

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



## Dates & Events

**February 4 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**February 5 At 6 P.M.**  
**BRIEFING MEETING**

**February 9 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**February 17 At 7 P.M.**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

**Monday, February 16**  
**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**February 26 At 6 P.M.**  
**BRIEFING MEETING**

**March 2 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**March 4 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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

**March 21**  
**ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

**March 24 At 7 P.M.**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

**March 31 At 6 P.M.**  
**BRIEFING MEETING**

Events are at Village Hall  
unless otherwise indicated.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

President's Day Week

Monday, February 16, 2026

President's 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, February 18, 2026**

**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.

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## Rockville Centre Expands Police Department with Seasoned Officers

The Rockville Centre Police Department welcomed two new police officers, Anthony Fazio and Thomas McNeely, during a swearing in ceremony at the December Board of Trustees meeting. With their addition, the Department now consists of 55 sworn-in police officers. Both officers bring exceptional experience, a strong commitment to public service, and a dedication to strengthening community trust.

"Our Village continues to grow and evolve, and adding these two accomplished officers strengthens our ability to protect and serve," said Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Their extensive backgrounds and dedication to public safety will help us keep Rockville Centre one of the safest communities on Long Island."



Police Officer Anthony Fazio was born and raised in Manorville, New York, and graduated from Eastport South Manor High School. Following his passion for service, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served four years as an infantryman. He was stationed in North Carolina and deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in 2011. After completing his military service, Anthony attended Suffolk Community College and studied accounting. In 2016, he joined the New York City Police Department serving in patrol at the Eighty-First Precinct in Bedford

Stuyvesant. He later joined the New York State Police, where he advanced to the rank of Sergeant.

Police Officer Thomas McNeely grew up in Island Park, New York. After graduating from West Hempstead High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a Gunner's Mate. He was stationed aboard the USS Ramage in Norfolk, Virginia, and achieved the rank of Petty Officer Second Class during his four years of active service. After his honorable discharge, he joined the New York City Police Department in December of 2021. He served in various assignments within the NYPD Transit Bureau, most recently in the Transit Bureau Response Team, which focused on addressing quality-of-life and crime conditions throughout the New York City subway system.

"As we continue to expand and modernize our Police Department, bringing in officers with this level of training and experience is essential," said Police Commissioner Randy Dodd. "They will play a key role in supporting our ongoing efforts to provide responsive, community focused policing."

## St. Patrick's Parade Continues a Tradition of Giving in Rockville Centre

The Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade will return this March, bringing one of the Village's most cherished traditions back to the streets. The parade will step off at noon on Saturday, March 21, beginning at Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road and proceeding to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral.

Mayor Francis X. Murray shared his enthusiasm for the annual celebration, saying, "The St. Patrick's Parade is a proud Rockville Centre tradition that brings our community together year after year. It reflects the spirit,



generosity, and sense of belonging that make our Village such a special place to live, work, and raise a family."

Now in its 29th year, the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade, known as The Parade That Cares and Shares, has grown into one of the most successful and well attended St. Patrick's Day parades in New York State. The parade is a source of both cultural and civic pride



and operates as an incorporated not for profit organization. Each year, it shares its success by supporting three deserving charities with national, Irish, and local missions. Since its inception in 1997, the parade has distributed more than 1.8 million dollars to 78 individual charities.

Bill Hogan was named as the Grand Marshal of the 2026 Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade. A respected technology executive and community leader, Bill currently serves as Chief Revenue Officer at Sphere, a leading identity security software company. With more than 25 years of experience in enterprise technology, he has held senior leadership roles at EMC, HP, NetApp, Fortinet, and most recently SecurityScorecard.

Bill and his wife, Kate, have raised their five children in Rockville Centre. He has been deeply involved in youth sports, parish

life, and numerous charitable initiatives. His philanthropic efforts include more than two decades of leadership with the St. Baldrick's Foundation, early support of Tunnel to Towers, and board service with several educational and faith-based organizations, including Sr Agnes CYO, Diocese of Brooklyn Futures in Education, Alive and Hope, Tuck R.U.S.H. for Literacy, and St. Baldrick's.

