

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



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

**February 10 At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, February 15
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**February 23 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

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

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

**March 24 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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

Log onto www.rvcny.gov for detailed information on how to virtually attend each meeting.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

President's Day Week

Monday, February 15, 2021

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 17, 2021

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. - 4:00 P.M.

Tax Department 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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One College Place, P.O. Box 950
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

Rockville Centre Shines Bright During the Holiday Season



The Village held its first annual, "RVC Holiday Lights Night," a community-wide decorating contest. With more than 80 participating homes, over 3,000 voters cast votes for their favorite displays in the following categories: Most Popular, Martha Stewart, Clark Griswold, Party of Lights, and Family Friendly. Voters cast their ballots online or with Santa and his helpers outside Village Hall on Sunday, December 13th.

"We knew that the holiday season was going to look different with restrictions preventing celebrations," commented Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. "It was our hope that this Village-wide contest would spread holiday spirit through the use of lights. Rockville Centre truly shined bright."

Winners included:

- ✧ Most Popular: 195 Voorhis Avenue
- ✧ Clark Griswold: 174 Pine Street
- ✧ Marth Stewart: 25 Canterbury Rd
- ✧ Party of Lights: 15 Dogwood Lane
- ✧ Family Friendly: 19 Argyle Place

Honorable Mentions include:

- ✧ 29 Strathmore Lane
- ✧ 148 Demott Avenue
- ✧ 21 Hamilton Street
- ✧ 6 Olive Court

Mayor Francis X. Murray and Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley were accompanied by Rudolph to congratulate the winners of the "RVC Holiday Lights Night."



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Be in the Know, Sign-up for This Month Electronically

The Village of Rockville Centre is looking for your help going green. In hopes of sending out the Village's bi-monthly newsletter, "This Month," electronically (emailed), rather than

mailed, we are asking each of our residents and businesses to visit www.rvcny.gov, look under the "Quick Links" section of the homepage, click on "Sign-up for E-Alerts,"

and submit their information. Subscribers will receive the newsletter filled with timely news and events throughout our Village.

Find us on facebook





Around Our Community

Sandel Center Adapts to the “New Normal”



Members are staying active with daily fitness classes.



Mayor Francis X. Murray joined Nicole Graziano, Nutritionist, on a cooking segment of “Sandel At Home.”



“Sandel At Home” television program includes interviews from businesses throughout the Village including Front Street Bakery.

In the face of Covid-19 restrictions, the Sandel Senior Center has adapted to bring its award-winning programs to seniors in Rockville Centre and neighboring communities. The Sandel Center reopened its doors in November and although things may look different, members are enjoying the camaraderie of familiar faces and engaging classes including daily on-site fitness classes.

“Members who attend programs at Sandel have expressed relief and gratitude at the opportunity to socialize again,” commented Chris O’Leary, Director of Senior Services. “Many agree that isolation has been particularly crushing and are thrilled to be back among their friends.”

In recognition of the fact that there are still a great number of seniors in this community who are not ready to return to the Sandel Center building, the “Sandel At Home” television show continues. This new, innovative,

award winning outreach provides senior center programs to those who remain in quarantine. It’s designed to bring the Sandel Center right into the home via Rockville Centre’s public access television station. Instructors lead fitness, music, art, and cooking classes during the show to keep viewers both mentally and physically healthy. Guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects have been interviewed on the air. There are also “guest spots” at local businesses such as gift shops, restaurants, and bakeries.

The Sandel Center also produces a bi-weekly newsletter filled with colorful photos and articles. It is mailed to the home of every member and financially supported through the generosity of sponsors. Zoom classes and group conference telephone calls are additional “at home” offerings.

For information about the Sandel Center, or any of the programs and services offered there call 678-9245.



Art instructor Zelda Randell leads classes to engage viewers at home.

RVC Conservancy Holds First Mulchfest

The RVC Conservancy held its first Mulchfest on January 9, 2021. The event took place at Hempstead Lake State Park for residents to dispose of their Christmas trees in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

Mayor Francis X. Murray and Trustee Emilio Grillo stopped by the tree recycling program to thank Matt Cliszis, MaryBeth Croutier, Kevin Breen, and Scott Gegerson from the

RVC Conservancy for spearheading the program. The RVC Conservancy partnered with NYS Parks and Bill Brown, Superintendent of Hempstead Lake Park, who supplied the mulching equipment and two staff members on duty to feed the mulcher.

