

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



**October 7, At 7 P.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, October 14  
Village Offices Closed  
COLUMBUS DAY**

**October 16, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**October 29, At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**November 4, At 7 P.M.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**November 27, At 7:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, November 11  
Village Offices Closed in observance of  
VETERANS DAY**

**November 19, At 7 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD**

**Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29  
Village Offices Closed  
THANKSGIVING**

**November 28, 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 14, 2019 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 16, 2019 No bulk items or  
paper pickup

### THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK

Thursday, November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day -  
No trash collection

will be on Friday, November 29, 2019

Friday, November 29, 2019 trash collection will  
be on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Wednesday,  
November 27, 2019 there will be Bulk and 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.

## Trustee Nancy Howard Returns to Village Hall

Mayor Francis X. Murray swore in former Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard to fill the role of Trustee after the retirement of Ed Oppenheimer on July 1st. Howard served as Deputy Mayor from 2011 before stepping down in May of 2017. Trustee Howard and her husband, David, have called Rockville Centre home for a quarter of a century and raised their four children, Matthew, Thomas, James, and Emily here.

"I am excited to have Trustee Howard back working for our residents," commented Mayor Murray. "Her problem-solving skills, calming nature, knowledge of issues, and attention to detail has always ensured a positive result."

A graduate of Parsons School of Design, Howard worked as a Human Resource



Executive at Macy's and the Salomon Brothers before serving as Deputy Mayor. During her tenure as Deputy Mayor, Howard served as liaison to the Rockville Centre Fire Department, Sandel Senior Center, Martin Luther King Center, and the John A. Anderson Recreation Center. She was instrumental in the downtown

renaissance, field restorations, road programs, vehicle purchases, electric and water improvements, as well as the refurbishing of Eugene J. Murray Village Hall.

Howard has spent countless hours volunteering her time with the Rockville Centre PTA, Rockville Centre Education Foundation Board, Mercy League, Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts, and the RVC Community Fund.

"Rockville Centre is a unique and special place to live and raise a family. I was privileged to serve for six years as Deputy Mayor and I am delighted to return as a Trustee to continue to work alongside Mayor Murray, my fellow Trustees and our incredible employees."

## Rockville Centre Goes Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Each September, Rockville Centre renews 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." In addition, residents joined the Mayor and Board of Trustees to light the tree gold outside Village Hall on September 8th to help commemorate and bring awareness.

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 want to dedicate ourselves to recognizing this terrible illness," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "May their courageous commitment and determination continue to move us forward to new cures, health outcomes, and brighter futures for our youth."



## Officer John Siraco Named "Cop of the Month"

The Rockville Centre Police Department announced the selection of Officer John Siraco as the "Cop of the Month." Officer Siraco was recognized for his dedicated performance of duty that resulted in the arrest of a subject for Grand Larceny and Criminal Possession of a forged instrument.

Prior to joining the Rockville Centre Police Department, Officer Siraco was a member of the New York Police Department where he patrolled in the Brooklyn Housing Bureau for 10 years. During his career with the NYPD, he made several high-profile arrests. He was awarded "Cop of the Month" twice as well as the second highest medal, "The Combat Cross" for an armed battle with a perpetrator. In his time with the Rockville Centre Police Department, he has distinguished himself as a valuable asset to the Rockville Centre Police Department, earning the "Cop of the Month" distinction in the past.

"Rockville Centre remains one of the safest communities in New York State due to the vigilance of our highly-trained Police Department," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Officer

Siraco has proven to be a knowledgeable and skilled Officer. I would like to thank him for his commitment to our community. His dedication, along with the entire Rockville Centre Police Department, is one of the reasons Rockville Centre is the one of the most desirable places to live, work, and raise a family."



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# Around Our Community

## 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, as well as multiple day trips to top spots throughout Long Island.

Members and residents throughout the Village concluded the summer with the annual Community Day. 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.

