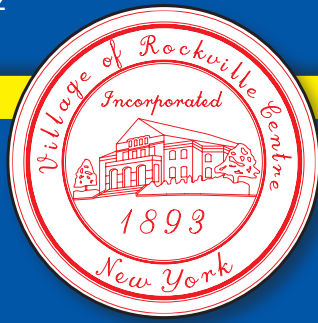


THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre



August 21, At 6:00 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING

Monday, September 1
Village Offices Closed
LABOR DAY

September 4, At 6:00 P.M.
BRIEFING MEETING

September 8, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 10, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

September 16, At 7:00 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

September 18, At 6:00 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING

September 30, At 6:00 P.M.
BRIEFING MEETING

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 1, 2025

No trash collection
Monday/Thursday trash collection
will be on Tuesday and Thursday
Tuesday/Friday trash collection will
be on Wednesday and Friday
September 3, 2025
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 of Rockville Centre Strengthens Police Force
with New Additions

The Village of Rockville Centre proudly welcomed two new members to the Rockville Centre Police Department at the July Board of Trustees meeting with the official swearing-in of Police Officer Jillian Sementini and Police Officer Tyler Classie. The ceremony, held at Village Hall, marked a significant addition to the department's continued commitment to public safety and community service.

"We are thrilled to welcome Officers Sementini and Classie to Rockville Centre,"



commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Their impressive backgrounds in both law enforcement and military service reflect the caliber of professionalism and commitment we value in our Village. I'm confident they will make a lasting, positive impact on our residents."

Police Officer Jillian Sementini is a Nassau County native with nearly a decade of experience in law enforcement. She began her career with the NYPD in 2015, serving in the 110th Precinct in Corona, Queens. Officer Sementini held various specialized roles throughout her career, including serving as a plainclothes officer in the Anti-Crime Unit and later as an instructor in the Tactical Training Unit. Beyond her civilian service,

she has spent over 13 years as a Military Intelligence Officer in the New York Army National Guard, where she currently holds the rank of Major. Officer Sementini holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from St. John's University and a master's degree in forensic linguistics from Hofstra University.

Officer Tyler Classie, a Suffolk County native and graduate of Longwood High School, brings a diverse background in military and law enforcement service. He honorably served four years in the United States Navy, participating in several deployments and strategic missions, and continues to serve in the Navy Reserves. Following his active-duty service, Officer Classie joined the NYPD, where he was assigned to the 101st Precinct in Far Rockaway. His strong work ethic, combined with his military and policing background, positions him as a valuable asset to the Rockville Centre Police Department.

"Both Officers Sementini and Classie bring a wealth of experience and training that will enhance our department's capabilities," stated Rockville Centre Police Commissioner Randy Dodd. "We're proud to have them join our team and look forward to the contributions they will make in keeping our community safe."

Annual Fireworks Lights Up the Night

On July 12th, the Village of Rockville Centre hosted its Annual Fireworks Celebration and Concert. Attendees enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display by Grucci and a live performance by the South Shore Symphony, creating a memorable evening of music and community under the stars.



Village Leadership Reaffirmed in June Election

On June 17th, Village of Rockville Centre residents voted to re-elect Trustee Emilio Grillo, Trustee Katie Conlon, and Village Justice Mindy Roman to new four-year terms. The three officials were officially sworn in at the July Board of Trustees meeting.

"I am honored and humbled to have been re-elected by the residents of our great Village, and I look forward to my continued service on behalf of our entire Village community," said Trustee Emilio Grillo.

Trustee Katie Conlon shared, "I would like to thank the residents of the Village of Rockville Centre for their continued trust. The job of a Village Trustee is never done and I am honored and eager to continue to work to serve our Village for another term."

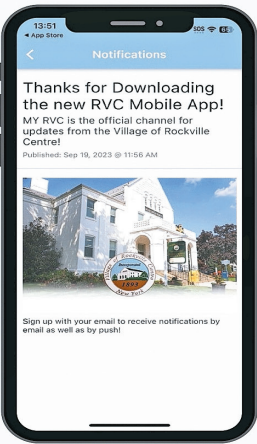
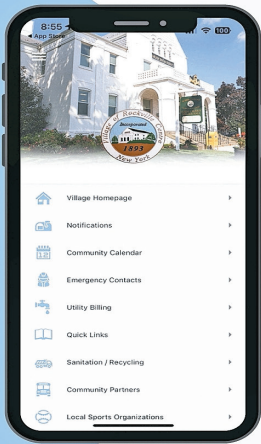


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Around Our Community

Annual Golf Classic Celebrates Community and a Lifelong Dedication to RVC

On Monday, September 29th, the Rockville Links Country Club will host the 38th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic to benefit the Rockville Centre Community Fund. Since 1987, the Fund has raised approximately \$2 million in emergency assistance for local residents in need.

