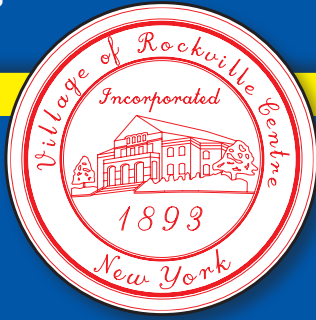


THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

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

August 21, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, September 2  
Village Offices Closed  
LABOR DAY

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

September 9, At 9:00 A.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 25, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Events are at Village Hall unless  
otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2019

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, September 5, 2018

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

Mayor Francis X. Murray Elected  
Vice President of the New York State Conference of Mayors

On May 6, at its 110th Annual Meeting, the membership of the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) elected Mayor Francis X. Murray of the Village of Rockville Centre, to serve as NYCOM's Second Vice President for the next year.

"I'm honored to have been selected to serve as NYCOM's Second Vice President," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "I look forward to working with Peter A. Baynes, Executive Director of the Conference of Mayors, and the entire NYCOM staff to advocate NYCOM's mission to provide essential municipal services through the most effective means in Albany on behalf of our Village and the more than 12 million New Yorkers. Congratulations to our newly elected President, Mayor Robert T. Kennedy of the



Village of Freeport; First Vice President, Mayor Richard David of the City of Binghamton; and Treasurer, Mayor Kathy Sheehan of the City of Albany."

Prior to his new role, Mayor Murray was named to NYCOM's Executive Committee in May 2013 for his outstanding commitment to quality public service in New York. The Executive Committee is responsible for governing the NYS

Conference of Mayors and establishing its overall policies.

"Local governments play a critical role in the overall prosperity of our State. Mayor Murray's knowledge and commitment to his community will go a long way toward our efforts to strengthen villages and cities throughout New York," stated Peter A. Baynes, Executive Director of the Conference of Mayors. "Local officials will benefit greatly from his experience as mayor of a vibrant, full-service village and leader in community revitalization."

The Conference of Mayors represents 575 cities and villages in New York State, ranging from the smallest village to the City of New York. NYCOM has been in existence since 1910.

32ND Annual Mayor's Golf Classic

On Monday, September 23rd, the Rockville Centre Links Country Club will be hosting the 32nd Annual Mayor's Golf Classic. The annual Classic will be honoring the Rockville Centre Lions Club.

"The Rockville Centre Lions Club is a shining example of what a civic minded organization should be today with their tireless dedication to the betterment of our community," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "They have been instrumental in providing children in our Village with all abilities the opportunity to play."

The Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization meeting the needs of local communities and the world every day because they share a core belief - to serve their community. With more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide, the Lions Club is groups of service-minded men and women who are interested in doing volunteer work to improve their communities. Founded in 1917, the Lions Club is best known for fighting blindness, but also volunteers for numerous community projects including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry, and aiding seniors and the disabled.

The Rockville Centre Lions Club has played an integral part in the Village with its "We Serve" motto. They sponsor the Challenger Baseball League, dedicated to providing developmentally and physically challenged athletes, paired with buddy volunteers, the opportunity to experience the game of baseball firsthand. They have also partnered with the community to raise over \$300,000 towards the funding of the state-of-the art all-inclusive playground, named after longtime Recreation Superintendent Anthony Brunetta. Their efforts



will provide children with all abilities the experience of play, while encouraging acceptance and promoting overall health and wellness.

The Classic, and accompanying dinner, is the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund. The Fund, dedicated exclusively to helping members of the Rockville Centre community, has raised more than \$1.7 million in emergency assistance since 1987. Tickets and sponsorships for the all-day event, as well as journal ads are still available. The donation for breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner, as well as a round of golf at the Rockville Links Country Club is \$350. Dinner-only tickets are \$125.

For reservations or for information about sponsorships or journal ads, call Lois Tinghitella at 516-678-9260.

