

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



**February 4 At 7 PM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**February 6 At 7:30 PM.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, February 18  
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED  
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**February 20 At 7:30 PM.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**February 26 At 7 PM.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**March 4 At 7 PM.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**March 6 At 7:30 PM.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**March 19 At 7 PM.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**March 20 At 7:30 PM.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**March 23 At Noon  
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

### President's Day Week

**Monday, February 18, 2019**

President's 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, February 21, 2019**

No bulk items or paper pickup.

### Village Hall Hours

Cashier & Registrar 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Court Counter 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Electric/Water Billing 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Tax Department 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

## 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Parade to Hit the Streets of Rockville Centre

The 23rd Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade begins at Noon on Saturday, March 23, starting from Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road and proceeding to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral.

"The Annual St. Patrick's Parade is one of the most exciting days of the year in Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The downtown shops are booming; the streets are full of Rockville Centre pride and the Village is able to give back to three worthy causes."

This year's Grand Marshal is Dr. Drew Bogner, PhD, President of Molloy College. From Dr. Bogner's guidance to the students that pass through the hallways at Molloy College, to the thousands of people he touches through his philanthropic work, his commitment to others is unwavering. Enrollment has grown at unprecedented levels during his tenure as President of Molloy College, and has rapidly expanded its leadership initiatives in the business and service communities. But most importantly, Dr. Bogner spends countless hours helping the community by serving on the Boards of Catholic Charities, Long Island Housing Partnership, Long Island Index, Long Island Works Coalition, Rotacare and the Chair of the Dominican Higher Education Council.

Over the last 20 years, the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade, which is known as "The Parade that Cares and Shares" ®, has become one of the most successful and well-attended parades in New York State. It has become a source of not only cultural pride, but civic pride, as well. The parade is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that annually shares its success with three worthy charities, which are National, Irish, and locally focused. Since the parade's inception in 1997, \$1,224,000.00 has been distributed to 67 individual Charities.

This year's charities are The Opening Word, The HEARTest Yard, and the New York Irish Center. The Opening Word is a literacy, ESOL, and job readiness program that unlocks the language ability of adult participants, providing them with a key to future personal empowerment, increased civic and social responsibility, and enhanced skills for membership in the workforce. Sites are located in Amityville, Huntington Station and Wyandanch. The HEARTest Yard initiative is a family

service program administered by Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, NC. The cutting-edge program provides families of babies affected by congenital heart disease with a multitude of services including in-home, private nursing care, physical therapy and speech therapy among other benefits. The New York Irish Center is a

community center in Long Island City, providing a home for the Irish at heart, building and researching community through culture, identity and friendship.

For further information about the parade visit the parade website at [www.rvcstpatrick.com](http://www.rvcstpatrick.com).



## Village Achieves Highest Possible Credit Rating

The Village of Rockville Centre was awarded the highest rating possible from Standard & Poor's Rating Service (S&P), a AAA.

"I am extremely proud of our high ratings with S&P," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "My administration

has worked diligently to bring about fiscal discipline to the operation of our Village while not impacting services. Much of this can be attributed to the professional team we have in place in Rockville Centre."

According to a statement released by S&P, the rating reflects the agency's view

of numerous factors including the Village's strong economy, strong management, strong budgetary performance and flexibility, liquidity, debt and contingent liabilities, and institutional framework. As part of the rating the Village was also assigned a "stable" outlook.

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# Around Our Community

## Village Secures \$2.1 Million in State Funding for Iron Filtration Plant

At the December 3rd Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Francis X. Murray announced that the Village of Rockville Centre will be awarded an additional \$2,120,464 in state funding through the New York Water Infrastructure Improvement Act with the help of Senator Todd Kaminsky. The grant was awarded through Governor Cuomo's office and will enable the Village to build an Iron Filtration plant along Maple Avenue. Last year, Senator Todd Kaminsky secured \$953,121 in grant funding to support drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Rockville Centre.

