

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



August 2, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

August 7, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 4
Village Offices Closed
LABOR DAY

September 6, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 13, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

September 19, At 7:00 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Log onto www.rvcny.gov for detailed information for each meeting.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2023

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 6, 2023

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. - 3:00 P.M.

Tax Department 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Village Bids Farewell to Dedicated Public Servants

The Village bid farewell to three long-time dedicated team members this June. Trustee Michael Sepe, Rockville Centre Police Department Commissioner James Vafeades, and Director of Senior Services Chris O'Leary have retired after 70 years of combined service.

A fierce advocate for the Village of Rockville Centre, Trustee Sepe was elected to the Village of Rockville Centre Board of Trustees in 2011 and re-elected in 2015 and 2019. Trustee Sepe served as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney before founding his law practice, Michael Sepe, LLC, in Rockville Centre. Throughout the years, he has utilized his legal expertise to the benefit of the Rockville Centre community.



During his tenure as Village Trustee, he served as liaison to the Rockville Centre Police Department, Building Department, the Nassau County Legislature, and as a member of the Rockville Centre Board of Ethics. Trustee Sepe did not seek re-election in the June election. Trustee Sepe was honored for serving the community with dedication and commitment for the last 12 years at the June Board of Trustees meeting.



Nancy Codispoti has been appointed as Director of Senior Services.



After 33 years of devoted service to the Rockville Centre Police Department, Commissioner James Vafeades has retired. A graduate of St. John's University with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Vafeades joined the Rockville Centre Police Department in 1990. He went on to graduate the FBI's National Academy in 2011 and attained a master's degree in criminal justice from Molloy University. His dedication and hard work earned him a promotion to Police Sergeant in 2002 and Police Lieutenant in 2010, before his appointment to Police Commissioner in 2018. As Commissioner, Vafeades was responsible for planning,



organizing, supervising and directing the activities of all 58 officers and 36 civilian employees in the department. He served throughout the coronavirus pandemic and played a pivotal role in the construction of the new state-of-the-art police headquarters on Maple Avenue. Commissioner Vafeades was honored for his service at the June Board of Trustees meeting and had his final walkout of police headquarters on June 29th.

"Commissioner James Vafeades devoted more than three decades of his life to serving and protecting our residents and visitors," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Because of his diligent service and leadership, Rockville Centre is one of the safest cities in the United States. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated dedication, commitment, and professionalism. He will truly be missed."

After 25 years of dedicated, professional,

and compassionate service, Director of the Sandel Senior Center Chris O'Leary retired. Director O'Leary began her career with the Sandel Senior Center in 1998 coordinating events and classes part time. In 2001, she began as a full time Program Coordinator before becoming the Deputy Director in 2002, and Director in 2013. Over her tenure, Director O'Leary has faithfully and thoroughly fulfilled her roles and responsibilities, frequently going above and beyond. Director O'Leary was honored for her invaluable contributions that positively impacted the lives of countless members



of the Sandel Center at the June Board of Trustees meeting, as well as a retirement party given by the Sandel Center on June 9th.

"We thank Trustee Sepe, Commissioner Vafeades, and Director Chris O'Leary for their dedicated service to our great Village and wish them all the best in their future endeavors," continued Mayor Murray.

Nancy Codispoti has been appointed as Director of Senior Services. Codispoti, a Rockville Centre resident, has worked at the Sandel Center for the past 18 years. Throughout her tenure, she has created and executed innovative programs that promote vital aging and has been a strong advocate for seniors. "The Mayor, Board of Trustees, and I were thrilled to appoint Nancy to her new role," stated Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. "We are confident that her wealth of experience and dedication to our seniors will have Sandel members dancing into the future."



Village Officials Sworn into Office

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre held a general Village election on June 20th at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center. Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, and Gregory P. Shaughnessy were

elected to serve on the Village Board. In addition, Justice William Croutier was re-elected to the Village Justice, all to four-year terms. The Village officials were sworn into office at the Organizational Meeting held on July 6th.



