

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

- October 6, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- October 8, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- Monday, October 13
Village Offices Closed
COLUMBUS DAY
- October 21, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD
- October 30, At 6 P.M.
BRIEFING MEETING
- November 3, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- November 5, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- Tuesday, November 11
Village Offices Closed in observance of
VETERANS DAY
- November 13, At 6 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING
- November 18, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD
- November 25, At 6 P.M.
BRIEFING MEETING
- Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28
Village Offices Closed
THANKSGIVING
- Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- COLUMBUS DAY**
Monday, October 13, 2025
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 15, 2025 No bulk items or paper pickup
- VETERANS DAY**
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
No trash collection
- Normal Monday/Thursday trash collection will be on Monday and Thursday.
- Normal Tuesday/Friday trash collection will be on Wednesday and Friday.
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 No bulk items or paper pickup
- THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK**
Thursday, November 27, 2025
No trash collection
- Normal Thursday trash collection will be on Friday, November 28, 2025.
- Normal Friday trash collection will be on Saturday, November 29, 2025.
- There will be bulk and paper pickup on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.
- 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.

Never Forgotten: Rockville Centre Remembers 9/11

The Village of Rockville Centre came together in solemn remembrance at a candlelight ceremony on the Village Green, honoring the 49 neighbors whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001, as well as the countless others who continue to be taken by 9/11-related illnesses.

“More than two decades later, we still gather as one community—in grief, in remembrance, and in solidarity,” said Trustee Emilio Grillo. “We honor the lives lost and pledge that their memory will never fade. May we continue to provide comfort and strength to all who still carry the weight of this tragedy.”

Nearly 3,000 American flags were placed at the Village Green to represent each life lost in the attacks. During the ceremony, the names of all Rockville Centre residents who perished were read aloud, ensuring that their legacy lives on through collective memory and tribute.

The Rockville Centre 9/11 Memorial stands as a lasting place of reflection, where the names of the 49 residents who died that day are inscribed. In recent years, the memorial has also been expanded to honor residents who later succumbed to 9/11-related illnesses such as cancer and respiratory disease. Families who wish to have loved ones recognized are encouraged to contact the Village for guidance on the process.

“The events of 9/11 did not end on that tragic morning,” Trustee Grillo added. “They continue to impact our first responders, downtown workers, students, and so many others who were exposed to the toxins in the days and months that followed. Rockville



Centre pledges to always remember not only those who perished on that day, but also those we have lost in the years since. This memorial ensures our families will always have a place to grieve, reflect, and find comfort among their neighbors.”



2025 Fall Hydrant Flushing

The Village Water Department will begin its semi-annual hydrant flushing program on Wednesday, October 22nd, continuing through Tuesday, October 28th.

During this period, residents and businesses may notice temporary changes in their water service. Water pressure may fluctuate and/or discolored water to flow into homes and businesses. Although the water may appear discolored, it remains safe to drink. Residents are reminded, however, that discolored water can stain laundry and are advised to avoid scheduling projects that require clear water until flushing in their area has been completed.

Hydrant flushing is an important part of maintaining the Village’s water system. The process helps clear out natural sediment that can collect in water mains, improves water quality, and ensures that hydrants are functioning properly for fire protection. By regularly flushing hydrants, the Water Department helps maintain both the safety and reliability of the

community’s water supply.

- The schedule is as follows:
- Wednesday, October 22nd between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm
Area of the Village lying North of DeMott Ave
 - Thursday, October 23rd between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm
Area of the Village lying between Lakeview and DeMott Ave, west of Long Beach Rd
 - Friday, October 24th between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm
Area of the Village lying between Sunrise Hwy and DeMott Ave east of Long Beach Rd
 - Sunday, October 26th to Monday, October 27th between midnight and 8:00 am on Monday
Entire area of the Village lying between Lakeview Ave and Merrick Rd
 - Tuesday, October 28th between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Entire area of the Village south of Merrick Rd
- If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Water Department at (516) 678-9301.