This year's event will honor Anthony Cancellieri, a longtime public servant and one of the original founders of the Community Fund Golf Outing. A former Village Administrator and tireless advocate for Rockville Centre, Mr. Cancellieri's leadership and generosity have helped shape countless local initiatives.

"Anthony Cancellieri has given so much to the Village of Rockville Centre. His dedication, leadership, and compassion have left a lasting impact on this community," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "He exemplifies what it means to serve, and we are

proud to recognize him at this year's Golf Classic."

Beyond his extensive career in public service and healthcare leadership, Mr. Cancellieri has remained deeply rooted in the Rockville Centre community. Whether co-founding the local autism nonprofit, RVC Blue Speaks, with his wife MaryLou or supporting vital hospital expansions and fundraisers, his efforts have made a lasting difference for families across the Village.

The Mayor's Golf Classic is the primary fundraiser for the Community Fund. Tickets for the all-day event, which includes breakfast, lunch, cocktails, dinner, and a round of golf at the Rockville Links Country Club, are \$500. Sponsorship opportunities and journal ads are also available.

For reservations or more information, please call Village Hall at (516) 678-9254 or scan the QR code to the right.



Water Infrastructure & Quality Preservation Surcharge

The Village of Rockville Centre is committed to maintaining a safe, reliable, and high-quality water supply for all members of our community. In order to support essential long-term investments in our water infrastructure, the Village has implemented a Water Capital Surcharge that began in July 2025.

Why is this surcharge necessary?

The surcharge is being introduced to ensure dedicated funding for critical capital improvements to the Village's water system. These upgrades are necessary to preserve the reliability and safety of our water supply while avoiding future emergency repairs and service disruptions. Planned improvements include:

- Replacement of aging water mains
- Installation/maintenance of iron filtration systems
- Modernization of the SCADA security control system
- Upgrades to water meter infrastructure

What does this mean for you?

Water bills are issued **twice per year**, and the surcharge will be applied accordingly:

- **Residential Customers:**
A surcharge of **\$50 per bill** (or **\$100 annually**)
- **Commercial Customers (with annual water usage under 500,000 gallons and not classified as multiple-unit accounts):**
A surcharge of **\$100 per bill** (or **\$200 annually**)
- **Residential and Commercial Customers with multiple units:**
A surcharge of \$50 per unit per bill
- **Commercial Customers with annual water usage at or above 500,000 gallons (and not classified as multiple-unit accounts):**
A surcharge based on level of annual usage

500,000 to 1,000,000 gallons	\$ 1,250 per bill
1,000,001 to 5,000,000 gallons	\$ 3,000 per bill
5,000,001 to 10,000,001 gallons	\$10,000 per bill
10,000,000 to 20,000,000 gallons	\$20,000 per bill
Over 20,000,000 gallons	\$30,000 per bill

Ensuring Long-Term Savings

By funding these improvements directly through the surcharge, the Village can avoid taking on debt, which helps reduce long-term costs for residents and businesses. This proactive approach results in significant savings over time by eliminating interest payments and borrowing fees.

100% Community Investment

The Rockville Centre Water Department operates as a not-for-profit public utility. Every dollar collected is reinvested into maintaining, operating, and improving the Village's water system. None of the funds are used for profit — they go entirely toward protecting and enhancing your water service.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work together to ensure the sustainability and quality of our community's water infrastructure. If you have questions about your water bill or the Water Capital Surcharge, please contact the Village Water Department at (516) 678-9301.

Village Honors Fallen Heroes at Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

The Village of Rockville Centre proudly came together to observe Memorial Day with its Annual Parade and Ceremony, hosted by American Legion Post 303. Residents lined the streets in a show of deep respect and gratitude as local organizations, veterans, and community groups marched in tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation.

This year's event was led by Grand Marshal Willem Wong, whose service and

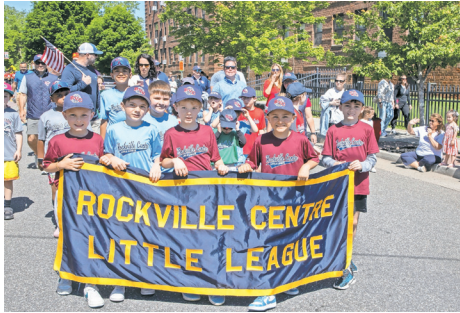
dedication were recognized with great admiration. The ceremony served as a moving reminder of the true meaning of the holiday—honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.

