

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

October 2, At 7 PM.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 4, At 7 PM.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, October 9
Village Offices Closed
COLUMBUS DAY

October 17, At 7 PM.
PLANNING BOARD

November 6, At 7 PM.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 8, At 7 PM.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Friday, November 10
Village Offices Closed in observance of
VETERANS DAY

November 21, At 7 PM.
PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24
Village Offices Closed
THANKSGIVING

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 9, 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, October 11, 2023 No bulk items or paper pickup

THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK
Thursday, November 23, 2023
No trash collection

Normal Thursday trash collection will be on Friday, November 24, 2023.
Normal Friday trash collection will be on Saturday, November 25, 2023.
There will be bulk and paper pickup on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

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 of Rockville Centre Swears in New Police Commissioner and Promoted Officers

Randy Dodd, a seasoned law enforcement professional with 25 years of dedicated service in the Village of Rockville Centre, was sworn in as the new Rockville Centre Police Department Commissioner by Mayor Francis X. Murray on August 7, 2023. Additionally, Nick DeLuca was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officers Salju Thomas and Joseph Burnside were promoted to Sergeant at the same Board of Trustees meeting.

Born and raised in Long Beach and Lido Beach with strong ties to Rockville Centre, Commissioner Dodd graduated from Long Beach High School with a full athletic scholarship to Northeastern University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Commissioner Dodd went on to receive a Criminal Justice Education Certificate from the University of Virginia. He joined Rockville Centre Police Department in 1997 and has been recognized as “Cop of the Year” and “Cop of the Month” multiple times. Commissioner Dodd was promoted to Traffic Sergeant in 2010 then Police Lieutenant Commanding Officer Patrol Division in 2021 where he managed daily operations in compliance with department policies and procedures. He collaborated with law enforcement agencies and community organizations to enhance public safety. Commissioner Dodd graduated the prestigious FBI National Academy this past June. In his new role, Commissioner Dodd will be responsible for planning, organizing, supervising and directing the activities of all 58 officers and 36 civilian employees in the department.



“I have full confidence that Commissioner Dodd is the right person for this important position,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “His years of expertise and experience will help continue the strong relationship between our community and Police Officers, as well as keep Rockville Centre one of the safest communities in New York.”

Lieutenant Nick DeLuca graduated from the Westchester Police Academy at the top of his class in 2011, where he earned the highest award, “Best All Around Recruit.” In 2014, DeLuca was selected to be the RVCPCD’s Youth Officer to work closely with the Youth Council and was later promoted to Detective, heading up the Juvenile Crimes Division in 2016. He was then promoted to Sergeant in September of 2018 where he supervised the Juvenile and Anti-Crime Divisions, supported the Patrol Division, and served as the departments Operations Sergeant. Outside of his commitment to his role as the Operations Sergeant, he also assists in the Training Department and built and manages the police website. Lieutenant DeLuca is a DCJS certified instructor, an FBI firearms instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, Taser Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Network Engineer. He currently serves as the Vice President of the State of N.Y. Police



Juvenile Officers Association and is slated to become the President this year.

Sergeant Salju Thomas was born in India and immigrated to the United States in 1985. As a first-generation immigrant, he felt the call for service and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after high school. He served honorably for the next ten years with multiple deployments including to Iraq in 2004 and 2005. He was honorably discharged in 2008 and attended Hofstra University. He graduated with honors in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. He joined the Rockville Centre Police Department in 2014 and has



been awarded numerous commendations including a plain bar for stopping a violent assault in progress. Sergeant Thomas is also a volunteer fire fighter with the Garden City Park Fire Department where he served as Chief of Department in 2020.

Sergeant Joseph Burnside, a Rockville Centre native, obtained a bachelor’s degree of Biological Science from the University at Albany. Officer Burnside comes from a long line of law enforcement including his father Joseph Burnside who worked in Queens Robbery Task Force, Grandfather Joseph Burnside who was a Detective in the 71st Precinct, Grandfather Dennis Cunningham

who served as an Inspector in Special Operations, and Aunt Majorie who worked in the Queens Robbery Task force. Before coming to Rockville Centre, Officer Burnside worked for the NYPD in the 83rd precinct in Bushwick. Sergeant Burnside has proven to be an asset since he was sworn in as a Police Officer in Rockville Centre in May 2017. In March 2021, Burnside received a commendation for a foot pursuit leading to the

arrest of three individuals for burglary.