"Infrastructure upgrades to protect our water resources are imperative for the health and safety of our residents and businesses, as well as keeping Rockville Centre a desirable community," commented Village of Rockville

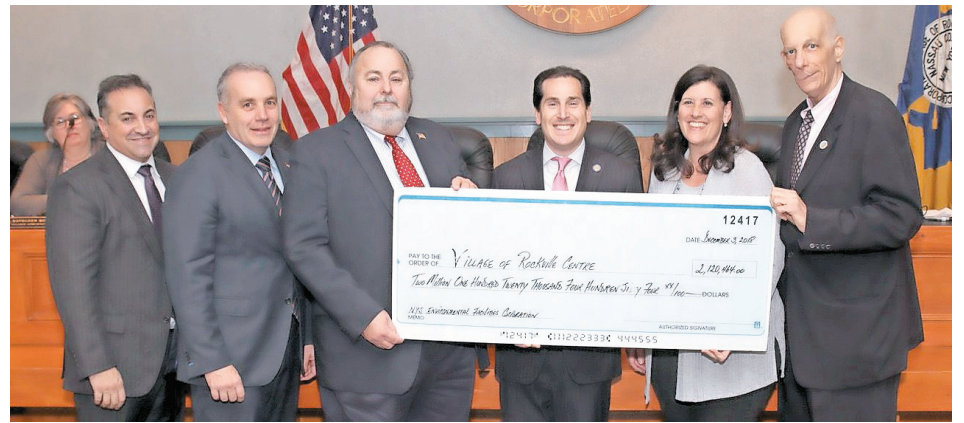
Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The funds secured from this grant will be used for the Village's Iron-Removal Treatment Plant located on Maple Avenue. The new plant, will provide up to 5.6 million gallons of iron free water daily to Village residents. I would like to thank Senator Todd Kaminsky for his hard work in securing grant monies that ensures our Village has the funds to improve our water system."

The Rockville Centre Water Department provides water from 10 wells located throughout the Village. The water is stored in four elevated tanks with a combined capacity of 4 million gallons and is distributed through more than 70 miles of water main. The water quality is constantly monitored and tested to assure its purity. The iron-filtration system will use a sand and anthracite media to trap iron molecules as

they pass through filter vessels.

"In today's day and age, it is unacceptable to drink water that is anything but clear and pristine," said Senator Todd Kaminsky.

"I am glad to have helped for this critical infrastructure upgrade to provide iron-free water to the Rockville Centre community."



## RVC Showcased Holiday Spirit

Festive crowds came out for the annual Rockville Centre tree lighting at the Village Green. After a countdown and a flip of the switch, residents joyously gathered around the tree while students from South Side High School performed holiday songs. Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman visited, and Santa made

an appearance on a Fire truck, courtesy of the Rockville Centre Fire Department.

The Recreation Center held its annual Breakfast with Santa's Helpers. Hundreds of families attended with elves serving pancakes, cereal, juice, milk and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids visited Santa, Rudolph

and Frosty. Cheerful guests attended the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center Christmas party. In conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women, the Recreation Center held its annual Chanukah Party/Festival of Lights. In addition, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center had a special visit from the North Pole. Packed with presents, Santa brought smiles to all the crowd.



## Village Sees Green with Urban Forestry Grant

The Village of Rockville Centre has been awarded a \$47,295 grant in Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grants for urban forestry projects by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Funds from the grant will be used to create an inventory of trees, the first step toward replacing sick trees in the Village of Rockville Centre.

"Trees and green spaces are an important part of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The DEC understands the benefits of community and urban forests

in protecting our clean air, clean water, energy savings, and an improved quality of life. I would like to thank Senator Todd Kaminsky for his hard work in securing grant monies that are a valuable tool to support local projects to develop and manage these resources."

The grant will enable the Village to do an inventory of 4,000 trees in the downtown and main business districts. The inventory will include a data collection of tree species, location, GPS coordinates, tree size, multi-stem tree, condition, primary maintenance, defects,

tree risk assessment and rating, residual risk, further inspection, overhead utilities, location of empty and/or potential tree planting sites and date of inventory.

"Rockville Centre has been known to be 'Tree City, USA' and their residents reap the benefits of their beautiful trees," said Senator Todd Kaminsky. "I am glad to have helped the Village of Rockville Centre secure a grant to inventory their trees, which go a long way to continuing to beautifying the Village."