"We are forever indebted to the heroes who have laid down their lives for our country," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Memorial Day is a time for all of us to pause, reflect, and remember the extraordinary cost of our liberty. I'm proud of our community for coming

together in such a meaningful way."

The Village extends its sincere appreciation to American Legion Post

303, all organizers, participants, and attendees who helped make the event a dignified and heartfelt tribute.



Photos from Richard Law



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 23rd from noon to 4 p.m. The day will include activities for children, music, dance performances, and tasty treats.

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.

Farmers Market Open

The Farmers Market is open every Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon until December 21, 2025, in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and North Forest Avenue.

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 6th. To register or for further details, please email eric@mingomedia.com.



Viewpoint: Comments by Trustee Gregory P. Shaughnessy

Investing in Our Water Infrastructure

It has been just over two years since I was elected as your Village Trustee. During this time, I have dedicated myself to understanding the inner workings of our Village, particularly our finances and the expansive operations of our various departments.

In this column, I'd like to take a closer look at our Water Department and the recently implemented Capital Improvement Surcharge. The Rockville Centre Water Department provides water from ten wells located throughout the Village. This water is stored in four elevated tanks with a combined capacity of four million gallons and is distributed through more than 70 miles of water main. Regular testing by independent, state-certified laboratories, performed in accordance with Department of Health standards, ensures that our water supply consistently meets and exceeds all federal, state, and county regulations. Rockville Centre's aquifer is among the cleanest on Long Island.

To support essential long-term investments in our water infrastructure, the Village has implemented a Water Capital Surcharge. While we understand that any additional charge may raise concerns, it's important to highlight several key points. First, the Village has not increased base water rates since 2020. Second, our Water Department is operated as a non-profit. Every dollar collected through your water bill is reinvested directly into the department to support operations and fund vital infrastructure improvements. These funds are not used as a revenue source for the Village.

That said, our water system, some components of which are more than a century old, requires ongoing investment to meet the demands of our growing community. The Capital Improvement Surcharge is a critical tool that helps fund

necessary upgrades while minimizing future borrowing and long-term debt. This allows us to deliver the highest quality service in a fiscally responsible manner.

Rockville Centre is a truly unique municipality. We are one of the few communities on Long Island and in the state of New York that maintains its own fire, police, building, electric, water, sewer, and public works departments. This local control allows us to respond swiftly to emergencies and customize services to better meet the needs of our residents.

Our Water Department is a perfect example of this local autonomy. Having full control over our water system enhances our ability to ensure system integrity and public safety. As the Village grows, so must our infrastructure. This includes replacing undersized mains to improve

fire protection, maintaining elevated tanks to ensure steady water pressure, and investing in our wells to preserve a reliable water source.

Recent improvements include chemical system upgrades at Plant 1 on Shepard Avenue and a major maintenance project at Well 2A on Maple Avenue. Water main replacements are an integral part of our annual Road Improvement Program. We recently completed upgrades in the Canterbury section and are currently replacing hydrants and awarding additional contracts for infrastructure improvements. We are also designing an iron removal system for the northern section of the Village and evaluating next-generation metering for remote readings.

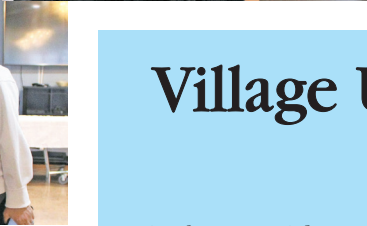
The Mayor and Board of Trustees remain deeply committed to investing in our water infrastructure to ensure safe, clean, and reliable water for current and future generations. Together, we are keeping Rockville Centre moving forward.



Sandel Senior Center Celebrates Connection, Creativity, and Compassion

The spirit of community was alive and thriving at the Sandel Senior Center during a recent intergenerational celebration in partnership with South Side High School. This cherished annual tradition brings students and seniors together for a day filled with shared stories, laughter, games, and heartfelt conversations. As part of the event, scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors on the Intergenerational Committee who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to bridging generations. This year's celebration was a powerful reminder of the enduring impact of connection across ages.

Adding to the season's highlights was the Center Stage performance, where Sandel members dazzled with a lively Frank Sinatra tribute. Months of dedicated rehearsals culminated in a performance that transported the audience to the golden age of swing. Dressed in top hats and ties, the performers delivered crowd-pleasing renditions of classics like "Strangers in the Night" and "Swingin' on a Star." The showcase reflected not only musical talent but also the joy and camaraderie that come from creating something meaningful together.



when eleven ducklings became trapped in a storm drain outside the Sandel Center. Alerted by the mother duck's determined efforts to stop traffic, members of the Center, village staff, nearby restaurant workers, and residents quickly joined together. The Rockville Centre Police Department and Department of Public

Works, along with Mayor Murray, responded swiftly. Thanks to their teamwork and care, all eleven ducklings were safely rescued and reunited with their mother, who led them back to Mill River. It was a moment that perfectly captured the compassion and unity that define Rockville Centre.



