

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

**April 1 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**April 9 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

**April 10 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**April 18 At 6 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING**

**May 6 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 8 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**MAY 14 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

**May 16 At 6 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING**

**Monday, May 27
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY**

**MAY 30 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Memorial Day Week

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial 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, May 29, 2024

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

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Village of Rockville Centre Hosts Rally for More State Aid

The New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM), representing cities and villages across the Empire State, kicked off its statewide tour with a rally on the steps of Village Hall in Rockville Centre. The statewide campaign is urging the Governor and the State Legislature to increase unrestricted aid to cities and villages for the first time in 15 years. The tour will also tout other key legislative priorities related to municipal infrastructure and community redevelopment.

The rally and tour's primary focus highlights the impact that Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding has on the state's cities and villages. This funding, set at \$715 million, has not increased in 15 years — directly affecting the ability of local governments to respond to the growing demands on public safety and other essential municipal services.

Village of Rockville Centre Mayor and immediate past president of NYCOM, Francis X. Murray, said "AIM funding has remained at a standstill for nearly 15 years and yet the purchasing power of the aid we receive gets smaller and smaller. We will continue to stand together and demand that the state delivers more AIM funding."

Mayor Francis X. Murray was joined by NYCOM President and Albany Mayor Kathy M. Sheehan, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, Trustee Emilio Grillo, and more than 20 government officials from across Long Island.

"As the collective voice for New York's cities and villages, this tour will showcase and highlight the very real challenges our members deal with daily because of the lack of additional unrestricted state aid," said Barbara J. Van Epps, NYCOM executive director. "Mayors share the same goals as our state leaders — to keep our communities safe and affordable — but we can't do that on our own. We need an ongoing commitment from the state to be a partner in our efforts to break down the barriers to

our residents," said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, who serves as NYCOM President. "Cities and villages, whether it's a village like Rockville Centre or a city like Albany, deliver for our residents every day, and securing additional state aid will expand our efforts to enhance public safety and invest in our aging infrastructure."

Sheehan added that while the amount taxpayers have given to the state has increased every year, the aid given back to its communities has shrunk.



efficiency and community revitalization."

"We're thrilled to have kicked off this tour in Rockville Centre. I am eager to visit various parts of our state in order to drive home to our governor and the state legislature that increasing AIM funding is vitally important to our cities and villages, and ultimately

"This is your money that is sitting in New York state's capital, and we want it back," Sheehan said. "We want it for our communities. We want it to be able to do good."

Residents can watch the rally in its entirety on the Village website, www.rvcny.gov.

2024 Spring Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be conducting routine hydrant flushing starting Wednesday, April 10th and end on Tuesday, April 16th. 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, April 10th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
The entire area in the Village lying North of DeMott Avenue.
- Thursday, April 11th 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, April 12th 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, April 14th to Monday, April 15th between 12 a.m. to 8 a.m.
The entire area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and

Merrick Road.

- Tuesday, April 16th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.





Around Our Community

Red and Blue Take Over RVC

Mayor Francis X. Murray and Trustee Katie Conlon attended the Captain's dinners prior to the South Side High School Red and Blue competition. With over 100 years of tradition, the Village congratulates all participants and the Blue Team Victors!

Thank you to Red team Captains Maggie Miller and Sarah Tear, and Blue team Captains Katherine Ahern and Ava Gallego for leading your teams with enthusiasm.



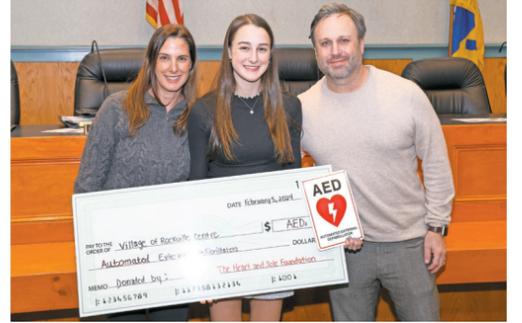
Village Recognizes South Side Student

The Village of Rockville Centre recognized South Side High School junior, Ella Burbige, at the February Board of Trustees meeting for her commitment to save lives.