Officer Palmer was also recognized as “Cop of the Year” for her heroic actions from the tanker accident that occurred on February 16, 2022, at North Centre Avenue and Sunrise Highway. The tanker, carrying approximately 9,200 gallons of gasoline, overturned and crashed into the vacant La-Z-Boy and then skidded into the parking lot of Bargain Liquors. Officer Palmer quickly responded to the location, located the operator of the truck, who had just climbed out of the engulfed vehicle, and with the assistance of Officer Robinson, dragged the operator approximately ½ block away, in order to render medical aid, all while risking severe injury from the fully engulfed tanker. We thank Officer Palmer for her swift actions and diligence that night and her dedication to the RVCPCD.

“Lieutenant DeLuca, Sergeant Thomas, Sergeant Burnside, and Officer Palmer are exemplary members of the Rockville Centre Police Department and truly earned this honor,” added Mayor Murray. “I am immensely proud and grateful of them and our entire Police Department for their commitment to protecting our great Village.”

Village Launches New Citizen Engagement Mobile App

The Village of Rockville Centre is excited to launch MY RVC, a new free mobile citizen engagement application powered by GoGov. This application puts Village resources at residents’ fingertips.

The user-friendly app provides residents and visitors with a one-stop location to access the Village website, events calendar, find

important contact information, pay utility, tax, and parking fees, as well as receive time sensitive news alerts and updates from the Village.

“I am thrilled to introduce the MY RVC mobile app,” commented Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. “With the ability to use your phone to connect with vital Village information, this app is another way for the Village to be open, transparent, and responsive to our residents. I am confident that it will be an invaluable tool for users, serving as a source of quick references and alerts.”

Village residents are encouraged to download the free app by going to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search “My RVC” to find and download the app.

Coming Soon!
My RVC

With this app, you can:

- Get Notifications
- Access important information and resources from the Village website, such as:
 - Emergency contacts
 - RVCPCD
 - RVECD
 - Electric
 - Hospitals
 - Utility Billing
 - Community Calendar
 - Quick Links
 - Sanitation/Recycling
 - Community Partners

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PRSRT STD
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 Permit No. 301
 Garden City, NY 11530

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Rockville Centre
 One College Place, P.O. Box 950
 Rockville Centre, New York 11571



Around Our Community

Rockville Centre Goes Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Each September, Rockville Centre renews its commitment to curing childhood cancer and offering support to the brave young people who are fighting this disease and their families. Village of Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray and the Board of Trustees joined with community members to “Light it up Gold” to kick-off pediatric cancer awareness month. The annual event features the lighting of the tree outside Village Hall in gold lights.

“Sadly, pediatric cancer is not rare and is just the first step in a harrowing journey,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “The Village of Rockville Centre will continue to shine the light on the realities of childhood cancer, emphasize

the importance of life-saving research, and join together to make a difference for children diagnosed. May their courageous commitment and determination continue to move us forward to new cures, health outcomes, and brighter futures for our youth.”



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Enjoys Summer Activities



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center hosted a variety of recreational activities and trips for campers. Summer was capped off with its annual Community Day. Hundreds of community members came out for food, rides, dancing, games, and friendly company.

Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 5 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.



Rockville Centre Electric News

Are you in the market to make an inexpensive energy-efficient upgrade in your home? Smart thermostats can give you peace of mind knowing that you are reducing your energy consumption and saving money on your energy bills without



sacrificing comfort. The convenience of smart thermostats is based on behavioral learning technology and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Controlling your home's temperature remotely has never been easier. This means you can set your thermostat to turn on the heat before you arrive home or turn down the AC while you're away to save energy and money. With Wi-Fi enabled thermostats, you have complete control over your home's temperature, no matter where you are.

If you have installed a qualifying Nest™, Honeywell™, or Emerson™ smart thermostat, you could be eligible for a rebate by enrolling in the Rockville Centre Peak Savers Demand Response Program. With a small temperature change (usually 1-3°) to your central air conditioning via your enrolled smart thermostat, energy consumption will be reduced during the summer peak months resulting in a long-term savings goal. If eligible, receive a \$70 rebate for the first thermostat enrolled and \$50 for each additional. Receive an additional bonus of a \$20 annual payment for remaining enrolled in the program through 2025.

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



Fall Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be conducting routine hydrant flushing beginning Wednesday, October 18th and end on Tuesday, October 24th. Hydrant flushing is vital for the general maintenance of the Village's water services and is performed twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall. It ensures performance of fire hydrants for firefighting purposes, and quality water for residents and businesses.

While the flushing program is underway, customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration. Although this water is perfectly safe to drink,



it may stain laundry. Customers should refrain from doing laundry while the flushing program is underway. If tap water is discolored, it is recommended to run cold-water faucets for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear faster.