Village Urges Preparedness Ahead of 2025 Hurricane Season

As the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season is underway, the Village of Rockville Centre is urging residents to take steps now to prepare for the possibility of severe storms in the months ahead. The season, which officially runs from June 1 through November 30, is expected to be unusually active according to federal meteorologists.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has forecast an above-normal season, citing a 60 percent likelihood of heightened storm activity in the Atlantic basin. Current projections call for between 13 and 19 named storms with winds of 39 miles per hour or higher. Of those, 6 to 10 are expected to strengthen into hurricanes, including 3 to 5 that could become major hurricanes—classified as Category 3, 4, or 5—with winds of at least 111 miles per hour. NOAA reports a 70 percent confidence level in these predictions.

Village officials are reminding residents that early preparation is the most effective way to minimize risks and protect lives and property. All residents are encouraged to have a household emergency plan in place and to store important documents in a secure and easily accessible location. As storms approach, outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, and other unsecured items should be brought indoors or properly tied down to prevent them from becoming

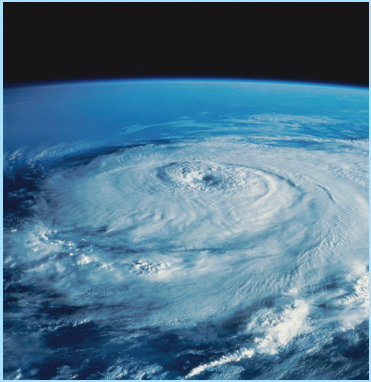
hazardous debris.

Tree maintenance also plays a critical role in storm safety. Unhealthy or damaged trees can cause extensive property damage and interrupt power service when high winds strike. Residents are strongly advised to consult a certified arborist to evaluate tree health and remove any weakened limbs or dead trees prior to storm conditions.

"As we enter what is expected to be an active hurricane season, we are reminding residents that preparedness is a shared responsibility," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The Village is committed to keeping our community safe, but every household must take steps to ensure they're ready for whatever this season may bring."

To ensure residents stay informed during weather emergencies and other critical events, the Village offers several communication tools. The free MY RVC mobile app provides alerts and updates directly to residents' phones. In addition, those who enroll in Swift 911 through the Village website can receive real-time emergency notifications via phone, text, or email.

For more information on hurricane preparedness and to sign up for emergency alerts, residents should visit the Village website at www.rvcny.gov or access preparedness resources through www.rvcny.us/RedCross.html.



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The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Fall 2025 Programs

Registration for fall programs will begin Monday, August 11th for residents and Wednesday, August 13th for non-residents. Registration is online for all recreation programs, both at 9:30am. 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 15th.



Book your next birthday party today!

Bicycle Safety Program

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





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OUR FALL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays
6:30pm -
Strength Training w/ equipment
7:20pm - Zumba
Thursday
6:15pm -
Strength Training w/ equipment
7:05pm - Zumba
Saturday 9:00am
Zumba & TBW combined

Classes held at
Rockville Centre
Recreation Center
111 N Oceanside Road 11570

EQUIPMENT ON SITE

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SAVE THE DATE



Exciting REC Activities Coming This Fall & Winter!



Sunday, October 19

Halloween Mural Painting Contest
Get creative and spooky with our community mural event!



Sunday, October 26

Halloween Dance Party & Parade
Costumes, music, and fun for the whole family!



Saturday, November 15

Family Fun Run & 5K
Lace up your sneakers and join us for a healthy, active day!



Sunday, December 14

Breakfast with Santa
Enjoy a magical morning with Santa and a warm holiday breakfast!

More details to follow – stay tuned!

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.

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/vyhlif4946/f/uploads/2022_sanitation_schedule.pdf

Recycling Guide:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4946/f/uploads/recycling_march_2020_0.pdf

Recycling FAQ:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4946/f/uploads/recycling_faq.pdf

TIME TO ORDER A TREE

2025 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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

OPTIONS AND QUANTITY

___ Japanese Lilac ___ Sargent Cherry
___ Sugar Maple ___ Little Leaf Linden
___ October Glory Maple

Tree only (\$270 each): _____

Tree & Planting (\$410 each): _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please make checks payable to the **Village of Rockville Centre** and mail with form to

Rockville Centre DPW/Trees

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Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Return by September 5, 2025

For further details, please visit www.rvcny.gov