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Around Our Community

Village of Rockville Centre Receives AAA Rating From S&P Global Rating

Mayor Francis X. Murray is pleased to announce that the Village of Rockville Centre has once again received the highest possible bond rating from one of the top credit rating services. Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings has affirmed Rockville Centre's AAA rating for public improvements bonds. The exemplary rating means that the Village can secure a lower interest rate on bonds, reducing the cost to taxpayers.

"I am extremely proud of the Village's

S&P rating," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "My administration has remained diligent in bringing about fiscal discipline to the operation of our Village while not impacting services. As S&P noted, conservative budget practices have enabled us to build a track record of positive financial results. Much of this can be attributed to the professional team we have in place in Rockville Centre, including our department heads, Comptroller Dennis

Morgan, and Village Administrator Nancy Howard."

The S&P report went on to say that the rating reflects its assessment on multiple factors for the Village including good financial management policies and practices, conservative budgeting, and recurring surpluses and very strong reserves.

"We are pleased that S&P recognized the importance of our strong financial practices," commented Comptroller Dennis Morgan.

"Rockville Centre's strong financial position is a direct correlation to the leadership and support in place that starts at the top with the Mayor and Board of Trustees."

S&P Global Ratings is an American credit rating agency and a division of S&P Global that publishes financial research and analysis on stocks, bonds, and commodities and provides high-quality market intelligence in the form of credit ratings, research, and thought leadership.

Rockville Centre Pays Tribute on Memorial Day

Residents lined the streets to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our nation's freedom this Memorial Day. The annual parade led by Grand Marshal and Nassau County American Legion Commander Joe Scarola, concluded at Veterans Park where hundreds gathered for a fitting ceremony to honor the

memories of our fallen heroes.

"Memorial Day is one of the most solemn days of remembrance of any of our nation's holidays," Mayor Francis X. Murray said during the ceremony. "It is a day to honor and reflect upon the selfless dedication of our fallen military heroes. We recall the incredible sacrifices that have been made,

and to acknowledge a debt that can never be repaid in full."

This year's parade route featured military tribute banners that honors and recognizes veterans, active-duty, reserves, and National Guard members. The banners will continue to fly high above Maple Avenue through Veterans Day in November.



Photos: Richard Law

Sandel Members Stay Active with SPA this Summer



The Sandel Center is having a summer to remember with the return of Senior People in Action (SPA). SPA is an award-winning program filled with activities that encourage friendship, fitness, and vitality. The summer long program motivates members to get outdoors and socialize by taking trips to the beach, outdoor dining, and walks on the

boardwalk. Participants are also educated on the importance of good health and nutrition with lectures throughout the summer.

Sandel membership is open to those aged 60+ who reside in Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities. To become a member please call (516) 678-9350 or visit our page on the Village website at www.rvcny.gov.



Are you Ready for Hurricane Season?

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.

Residents are encouraged to be prepared and create an emergency plan beforehand and have all important papers in one spot. Flying debris from the excessive winds are often the deadly and destructive results of these weather events. Residents are encouraged to bring

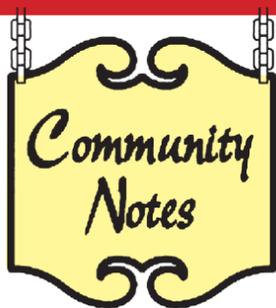
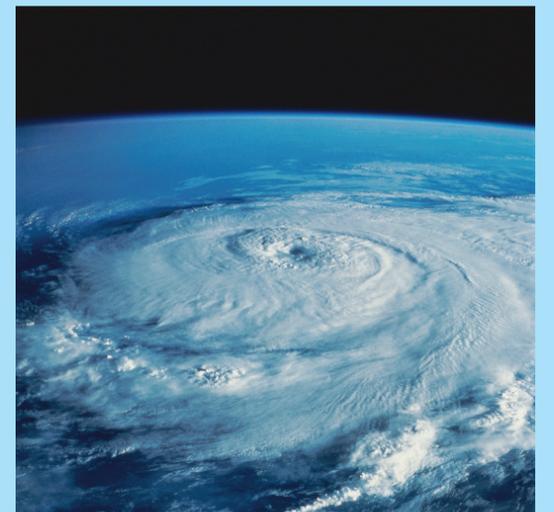
in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down. If you have construction activities underway, make sure the job site is secure before the storm hits.

