carlo time again! Don't miss the fun! Tickets are now available for FOSSI's annual fund raising spectacular and are still only \$60 per person when purchased in advance (\$75 at the door). The excitement begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018, 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 2018 honoree, Butch Yamali of the Dover Group.

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, 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.



2018 honoree, Butch Yamali  
of the Dover Group



## Village of Rockville Centre Introduces Mobile Phone Payment for Parking

Mayor Francis X. Murray and the Board of Trustees announced the launch of "Whoosh!," a mobile phone application that will enable users to pay on-street parking meters by cell phones, tablets, and computers. Motorists in Parking Field #27 can now pay for parking in the Village of Rockville Centre with their smart phones by using an app.

"Whoosh! helps make mobile parking

payment an alternative to conventional coin and bill-operated parking meters," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "This new system will increase convenience and efficiency for residents."

The new system is available in parking field 27, located adjacent to the St. Agnes Cathedral. Before rolling out the system throughout the Village, the system will be tested to make sure it is running correctly and

smoothly. The Whoosh! mobile phone app can be downloaded from the App Store onto an iPhone or the Google Play Store onto an Android device. Users register their license plates and credit card with the Whoosh! system through the app or through [www.whooshstore.com](http://www.whooshstore.com). A nominal convenience fee of \$0.50 is added to each





# Around Our Community

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Celebrates Black History



Members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center gathered alongside Deputy Mayor Kathleen Baxley and Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito to celebrate Black History Month on February 24th, as members displayed their many talents during the ceremony.

The event, organized by Director

Patrick Morris and Sharon Sheppard, was the culmination of six weeks of preparation for 16 children and teenagers who regularly attend the center's after-school program. Youth members danced, performed spoken-word, read essays on what Black History Month means to them, and displayed artwork that was prepared



during the after-school program.

Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., the MLK 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.

## RVC Residents Celebrate "Margaritaville"



Nearly 400 people came out to take part in the Village's "Margaritaville" fundraiser on February 3rd to raise approximately \$40,000. The fifth annual fundraiser 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.

This year's event featured music by Jimmy and the Parrots, and honored Rockville Centre resident Niall Gunn, owner of Monaghan's Irish Pub and Restaurant. The event was catered by Kasey's Kitchen and Cocktails.



### 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, April 29th from 12 noon 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.

### Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, June 3, 2018 and continue every Sunday until November 25, 2018 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 21, 2018 at 9 a.m. If you would like to be a part 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 tasks 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.

### Village Election Coming

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre will hold a special Village election on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. The following offices with the following terms will be contested for: one Trustee, for one year, to fill the balance of an unexpired term.

If you are interested in running for office, you may pick up a package with relative details in early April from the Clerk Treasurer's Office on the first floor of Village Hall. The Village is currently accepting applications for absentee ballots for the general election.

All voting in the June 19, 2018 Village election will be conducted at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eligible persons wishing to vote, must be registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections at least ten days prior to the election.





## Village Hall Comments by Trustee Michael Sepe The Long Beach Road Corridor



The Village has long struggled with zoning issues for the businesses along Long Beach Road from Kennedy Street, southward past Merrick Road. Referred to by some of us as “Littletown,” these businesses are typically only one lot deep in that they border residential lots. Unlike our downtown

areas, having these lots literally back up to residential homes creates numerous issues.

Problems were spotted more than ten-years ago in the Village Code, technically the Village could have permitted multi-story business structures to be built. Only certain parking regulations prevented that from happening. After numerous studies and dead ends, an effort was undertaken to preserve the unique character of this area. Our first step four-years ago was to enact new requirements for Green Zone Buffers between residential and commercial lots. While a good first step, obviously more needed to be done.

The challenge has been to preserve the residential character of the neighboring homes while at the same time protecting existing and future businesses. The only practical solution was to create an entirely new business district known as business A-1. Known as Village Code Section 1804, the new section is the

result of more than two years of work by the Village Board, RVC Building Department and our Village Counsel. As with many changes to our laws, rather than simply rewriting code sections, we were required to obtain an independent study, perform an environmental assessment, submit the proposed section to the Nassau County Planning Commission and hold our own public hearings.

The most important of these changes to the Village Code is the locking in of what already exists – that all of these businesses be no higher than one story with an allowance for signage. Second, because of the nearby homes, and after an exhaustive review, the Village Board has completed a list of what types of future businesses will be permitted in this newly created district. Generally, office space, general business, retail, automotive, banking and restaurants will continue to be permitted. Because of parking concerns, the new Code will not permit

nightclubs or drive-thru establishments.

We’ve seen an unfortunate amount of personal conflict and super-heated rhetoric between our neighbors over these questions. Especially in our social media age, the speed at which false rumors about this area have spread has been shocking. A friend and resident recently ran into me outside of the Village. He listed a number rumors and beliefs that some residents had about the area that literally left me wondering if we were even talking about the same topic. After considerable time was spent going through the history and details of what was and is actually happening, I was grateful that he later told me that I helped in some small way to dispel some of the rumors that residents of the area were most upset by.