Those who partook in the event got to either take the mulch home or donate to the park that was used on some of the trails in the northern section of the park.



Officer Leanna Palmer Recognized as “Cop of the Month”

The Rockville Centre Police Department announced the selection of Officer Leanna Palmer as the “Cop of the Month.” Officer Palmer was recognized for her dedicated performance of duty that resulted in the saving of a resident’s life.

Prior to joining the Rockville Centre

Police Department, Officer Palmer began her professional career as an Emergency Medical Technician at North Shore University Hospital’s Center for Emergency Medical Services in 2011. She also took a position at Northwell Health Center for Learning and Innovation as an EMT Skills Instructor. While working in health care, Leanna always wanted to be a Police Officer. In 2018, she turned that dream a reality when she joined the New York Police Department. She graduated the NYPD academy in the top ten percent of her class for academics, and following graduation, she was assigned to the 113th precinct located in South Jamaica, Queens. Her dream was further realized when she was able to join the Rockville Centre Police Department.

“Rockville Centre remains one of the safest communities in New York State due to the vigilance of our highly-trained Police Department,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Officer Palmer has proven to be a knowledgeable and skilled Officer. I would like to thank her for her commitment to our community. Her dedication, along with the entire Rockville Centre Police Department, is one of the reasons Rockville Centre is the one of the most desirable places to live, work, and raise a family.”



Swift 911

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Village’s Swift 911. This system enables the Village of Rockville Centre to provide residents with critical timely information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and power outages. Residents can register for Swift 911 on the Village’s website at www.rvcny.gov.

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.



Village Hall Comments by Mayor Francis X. Murray

On behalf of everyone at Village Hall, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. We have been dealing with a “new normal” since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has proven to be very stressful for all. While we are in the early stages of the vaccine distribution, I am extremely optimistic that we will be returning to the normalcy we are accustomed to in 2021.

Every new year is an opportunity for a renewal of hope and a reassessment of goals. As your Mayor, I resolve to continue working with my fellow elected officials; Deputy Mayor Kathleen Baxley, Trustee Michael Sepe, Trustee Emilio Grillo, and Trustee Nancy Howard, as well as our dedicated employees, to ensure that the Village of Rockville Centre remains one of the most desirable communities to live, work, and

raise a family on Long Island.

While Covid-19 may have slowed us down, we continued to make great strides with upgrades throughout the Village in 2020. We continued to improve our infrastructure; redoing roadways and planting trees, as well as updating and improving our parks and ballfields. In 2020, we completed the refurbishment of our fourth and final water tower along Sunrise Highway near our Department of Public Works and the streetscapes on North Park Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway, which included all new red brick crosswalks and cement sidewalks, as well as new decorative



black lamp posts. Thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), we renovated Tighe Field to include improved drainage, a stone wall, fencing and a turf field for our local athletes.

We have been aggressive when it comes to receiving grants for new initiatives to hold down the Village property taxes. Throughout my tenure, we have secured over \$42 million dollars

in federal, state and local grants and gifts to make improvements in our Village. In 2020, we received money for street repairs, money to cover Covid expenses, and most recently a \$150,000 grant for a new showmobile thanks

to the help of Legislator Debra Mulé. In 2021, I promise to continue to leave no stone unturned to receive grants to benefit our great Village.

We are committed to communicating with you and to responding to you because we believe that a responsive and responsible Village government is an important reason why Rockville Centre continues to be such a desirable community in which to live. I encourage you to log onto our website at www.rvcny.gov and follow the Village on our social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn about news and upcoming events for 2021.

I consider it a privilege to be the Mayor of Rockville Centre. I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to continuing to improve on this great foundation in 2021.

RVC Commemorated Pearl Harbor Day

Military veterans from Rockville Centre gathered at Mill River Park to commemorate the 79th 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. During the ceremony, a wreath was cast into Mill River in honor of those who were lost that day.

“December 7, 1941 was a day that changed the course of history as the United States of America was attacked at Pearl Harbor,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “It is vital that we honor the service of those who went above and beyond, and remember their sacrifice.”



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Village Now Offering Non-Resident Commuter Parking Permit

Non-resident commuter parking permits are now available for parking areas within the Village of Rockville Centre. The six-month permit is available for a fee of \$175 and commuters can utilize parking fields with “R” resident/commuter spots.

