

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

**April 5 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**April 14 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**April 27 At 7 P.M.**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

**May 3 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 5 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**May 19 At 7 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**MAY 25 At 7 P.M.**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

**Monday, May 31**  
**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**

Log onto [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) for detailed information on how to virtually attend each meeting.

## New Parking App Coming to Rockville Centre

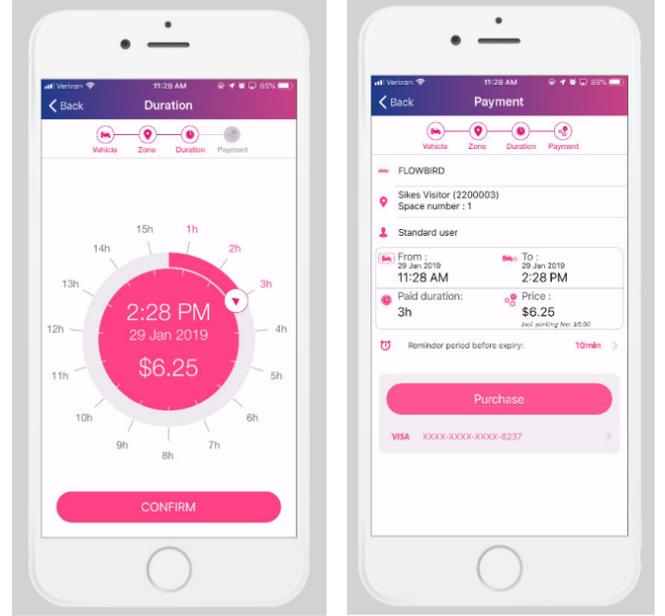
The Village of Rockville Centre is pleased to announce a partnership with Devo Associates and Flowbird, a mobile parking application that allows motorists to pay for their parking through their smartphones. The app, powered by the leader in curbside management and urban mobility solutions for over 60 years, offers a convenient option for residents and visitors. It will be available to the Village this spring.

“The Village of Rockville Centre is thrilled to offer a contactless option for parking payments,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “By partnering with Flowbird, we are providing a smarter and safer way for our residents and visitors to pay for

parking.”

The app is available for mobile devices through the Google Play Store and Apple Store for more than 1,000 metered on-street spaces and in off-street lots throughout the Village. The technology provides drivers reminders when their parking session is set to expire. Residents and visitors will still have the option to pay at the consoles or parking meters.

In addition to the new parking app, parking in the St. Agnes lot along Front Street will no longer need a permit unless cars will be staying overnight. Parking in the lot has increased to \$15 per day that can be paid with the app and at the two consoles in the lot.



## Village to Hold Public Hearing on Tentative Budget

The Village of Rockville Centre Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm to consider the adoption of the tentative budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

The public hearing will be held virtually through Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89631920100>. The meeting id is 896 3192 0100 and to join by audio only, please dial (646) 558-8656. All interested persons will have an opportunity to be heard with respect to the public hearing. Prior to or during the public hearing, residents can

email comments or questions to [feedback@rvcny.us](mailto:feedback@rvcny.us) or by written submission to the Village Administrator sent to One College Place, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, New York 11570-0950 by 4 p.m. on April 5, 2021. Participants can also comment at the hearing during the public comment session and using the chat feature on Zoom.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

**Memorial Day Week**  
**Monday, May 31, 2021**

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, June 2, 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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Permit No. 70

THIS MONTH IN  
**Rockville Centre**  
One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

## I ♥ RVC! Winner Announced

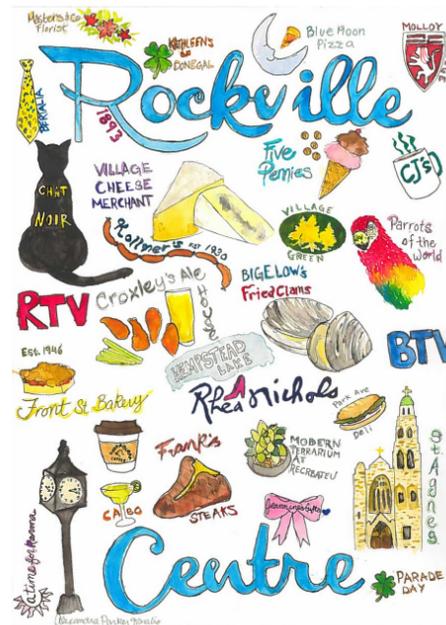
The Village of Rockville Centre announced the winner of its second “I ♥ RVC!” contest at the March 18th Special Meeting. In 2015, residents submitted a