The schedule will be as follows:

- Wednesday, October 18th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying North of DeMott Avenue.
- Thursday, October 19th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue, west of Long Beach Road.
- Friday, October 20th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying between Sunrise Highway and DeMott Avenue east of Long Beach Road.
- Sunday, October 22nd - Monday, October 23rd between 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. Entire area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.
- Tuesday, October 24th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup will begin on Monday, November 13, 2023. Bagged leaves will

be collected from the curb strip as follows:

- Monday: North of Sunrise Highway (between Hempstead Ave & N. Long Beach Rd)
- Tuesday: North of Sunrise Highway (East of N. Long Beach Rd)
- Thursday: North of Sunrise Highway (West of N. Village Ave)
- Friday: South of Sunrise Highway

Please note there will be no leaf pickup on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2023. The last day of pickup will be on Friday, December 8, 2023.

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.

Tax Office Announcements

Real estate tax exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with 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 \$535; combat \$891; and disabled up to \$1,782 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 2022 gross income not exceeding \$58,399.

Applications are available on the Village website www.rvcny.gov on the Tax Office page, by emailing taxoffice@rvcny.us or by calling the Tax Office Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm at (516) 678-9242.

The filing deadline for all 2024/25 exemption applications is January 2, 2024.

New property owners and those who have satisfied, refinanced or sold their mortgage to another lending institution should contact the Tax Office as soon as possible either by email at taxoffice@rvcny.us or telephone at (516) 678-9242 in order to avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.



Viewpoint: Comments by Trustee Emilio F. Grillo Powering Future Generations to Come

As one of only three (3) municipalities on Long Island with its own electric power plant, the Village of Rockville Centre is able to provide our residents and local businesses with cost efficient and continuous electrical service throughout the year. In order to do so, our Village Board works on a regular basis with our Superintendent of Electric, Mrs. Eileen Foglietta, and her team of dedicated employees. We work together to ensure that our Village electrical infrastructure is not only maintained, but also upgraded to keep up with customer demand and service.

Most recently, old circuit breakers have started to be replaced within Substation 1 & 2 at the Village Power Plant, located at 110 Maple Avenue, as well as a new control system

has been designed for Engine 14 to be installed this upcoming winter. In addition to system upgrades, which will provide more efficient service, additional technology upgrades have been implemented to gather data and improve communication between all areas of the Village's electrical distribution network. This will help identify the source of an outage, which is critical to reducing repair time. For example, fault indicators are being added to cables in the



field, and new controls are being installed in the electrical substations and the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system will be upgraded in spring 2024. These upgrades will be utilized by our electrical operators for monitoring our system and to ensure power outages are limited and restored as quickly and efficiently as possible. In addition to updates to the electrical system, our distribution infrastructure, such as manholes, are also being repaired and overhead

wires replaced as necessary, to minimize future outages.

As a Village Board, we remain vigilant in finding ways to upgrade our current electrical system and to find ways to secure sustainable energy for years to come. By continuing to work with Mrs. Foglietta and our Electric Department staff, we continue to upgrade and/or replace antiquated technology such as primary boxes, 2-phase distribution and analog meters with newer technologies that improve the reliability and resiliency of the distribution system.

These continuous upgrades will not only provide more efficient and cost-effective electrical service to our current residents and businesses, but also for many future generations to come.

Sandel Members are Strutting into Fall



Summer at Sandel was action packed with the return of Senior People in Action (SPA). SPA members enjoyed multiple trips to the beach for lunches, walks, and concerts. Art Flowers stopped by the center to demonstrate how to make a beautiful centerpiece and learn about the different flowers that were used. Hilarity ensued during a Newlywed style game between close friends and couples, questions were not always answered correctly. The first fall fashion show took place with models strutting their stuff down the Sandel runway sporting trendy, new looks for the fall season. All the clothing was from Amazon taking on a more technical way of shopping. The summer season ended with a bang! Nick the Balloonatic worked his magic creating butterflies, dogs, and balloon jewelry for all. DJ Louis Del Prete had everyone moving along to party hits on the dance floor! An adventurous and fantastic summer was had by all.



Fall marks the beginning of beloved programs to start up again, Center Stage and the Intergenerational Committee. Center Stage has begun rehearsing for their December concert with holiday favorites. Center Stage is under the direction of Frank Scafuri and is 30 plus members strong. The Intergenerational Committee is a Sandel Center favorite, interacting with South Side High School students throughout the year. Seniors and students share their stories, interests, and lots of laughs.

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



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School's Open Drive Carefully

As our children have returned to the classrooms, all motorists are reminded to take extra precautions to keep our youngest commuters safe when they are traveling to and from school. Schools return means more buses picking up and dropping off students, more people walking and bicycling to and from school, and more congestion which means an increase for potential hazards.

"Our young students going to and from school are among our most vulnerable road users," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Drivers must be alert and use caution, stop for pedestrians, obey traffic signs, and slow down. Cut out all distractions, including texting and talking on cell phones. Please follow the rules of the road to ensure everyone, especially our children, make it home safely."