### 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).



### Monte Carlo Casino Night

FOSSI's annual Monte Carlo Fundraising Event will take place Friday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. Every year the Sandel Center is transformed into a glittering casino with delicious food, open bar, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes through exciting gaming action! Trustee Emilio Grillo was selected as the 2019 Monte Carlo honoree. For information about tickets or sponsorship opportunities please contact Chris O'Leary, Senior Services Director, 678-9268.

### "Margaritaville"

The RVC Community Fund presents "Margaritaville," to be held at St. Agnes Parish Center on Saturday, February 2nd at 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy dinner and dancing while listening to the sounds of Jimmy and The Parrots. The night will also honor our Rockville Centre Fire Department. All proceeds will go to the RVC Community Fund. For further information, call Lois 678-9264.

### Snow Reminders

In the event of a snowstorm, the Village urges residents not to go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is necessary. Crews will be able to do their job more quickly and completely if there is less traffic on the roads.

Residents and business owners are reminded that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a storm and snow should not be thrown into the roadway when clearing their driveways and sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, snow should be cleared so they may be located easily in case of an emergency. Corner properties are responsible for clearing to the corner and curb cut access to allow pedestrian access to sidewalks.

### Tax Office

Reminder to new property owners and those who have mortgages that have been satisfied, refinanced or sold to another lending institution that they must notify the Tax Office as soon as possible in order to avoid billing errors and penalties.

### Parking Permit Renewals

Parking permit renewal for the month of March include residential, \$236.00, and overnight, \$249.00. New applicants can obtain an application on the Village website, [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov), or in Village Hall. Renewal applications will be mailed out mid-February.

### Real Estate Tax

Please be advised that the tax office page on the Village website now includes Real Estate Tax Status information. The new page feature: current year tax payments and pay dates; current tax amount including penalties; ability to look up property by address and section, block, and lot; assessed value and exemption Information; prior year tax and payment information going back to 2000; and market value and equalization rate.



## Village Hall Comments by Deputy Mayor Kathleen Baxley



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Mayor Francis X. Murray, I wish all of our residents a happy and healthy 2019. I am proud of the many accomplishments we achieved in our Village over this past year. Personally, my experiences as Deputy Mayor have brought me closer to many more people in our community, as I have had

the opportunity and privilege to interact and work with so many of our neighbors, residents, and business owners.

In 2018, we continued with our goal of keeping Rockville Centre a great place to live, work, and play. Many improvements were made to our facilities, including the addition of a second iron filtration plant on Maple Avenue. The filtration plant will be operational this spring and will filter out the iron, thereby alleviating the appearance of "rust" in our water caused by the iron. Additionally, the pump station on Seaman Avenue is being completely refurbished with new pumps and new pipes to ensure that our sewage will be properly taken care of. Lastly, our road program continued in 2018 with the complete resurfacing of several miles of roadways.

As liaison to the Rockville Centre School District, the Rockville Centre Fire Department, the Sandel Senior Center, the Recreation Center and the MLK Center, I continue to work with these departments and their supervisors to ensure the continuation of the excellent programs offered to our community, as well as to identify and make any needed improvements. The Rockville Centre Fire Department received new bunker gear and bailout systems to ensure the safety of our volunteer firefighters

during emergencies. The Recreation Center added a fourth nursery school class and new programs for our youngest residents. The Sandel Center received a new outdoor patio and pergola from FOSSI, the fundraising arm of our Senior Center, and planning and fundraising has been completed for the replacement of lighting and windows at the MLK Center. The Rockville Centre Police Department and Rockville Centre School District continue to work together in practicing active drills to keep our students safe. Many successes, fun celebrations, and improvements were made throughout all of our departments over the past year.

In 2019, one of my goals as Deputy Mayor is to educate and encourage Rockville Centre residents to recycle throughout the year. The Village purchased and installed eight new recycling receptacles and 27 new trash receptacles. The recycling receptacles are bright blue and are located in the business section of our Village, and they are part of a pilot program. We are hopeful that residents and visitors will utilize the new recycling receptacles and if this pilot program is successful, the Village would like to purchase more such receptacles and expand the program. I hope you will help in this endeavor and encourage residents and visitors to recycle cans, bottles, and glass containers.