After a friend suffered a cardiac arrest during basketball drills, coaches and trainers sprang into action and performed CPR and used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This near

tragedy inspired Ella to create the Heart and Sole Foundation, a student run non-profit that provides training and equipment necessary to save lives.

To date, Ella has provided two free EKG screenings for student athletes at SSHS and for St. Agnes CYO. Ella has also purchased an AED for Rockville Centre Schools and is donating a trainer AED to St Agnes CYO. Most recently, Ella donated \$1200 to both the John A. Anderson Recreation Center and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center for the purchase of an AED device to be housed on each site.



RVC Conservancy Offers 7th Annual Tree Planting Program

The RVC Conservancy has launched its 7th Annual Tree Planting Program for 2024. Since 2018, the RVC Conservancy has helped plant nearly 300 new trees in the Village and is looking to add more.

The Conservancy has partnered with Barbato Landscaping to provide trees that are mostly native to Long Island and can be planted in front yards or curb strips. This year, the program is

offering Kentucky Coffee, Red Maple, Lilac, Pin Oak, Linden, and Sargent Cherry. Pricing is \$370 per tree and includes planting with a 1-year replacement guarantee. The Conservancy offers a variety of tree species and sizes to allow residents to choose what's best for their planting area. Orders will be taken until April 30, 2024. For further details, please visit <https://www.rvcconservancy.org/tacklingtrees>.



News from the Rockville Centre Electric Department

Rockville Centre Electric launched the Rockville Centre Peak Savers program three years ago and have since helped customers save energy while staying comfortable at home. Through this demand response program, customers who enroll their qualifying Google NEST®, Honeywell Home, or Emerson Sensi thermostats can reduce their energy usage and contribute to the community's energy conservation efforts.

By joining the program, customers can use less energy during times of high demand while helping us balance the energy grid. This will not only benefit the environment but also help prevent power outages during peak hours. By enrolling, you could be eligible for a \$70 rebate for the first thermostat and \$50 for the second. Thermostats must control central air conditioning to be eligible.

Rockville Centre Electric is committed to providing innovative solutions to help customers save energy and reduce their carbon footprint. Join us in this initiative and make a positive impact on the planet. For further information, please call (866) 314-9611 or email us at info@rvcpeaksavers.com.



Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, June 2, 2024, and continue every Sunday until December 15, 2024, from 7 a.m. to noon in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and North Forest Avenue.

Real Estate Tax Due June 1, 2024

First half 2024/25 Village real estate tax bills due June 1, 2024, are scheduled to be mailed out the week of May 20th. First half taxes must be paid by July 1, 2024, to avoid late penalties.

Tax payments may be made online at www.rvcny.gov by electronic check or credit card, paid in person at Village Hall, dropped in the wall slot to the right of the Village Hall entrance at 1 College Place or mailed to P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11571-0950.

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 by emailing taxoffice@rvcny.us or calling (516) 678-9242 to avoid billing errors that

may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

The Tax Office is located on the 1st floor of Village Hall at One College Place, and open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Viewpoint: Comments by Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley

Living in an Incorporated Village governed by a Mayor and Board of Trustees offers numerous benefits to its residents. A structure such as ours ensures local representation by neighbors that you elect to represent you. The responsibility to community needs is a benefit not often achieved elsewhere. The Board understands the challenges and desires of the village, enabling us to enact policies tailored to local interests. This fosters a sense of community and pride in our village, as residents have a direct channel to voice their concerns and issues, and have a sense of participation in the village.

Living in an Incorporated

Village such as Rockville Centre allows us to enjoy enhanced services, such as dedicated sanitation, parks, sewer, water, road, and electric departments, a 54 member police department, and a large volunteer fire department; all of these services are minutes away whenever needed. All it requires is a phone call and a Village Employee will be there to listen and address your concerns.