short video clip of what they loved most about Rockville Centre for the first contest. This time, residents were invited to share a drawing or painting showcasing everything they love about Rockville Centre. Alexandra Kavalis had the winning submission that will be featured on the 2020 Annual Report.

“All of the entries received in the ‘I ♥ RVC!’ contest creatively expressed what people love about living, working and playing in Rockville Centre,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Contestants used innovative ways to highlight everything Rockville Centre has to offer. I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who participated in this fun contest.”

Alexandra’s winning artwork showcased

many of Rockville Centre’s favorite destinations. Honorable mentions include submissions from Aaron Weisenburger, Madeline McKenna, Viviana Haley, and Wilson Brutus.



Winning submission by Alexandra Kavalis



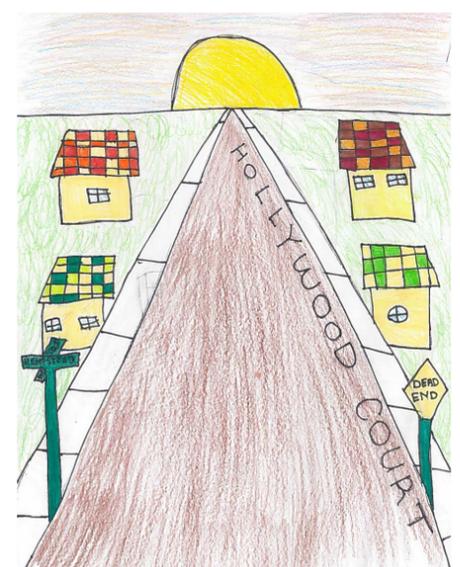
Honorable mention Viviana Haley



Honorable mention Wilson Brutus



Honorable mention Aaron Weisenburger



Honorable mention Madeline McKenna



# Around Our Community

## Sandel Center Keeps Seniors Connected a Year into Pandemic

Over a year into the pandemic, the Sandel Senior Center is keeping its members connected virtually and in-person. The Sandel Center reopened in November and offers limited programming Monday through Friday.

An in-person fitness class with rotating instructors takes place every morning at 10:30 a.m., as well as a variety of programs: musical performances, cards and games, guest

speakers and more is offered in the afternoons. Daily programs, volunteer opportunities, and other Sandel Center offerings continue to expand. The calendar is updated regularly and can be obtained by visiting the Sandel Center in person or calling 678-9245.

“Sandel at Home” television program continues to bring valuable senior center programming right to the home every day via Rockville Centre’s public access television

station at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on channel 18 (Optimum) and 37 (Verizon/ Fios). Features of Sandel TV include a range of fitness classes, interviews, brain fitness, art programs and site visits to interesting places around the Village.

Many Sandel programs are offered virtually. These include virtual trips, book club meetings, Men’s Club meetings, social work led discussion groups, and more. Telephone

conference calls are held for members with little to no technology. In addition, a colorful, informative and fun newsletter is printed and mailed twice monthly to every member.

Transportation services have resumed. Members are encouraged to utilize Sandel Center buses for rides to and from the center, supermarket shopping and medical appointments. For information please call 678-9245.



The Sandel Center observes Covid-19 protocols to keep members and employees as safe as possible. Pictured left to right are Tami Patton and member Sandy Mesibov.



Watch “Sandel at Home” for informative guest interviews. Pictured are Director of Senior Services, Chris O’Leary and Physical Therapist Margaret Haller.



Pictured left to right are members Kathy Hogan, Carol Kramer, and Barbara Bohan enjoying Valentine’s Day.



In-person fitness classes are offered daily at 10:30 a.m.