Our sanitation workforce continues to pick up recycling and trash throughout the week and, every Wednesday, paper and cardboard are picked up and recycled. I want to emphasize how important it is to hold on to your paper and cardboard and put them out for Wednesday morning pickups. The Village is charged \$69.00 per ton of trash, regardless of what the trash is compiled of, but only charged \$7.00 per ton for paper and cardboard. Therefore, when paper and cardboard are included with the regular trash, the village is charged much more. It is fiscally and environmentally beneficial to consolidate and put out our paper and cardboard on Wednesday mornings. The savings will be significant and every little bit helps! Members of the Board of Trustees plan to visit our elementary schools this spring to educate students on recycling in our Village. We are hopeful that, by educating our students, families as a whole will be encouraged to participate in our recycling programs.

Again, I wish all of our residents a happy and healthy 2019 which is shaping up to be an exciting year in Rockville Centre. I am honored to continue to work for you as your Deputy Mayor and the Board of Trustees, Mayor Murray, and I are excited for what 2019 will bring to the residents of Rockville Centre.

## Sandel Senior Center Schedule Packed with Activities

Packed with programs, activities and services, the Sandel Center is the place to be for active older adults from Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities. With countless opportunities for fun and friendship, members enjoy volunteerism, trips, parties, fitness, life-long learning, creative arts and much more.

Members can get in shape with 12 fitness classes being offered every week at the Sandel Center. Classes range from beginner level to strenuous. To further exercise your brain,

members can participate in Tuesday Lecture Series where guest speakers present a wide variety of interesting and informative subjects are featured every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m.

Viva Las Vegas! Elvis will be performing a free concert on Friday, February 8th at 1 p.m. Join the King of Rock 'n' Roll at the Sandel Center for a memorable performance. On April 5th come find some hidden treasures at the Center's flea market.

Professional storyteller Tracey Segarra will share her passion at the Sandel Center with a

six-week series of storytelling workshops. A self-named "storytelling evangelist" and Moth Radio award winner, Ms. Segarra teaches participants to craft effective and compelling stories of their own – and in doing so connect with their humanity and with each other. Classes begin on Monday, March 4th and pre-registration is required.

The Sandel Center will be transformed into a glittering casino for Sandel's annual Monte Carlo Night on Friday, May 3rd. The major fundraising event of the year is sponsored by the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., (FOSSI), a not-for-profit community group that supports the RVC Department of Senior Services. Funds raised support programs and services for the Department of Senior Services. For further information or to inquire about tickets and/or sponsorship opportunities, please call 678-9245.

Travel with friends to sunny Bermuda on the beautiful Celebrity Summit. The seven-night cruise sets sail on May 5th and includes round trip motor coach transportation from the Sandel Center, private cocktail party aboard the ship, shore excursion to St. George, onboard gratuities, port charges and taxes, all tips and a free tote bag. In addition, the trip will be fully escorted by cruise planners and Sandel staff.



For more details please contact 678-9245.

Please contact the Sandel Center for all regularly scheduled classes and programs 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 678-9245 or visit the "senior citizens" tab at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov).



## RVC Commemorated Pearl Harbor Day

Military veterans from Rockville Centre and neighboring towns gathered at Mill River Park to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony, hosted by the Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303, honored the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl

Harbor in 1941. During the ceremony, a wreath was cast into Mill River in honor of those who were lost that day.



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# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



## Nursery School Registration

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department is pleased to offer Nursery School programs for the 2019-2020 school year September through June. These programs have operated continuously with great success for 56 years. Prospective students may visit our nursery school with their parents. Please call the Recreation Department office to make arrangements.

Eligibility:

- Pre Kindergarten 4's: Children entering Kindergarten September 2020. Four and five day-a-week options
- Pre Kindergarten 3's - Children entering Kindergarten September 2021. Three and four-day-a-week options
- Time For Two's -children age two by September 30, 2019. Two day-a-week classes.

Registration is now being accepted for residents and non-residents.