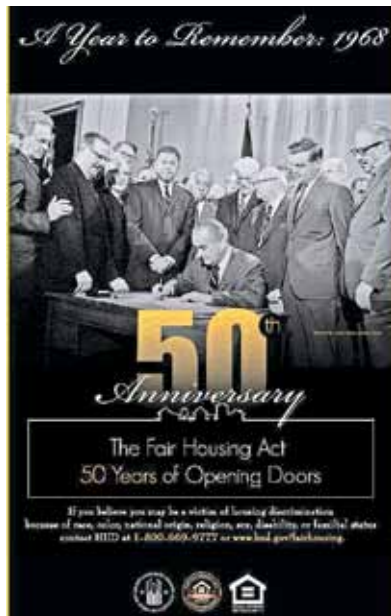
This experience has been one of those so called teachable moments about what doesn’t work, and what does.

## 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).



## Village Honors Local Athletes



The Village of Rockville Centre honored local athletes at the March 5, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

The St. Agnes School Boys Basketball Team finished the season with a 16-2 record. After winning the regular season and securing a number one seed in the playoffs, the St. Agnes Stags defeated Garden City in the semi-finals 50-42 and moved onto the championship game. The team went on to win the championship game against St. Mary’s 60-45. This was the fifth consecutive CMSBBL Championship.

The St. Agnes sixth-grade girls Division “A” CYO team had a successful 2017-18 season. The team competed in Long Island’s

most competitive CYO division and finished the season as Diocesan Champions. The team not only completed the season with a 15-2 record, but they also won their annual St. Agnes Christmas tournament.

The St. Agnes eighth-grade girls Division “A” CYO team have never lost a game. For the third consecutive year, they secured an undefeated season. The team not only won Diocesan Championship, but also the coveted Sportsmanship Team Award.

Mayor Francis X. Murray and the entire Board of Trustees would like to congratulate the St. Agnes athletes on their winning seasons.



## Village Rolls Out 2018 Road Program

In 2018, the Village of Rockville Centre will be repairing nearly 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.

“The quality and safety of our roadways are a critical component of keeping Rockville Centre a desirable community,” 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. In

nearly seven years, I am very proud to say we have completed approximately 20 miles, nearly half of our roadways, including Maple Avenue and North Park Avenue in our downtown.

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 One of the current roadway program continues as weather permits with parts of Rockaway Avenue, Leon Court, Wilson Lane, Woodland Avenue, and Amherst Court. Phase two of the road program is in progress and is comprised of eight roads including parts of Hughes Street, Combes Avenue, Kennedy Avenue, and Bennett Street. Phase three of the road program also includes parts of South Village Avenue, Locust Avenue, Major Court, and Blenheim Court, as well as parts of Yale Place. 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.

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.

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# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## Spring Recess Trips and Special Events

Recess trips and special events are planned for March 29th – April 6th. 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 2018

The Recreation Department is currently taking registration deposits for the Fall Nursery School Program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2019 and 2020. In addition, the Time for Two's Program, a separation class for two-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.



Mrs. Polito enjoys a playful moment with her Pre-K 3's class



Guitar lessons are just one of the many activities offered in the spring session, which begins on April 9th.

## Summer Sports Leagues

Registration information for softball leagues for Men and Women and Basketball Leagues for boys and girls in grades fifth through twelfth, as well as adults, is available on-line and at the office. Deadline for submission of basketball rosters and fees is April 28th.

## Summer Playground and Summer Nursery Registration

Registration is underway for the 64th Annual Summer Playground Program for grades one through four and Summer Recreation Program for grades five, six, and seven. The program is conducted from June 27th through August 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Recreation Center and Wilson School. Once again, you can opt for: partial summer session, new trip destinations, and an early bird payment discount. Afternoon trips to places of interest are available as well. We also offer a Summer Nursery program for children entering Kindergarten this fall and in 2019. Be sure to check out our summer sports schools in Baseball, Basketball, Gymnastics and Ultimate Sports Camp, as well as other weekly programs which meet throughout the summer.

**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)**



The playground with splash park will re-open this Spring, as soon as Mother Nature cooperates.



Fire truck sprinkler day is one of the highlights of Summer Playground.

## Spring Programs

The Spring Program schedule begins on April 9th. We offer a wide variety of activities including Babysitting, Kids in the Kitchen, CrossFit Kids, Happy Piano, 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. Gymnasts will begin practicing for the annual Gymnastics Shows on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.



Fencing has become a popular instructional class at the Recreation Center.

## TRANSFER STATION

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 7st 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

## Wednesday is Paper Day!



**Cardboard, product packaging, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail can all be recycled on Wednesdays. Please consolidate cardboard by flattening and tying.**

### 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**