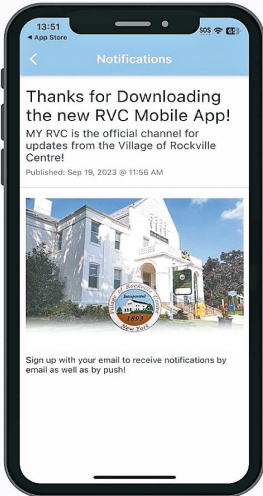
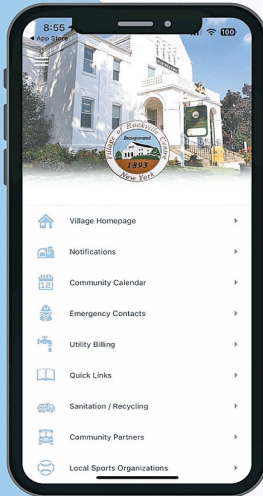


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Around Our Community

Rockville Centre Honors EMTs for Life-Saving Actions



At the September Village Board of Trustees meeting, two Rockville Centre Fire Department Emergency Medical Technicians were formally recognized for their life-saving efforts during a July medical emergency.

On July 23, 2025, EMT Kenneth Albrecht and EMT Kim Martino responded to a call for a patient in cardiac arrest at CityMD Urgent Care on Merrick Road. Working alongside the Northwell EMS Supervisor and ambulance crew, the EMTs immediately initiated advanced life support measures, including high-performance CPR and multiple defibrillation shocks.

Their coordinated efforts quickly proved successful. A return of spontaneous circulation was achieved

on scene, giving the patient a fighting chance before being transported to Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital. EMT Martino continued care in the ambulance, assisting with additional treatments en route. Thanks to their swift and professional response, the patient was discharged from the hospital just days later, on July 31.

Mayor Francis X. Murray praised the EMTs for their heroic actions, saying, “EMT Albrecht and EMT Martino exemplify the very best of our Village’s first responders. Their courage, skill, and commitment to saving lives make our entire community proud. Because of their quick thinking and extraordinary efforts, a family was given more time with their loved one.”

Rockville Centre Honors Hispanic Brotherhood Founder

The Village of Rockville Centre proudly honored Margarita Grasing, founder and longtime Executive Director of the Hispanic Brotherhood Inc., for her more than four decades of service and leadership in the community.

At the September Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Francis X. Murray and the Board of Trustees presented a proclamation recognizing Grasing’s dedication to improving the lives of residents and her tireless efforts to expand opportunity across Rockville Centre and beyond.

“Margarita has been a champion for families in need and a tireless advocate for those without a voice,” said Mayor Murray. “Her leadership of the Hispanic Brotherhood has changed lives, opened doors, and created opportunities for generations. Rockville Centre is a better place because of her.”

Since founding the Hispanic Brotherhood in 1984, Grasing has guided the organization in providing educational, nutritional, and social service programs for children, seniors, and families throughout the area. Under her leadership, the nonprofit became a trusted resource for residents seeking support and a vital part of the community’s fabric.

The recognition highlighted not only Grasing’s professional accomplishments but also the profound impact she has had on countless families across Long Island.



A Village Alive with Music Playing on the Porch 2025

The Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce brought the Village alive with music during its annual Playing on the Porch on Saturday, September 6th. Porches across the Village became performance spaces, offering neighbors and guests the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of diverse music and shared community pride.



Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup will begin on Monday, November 17, 2025. 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 27 and Friday, November 28, 2025. The last day of pickup will be on Friday, December 12, 2025.

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 \$469; combat \$783; and disabled up to \$1,566 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 2024 gross income not exceeding \$58,399.

Applications are available on the Village website www.rvcny.gov on the Tax Office page, by emailing klanzillotta@rvcny.us or by calling the Tax Office Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (516) 678-9205.

The filing deadline for all 2026/27 exemption

applications is January 2, 2026.

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 klanzillotta@rvcny.us or telephone at (516) 678 9205 in order to avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

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.

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.

Handle With Care: Garbage Safety Guidelines

To protect our hard-working Village employees, please follow these simple guidelines when disposing of garbage:

- Use standard garbage containers with detachable lids.
- Containers should not exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds.
- Avoid overfilling plastic bags, as they can easily tear.
- For broken glass or sharp objects, wrap securely in newspaper or brown paper, or place in a cardboard box, tape shut, and clearly label as “Broken Glass.” Do not place broken glass in plastic bags.