Rockville Centre Officials Re-Elected

Four Village officials were re-elected after the June 18th elections. Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Trustee Michael Sepe, and Village Justice William J. Croutier Jr. won another four-year term. Also on the ballot was the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) proposition. The new pension-style program for Rockville Centre firefighters, which will help recruit and retain members, passed with over 700 votes.



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# Around Our Community

## Trustee Edward Oppenheimer Retires

Village of Rockville Centre Trustee Edward Oppenheimer has retired after ten years of dedicated service to the Village on July 1, 2019. A third-generation Rockville Centre resident, Trustee Oppenheimer was elected to his first four-year term in June 2009.

Trustee Oppenheimer has served as liaison to the Comptroller's office, the Finance Committee, Housing Authority, Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Opportunity Counsel, Confide, Traffic and Transportation, Information Technology, People and Communications, Civic Associations, and the Museum and Historical Committee.

"Ed is the embodiment of what an outstanding citizen is and should be," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "His unwavering dedication, commitment, and willingness to get involved in our Village has made him a dynamic leader that has helped to make Rockville Centre one of the most desirable communities to live, work and play. He is a valuable member of the community



and I have been proud and honored to serve alongside Ed for the past ten years."

Trustee Oppenheimer has a long history of service to the community. In 1979, he joined the Rockville Centre Fire Department. He is

qualified as a firefighter and New York State Critical Care Emergency Medical Technician. He is currently the longest continuously serving EMT-CC in the Department, one of the many reasons he received the Town of Hempstead Firefighter of the Year award in 2007. Over the last four decades, Trustee Oppenheimer has responded to thousands of calls, from childbirths and broken legs to cardiac arrests and car accidents.

Trustee Oppenheimer has served as Nassau County Legislator, as well as Trustee and President of the Rockville Centre Public Library. He was one of the founding Trustees of the Rockville Centre Community Fund, serving as its Treasurer for 25 years. He has also served on the Village Planning Board, Chair of the Traffic and Transportation and Citizens Finance committees, as well as a Trustee of the Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce and Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David.

Trustee Oppenheimer has been recognized for his commitment to Rockville Centre over the years. He was recipient of the Nassau Council

of Chambers of Commerce Business Person of the Year award in 2005 for his CPA practice in town. He received the RVC Chamber Barbara Klein Memorial Service Award in 2009, honored by the Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre in 2009, the 2017 Eugene J. Murray Outstanding Citizenship Award recipient, the Herald's 2017 Person of the Year, and the Community Service Award recipient by the UJA-Federation of New York.

In the absence of Trustee Oppenheimer, Mayor Murray appointed former Trustee Nancy Howard to serve on the Board of Trustees. Howard served as Deputy Mayor from 2011 until 2017 before she stepped down to relocate to Florida. She was the liaison to the Rockville Centre Fire Department, the Sandel Senior Center, the Martin Luther King Center and the Recreation Center. "I am excited to have Nancy back serving our Village," added Mayor Murray. "Her dedication to our Village is second to none and we are fortunate to have her back."

## Are You Ready for a Hurricane?

With hurricane season once again upon us, the Village of Rockville Centre cannot stress enough that all residents need to be prepared. The Atlantic hurricane season began on June 1st and lasts until November 30th.

"As no one can predict where or when a storm will hit, I encourage all residents to be prepared by creating a family hurricane plan and assembling a hurricane supply kit," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Being prepared is your best defense to safely weathering a storm, or any other disaster."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), forecasters are predicting a 40% chance of a near-normal season, a 30% chance of an above-normal season and a 30% chance of below-normal season. The NOAA predicts a likely range of 9 -15 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which four to eight could become hurricanes (winds

of 74 mph or higher), including two to four major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds 111 mph or higher).

Creating an emergency plan ahead of time for you and your family will help you stay organized if a hurricane strikes. Your emergency plan should include a communication system, disaster supply kit, and an alternate meeting place if your home is unsafe. Depending on the severity of the hurricane, you may need to evacuate where you live. Flying debris from the excessive winds are often the deadly and destructive results of these weather events. Residents are encouraged to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down. If you have construction activities underway, make sure the job site is secure before the storm hits.