There's a lot to remember when it comes to hurricane preparedness but making sure your trees are trimmed and healthy going into hurricane season is critical. Unhealthy and damaged trees can be the cause of major damage to homes and the electrical system. Residents are encouraged to consult with an arborist to have their trees assessed and have

any dead or weak trees and limbs removed.

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.

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



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 26th from noon to 4 p.m. The day will include activities for children, music, dance performances, and tasty treats.

Farmers Market Open

The Farmers Market is open every Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon until December 17, 2023, in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and North Forest Avenue.

Summer Yoga Series in the Green

The RVC Conservancy and Come Together Yoga Studio (CTYS) are partnering again to offer a Saturday morning yoga class at the Village Green on Maple Avenue (weather permitting). The ongoing series runs until October 28th. Classes will be held at 10 a.m. and are \$5 for CTYS members and \$10 for non-members.

Bring your own yoga mat or towels. All park proceeds will benefit the RVC Conservancy. Pre-registration is not required, but can be done beforehand by visiting www.cometotheryoga.com

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.

Playing on the Porch

The Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Playing on the Porch. Music makers of all genres are invited to play from their front porch or lawn on Saturday, September 9th from 3 to 6 p.m. To register, please contact Iyna Caruso at iyna@optonline.net.



Viewpoint: Comments by Trustee Gregory P. Shaughnessy

This past July, I was honored and humbled to be sworn in as your newly elected Village Trustee. I'd like to thank all the residents who exercised their right to vote. What made that night so personally memorable was not only having family with me but having my uncle/godfather swear me in as a tribute to my grandfather who ran for public office in Dorchester, MA in 1958 and passed shortly thereafter.

I grew up in the suburbs of Boston, MA. Son of a firefighter and registered nurse, I am the middle of three children with an older sister who has dedicated her life to service as a U.S. Navy nurse and a younger sister with special needs. I met my wife in Boston and followed her back home to New York in 2000 where we married and became the proud parents to two wonderful children and a dog.

For over 20 years, I have worked in the private equity real estate space in both the

public and private sectors.

When I was introduced to Rockville Centre as the place to raise our family it was an easy decision. Our Village is one of the most diverse, family focused, hardest working group of people I have ever met. From all the amazing parades along Maple Avenue to the schools and facilities focused on our youth and seniors to the tireless dedication of our first responders and Village employees, RVC has so much to offer.

Giving back to your community and those



in need was a central family value throughout my childhood. When moving to our great Village over a decade ago, I wanted to get involved. My family and I have been committed to supporting charitable organizations within Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities. I have also served as a coach for multiple youth athletic teams with the RVC Little League and St. Agnes CYO.

For the past seven years, I have been a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. This has given me a unique perspective into

our Village's current zoning codes and the challenges that have come about due to the current codes. I plan to focus on this over the next few years to ensure our Village is the best possible place to live today and well into the future.

As Village Trustee, I have been appointed to serve as liaison to several Village departments including, but not limited to, the Building Department, Planning and Zoning Boards, as well as the Hispanic Brotherhood, RVC Guild for the Arts, and the Nassau County Legislature. As liaison to these departments, I am excited to jump right in and look for ways to improve upon our great foundation on behalf of all our residents and businesses.

I look forward to working with my fellow colleagues in government to provide our residents with the high level of dedicated services they deserve.

36TH Annual Mayor's Golf Classic

On Thursday, September 28th, the Rockville Centre Links Country Club will be hosting the 36th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic. The annual Classic will be honoring Mindy Roman.