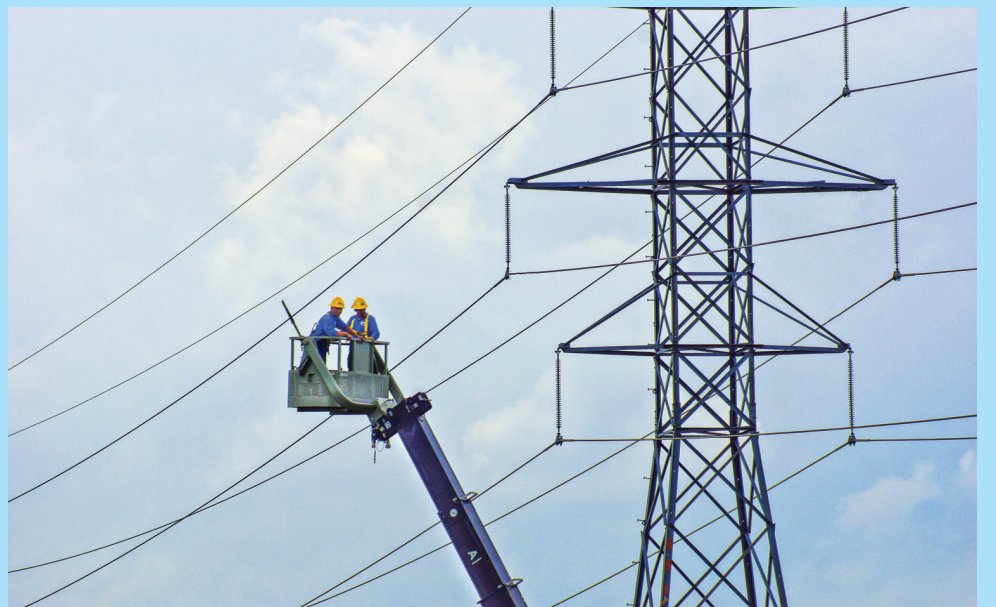


## Are You on The Electric Department's Life Support List?

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. Please note, a letter from your health care provider stating you are on medical equipment is needed. In the event of a storm, customers on the life support list will be given a priority for restoration along with critical facilities and other emergencies (wires down, etc.). 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.



### Leaf Pickup

November 12, 2019 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 28, 2019 will be on Friday, November 29, 2019. The last day of leaf pickup is Friday, December 13, 2019.

### 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.

### Fall Hydrant Flushing

RVC Village water mains will be given their 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.

### Parking Permit Information

November 1st all Employee Parking Permits will renew.

Holders of an "E" permit will receive a preprinted renewal at their place of employment the last week of September. The renewals should be mailed along with a copy of the vehicle registration and the \$257 payment in the envelope provided.

Holders of a "Q" permit will not receive preprinted renewals and will need to reapply for a quarterly or annual permit. Please refer to the Village website for the appropriate application and the mandatory notarized employer letter.

All Employee Parking Permits will be mailed out in a bulk mailing the last week of October to their employer.

### 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 \$697; combat \$1,161; and disabled up to \$2,322 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 2018 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications will be available on the Village website [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov), by visiting the Tax Office on the first floor of Village Hall at One College Place weekdays between 8:00 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.

### Garbage Container Reminders

We ask all residents to be mindful of Village code that prohibits garbage containers that are either oversized or overweight. These cans as well as any container with lids secured by bungee cords have been known to cause serious work related injuries to trash collectors. Always use the correct sized garbage can, 36-gallons or less.

Oversized cans were manufactured for collection by automated garbage trucks. Garbage trucks in the Village of Rockville Centre are loaded using manual labor.

### Friendship Fair

On October 18th and 19th, the Church of Ascension, located at 71 North Village Avenue in Rockville Centre, will hold its bi-annual Friendship Fair from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Participants will enjoy a silent auction, raffles, thrift tables, home cooked meals, books, toys, collectables, jewelry, antiques and much more. The Shop at Ascension will also be open and offering better goods at bargain prices.

Bring your treasures on Saturday, October 19th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to be appraised by Phillip Weiss, who appears on the Antiques Road Show. Cost is \$10 for a single item, or three for \$25. No furniture or jewelry please. For further information, please call (516) 766-0693.



## Village Hall Comments by Trustee Nancy Howard

It is once again my honor and privilege to be serving Rockville Centre as a Village Trustee. It was with mixed emotions however as I was sworn in to fill the position that was so well held by Trustee Oppenheimer for many years.

Trustee Ed Oppenheimer retired from the Village Board for health reasons but his years as a Trustee were exemplary. I served on the Board of Trustees with Ed for six years before I moved and saw first-hand his devotion, commitment and pride in serving Rockville Centre. This is where Ed grew up and stayed to live and raise his family alongside his lovely wife Ethel. Ed was passionate about fiscal responsibility and maintaining a high level of quality of life. When I was newly elected, Ed offered his wisdom and experience to me; I valued his insight and friendship. I promise now to follow Ed's lead and serve with a commitment to do what is best for the



residents of our community.

Moving back to Rockville Centre from Florida came quicker than my husband Dave and I had anticipated but we are happy to be here near family and surrounded by friends.

