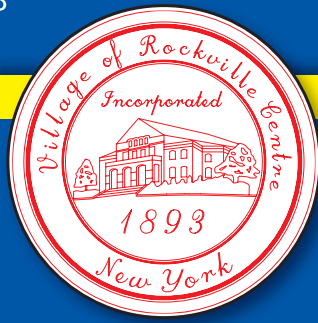


THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

August 3, At 9:00 A.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 12, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

August 20, At 6:00 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING

September 2, At 6:00 P.M.
BRIEFING MEETING

Monday, September 7
**Village Offices Closed
LABOR DAY**

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

September 9, At 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

September 15, At 7:00 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

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 7, 2026

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, September 9, 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.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Annual Golf Classic Celebrates Community and a Lifelong Dedication to RVC

On Monday, September 28th, the Rockville Links Country Club will host the 39th 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 Peter Klugewicz, a lifelong Rockville Centre resident whose decades of volunteer service have made a lasting impact on the community. Peter has proudly served the Rockville Centre Fire Department's Woodland Engine Company No. 4 for 43 years, including as Captain, and currently serves as Chief Fire



Inspector. He is Treasurer of the Rockville Centre Community Fund and has been a dedicated leader of Rockville Centre Little

League, serving on its Board of Directors since 2009 and as President since 2022. His unwavering commitment to public service and youth athletics exemplifies the spirit of community that the Mayor's Golf Classic celebrates.

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.

Annual Car and Fire Truck Show Brings Community Together

The Village's Annual Vintage Fire Truck and Car Show drew a great turnout once again, bringing residents and visitors together for another successful community celebration.

The event was organized by Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley and former Rockville Centre

Fire Department Captain Dominick Alesi, whose continued dedication and hard work have made the show a highlight of the Village's event calendar. Their efforts help preserve local history while creating an opportunity for neighbors to connect and enjoy a shared experience.

"We are proud to see this event continue to grow each year," said Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. "It is a wonderful way to celebrate our community,



honor the craftsmanship and history of these vehicles, and bring people together for a day that truly reflects the spirit of Rockville Centre."

The Village extends its sincere thanks to all those who proudly showcased their vehicles, as well as to everyone who attended and supported the event. Their participation helps ensure the continued success of this cherished tradition.



Rockville Centre Police Department Marks Career Milestones

The Village of Rockville Centre Police Department recently celebrated several significant milestones, welcoming a new officer to the force while recognizing the accomplishments of three members whose dedication and service have earned them promotions.



"The strength of our Police Department lies in the professionalism, experience, and dedication of its members," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "We are proud to welcome Officer Ellers to the Department and congratulate Lieutenant Burnside, as well as Sergeant Vacchio and Crosby on these well-deserved milestones. Their commitment to public service helps ensure Rockville Centre remains a safe and welcoming community for all."

Police Officer Brett Ellers joined the Rockville Centre Police Department on May 8, 2026, bringing valuable experience in both education and law enforcement. Prior to beginning his career in policing, Officer Ellers worked as a social studies teacher. He later served as a New York State Trooper and most recently as a member of the Metropolitan

Transportation Authority Police Department before joining the Rockville Centre Police Department.

The Department also recently promoted Lieutenant Burnside, whose career reflects a longstanding family tradition of public service. A 2014 graduate of the University at Albany with a degree in Biology, Lieutenant Burnside joined the New York City Police Department in July 2014, serving in the 83rd Precinct. Following in the footsteps of his father, two grandfathers, and aunt, he dedicated himself to a career in law enforcement before transferring to the Rockville Centre Police Department in May 2017. He was promoted to Sergeant in August 2023 and has now advanced to the rank of Lieutenant.

The Department also celebrated the promotion of Sergeant Vacchio and Sergeant Crosby. Sergeant Vacchio joined the Rockville Centre Police Department in October 2015 after serving with the New York City Police Department. Throughout his tenure in Rockville Centre, Sergeant Vacchio has demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and a strong commitment to serving the community. His promotion reflects years of hard work and leadership within the Department. Sergeant Crosby began his law enforcement career with the NYPD in 2012 before joining the Rockville Centre Police



Department in 2016. Before his promotion, he served as a field training officer, helping train and mentor new officers entering the department. His promotion reflects more than 14 years of law enforcement experience and a strong work ethic.

Police Commissioner Randy Dodd also praised the officers for their service and leadership.

"Each of these officers has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the profession and to the residents of Rockville Centre. Officer Ellers brings valuable experience to our Department, while Lieutenant Burnside, Sergeant Vacchio, and Sergeant Crosby have earned the respect of their colleagues through years of hard work and dedication. We are proud to recognize their accomplishments and look forward to their continued service."

The Village congratulates Officer Ellers, Lieutenant Burnside, Sergeant Vacchio, and Sergeant Crosby and wishes them continued success as they serve the Rockville Centre community.

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Around Our Community

Rainy Skies Cannot Dampen Rockville Centre's Memorial Day Tribute

Despite inclement weather and the cancellation of the annual Memorial Day Parade, residents of the Village of Rockville Centre came together in large numbers to honor and remember fallen service members at the Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 303 at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center.