"Rockville Centre is lucky to have Mindy Roman," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "She has consistently given back to our Village and fellow neighbors. She embodies all that is wonderful about our great Village. She is most certainly deserving to be the 2023 honoree."

Mindy Roman has called Rockville Centre home for over three decades. In that time, Mindy has touched countless lives with her unwavering dedication, commitment, and willingness to get involved in this great community. She has served on the PTA for Hewitt, SSMS, and SSHS, as well as counsel to the RVC Planning Board, Prosecutor for the Village, and President of Child Abuse Prevention Services. A member of the law firm Horing Welikson Rosen & Digrugillers, Mindy specializes in landlord-tenant law. She is an active member of the Nassau County Bar Association for whom she serves as a volunteer in their foreclosure and landlord-tenant programs; a grader for the New York State Bar Exam; and a Mediator in the First District Court in Hempstead.

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 \$1.95 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 \$375. Dinner-only tickets are \$125.

For reservations or for information about sponsorships or journal ads, call Lois Tinghitella at 516-678-9264.



Fireworks Spectacular Takes to the Sky

The Annual Fireworks Celebration and Concert took to the skies on July 8th. Thousands of families and friends gathered to

enjoy an evening under the stars with the iconic Crucci fireworks and performance by South Shore Symphony.



Stay Connected with the Village of Rockville Centre

The Village of Rockville Centre has a number of communications channels to help residents and businesses receive the latest information about our community and engage with Village Hall. Visit the Village website, www.rvcny.us, for meeting agendas and minutes, pay utility and real estate tax payments,

news and events, as well as access the newsletter, This Month. In addition, you can sign up for the Village E-Alerts and Swift 911 systems. E-alerts sends subscribers urgent notifications via email including road closures, power outages, storm warning, and other timely notices. Swift 911 is a high-speed notification program that delivers recorded messages/warnings to the community via telephone. The Village's social media pages provide residents, businesses and visitors with information about community programs, services, projects, issues, events and activities. You can follow the Village on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter.

Quick Links

- Board of Trustees Meeting Notice
- Bike Locker Lottery
- Mayor's Golf Outing - 9/28/23
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- Parking Permits & Maps
- Senior Citizens
- Public / Legal Notices
- Fee Schedule
- Sign Up for E-Alerts
- Swift 911

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When there is an emergency, change in sanitation schedule, hydrants being flushed, power outages, etc. — **we want you to be informed.**

Please sign up for EMAIL ALERTS and ROBOCALLS.

Also, stay in touch through social media:

TWITTER: @VillageRVC

FACEBOOK: Village of Rockville Centre

INSTAGRAM: @villageofrockvillecentre

<<SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS

<<SIGN UP FOR ROBOCALLS

Rockville Centre Electric News

Rockville Centre Peak Savers Commercial Lighting program offers rebates for non-residential customers to upgrade to energy efficient LED lighting. The Rockville Centre Peak Savers program is helping businesses reduce energy consumption, save money, and increase decarbonization.

Commercial Lighting rebates are available for LED lamps, downlights, recessed downlights, high bay fixtures and refrigerated case lighting. *Rebates up to \$500 per Net kW saved. Visit us at <https://www.rvcny.gov/electric-department/pages/rvc-thermostat-rebates> for program information and easily download your application! We also offer custom considerations if the upgrades do not fall under prescriptive installations.

Questions? Please call 866-314-9611 or email us at info@rvcpeaksavers.com.



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The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Fall 2023 Programs

Registration for fall programs will begin Monday, August 21st for residents and Wednesday, August 23rd for non-residents. Registration is online for all recreation programs. You must establish your family profile on Rockvillecentre.recdesk.com if you have not done so already.

We are pleased to be offering gymnastics, guitar, chess, tap/ballet, dog obedience, cooking, and art to name a few. Take a look at our lineup of activities for toddlers through adults at Rockvillecentre.recdesk.com to view all our programs. Be sure to register early, as class sizes are limited!

Detailed flyers will be available at www.rvcny.gov. Programs will begin the week of September 18th.