## Men's and Women's Softball

The Recreation Department's Spring Softball season is tentatively scheduled to commence the week of April 1st. Information for men's teams are available on our website or at the office. Information for Summer Softball Leagues for Men and Women will be available in late March.

## 2019 Presidents' Week Trips and Events (Feb. 18 - 22)

During the February recess, the Recreation Department will offer numerous trips and special events for Village youngsters. Detailed flyers are available at the Recreation Center office or on our website. Residents can enjoy the convenience of on-line registration at rockvillecentre.recdesk.com. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Spring Program Registration

Registration for spring programs will begin on February 11th for residents and February 18th for non-residents. Take a look at our lineup of activities for toddlers through senior citizens. We have a wide array of unique programs including Music, Fencing, CrossFit Kids, Ninja Challenge and Chess, as well as the perennially popular offerings such as Gymnastics, Tumbles, Tae Kwon Do and Swimming. Be sure to register early to ensure your inclusion in the class of your choice! Detailed flyers are available at the recreation office or at www.rvcny.gov. Register online at rockvillecentre.recdesk.com. The spring session begins on March 30th.

## Summer Program Registration

Registration for Summer Nursery School will begin March 18th. Registration for residents will begin 8:30 a.m. and continues in-person during Recreation Center office hours Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. as long as openings prevail. Students who are new to our Nursery Program must submit a copy of birth certificate at time of registration. Detailed flyers are available at the office or on our website.

- "Kinder-Campers": Entering Kindergarten September 2017. Classes take place Monday thru Friday (five days) from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
  - "Pre-K 4's": Entering Kindergarten September 2018. Classes take place Monday thru Thursday (four days) from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Bring your child's birth certificate or other proof of age. Summer Nursery meets July 1st to August 15th.



## Summer Playground and Rec. Program Registration begins March 18

Summer Playground and Summer Rec. Programs for students in grades 1 - 7 (in Sept. 2019) are offered at the Rec. Center and Wilson school. This program, staffed by trained recreation personnel, meets Monday through Friday 9am-12noon from July 8 through August 14. New this year: The Rec. Center will host a 3-day mini-summer session on July 1-2-3. Participants must register separately for this mini-session option, as it is not included in the fee for the SPG program. Daily activities include athletics, arts & crafts, recreational games and special events. Afternoon trips to places of interest are available. Detailed information and fees are available on our website.

## Summer Sports Schools

You'll never find a better group of professionals than those who run the sports schools at the Bob Hirschfield's RVC Baseball School, Game 7's Basketball School, and the Recreation Department's Gymnastics School. We provide your child with the best sports instruction and guarantee an exceptionally rewarding experience. Register early to secure your child's place in these very popular instructional programs. Contact the recreation office or website for further information.

## Time to get in shape

Coed cardio workout with Sheila Hawkins on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Pay-as-you-go for \$5 each session. Join Sheila for Zumba sessions on Tuesdays during the 7 a.m. class and Saturdays at 9 a.m.

## Seasonal Leaders-In-Training

Prospective LIT volunteers (9th graders as of September 2019) may pick up application packets at the office January 22nd. Applicants will also go through an interview process and training session.

## Recreation Department Summer Basketball League

The Recreation Department's Summer Basketball League hosted over 135 teams in 2018. The Recreation Department will be accepting team rosters and fees beginning March 25th. Complete roster and full fee must be submitted at time of registration.

## Open Gym Basketball

The gymnasium and lobby are open for basketball and ping pong for students who attend RVC Schools or are residents of Rockville Centre. Participants must possess current Recreation Department membership (\$24). Open Gym sessions are as followed:

- Grades 4-12: Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m.
- Grades 6-12: Saturdays 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Sessions are pre-empted by special events. The program ends on May 11.



## Gymnastics Meets

Saturday, February 9th at 4 p.m., Saturday, March 9th at 2 p.m., Sunday, February 10th, and Sunday, March 10th at 12:30 p.m. Come support the RVC Evolution Gymnastic teams at the Recreation Center. No admission charge for spectators

**DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AT [WWW.RVCNY.GOV](http://WWW.RVCNY.GOV) CLICK ON THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT LINK.**

## 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. from April 6th until November 16th 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**