We lived in Rio Vista, a neighborhood in

Fort Lauderdale that we found to have many of the same qualities of Rockville Centre. It's a neighborhood filled with people of all ages, many families facing the hectic lifestyle of stay at home parents, working parents, active children playing outside and rushing to after school activities all hoping to preserve the quality-of-life they valued about their community.

My joy and interest in my new community led me to get civically involved. I joined the campaign of a gentleman running for Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. As a result I had the opportunity to hear residents' interests and concerns for their community. I learned that Rockville Centre and Fort Lauderdale really did have a lot in common.

The concerns were for an aging infrastructure, what some saw as over development in the city, traffic and parking issues caused by a growing population, multi-car homes and an active and thriving

downtown. Community policing and safety was another concern as car break-ins to unlocked cars in driveways left residents feeling violated and angry.

Sound familiar?

Sitting in on many community meetings in Florida I heard different ideas on how to address these issues, which I will share with my fellow Trustees as we continue to face these challenges together.

I am grateful that like Fort Lauderdale, Rockville Centre has its own independent political parties and is not influenced by the large national parties that sometimes impede the productivity and effectiveness of local government. I am excited and grateful to rejoin the current Board of Trustees who are extremely responsive and dedicated to the residents of Rockville Centre.

## Fall Fun at the Sandel Senior Center

Fall is a great time to join the Sandel Center! Enjoy fitness classes, learning opportunities, trips, volunteerism, guest speakers, games, and more. Adults age 60 plus, from Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities are encouraged to visit the center and see what it has to offer. For information please call 678-9245 or visit our website: [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) and follow the link to Senior Citizens.



Dining out is more fun with friends.

### 2019 Fall Programs at Sandel

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Range of Motion Center Stage Chorus Brain Fitness Headlines Plants & Grounds Scrabble Rummikub	Men's Club Billiards Aerobics Pilates Lectures Artist Reception Yoga Cards (Men's Poker) Talk it out/Words of Wisdom Canasta	Stretch & Balance Meditation News Landmark Theatre 9/11 Sit & Dance Cards & Dominoes Line Dance Dine Around Fashion Show 10/16	Cardio Dance Studio Art Knitting & Crocheting Card Making Flower Arranging Sing-a-long MahJongg Cards (Men's Poker) Yoga	Total Body Workout (weekly) Featured Special Events: Bingo 9/6 Birthday Brunch 9/13 Paint Party 9/20 German Festival @ Plattduetsche 10/18 Flea Market 10/25 Veterans Day Lunch 11/15 Thanksgiving Lunch 11/22 Holiday Party @ Bridgeview Yacht 12/13



Sandel Senior Men's Club summer barbeque.



Guest speakers with a broad range of topics are featured regularly.

## 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 several 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.





# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



## Senator Kaminsky Golden Gathering

Join Senator Todd Kaminsky for the annual Golden Gathering Senior Health Fair on October 25th. Senior Citizen information, demonstrations and flu shots will be available at the Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## 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 three through eighth must register by October 15th at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 19th 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!



## Ragamuffin Parade

Rockville Centre's Annual Halloween Ragamuffin Parade and Party will be held on Sunday, October 27th. 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 the Recreation 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 outdoor parade is cancelled, but the party will begin indoors at 2:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



## Annual 5 K Run And One-Mile Family Fun Run

Join hundreds of your neighbors and friends who will be running in our Road Races through the beautiful streets of Rockville Centre on Saturday, November 9th. Register online at [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com) or in person at the Recreation Center. Both races begin and end at the Rockville Centre Train Station.

## 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 7:00 p.m.: Total Body Workout and Zumba
- Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.: Fitness Power Hour
- Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.: Zumba

## Winter Program Registration

Registration for the Winter 2020 Program session begins Monday, November 4th for residents and returning program participants. Non-Resident registration begins on November 12th. 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 Learn to Play Chess, Happy Piano music classes, Fencing, Ninja Challenge or Bowling! Exciting new classes include Debate, Yoga and Sports with Reconnect RVC, LEGO Motor Mania, Picky Eaters Anonymous, CrossFit for Pre-schoolers and more! Check out the schedule on our website or pick up detailed flyers at the office. Registration its quick and easy through our new registration site at [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com). Programs begin on January 6th.

## 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 Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the holidays and any time of the year.

## Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child's next birthday at the Recreation Center! We have expanded the array of themed options to include Roll Around (ages 1-6), Sports/Games (ages 6-12), Mad Science (ages 3-12), Bricks4Kidz LEGO (ages 4-12), Ninja Challenge (ages 5-9), Glam Spa (ages 5-12), Wands & Wizards (ages 6-12). Call the office for details, pricing and availability.

## 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



## Register for all Recreation Department activities at

[rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com)

## 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**