Speed limits around our schools are 20 miles per hour, whether motorists are on a side street or a main road. In addition, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a stopped school bus, which is picking up or dropping off children. Motorists 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.





The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

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 fourth through eighth must register by October 18th online at RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com. The annual contest will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$20 per team. Awards are given by a distinguished panel of judges for murals in several different Halloween categories!

Winter Program Registration

Registration for the Winter 2024 Program session begins Monday, November 27th for residents beginning at 9:30 a.m. Registration is open until classes reach their maximum enrollment. Along with our popular programs such as gymnastics, art, pickleball, and tumble-time, we also offer ninja class, learn to play chess, music classes, and more! Check out the schedule on our website in November. Programs begin on January 2, 2024.

Early Voting

Early voting will take place at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center

from October 28th through November 5th. Please visit NassauVotes.com for further information.

Food Donations

The Recreation Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods, as well as frozen turkeys or gift cards. Unwrapped toys are also welcomed 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.



KIDS FALL FEST SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH

11AM — 1PM

RAIN OR SHINE

Recreation Center parking lot
111 N. Oceanside Road, RVC

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

STARTING OCTOBER 2ND ON [rec desk](http://recdesk.com)

***\$15 per child**
AGES 1 & OLDER



HALLOWEEN
ATTIRE
ENCOURAGED

*Includes hot dog, drink, goody bag, activities & more!
Additional food available for purchase

COMMUNITY MEMBERS • CRAFT TABLE • SPOOKY FUN

MUSIC • PHOTO OPS & MORE!!



VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

5K & 1 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN

SPONSORED BY RVC RECREATION DEPT
AND THE RVC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2023

1 MILE FUN RUN AT 8:30AM SHARP
5K AT 9:30AM SHARP

REGISTER ONLINE

ROCKVILLECENTRE.RECDESK.COM



ROCKVILLE CENTRE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

EXCHANGE OR DONATE

YOUR GENTLY USED COSTUME
AT THE REC CENTER

FROM NOW TO OCTOBER 28TH



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.

RVC Homemakers - Don't Let the Name Fool You

The RVC Homemakers, a group of talented women who share their expertise and knowledge of crafts, healthy cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and canasta, are known for giving back to the community. This fun-loving group has volunteered countless hours for local hospitals, homeless shelters, veteran's groups, and local charities. The group meets every Tuesday when school is in session at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center. Recently, the group collected and donated socks to our veteran's. To become a member or for further details, please call (516) 318.6771 or email kaltersonk4@gmail.com



VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SANITATION IMPORTANT TIPS

Garbage should be placed in standard garbage containers with **detachable** lids.
NO LARGER THAN 32 GALLONS
Garbage should not exceed 50 pounds.
Please do not over fill plastic garbage bags as they can easily tear.

To prevent injury to our village employees, please use caution when disposing of any broken glass or sharp objects. Please securely wrap broken glass in newspaper or brown paper or place inside cardboard box, tape shut and label broken glass. Do not place broken glass in plastic bags.

E-Cycling:

Drop off your e-cycling items on the first Saturday of every month between 10am and 2pm at 10 Sunrise Hwy including: Televisions, Computers, Monitors, VCRs, DVDs, iPads, Cable boxes, Cameras or Video Cameras, Telephones (any type), GPS, Calculators

Contractor debris:

Contractors MUST dispose of all building and landscaping debris.
The Village is not responsible for disposal of refuse from tradesmen.

Town of Hempstead STOP Program 516-378-2200:

Disposal of hazardous materials including paints, solvents, car batteries, fluorescent bulbs,

SPECIAL PICKUP/BULK ITEMS

Call 678-9216 before 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday/Thursday pick-up of waste items too large for insertion into trash containers. You can also register by clicking bulk pickup online on the sanitation page of the Village website www.rvcny.gov. Please indicate if you have metal items or live on a dead end. During weeks with a Monday Holiday there is no bulk pickup or paper recycling on Wednesday. Please see the annual sanitation calendar for details.

WEDNESDAY BULK ITEMS INCLUDE:

Mattresses – must be sealed in bedbug proof encasement bags or heavy-duty plastics bags
Branches and wood debris in bundles (NO more than 4 feet in length, NO more than 50 pounds)
Tables, chairs, dressers, rugs

THURSDAY METAL BULK ITEMS INCLUDE:

Household Appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators (with doors off), stoves, washer/dryers)

HELPFUL LINKS

Sanitation pickup schedule:

<http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html>

Sanitation holiday schedule:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4946/f/uploads/2022_sanitation_schedule.pdf

Recycling Guide:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4946/f/uploads/recycling_march_2020_0.pdf

Recycling FAQ:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4946/f/uploads/recycling_faq.pdf