Major concerns during these natural disasters include downed power lines, which can cause extreme electrical

hazards. In the event you lose power, residents can report a power outage, anytime, by calling 516-766- 5800. Please DO NOT go near any downed wires and always assume that any downed wire is a live electric wire. Do not approach or drive over a downed wire. If a wire falls on a vehicle, occupants should stay inside the vehicle until help arrives.

"I advise all residents to gather any important paperwork including insurance, birth certificates and other documents and keep them in a handy location," continued Murray. "Rest assured that in any case of an emergency, we will be doing everything in our power to assist our residents."

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. Residents can register



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

For further details and preparedness guidelines, please log onto <http://www.rvcny.us/RedCross.html>.

## Fireworks Spectacular Takes to the Sky

Thousands came out to the Village's annual fireworks show. Every year Village residents, family and friends come together to enjoy an evening under the stars funded by residents and businesses, the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts and the Village of Rockville Centre. Spectators were dazzled with a performance by South Shore Symphony.



### Lawn Sprinkling Hours

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has adopted a stringent water conservation plan, as mandated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). This plan includes universal water metering as well as mandatory fines for watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Watering of lawns must coincide with the house address for odd and even days.



### Family Night in the Park Series

Enjoy live music and a variety of food trucks at the Village Green on August 9th and September 6th from 6 to 9 p.m.

### Village E-Alerts

Please take a moment and sign up for the Village E-Alerts to receive timely email notifications with Village news and events. Subscribers can get the latest edition of This Month in Rockville Centre, as well as notifications from the Village. Residents can sign up on the Village website at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov).

### Community Day

The Annual Community Day will be held in front of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Centre Avenue on Saturday, August 24th from noon to 4 p.m. The day will include activities for children, music, dance performances, and tasty treats.

### Village Makes It Easy for Residents to pay Electric Bill

Starting Tuesday, August 6th, residents of Rockville Centre have new, easy options to pay their electric bill. The Village is launching a new bill payment system that includes both phone and online options to pay your bill.

Residents can use their phone to call (516) 986-3178 and use the voice prompts to obtain monthly balance, past due amounts and to make payments. Residents can also pay online by going to <https://rvcnyelectric.merchantransact.com/> to view their bill, make a payment and to switch to paperless billing. Check the Village website for updates.



## Village Hall Comments by Trustee Emilio Grillo *RVC-“Tree City USA”, 31 Years And Counting....*

As all residents know, Rockville Centre has a host of exceptional amenities, including award winning schools, a vibrant and thriving business district, and scores of beautiful homes and neighborhoods, which make our Village appealing to residents and visitors alike.

One the key components of the visual appeal of our Village is our abundance of mature trees and plantings throughout our community, especially in our residential areas. Our trees provide not only welcome shade, but also enhance the overall aesthetics of our community.

Given the large number of mature trees in the Village of Rockville Centre, we have been recognized for 31 consecutive years by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a “Tree City USA” award recipient. This wonderful designation is something that all of our residents should be proud of.

Unfortunately, over the last ten years,



following Superstorm Sandy, as well as the onset of certain tree disease strains, we have seen a decrease in our current Village tree population. As a result, our Grant Writer Suzanne Sullivan and DPW, with the support of the Village Board, set out to secure additional funding to assist in

our tree remediation. In November of 2018, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation awarded the Village a nearly \$50,000 grant to inspect 4,000 trees in our downtown area to prevent the further spread of disease, and maintain our current healthy tree population.

While the Village will continue to inspect and maintain our tree population in our downtown areas, as the Village Board liaison to the Department of Public Works, I would like to remind our residents that the Village of Rockville Centre continues to maintain a Village Tree Program for our residents in residential areas. The Village Tree Program enables Village residents to order young trees, that are approximately 2-2 ½” in diameter, for planting in front of homes between sidewalk and curbs, or direct delivery to your home for private planting. There are a variety of trees available for purchase, including Yoshino

Cherry, Honey Locust Thornless, Flowering Plum and Pyramidal European Hornbeam. The trees cost \$250 per tree, and \$350 for a tree including planting on the curb strip in front of your home. You may order trees through September 13, 2019. The trees will be delivered/planted in late November or early December.