Centre Police Department, will conduct a Bicycle Safety Program at the local elementary schools for grades 3-5 in September. The program teaches children good bicycle riding habits including the rules of the road. In addition, all bikes will be inspected and



registered, the prefix "LNRC" will be stamped on them to identify Rockville Centre bikes to our neighboring Police Departments. In the event a bike is recovered, this identification number can help us locate its owner.

Bicycle Safety Program

The Village of Rockville Centre Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Rockville



Cardio and Zumba Workouts

Stay in shape as Sheila Hawkins presents her exhilarating cardio challenge on Tuesdays with a total body workout with weights at 6:40 p.m. or Zumba at 7:25 p.m. Get a total body workout with tubes on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. or Zumba on Saturdays at 9 a.m. The pay-as-you-go fee is \$10 per session. Beginners are encouraged to participate.

Pickleball

The fastest growing sport in America is here at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center! We have two outdoor courts. Please contact Frank Milillo at (516) 384-5124 regarding information about leagues forming in the fall.

DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AT WWW.RVCNY.GOV CLICK ON THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT LINK.

VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE STORM WATER GUIDE

Unlike waste water that goes into our sanitary sewers, storm water, and all that it is carrying, is not treated before being discharged to our surrounding water bodies. Storm Water comes from precipitation that flows across the ground or pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt.

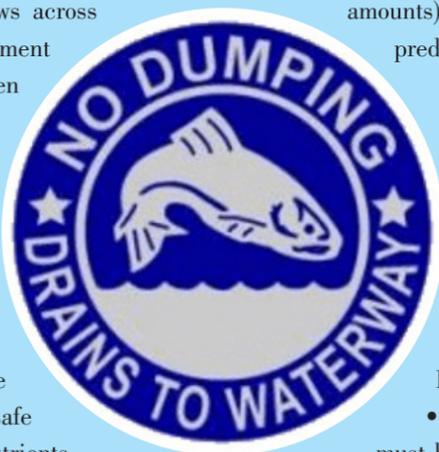
Storm water pollution can harm fish & other aquatic wildlife, kill native vegetation, destroy aquatic habitats, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant. Nutrients carried by storm water may also cause undesirable algae and vegetative growth.

Substances carried by storm water that are considered to be pollutants are: sediment, trash, and debris, oil grease, and toxic chemicals, soap and paint products from outdoor maintenance activities. Please help protect our storm water by:

- Do not over-water. If water flows off your yard onto your driveway or sidewalk, your system is over watering.
- Do not rake or blow leaves or clippings into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Instead, dispose of waste by composting or bagging it and placing it with your household waste for pickup

- Follow directions on pesticides and fertilizers, (measure, do not estimate amounts). Do not use if rain is predicted within 48 hours



- Always pick up after your pet. Flush waste down the toilet or dispose of it in the trash.

NEVER DEPOSIT PET WASTE DIRECTLY IN STORM DRAIN!

- Pool and spa water must be de-chlorinated and be free of excess acid, alkali or color.

- When draining your pool all water should be directed to a drywell on your property

- Take your vehicle to a commercial car wash whenever possible. If you wash your vehicle at home, choose soaps or detergents labeled non-toxic, phosphate free or biodegradable

- Take items such as used batteries, oven cleaners, automotive fluids, painting products, TVs and computer monitors to a household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

TIME TO ORDER A TREE

2023 TREE PLANTING FORM

I am requesting the Village of Rockville Centre to supply and plant a tree on the curb strip at the following location:

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____
 E-Mail: _____

QTY
 ___ Japanese Lilac
 ___ Sugar Maple
 ___ Canada Red Select Cherry
 ___ Yoshino Cherry
 ___ Japanese Zelkova

Tree only (\$250 each): _____
 Tree & planting (\$350 each): _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please make checks payable to the Village of Rockville Centre and mail to Rockville Centre DPW/Trees, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

Return by September 8, 2023
For further details, please visit www.rvcny.gov