"Bill Hogan truly embodies the spirit of Rockville Centre through his service, leadership, and generosity," continued Mayor Murray. "His deep commitment to his family, his profession, and our community makes him a wonderful and well-deserved choice for Grand Marshal."

This year's parade will raise funds for Rescuing Families, Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior, and Run for Mary.

For further information about the parade, please visit [www.rvcstpatrick.com](http://www.rvcstpatrick.com).



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# Around Our Community

## RVC Shined Bright During the Holiday Season

This holiday season, Rockville Centre was alive with joy as neighbors of all ages came together to celebrate. From lively gatherings to magical meet-and-greets, the Village buzzed with the sights and sounds of the season.

The Village Green was home to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, bringing neighbors together for a celebration filled with holiday cheer. The evening featured musical performances by students from South Side Middle and High Schools, filling the air with festive melodies. Adding to the magic, Rudolph, Frosty, and Santa made special appearances, with Santa arriving in style on a fire truck courtesy of the Rockville Centre Fire Department. The Village Green also hosted the menorah lighting, complete with music and a Festival of Lights on the eighth night of Hanukkah, creating a joyful atmosphere for the entire community.

Inside the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, hundreds of families enjoyed the Annual Breakfast with Santa, savoring pancakes from the Pantry Diner and meeting Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their helpers in a winter wonderland setting. The Holiday Boutique at the Sandel Senior Center and



the Intergenerational Holiday Party offered residents of all ages warm and memorable opportunities to connect and celebrate. At the same time, the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center hosted a series of festive events, featuring music, dancing, and the distribution of toys, creating joyful experiences that brought the entire community together for the season.

From laughter and music to magical encounters, Rockville Centre was truly glowing with the spirit of the season.



## RVC Commemorated Pearl Harbor 83 Years Later

Military veterans from Rockville Centre gathered at Mill River Park to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The ceremony, hosted by the Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303, honored the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Mayor Francis X. Murray spoke about how the annual observance serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made that day and the resilience that followed.

"Today, we come together to remember and honor all those who were lost during that brief but deadly attack," he said. "However, we also come together to honor the resilience of the American spirit. For even though we mourn, our nation rose up and fought back. We showed the world why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth."

As part of the ceremony, a wreath was placed in Mill River to commemorate those who gave their lives, serving as a solemn reminder of the heroism and sacrifice that shaped our nation's history.



## News from Rockville Centre Water Department Service Line Inventory: What Property Owners Need to Know

The Rockville Centre Water Department continues its commitment to protecting public health by complying with the EPA's updated Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). As required, water providers across New York State are submitting an inventory of property-owned water service lines, particularly those installed before 1988.

A water service line connects the public water main to a building and is owned and maintained by the property owner. These lines are typically made of lead, copper,

galvanized steel, or plastic.

Rockville Centre's drinking water meets all Federal, State, and County regulations. The Village's water system is closely monitored and includes a corrosion control program designed to reduce the potential for materials to enter the water supply.

Recently, the Water Department mailed letters to residents and business owners identifying their service line status as lead, galvanized, or unknown. Property owners with unknown service line materials are encouraged

to help identify them by submitting a photo or scheduling an inspection.

A water service line material needs to be confirmed by either records or visually. Sections that cannot be confirmed are classified as lead. This means that even though a water service that enters the residence is copper the section in the street may not be. The letter that was sent is required by the EPA to inform the resident of the possibility of their service being lead and the dangers of lead. If a resident has replaced

the service in the street, they are asked to forward a copy of the permit to the water department so we can update our records.

If assistance is needed, residents may contact the Village at (516) 678-9302 to arrange an inspection. If lead is confirmed, replacement of the service line from the water main to the home is the responsibility of the property owner.