More information regarding the Village Tree Program may be obtained at: [www.rcvny.gov/sites/rockvillecentreny/files/uploads/2019tree\\_program\\_0.pdf](http://www.rcvny.gov/sites/rockvillecentreny/files/uploads/2019tree_program_0.pdf), or by contacting the Department of Public Works at (516) 678-9288.

Together we can all do our part to ensure that Rockville Centre continues to be a vibrant and beautiful community, and that our designation as a “Tree City USA” remains with us for generations to come. On behalf of the Village Board, we wish all of our residents a happy and safe summer.

## Rockville Centre Gives Thanks to Veterans

Residents lined the streets for this year’s Memorial Day Parade led by Grand Marshal Michael Fallon, an Army veteran from the Korean War, to pay tribute to the Village’s veterans and service men and women.

Following the annual Memorial Parade, a ceremony at Veterans Park was held in honor of those who gave their lives for the country, as well as for the 100th anniversary of Rockville Centre’s American Legion Post 303.



## Village Urges Water Safety this Summer

With the warm summer months upon us, the Village of Rockville Centre urges residents to practice water safety. According to the Centers for Disease Control, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury and death among children one to fourteen years old and fifth among all age groups.

“It is imperative that each household takes the proper safety measures to help prevent a water-related tragedy from occurring,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Constant supervision, along with four-sided fencing, knowing how to perform CPR and teaching children how to swim are all important steps in preventing pool tragedies and promising for a fun and safe summer season.”

The Village of Rockville Centre and New York State building codes include very specific rules and regulations regarding swimming pool and hot tub safety such as pool alarms and secure fencing to protect the safety of all our residents and guests. Residents can contact the Building Department at 678-9247 for a no cost evaluation to assure that all fencing, safety and electrical codes are met to assure your continued safety and enjoyment of your swimming pool. For further code



and safety requirements and information residents are encouraged to visit our Village Building Department “help topics” website at <http://www.rcvny.gov/building-department/pages/help-topics>.

Below are some precautions to keep you and your family safe this summer in and around the pool:

- Never leave your children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment. Do not rely on

older children to watch a younger child.

- Do not rely solely on safety aids such as water wings, arm bands or safety vests. Adult supervision is still necessary.
- Practice ‘touch supervision’ with children younger than 5 years. This means that an adult is within an arm’s length of the child at all times.
- Install an alarm in your pool.
- If you are planning a pool party, consider hiring a certified lifeguard to supervise those who will be in the pool.
- When entertaining have adults gather facing the pool, more eyes means better safety.
- Encourage swimming with a buddy, never swim alone.
- Put up a fence to separate your house from the pool. The fence should at least 4 feet high around the pool. Use gates that self-close and self-latch, with latches higher than your children’s reach.
- Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd’s hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool.
- Do not use air-filled “swimming aids” as a substitute for approved life vests.
- Remove all toys from the pool after use so children aren’t tempted to reach for them.

- After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they can’t get back into it.
- Drain Entrapment occurs when part of a child’s body becomes attached to a drain because of the powerful suction of a pool or hot tub filtration system. The powerful suction can trap a child underwater or cause internal injuries. It can also occur when a child’s hair, swimsuit or jewelry becomes entangled in the drain. Warn your children about the dangers of drain entrapment, and teach them never to play near a pool drain, with or without a cover.
- Pin up long hair when in the water and remove loose parts of swimsuits and loose jewelry that can get ensnared.
- Equip pools and hot tubs with an anti-entrapment drain cover and an approved safety vacuum release system and regularly check that drain covers are secure and have no cracks. Flat drain covers can be replaced with dome-shaped ones.
- Be aware of “kiddie” pools with missing or broken drain covers. Small children have direct access to the bottom drain in “kiddie” pools and sitting on open drains can cause serious internal organ damage.
- Learn CPR and first aid to prepare for emergencies.





# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## Snowflake Softball Leagues

The Recreation Department conducts softball leagues for men's and women's teams during the fall months. Games are played weekday evenings at ball fields within the Village. Contact Troy at [THassler@rvcny.us](mailto:THassler@rvcny.us) or pick up a roster form and information at the office.

## Cycle with Care Bicycle Safety Program

The Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Rockville Centre Police Department, conducts a Bicycle Safety Program to assist children in good bicycle riding habits, to teach them the rules of the road and to inspect and license their bikes. Staff will visit the local public schools during the second week of September to conduct inspections. Anyone wishing to register a bike on their own can contact Linardy at the Recreation Center.

**Register for  
all Recreation  
Department  
activities at  
[rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com)**



Basketball Playoffs begin in August

## Ultimate Games Camp

Since 2007, the Ultimate Games Camp has provided local communities with a neighborhood camp. The Recreation Center will be providing an opportunity for boys and girls of all skill levels going into first grade through eighth grade from August 19th to August 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to participate in a fun and safe environment!

Register directly with [www.ultimategamescamp.com](http://www.ultimategamescamp.com). See detailed flyer for more information. Daily rates and sibling discounts are available.

## Online Registration for Fall Programs

The Recreation Department's annual brochure is available for your perusal at the Village website at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov). The brochure gives details on the vast array of activities that will be offered this year.

Registration for fall programs begins on August 5th. Residents are strongly urged to register as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in the class day and time of your choice. Individual program flyers will also be available at the Recreation Department office and on the website. New and almost new programs that are offered this fall include: Picky Eaters Anonymous, Pint-Sized Picasso, Ninja Challenge, and Bricks4 Kidz LEGO Motor Mania. A variety of other programs for residents of all ages are available.

Participants can register on-line in the comfort of their own home at [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com) or at the Recreation Center office during regular office hours.



Happy Piano Baby Bounce class available this fall



Oliver having a jumping good time in Tumbles class

## Recreation Department Hours

During our late-summer building maintenance period from August 21st through September 4th, the Recreation Center office will be open for business Monday through Friday. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please note the Recreation Center will be closed on Labor Day.

## TIME TO ORDER A TREE

The Rockville Centre Department of Public Works curbside tree planting program is now underway for the Fall of 2019. Residents have until September 13, 2019 to order a tree from among the seven varieties listed below. Trees are \$250.00 each. Village contractors will plant a tree for you for \$350.00, which includes the cost of the tree, planting and a one-year guarantee.

(If the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free)

### 2018 TREE PLANTING ORDER FORM

Order deadline: September 13, 2019 – Planting date: Fall, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### VARIETY:

- ☐ Yoshino Cherry ☐ Flowering Plum ☐ Pyramidal European Hornbeam  
☐ Honey Locust Thornless

\_\_\_\_\_ Tree Only: \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Tree and Planting \$350.00

MAIL TO: 2019 TREES \* ROCKVILLE CENTRE D.P.W. \* P.O. BOX 950 \* RVC \* NY \* 11571

Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre

For more information, please visit [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov)

## 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



## Rockville Centre Native Crystal Dunn Wins Gold

Rockville Centre's Crystal Dunn and Team USA claimed the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup on July 7th. The U.S. Women's National Team defeated the Netherlands 2-0 to earn back-to-back World Cup titles – thanks in part to the efforts of Crystal. Helping to limit their opposition to three goals in seven matches, Crystal played in six of seven games for the U.S. The 2016 Olympian also played all 95 minutes alone in the win over the Netherlands.

“Crystal is an amazing young woman that has excelled at everything she does, both

on and off the playing field,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “She has not only brought great pride and joy to her family, but to everyone in our Village.”

Crystal started playing soccer in her early years as part of the Rockville Centre Soccer Club. She played town soccer in Rockville Centre and then became a member of the Rockville Centre Power and Rockville Centre Tornadoes travel teams. She helped lead the South Side High School Lady Cyclones to state championships in 2006, 2007 and 2009.



## 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**