Through local governance, resources can be allocated to improve parks, community centers, roads, and utilities. The Board of a Village can prioritize projects based on community



input which prioritizes a better quality of life for residents. Your voice matters and the Board is receptive to your ideas and concerns.

Living in an incorporated Village fosters a sense of community. Parades, town hall forums, celebrations, monthly public meetings, and community events, where residents and elected officials come together to interact builds relationships. Going further, an Incorporated Village and governing board allows RVC to partner with neighboring villages and other local governments to advocate for what is needed in our Town

and County. Collaboration and sharing leads to betterment for all.

As the Deputy Mayor and an elected Trustee of our Village, I encourage you to attend our monthly Board meetings, where we provide the opportunity for residents to speak to us with their concerns and questions, as well as to share accomplishments. I encourage all residents to take advantage of our parks, community centers, and local organizations, and to join us at community events throughout the year. By living in an Incorporated Village, you can participate in the shaping of our community while enjoying the benefits provided by our 300+ dedicated employees.

Sandel Senior Center Gears Up for Viva la Fossi Mark Your Calendars: April 12, 2024

Tickets are now available for the Sandel Senior Center's Viva la Fossi. The fun begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 12th for only \$75 per person. Members of the community are invited to participate in the fun filled event as the Sandel Center is transformed into Las Vegas. Come dance the night away with Vegas impersonators Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Elvis Presley as the headliner. If you need to rest your feet, take a chance at the tables!

The night will honor Gwynne Feiner, Director of Public Works Administration, and Pat O'Brien, Superintendent of the Building Department. Mrs. Feiner and Mr. O'Brien are being recognized for their dedication to the Village of Rockville Centre and more specifically the Sandel Senior Center. The major fundraising event of the year is sponsored by the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., (FOSSI). Funds raised support programs and services for the Department of Senior Services. For tickets or further invitation, visit www.fossilrvc.com.

Sandel Members were treated to an early preview from Elvis Presley headliner, Lamar Peters, thanks to the generosity of the Bristol. Elvis was in the building in February and performed all of his greatest hits, plus some audience requests!

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.



In a new partnership with Survivorship in Brothers and Sisters (SIBSPlace), Sandel Members visited during the February school break to play games and talk with some of the children. SIBSPlace, located in Rockville Centre, is a free after-school therapeutic program that helps children understand and deal with their emotions when coping with a family member's severe illness.



Viva la FOSSI

Friday,
April 12, 2024
At 7pm
A FOSSI
Fundraising
Event

Vegas Impersonators

- Frank Sinatra
- Dean Martin
- Elvis Presley
- Craps Tables
- Blackjack Tables
- Appetizer Buffet
- Wine & Beer

Honorees

Gwynne Feiner
Director of Public Works
Administration

Pat O'Brien
Superintendent
Building Department

Tickets \$75 pp

Sandel Center
50 South Park Ave
Rockville Centre

To purchase tickets, or for more information please call 516-678-9245 or visit our website: FOSSIRvc.com



Upcoming solo artist, Justin Gusmano stopped by the Sandel Center for an afternoon of music. Justin Gusmano is a keyboardist and Hammond organ artist. He performed all original music and brought the audience to their feet.

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Francis X. Murray

Deputy Mayor

Kathleen Baxley

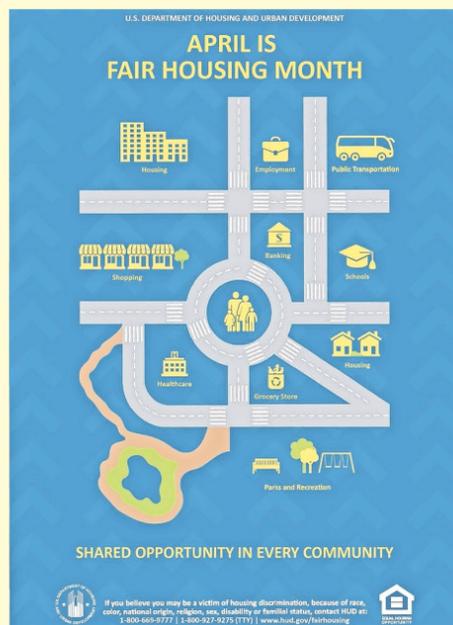
Trustees

Trustee Emilio F. Grillo

Trustee Katie Conlon

Trustee Gregory P. Shaughnessy

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RVC Celebrates National Fair Housing Month

In honor of the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act, and in remembrance of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, April is set aside as National Fair Housing Month. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the campaign includes efforts to end housing discrimination and raise awareness for fair housing rights in communities across the country.