“While residents are working from home during the pandemic, we have noticed

that many of our parking lots are vacant,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “By offering this non-resident commuter parking permit, we are able to alleviate some of the debt accrued by the pandemic that will have minimal to no effect on our residents.”

To obtain a commuter parking permit, visit www.rvcny.gov to fill out an application.

Applications, a copy of vehicle registration and payments can be returned to Village Hall located at One College Place, Rockville Centre, New York 11571.

For further questions, please contact the Village Administration office at 516-678-9212.



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



Nursery School Registration

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department is pleased to offer Nursery School programs for the 2021-2022 school year September through June. These programs have operated continuously with great success for nearly six decades. Prospective students may visit our nursery school with their parents. Please call the Recreation Department office to make arrangements.

Eligibility:

- Pre Kindergarten 4's: Children entering Kindergarten September 2022. Four and five day-a-week options
- Pre Kindergarten 3's - Children entering Kindergarten September 2023. Three and four-day-a-week options
- Time for Two's - children age two by September 30, 2021. Two day-a-week classes.

Registration is in person beginning early March, please call the Recreation Department for further details at 678-9238.

2021 Presidents' Week Activities February 15 - 19

During the February recess, the Recreation Department will offer numerous activities for Village youngsters. Detailed flyers will be available on our website at rvcny.gov/recreation. Residents can enjoy the convenience of on-line registration at rockvillecentre.recdesk.com. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring Program Registration

Registration for spring programs will begin on March 1st for residents and March 4th for non-residents. Take a look at our lineup of activities on 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. Register online at rockvillecentre.recdesk.com. The spring session begins on April 5th.

Time to Get in Shape

Coed cardio workout with Sheila Hawkins is available on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., as well as total body with weights on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Join Sheila for Zumba sessions on Tuesdays at 7:50 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. Pay-as-you-go for \$7 each session.



Pickleball is all the Rage at the Recreation Center



Pictured are Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Trustee Nancy Howard, Frank Milillo, and Recreation Center Acting Superintendent Karen Polito at the Pickleball court ribbon cutting.

Rockville Centre resident, Frank Milillo, brought his enthusiasm for the sport of Pickleball to Mayor Francis X. Murray and Recreation Center Acting Superintendent Karen Polito, in November in hopes to bring a league to the Village. Pickleball, invented in 1965 and featuring elements similar to tennis, badminton and racquetball, made its debut at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center this past December.

"Pickleball has been a great addition to activities offered at the Recreation Center," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "I

want to thank Frank for bringing his love of the game to our Village and encourage our residents to give Pickleball a try. It's a great way to stay active."

The second winter season is expected to begin on March 3rd and run for approximately eight weeks. While spots for the first winter session sold-out quickly, the Recreation Center anticipates the same for the second season. Interested players are encouraged to call the Recreation Center for further details at 678-9238.

Men's and Women's Softball

The Recreation Department's Spring Softball season is tentatively scheduled to commence the week of April 1st. Information for men's teams are available on our website or at the office. Information for Summer Softball Leagues for Men and Women will be available in late March.

Summer Sports Schools

You'll never find a better group of professionals than those who run the sports schools at the Recreation Center. The RVC recreation Baseball School, Game 7's Basketball School, Ultimate Sport Camp, and the Recreation Department's Gymnastics School provide your child with the best sports instruction and guarantee an exceptionally rewarding experience. Register early to secure your child's place in these very popular instructional programs. Contact the recreation office or website for further information.



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.

TRANSFER STATION

The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from April 3rd until November 20th to receive large items of trash including furniture.

Proof of residency is required

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

10 SUNRISE HIGHWAY
RVC License Required

E-CYCLING

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.

Residents may bring their electronics
Televisions must be dropped off

at e-cycling

Assistance will be given for EXTRA LARGE items. Please call (516) 678-9216 to schedule a pickup

ACCEPTABLE E-CYCLING ITEMS

Computers / Computer monitors
Small Electronics
VCR * DVD * I PAD
Video Systems

Anything that plugs into a computer
Televisions
Cable Boxes
Small Servers



Wednesday is Paper Day!



Cardboard, product packaging, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail can all be recycled on Wednesdays. Please consolidate cardboard by flattening and tying.

**PLEASE NOTE
DO NOT DISCARD USED MEDICAL NEEDLES IN
HOUSEHOLD REFUSE**

Please call 678-9288 with any further questions.