The ceremony drew a strong turnout of veterans, local officials, Scouts from across the community, and residents who gathered to pay tribute and ensure that this important tradition of remembrance continued without interruption.

This year's Grand Marshal, Edward G. Casazza, addressed attendees and reflected on the enduring importance of Memorial Day and the responsibility to honor those



who made the ultimate sacrifice. Colonel Casazza served more than three decades in the United States Army in transportation and artillery leadership roles, with deployments in support of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terrorism. He is the recipient of numerous military honors, including the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal. His brother, Paul Casazza, served as Grand Marshal of the parade in 2005, continuing a meaningful family legacy of service.

"Each year, our Memorial Day

observance serves as a powerful reminder of the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in service to our country," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "While rain moved the ceremony indoors, it did not deter our community from coming together in strong support and remembrance. We are proud to honor Ed Casazza as this year's Grand Marshal, continuing a meaningful family legacy of service and remembrance, as his brother once led this very parade. I also want to extend our sincere gratitude to American Legion Post 303 for their steadfast commitment to organizing this important tradition, ensuring that our community continues to gather in remembrance and gratitude for our fallen heroes."

The program included a solemn wreath laying ceremony honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation. Seven wreaths featuring red, white, and blue floral arrangements



were presented with sashes representing the Rockville Centre Police Department, Rockville Centre Fire Department, the Police Benevolent Association, Cub Scout Pack 163, Scouting America Troops 163, 214, and 40, American Legion Post 303, and Glynn Funeral Home.



Community Visits Showcase Public Service in Action

Village Hall and the Rockville Centre Police Department welcomed students and community groups from across the Village for educational visits and tours. Participants had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Village staff, and members of the Police Department to learn more about local government and public service.

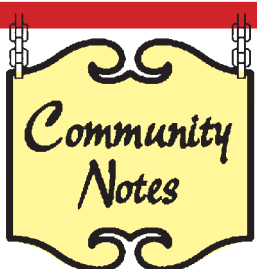
These visits provided a unique opportunity to see firsthand how Village departments operate, gain insight into the services provided to residents, and engage directly with the individuals who help keep Rockville Centre a vibrant and safe community. The Village is always pleased to welcome visitors and inspire a greater understanding of local government and civic engagement.



Annual Fireworks Lights Up the Night

On July 12, the Village of Rockville Centre hosted its Annual Fireworks Celebration and Concert. Residents and visitors gathered for an unforgettable evening featuring a spectacular fireworks display by Grucci and a live performance by the South Shore Symphony, bringing music, light, and community together under the summer sky.

Mayor Francis X. Murray reflected on the evening, saying, "There is nothing more special than seeing our community come together to celebrate side by side. Nights like this remind us of the pride, unity, and spirit that define Rockville Centre."



Community Day

The Annual Community Day will celebrate its 25th year on Saturday, August 22, from noon to 4 p.m. The event will be held in front of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on North Centre Avenue.

This milestone celebration will feature activities for children, music, dance performances, and a variety of tasty treats for all to enjoy.

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 20, 2026, 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 Playing on the Porch. Music makers of all genres are invited to play from their front porch or lawn on Saturday, September 19th. To register or for further details, please email eric@mingomedia.com.

Village Moving to ParkMobile for Mobile Parking Payments

The Village of Rockville Centre would like to remind residents that we are moving from the Flowbird parking app to ParkMobile, a leading mobile parking payment platform, this summer. During the transition period, both apps will remain active to ensure a smooth and uninterrupted experience for

users. ParkMobile will provide residents and visitors with a more streamlined and widely used system that operates in hundreds of cities across the United States and Canada, while existing parking meters and hardware will remain unchanged. Users will continue to enter their vehicle license plate number when starting a parking session, which will be used for enforcement and validation, and are reminded to enter information carefully to avoid citation errors. The Village expects the new platform to enhance convenience, improve reliability, and provide a more user friendly parking experience throughout Rockville Centre.



Viewpoint: Comments by Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley

Building Community, One Event at a Time

For nine years now, it's been my privilege as Deputy Mayor to help bring our community together through events that celebrate what makes this Village special: each of us. Whether you're a longtime resident or someone who just moved here, I believe that strong communities aren't built by accident. They're built by showing up for one another, again and again, in small and large ways.

Our annual Classic Car and Fire Truck Show is one of my favorite examples of this. Every year, neighbors roll out vehicles they've expertly restored or cared for over decades and the rest of us get to wander the rows, listen to stories and admire the craftsmanship. It's a simple idea, but it draws people of all ages out of their homes and into conversation with people they might not

otherwise meet. There's always a child wide-eyed at a fire truck and an old-timer happy to tell you exactly how many hours he put into that car engine.

The same spirit shows up at Music on the Green, our summer concert series. There's something about sitting on a blanket in the evening air, listening to live music with friends and strangers alike, that captures why we choose to live somewhere like this. For a couple of hours, nobody's in a hurry to be anywhere else.