## Village Welcomes New Rear Loading Sanitation Truck

The Village of Rockville Centre Department of Public Works (DPW) took possession of its new rear loading sanitation truck to replace an aging vehicle at the end of its usable life. The new state-of-the-art truck will enable crews to pick up large pieces of rubbish and dumpsters from commercial customers in the downtown area and from apartment buildings. Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Trustee and liaison to the DPW Emilio Grillo, and Trustee Nancy Howard joined Village Engineer Kevin O’Reilly, Co-Directors of Public Works Gwynne Feiner and John Thorp, and members of the Sanitation Department and Village Garage to see the new truck before it officially hit the roadway this February.



## Village of Rockville Centre Parking Regulations

When you mention parking, you are usually greeted with groans and rolling eyes. That is no different in our own Village. As Rockville Centre has grown over the years, some folks are not familiar with the Village’s parking regulations.

There are several different parking permits in the Village, with their own fees and expiration dates:

- Residential at \$236.00, which runs from 4/1 to 3/31 for a full year.
- Full-time employee at \$257.00 for a yearly renewal or \$71 for a quarterly renewal
- Overnight at \$249.00, which runs from 4/1 to 3/31 for a full year or \$124.50 for a half-year that runs from either 4/1 to 10/31 or 10/01 to 3/31
- Daily parking permit at Parking Field #14 and Field #27 for \$15.00
- Student summer parking permit at \$75.00 which covers the dates 5/15-9/15.

Of the items listed above, the most consternation comes from understanding the overnight parking process. Generally, there is no overnight parking on any street in the Village between the hours of 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. every day of the year. However, residents can obtain an overnight parking permit, which will allow you to park in municipal lots designated for overnight parking.

As with anything, there are a few exceptions to the overnight

parking regulations. Guests who will be parking overnight on the street may obtain permission for an “overnight exception” by visiting [www.RVCParking.com](http://www.RVCParking.com) and filling out a one-page form. The vehicle is registered internally, and the form does not need to be printed and put in the car. They are permitted to park as a guest nine days per calendar month. The guest permit only applies to overnight parking - all other regulations remain in effect and must be abided by.

Residents may obtain a short-term exemption by calling the Rockville Centre Police Department at 516-766-1500 if they are having work done on their driveway and need to park on the street. The overnight parking guest list is NOT available for residents.

Residents and guests are advised that there is a fine of \$35 per incident for overnight parking without the appropriate permit.

“With so many new additions to our Village family we wanted to make sure that everyone understood the Village’s parking regulations,” said Mayor Francis X. Murray. “The more information we put out there for people, the less chance there is for misunderstanding and frustration.”

To access the appropriate forms, and for more information, please visit the Village’s website at <https://www.rvcny.gov/online-services/pages/parking-permits>, or contact the Village Administrator’s Office at (516) 678-9212.



### Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, June 6, 2021 and continue every Sunday until December 19, 2021 from 7 a.m. to noon in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and North Forest Avenue.

### Village Election Coming

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre will hold a special Village election on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The following offices with the following terms will be contested for: two trustees (four years) and Village Justice (four years).

Candidates may pick up election packets from Village Hall that are due by May 11, 2021. The Village is currently accepting applications for absentee ballots for the general election.

All voting in the June 15, 2021 Village election will be conducted at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eligible persons wishing to vote, must be registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections at least ten days prior to the election.

### Real Estate Tax Due June 1, 2021

First half 2021/22 Village tax bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of May 24th. First half taxes must be paid by July 1, 2021 to avoid any penalties.

Due to Covid-19 Village Hall is currently closed to the public. Payments may be made online at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) by electronic check or credit card, dropped in the slot located to the right of the Village Hall Entrance at 1 College Place or mailed to PO Box 950, Rockville Centre NY 11571-0950.

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 telephone at (516) 678-9242, fax at (516) 593-1673 or email at [taxoffice@rvcny.us](mailto:taxoffice@rvcny.us) in order to

avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

### Be in the Know, Sign up for E-Alerts

In an effort to provide timely communications, residents are urged to sign up for the Village’s E-Alert system. Urgent notifications are sent via email to alert residents and businesses of road closures, storm warnings, power outages, and other critical timely information. Please visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) and click E-Alerts under Quick to sign up to receive.