Thank you for helping us keep our Village employees safe!



Growing and Strengthening Rockville Centre

Residents have raised important concerns about the trees in our Village, and I want to be clear: these concerns are heard, understood, and taken seriously. As Mayor, alongside the Board of Trustees, I recognize that trees are more than just part of our landscape. They provide shade, improve air and water quality, reduce noise, and enhance the character of our community. At the same time, we must balance these benefits with safety and infrastructure needs.

Decisions to remove trees are never made lightly. The Village contracts an independent arborist to carefully evaluate any trees affected by road work or other infrastructure projects. Trees are considered for removal only when they are diseased or when their roots threaten roadways, sidewalks, or underground utilities. Since I took office, more than 750 new trees have been planted throughout the Village, reflecting our ongoing commitment to maintaining and growing our tree canopy. Residents also have the opportunity to replace trees at no cost, choosing species that are better suited for their

specific location, ensuring new plantings thrive alongside our essential infrastructure.

Infrastructure is equally vital to our Village's long-term vitality. From road restorations and water main replacements to lighting upgrades and critical utility enhancements, these projects strengthen safety, resilience, and quality of life. Key efforts include roadwork across multiple streets, fire hydrant replacements, upgrades at the Marlborough Court Sewer Pump House, and improvements to public spaces throughout Rockville Centre. South Station Plaza, Front Street, and the LIRR pedestrian path between Village Avenue and Centre Avenue have been revitalized with new sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs, and accessible ramps. The parking lot at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center and other locations have been resurfaced, with drainage improvements and upgraded

walkways. These investments ensure that Rockville Centre remains safe, functional, and resilient for all residents.

Our dedication to preserving and enhancing the Village also extends to parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities. These are spaces where children play, families gather, and neighbors connect. Thanks to a New York State grant, a new state of the art playground will soon be installed at Reverend Morgan Days Park, offering safe and modern play opportunities for years to come. Over the years, we have upgraded athletic fields, courts, playgrounds, and recreation centers, while integrating sustainability features such as permeable parking lots, stormwater management, and improved lighting. The RVC Sports Complex fields have been resurfaced, restrooms refurbished, and fencing replaced. At Veterans Park and the John A. Anderson

Recreation Center, new inclusive playgrounds, a splash pad, basketball and tennis courts, and updated concession areas have enhanced the experience for residents of all ages. Joyce Field and Tighe Field have received turf replacements and upgraded backstops, ensuring safety and durability. We are proud to be working with Rockville Centre Little League to secure funding to upgrade Hickey Field, one of our most treasured and historic ballfields.

Many of these improvements were funded through grants and private gifts, allowing us to stretch Village resources further while delivering meaningful upgrades to the community. These investments reflect a careful balance of honoring the beauty and benefits of our trees, modernizing the infrastructure that supports our community, and enhancing recreational spaces for residents of all ages. With continued collaboration, thoughtful planning, and the support of our residents and state partners, we can ensure Rockville Centre remains a safe, vibrant, and thriving Village for generations to come.



Sandel Center Wraps Summer Fun and Prepares for Fall Excitement



Sandel Senior Center had an unforgettable August, packed with fun, music, and celebration! The White Party was a standout, featuring the incredible Long Island Steel Band, a talented mother-and-son duo from Rockville Centre. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from the Grand Pavilion, guests enjoyed delicious food alongside fantastic entertainment.

Another highlight of the month was Sandel's Lobster Bake, brought in from Captain Mike's in Oceanside. More than 50 participants indulged in this classic summertime feast.

Looking ahead to the fall, Sandel is rolling out exciting new programs and events! Join us on Tuesdays for a lively half-hour dance class, where you can learn popular group dances often seen at weddings, parties, and special events—no experience required.



Just Dance!

New Class!

TUESDAYS AT 12:30PM

Sandel Senior Center
Sandel Center
50 South Park Ave
516-678-9350

Energetic half hour dance class where you'll learn some of the most popular group dances and crowd favorites!