“National Fair Housing Month recognizes the efforts to eliminate

unfair barriers to housing opportunities,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Every person deserves a fair chance to secure safe and stable housing which helps to establish vibrant, diverse, and inclusive neighborhoods in all communities.”

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status, contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 or log onto www.hud.gov.



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Spring Recess Activities

Activities are offered during the school breaks. Register for ninja challenge, dodgeball day, craft day, bowling, and more! Join us for some fun. For further details, please visit rvcny.us/recreation.

Summer Playground Registration

The 70th Annual Summer Playground Program for grades 1-7 will be offered this summer. The program will be conducted from July 1st through August 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The daily program of athletics, arts and crafts and other activities will be held at the Recreation Center and Wilson School sites. Options again this summer are full summer or partial summer sessions. Register early to ensure your place in a summer of fun!

Summer Nursery

A Summer Nursery Program (July 1st to August 9th) for children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 and a 4's Summer Program is being offered. Students need to have completed a 3's nursery program. New this summer will be the Summer PreK 3's Program. Students need to have completed a drop off 2's program. Please visit rvcny.us/recreation for more information.

Spring/Summer Sports Leagues

Registration information for softball leagues



for men and women and basketball leagues for boys and girls entering grade 5-12, as well as adults, are available on-line and at the recreation center office. All team captains must establish their profile and register their teams on rockvillecentre.recdesk.com.

Nursery School for Fall 2024

The Recreation Department is currently taking registration deposits for the Fall Nursery School Program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2025 and 2026. In addition, the recreation center offers a Time for Two's Program, a separation class for 2-year-olds with a curriculum designed to help children explore their own ideas at the same time they are gaining new skills. A warm, nurturing and positive school experience is offered in our bright, inviting classrooms, renovated playground and gymnasium! Call

the office for more information or to arrange a visit to our school.

Sports Camps

Our highly successful sports schools and activities will once again fill the Village ballfields and gymnasiums.

Rockville Centre Baseball School is once again being held. Please visit rvcny.us/recreation for details.

Gymnastics Clinic: July 8th to 12th from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball Camp: August 12th to 16th. Please contact game7sports.com for further details.

Ultimate Games Camp (first - sixth grade). Please contact ultimategamescamp.com for further details.

Session 1: August 12th to 16th

Session 2: August 19th to 23rd

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon



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

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, rechargeable batteries, pesticides, waste oil, propane tanks, for full list go to [Stop Throwing Out Pollutants \(S.T.O.P.\)](http://StopThrowingOutPollutants(S.T.O.P.)) | Hempstead Town, NY (hempsteadny.gov)

SPECIAL PICKUP/BULK ITEMS

Call 678-9216 before 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday/Thursday pickup of waste items too large for insertion into trash containers.

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/vyhli4946/f/uploads/2022_sanitation_schedule.pdf

Recycling Guide:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4946/f/uploads/recycling_march_2020_0.pdf

Recycling FAQ:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4946/f/uploads/recycling_fa.pdf

The John A. Anderson Recreation Center Continues Upgrades



Trustee Gregory P. Shaughnessy joined with Superintendent of Recreation Karen Polito and employees from the Facilities and Recreation Departments for the reopening of the lower level. The classrooms each underwent upgrades, including new flooring, energy efficient lighting, new tables and chairs, new storage furniture, and much more. Outside, construction is underway for Mr. B's Inclusive Playground. We look forward to seeing the completed playground that will allow children of all abilities the experience of play while encouraging acceptance and promoting overall health and wellness for years to come.