This initiative reflects the Village's commitment to transparency and ensuring safe, reliable drinking water for all residents.



### Village Tax Grievance

Filing for Village Tax Grievances begins on February 2nd and will conclude on February

17th. You may file a Tax Grievance complaint at 110 Maple Avenue during this filing period. The Tax Assessor's hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Instructions for filing and copies of the New York State forms are available on the Village website.

### Snow Reminders

In the event of a snowstorm, the Village urges residents not to go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is necessary. Crews will be able to do their job more quickly and completely if there is less traffic on the roads. Residents and business owners are reminded that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the end

of a storm and snow should not be thrown into the roadway when clearing their driveways and sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, snow should be cleared so they may be located easily in case of an emergency. Corner properties are responsible for clearing to the corner and curb cut access to allow pedestrian access to sidewalks.





## Viewpoint: Comments by Trustee Katie Conlon *Reflecting on a Year of Progress in Rockville Centre*

As we welcome 2026, it is important to take time to reflect on all that was accomplished in 2025. This past year was marked by meaningful progress across every department of our Village, with a strong focus on necessary and ongoing infrastructure upgrades. These improvements ensure that Rockville Centre remains safe, efficient, and well prepared for the future.

At the end of 2024, we proudly unveiled a new salt shed with the capacity to hold approximately 1,600 tons of salt. In 2025, we continued to strengthen our winter operations by adding a new salt spreader to the Department of Public Works fleet. Our DPW team works tirelessly to clear 53 miles of roadway, 30 parking fields, and all Village owned sidewalks, ensuring safe travel for residents, commuters, and visitors during winter weather events.

Our comprehensive road program remained a priority throughout the year. Repaving and essential infrastructure upgrades were completed across multiple areas of the Village, including Andover Road, Raymond Street from

Brower Avenue to Long Beach Road, St. James Place, Cedar Avenue, Marvin Avenue, South Lewis Place, and the Knollwood Road and Whitehall Road area. These projects improve roadway conditions, extend the life of our streets, and enhance overall safety.

Significant improvements were also made to the pedestrian area near the Long Island Rail Road between Village and Centre Avenues. This area was revitalized with new sidewalks, curbs, crosswalks, and ADA accessible ramps to improve walkability and accessibility. In addition, Parking Field 2A, located on Front Street between North Village and North Centre Avenues, was repaved and restriped, with slightly larger parking spaces to better accommodate commuter vehicles and improve traffic flow.

The Water Department completed several critical upgrades in 2025, including essential treatment improvements at Plant I on Shepherd Street, replacement of the pump and motor at

Well 2A on Maple Avenue, and the installation of more than 2,400 linear feet of new water main and service lines throughout the Village.

Thirteen aging fire hydrants were also replaced, and work continues on necessary upgrades to the Marlborough Court sewer pump house.

The Electric Department continued progress on underground infrastructure and lighting upgrades, enhancing reliability and safety throughout the Village.

Public safety remained a top priority. The Police Department added four new vehicles to its fleet, three of which are funded through grant money. We are also extremely proud that Detective DeLuca was accepted into the prestigious FBI National Academy, a rigorous 10-week residential program that brings together law enforcement leaders from around the world. The advanced training and knowledge gained will greatly benefit our community. Additionally, the Fire Department

has a new fire truck on the way, also funded through grants.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Village employees. Across every department, our staff consistently demonstrates professionalism, commitment, and pride in serving the Rockville Centre community. We are grateful for their daily efforts to keep our Village running safely and efficiently. We also encourage residents to reach out to the Village with any questions, concerns, or feedback. Open communication and community engagement are essential as we continue working together for the benefit of all who live, work, and visit Rockville Centre.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees remain committed to carefully assessing, evaluating, and planning for future infrastructure projects across all areas of the Village. We will continue to aggressively pursue grant opportunities whenever possible as we work together to ensure that Rockville Centre remains the beautiful, vibrant, and safe community we all know and love.