## Village Hall Comments by Trustee Emilio F. Grillo



The Covid-19 pandemic has had a direct impact on just about every person in the world. The pandemic has forced us to adapt to the “new normal,” and has significantly altered our way of life for the past year. Our

Village government has also been similarly altered in our normal day-to-day operations and functioning.

While the Village Board functions efficiently, our Village Board has been forced to conduct all meetings on a virtual platform. The board continues to meet on a regular basis, three times per month in a televised public forum. As many of our residents know, a monthly board meeting is held on the first Monday of each month, followed by a mid month meeting, held on the second or third Thursday of the month and a monthly briefing meeting held on the last Thursday of the month.

From a personal standpoint, I find the virtual meetings to be efficient, informative and transparent, and they provide our neighbors the opportunity to fully view and participate in the governance of our Village. I know that I speak on behalf of the Mayor and the entire Board of Trustees in encouraging all of our residents to attend and participate in

our Village board meetings. All of our Board members make decisions which we believe are in the best interests of our community. Yet, the public’s feedback and collaboration is sincerely welcomed in our decision making process. To that end, as we are in process of discussing some significant issues in the coming months, I write to urge all of our residents to not only to stay informed, but more importantly, to attend and participate in our monthly board meetings.

The current virtual Zoom platform permits anyone to join our Village Board meetings from the comfort of their own home, and a Zoom link for each meeting is posted on the Village web site. In addition, the first two meetings of every month have a portion of the agenda devoted to “public comment,” where members of the public are permitted to ask questions and present the Board with any information they deem pertinent to our Village. During the next few months, there will be discussions on some

significant issues affecting our Village.

In the immediate future, our tentative proposed Village budget will be presented at a public hearing scheduled for Monday, April 5th at 7 p.m.. In addition to the tentative budget, our Village services, infrastructure, and fiscal planning for not only 2021, but also our capital plan through 2025, will also be discussed. Furthermore, there will be discussions and ultimately a hearing regarding Transit Oriented Development (TOD), in our downtown, which could impact our Village for many years to come. As a result, our resident’s participation and collaboration with our elected Village officials is encouraged now more than ever. Given the upcoming agenda, coupled with the impact the pandemic has had on our community, we would encourage all of our residents to join us as a community, as we work collectively to continue Village services, and to move our Village forward, and out of these difficult and unprecedented times.

## RVC Conservancy Offers 4th Annual Tree Planting Program for 2021



Back by popular demand, the RVC Conservancy is working with the Village to launch its 4th annual “Tackling Trees” program for 2021. Since 2018, the RVC Conservancy has helped residents plant over 150 new trees in the Village.

Originally begun as a removal and replacement of diseased Bradford Pear trees, the Conservancy is now focusing on adding new trees to the Rockville Centre community. They have partnered with Barbato Landscaping to provide trees that are mostly native to Long Island for front yards and curb strips. They are offering small (15’-25’), medium (25’-40’), and large (40’+) trees to allow you to choose what’s best for your planting area.

Orders must be received by April 30, 2021 for the May 2021 planting. Trees cost \$315 each, which includes planting and a one-year replacement guarantee. To learn more about tree choices, and to order, please visit <https://www.rvcconservancy.org/tacklingtrees>

## Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade MARCHED for Small Business

Due to Covid-19, the annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade was canceled for the second year. However, the Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Day Parade committee launched, “The Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade MARCH for Small Business.” The campaign sought to help 13 people or organizations in the Rockville Centre community in two categories: small businesses and individual employees.

“The Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade has been a staple in our community for a quarter-century,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “They have reinvented their annual parade to benefit businesses and employees in our community. Their tireless dedication to altruism is what makes Rockville Centre a better place

to live, work and play.”