Mark your calendars for October 17 and don't miss the first-ever BIG BINGO event! Members are encouraged to bring friends to enjoy the fun and compete for cash prizes. To reserve your spot, call the center at (516) 678-9350.

Later in the month, Sandel will host a special concert with Pete Custodi, visiting from Woodloch Pines. His smooth voice and upbeat personality are sure to delight everyone. And don't forget, in December, Sandel will hold its 4th Annual Holiday Fair, featuring a variety of vendors to help you complete your holiday shopping.

Be sure to check our online calendar for all upcoming programs and special events at Sandel Senior Center!



Sandel Center Holiday Fair

Tuesday, December 2nd
11am - 4pm

Shop over 20 unique vendors!
Clothing, jewelry, candles, pet accessories, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, sweet treats, raffles, 50/50 and much more!

Support the Sandel Senior Center Club! Proceeds go directly to the center!

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Sharing the Road A Call for Caution as School Year Begins

With the school year back in full swing, the Village is reminding all motorists to stay extra vigilant on the roads to protect our youngest commuters. Increased traffic, school buses making frequent stops, and children walking and biking to school all add to potential roadway hazards.

"Every September, we see an uptick in traffic and congestion around our schools," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "It is critical that drivers slow down, remain focused, and put safety above everything else. No text message, phone call, or distraction is worth risking a child's life."

All motorists traveling in either direction are legally required to stop for school buses with flashing red lights as students are boarding or exiting. Drivers must remain stopped until the stop arm is withdrawn and the roadway is clear.

Police Commissioner Randy Dodd added, "School zones are clearly marked, and speed limits are strictly enforced. We want to remind drivers that 20 miles per hour is the maximum around our schools, side streets and main roads included. Officers will be out monitoring, and tickets will be issued to violators. Our top priority is protecting children."

In addition to roadway safety, the Village and local schools partnered once again this September to host a bicycle safety course for elementary students. The program focuses on helmet use, signaling, and safe riding practices, helping to instill good habits early on.

"Safety is a community effort," Mayor Murray emphasized. "By slowing down, staying alert, and following the rules, we can all do our part to ensure that every child arrives at school and returns home safely."





The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Halloween Mural Painting Contest

All artists are invited to paint Halloween themes on paper murals, which will be displayed during the fall holidays. Boys and girls in grades fourth through eighth must register by October 17th online at RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com. The annual contest will be held on Sunday, October 19th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$30 per team. Awards are given by a distinguished panel of judges for murals in several different Halloween categories!



Food Donations

The Recreation Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods, frozen turkeys, as well as 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.



Annual 5 K Run and One-Mile Family Fun Run

Join hundreds of your neighbors and friends who will be running in our road races through the beautiful streets of Rockville Centre on Saturday, November 15th. All races begin and end at the Rockville Centre Train Station.



Winter Program Registration

Registration for the Winter 2026 Program session begins Monday, November 24th 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 Monday, January 5, 2026.

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



5K & 1 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN

SPONSORED BY RVC RECREATION DEPT AND THE RVC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

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

ENTRY FEES

FUN RUN: \$15 per person

5K RUN: \$30 per person

Senior rate: (60+) \$15 per person -5K all times

**Pre Registration on or before November 8th
(5K entry includes FUN RUN)**

\$35 late registration fee after Nov. 7th for 5K
**No late fee for Seniors*

REGISTER ONLINE ONLY

AGE CATEGORIES: Male and Female

9 & under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & over AND WHEELCHAIR EVENTS

**Online registration
via elitefeats.com**

**RACE TIMED BY
elitefeats.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.

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

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center proudly presents our

Halloween Parade and Party!

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

11:30am-1pm

At the REC

Meet outside by playground for parade.

This is a rain-or-shine event.

In the event of rain, everything will take place indoors.

Come on down and celebrate all your favorite Halloween tricks and treats as we take our costumes on parade around our brand new Veterans Park at the Recreation Center.

DJ Pace will be bringing our party to life with all the Halloween Hits and Monster Mash! Games and activities inside the REC.

Registration is required.

Registration begins September 29th for residents October 1st for non residents Rockvillecentre.recdesk.com

Fee: \$15 per child (over the age of 1) includes pretzel, drink, goody bag and activities and more.