This year's fireworks show was another example of that same magic. Families staked out their spots on lawn chairs hours in advance, neighbors traded snacks and stories

while we waited for the sky to go dark and for a little while, the whole Village seemed to be looking up together. The evening kicked off with a wonderful performance by the South Shore Symphony, whose music set the perfect tone throughout the evening before the fireworks lit up the sky. Hundreds of us, shoulder to shoulder, is exactly why these events matter so much.

But community isn't only about the events we plan together. It's also about the quiet, steady work happening behind the scenes. Our Village is fortunate to have a number of local nonprofit organizations doing meaningful work:

supporting families and individuals in need, extending a helping hand well beyond our Village and stepping in wherever there's a gap to fill. These organizations often run on the energy of volunteers who give their time without expecting recognition. They deserve our gratitude, and they deserve our support, too, not just our thanks.

As we continue through another year of gatherings, summer concerts, fireworks, and community service, I want to thank everyone who has shown up: as a volunteer, a spectator, or simply a neighbor who says hello. It's all of you who make this Village feel like home. I look forward to seeing you at our next event, and as always, I welcome your ideas, your input, and your help. This community runs best when we build it together.



Season of Enrichment and Connection at the Sandel Center

The Sandel Center experienced a vibrant and active spring season, offering members a diverse array of educational excursions, social programming, community service opportunities, and beautification initiatives.

A highlight of the season was a visit to the Morgan Library & Museum in New York City, where members enjoyed an in depth look at the life and legacy of J.P. Morgan. The visit included a guided tour of the historic library and museum, followed by lunch and an afternoon of educational enrichment and exploration.

Several weeks later, members enjoyed an outing to the Central Park Zoo. Despite warm weather, participants spent the day exploring the exhibits, sharing lunch, and observing a variety of animals, including bears and primates. The trip provided a meaningful opportunity for recreation and fellowship.

Back at the center, members of the South Side High School Intergenerational Committee joined Sandel Center participants for an afternoon of lunch, games, and conversation. During the gathering, the Sandel Center proudly awarded two scholarships of 500 dollars each to Amalia Breen and Kayla Arslan in recognition of their exceptional engagement with members and their commitment to fostering meaningful intergenerational relationships.

In addition to off-site programming and community engagement, members remained actively involved in beautification efforts at the center. The Garden Committee dedicated time throughout May to planting seasonal flowers in decorative containers and maintaining the grounds, enhancing the overall appearance and welcoming environment of the facility.

One of the most meaningful moments of the season occurred during a visit from Officer Norton, who accepted a handcrafted



crocheted blanket created by Sandel Center members for his daughter, Madeline. As many are aware, Madeline continues to courageously face a rare neurological illness. The gift was presented as a gesture of support and compassion, reflecting the care and solidarity of the Sandel Center community.

Join us for a special afternoon as Friends of Senior Services, Inc. hosts its Annual Fundraiser in celebration of the Sandel Center's 50th Anniversary. This milestone

event will be held on Friday, September 25th and is set to bring together community members, supporters, and friends to honor five decades of service, connection, and enrichment for our senior community. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, exciting raffle opportunities, and a festive atmosphere, all while supporting programs that make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. We look forward to celebrating this remarkable achievement with you.



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Village Urges Residents to Plan Ahead for Hurricane Season

As the 2026 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.

While the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has forecast a below-average season, citing a 10% chance of an above normal season, the projections call for between 8 and 14 named storms with winds of 39 miles per hour or higher. Of those, 3 to 6 are expected to strengthen into hurricanes, including 1 to 3 that could become major hurricanes—classified as Category 3, 4, or 5—with winds of at least 111 miles per hour.

Village officials emphasize that early preparation remains the most effective way to reduce risk and protect both lives and property. Residents are encouraged to develop or review household emergency plans, ensure emergency supplies are stocked, and 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 secured to prevent them from becoming hazardous debris.

“As we move through this hurricane season, the safety of

our residents remains our highest priority,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “We strongly encourage every household in Rockville Centre to take simple, proactive steps now so that when severe weather arrives, our community is prepared, resilient, and able to respond quickly and safely.”

Tree maintenance is also a critical component of storm readiness. Damaged or weakened trees and branches can cause significant property damage and contribute to power outages during high winds. Residents are strongly encouraged to consult a certified arborist to assess tree health and address any hazardous conditions before severe weather occurs.

“A few simple steps taken today can make a significant difference during an emergency,” added Mayor Murray.

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.





The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



Fall 2026 Programs

Registration for fall programs will begin Monday, August 3rd for residents and Wednesday, August 5th for non-residents. Registration is online for all recreation programs. 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 14th.



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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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
- 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"
- Lithium batteries present a fire hazard and are NOT accepted

Recycling & Weather Tips

- 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

Bulk Pickup

- Contractor debris is NOT permitted
- Metal items including appliances are picked up on Thursdays.

For bulk pickup, please call (516) 678 - 9216 or request online bpickup@rvcny.us
Transfer station is open 1st & 3rd Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

E-Cycling

- First Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 10 Sunrise Highway



Be strong, be healthy, and stay cute with me

Sheila Clark-Hawkins

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Our 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

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