## Rockville Centre Police Department and Molloy University Strengthen Partnership Through Campus Safety Training

The Rockville Centre Police Department partnered with Molloy University to deliver a proactive and engaging Situational Awareness Training session designed to support a safer and more informed campus community. Led by Lt. Peter Pellegrino, the program showcased the department's ongoing



commitment to working collaboratively with local institutions to promote preparedness, awareness, and community well-being.

"Working hand in hand with our community partners is essential to creating safe and resilient spaces," said Rockville Centre Police Commissioner Randy Dodd. "Training opportunities like this allow us to share valuable tools and strengthen the relationships that help keep our residents, students, faculty, and staff safe."

The session brought together the entire Division of Student Affairs, members of Enrollment Management, the University's Emergency Response Team, as well as Molloy University President James P. Lentini.

"Safety is a top priority at Molloy University



and we value our partnership with the Rockville Centre Police Department and appreciate their time and expertise in training our community," stated Molloy University Vice President for Student Affairs Janine Biscari, Ed.D.

During the training, Lt. Pellegrino provided guidance on recognizing early

signs of concerning behavior, maintaining personal awareness, and the importance of reporting suspicious activity. Attendees also reviewed recommended safety strategies and response protocols, including secure in place procedures, evacuation options, and last resort actions during critical incidents.

"This collaboration underscores our Police Department's dedication to community engagement and its mission to ensure that we are equipped with the knowledge needed to stay safe and prepared," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "By strengthening partnerships like this, we build trust, improve readiness, and create a more secure environment where students, staff, and residents can thrive."

## A Season of Joy at the Sandel Center

This holiday season, the Sandel Senior Center was filled with joy, comfort, and a spirit of togetherness that truly captured the heart of Rockville Centre. More than ever before, members, families, and neighbors came together to celebrate a season defined not just by festivities, but by meaningful connections across generations.

One of the most cherished highlights of the season was the involvement of our local

youth. Performances by middle school and high school students brought festive music and heartfelt presentations to the Center, filling the room with holiday spirit and reminding everyone of the special bond that forms when generations come together.

Adding to the magic was the Sandel Center's own Center Stage Chorus, which delivered an incredible performance that truly stole the show. Their voices filled the Center with seasonal favorites and uplifting melodies, earning enthusiastic applause and cheers from a delighted audience. The pride and joy on the faces of both the performers and the audience made this moment especially meaningful.

The season culminated in a spectacular



Holiday Gala that was nothing short of magical. Beautifully decorated and brimming with celebration, the gala welcomed more attendees than ever before. Music, dancing, and festive cheer carried throughout the room as friends old and new laughed, reminisced, and celebrated together.

Participation throughout the holiday season was stronger than ever, reinforcing

the Sandel Center's role as a vibrant hub of community life. As Kathy Baxley often says, it is truly "the happiest place in New York State." This holiday season was one to remember and beautifully reflected the spirit of Rockville Centre.

Adding to the excitement this season, Friends of Senior Services Inc. will be hosting its very first Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser at the Sandel Center. All proceeds will go directly toward supporting programs and services at the Center. Guests can expect a lively evening of bingo with beautiful designer pocketbooks as prizes. Please see the flyer in this issue for details, and if you are interested in attending, please call the Center soon. Tickets are limited and this is sure to be a great evening.

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**FOSSI Presents**  
**Designer Bag**  
**Bingo at Sandel**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Doors open at 6pm  
Games start at 7pm

Drinks Available for Purchase

\$50 per ticket  
Includes 10 games, food, and fun!  
\*\*Must be 21 or older to be served alcohol\*\*  
\*\*Proper ID is required\*\*

30 South Park Avenue  
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516-678-9330

Limited Seating Available!





# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

## Nursery School Registration

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department is pleased to offer Nursery School programs for the 2026-2027 school year September through June. These programs have operated with great success for many years. Prospective students may visit our nursery school with their parents. Please call the Recreation Department office to make arrangements.



### Eligibility:

- Pre-Kindergarten 3's: Children entering Kindergarten September 2028. Four day-a-week classes available from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Time For Two's: Children age two by September 1, 2026. Two day-a-week classes available from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Registration begins online on Monday, March 2, 2026, for residents. Please call the Recreation Center for more details.

## 2026 Presidents' Week Activities February 17-20

During the February Recess, the Recreation Department will offer activities for Village youngsters. Detailed flyers will be available on our website [rvcny.gov/recreation](http://rvcny.gov/recreation). Residents can enjoy the convenience of on-line registration at [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com). Registration is taken on a first come first-served basis and begins on Monday, February 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

## Spring Program Registration

Registration for spring programs will begin on Monday, February 23rd for residents and Wednesday, February 25th for non-residents. Take a look at our lineup of activities on [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com). We have a wide array of unique programs including Art, CrossFit Kids, Ninja Challenge, and Chess, as well as the perennially popular offerings such as Gymnastics and Tumbles. Be sure to register early to ensure your inclusion in the class of your choice! Detailed flyers are available at [rvcny.gov](http://rvcny.gov). Register online at [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com). The spring sessions begins the week of April 13th.



## Thinking of Warmer Days?

The Summer Playground Program will begin on Tuesday, June 30th and run until Friday, August 7th.

DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AT [WWW.RVCNY.GOV](http://WWW.RVCNY.GOV) CLICK ON THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT LINK.

## IMPORTANT SANITATION TIPS

Please help keep our Village clean and protect the safety of our sanitation workers by following these guidelines:

### Garbage Guidelines

- Use standard containers with detachable lids
- Containers may be NO larger than 32 gallons
  - Maximum Weight: 50 pounds
- Do not overfill plastic bags as they may tear

### Broken Glass & Sharp Objects

- Do NOT place broken glass in plastic bags
- Wrap glass in newspaper or brown paper, or place in a cardboard box
- Tape securely and label "Broken Glass"

### No Contractor Debris

- Contractors must dispose of all building and landscaping debris
- The Village does not collect contractor or tradesperson waste

### Recycling & Weather Tips

- Bag all trash to prevent debris from blowing
- Tie paper recycling and place a heavy item on top
  - Break down and securely tie all cardboard
- Bring empty bins in promptly after collection

### Holiday Schedule Reminder

- During weeks with a Monday holiday, there is no bulk pickup or paper recycling on Wednesday
- You can find the Holiday schedule at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov)

### E-Cycling

- First Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 10 Sunrise Highway
- Accepted items include TVs, computers, monitors, DVD/VCR players, iPads, and cable equipment



## Rockville Centre Recreation Department's Annual

# Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Little Bunny Cottontail is planning a visit to the RVC Recreation Center!

Join us for a morning of fun as your child joins the hunt for special treats and a photo-op with some-Bunny special!

Register online for one of our available time slots for children grades 3 and under:

9:00am

9:45am

10:30am

11:15am

Pre-Registration is required. Registration begins online at [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com) on March 9th for residents and

March 10th for non residents both at 9:30am.

Egg Hunt and Photo-Op will take place outside at Veteran's Park at the RVC REC (weather permitting)  
Fee \$15 per family for residents  
Fee \$20 per family for non residents



## Girl Scouts Explore Village Hall and Local Government

Mayor Francis X. Murray recently welcomed Troop 869, a group of 17 Daisies from Wilson Elementary School, to Village Hall as they work toward earning their Good Neighbor badge.

During their visit, the Mayor shared the history of Rockville Centre, explained the basics of local government, and highlighted interesting facts about the community. The troop then had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about how residents can be active and informed members of the Village.

The Village thanks Troop 869 for their curiosity, enthusiasm, and thoughtful questions during this special visit.