On March 9th, Village officials joined with Assemblywoman Judy Griffin, Grand Marshal Ellen White, Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade President Andrew Healey, Vice President Jackie Kerr and committee members to light the tree outside Village Hall for a “Go Green” initiative. The tree remained lit all month long to remind residents of St. Patrick’s Day and to inspire them to donate to this small-business campaign.

For nearly 25 years, the Rockville Centre community has supported the Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade and in return “The Parade that Cares and Shares”® has raised more than \$1.3 million and supported more than 70 charities over the years.



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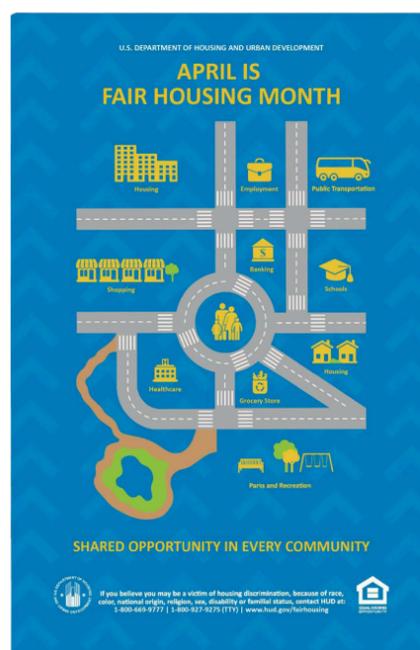
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## RVC Celebrates National Fair Housing Month

In honor of the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act, and in remembrance of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, April is set aside as National Fair Housing Month. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the campaign includes efforts to end housing discrimination and raise awareness for fair housing rights in communities across the country.

“National Fair Housing

Month recognizes the efforts to eliminate unfair barriers to housing opportunities,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Every person deserves a fair chance to secure safe and stable housing which helps to establish vibrant, diverse, and inclusive neighborhoods in all communities.”

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status, contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 or log onto [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).



# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



## Summer Playground and Summer Nursery Registration

The 67th Annual Summer Playground Program for grades 1-7 will be offered this summer. The program will be conducted from June 30th through August 12th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A Summer Nursery Program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2021 will be held from June 28th to August 12th. A 4's Summer Program will also be offered for students who have completed a 3's nursery program. For further details and questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 678-9238.

## Sports Camps

Game 7 Basketball will be holding its summer 2021 basketball league for players entering grades Kindergarten - 4th grade. The #1 girls' basketball camp in New York will also be held August 16th - 20th at the Recreation Center. For information on both programs please visit [game7sports.com](http://game7sports.com).



## Spring/Summer Sports Leagues

Registration information for softball leagues for men and women and basketball leagues for boys and girls entering grade 5-12, as well as adults, is available online and at the office. All team captains must establish their profile and register their teams on [rockvillecentre.recdesk.com](http://rockvillecentre.recdesk.com).

## Nursery School for Fall 2021

The Recreation Department is currently taking registration deposits for the Fall Nursery School Program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2022 and 2023. In addition, the Recreation Department offers a Time for Two's Program, a separation class for 2-year-olds with a curriculum designed to help children explore their own ideas at the same time they are gaining new skills. A warm, nurturing and positive school experience is offered in our bright, inviting classrooms, renovated playground and gymnasium! Call the office for more information or to arrange a visit to our school at 678-9238.



**ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
RECREATION CENTER**

Session 1: August 16 - 20  
Session 2: August 23 - 27

BOYS & GIRLS 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:00am - 12:00noon

Summer 2021

REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.ULTIMATEGAMESCAMP.COM](http://WWW.ULTIMATEGAMESCAMP.COM)

ULTIMATE GAMES CAMP

Established in 2007, the Ultimate Games Camp provides communities with a neighborhood "fun" camp. Designed by physical education teachers this camp program is based on the most popular games and activities among each age group. Each camp session consists of the "best games" put together in an exciting one-week program.

Our camp curriculum provides an opportunity for boys and girls of all skill levels going into 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in a friendly, fun and safe environment! Campers will be divided based on their grade level.

STAFF INCLUDES NEW YORK STATE LICENSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS & COACHES!

CAMP GAMES INCLUDE.....				
Capture The Flag	European Handball	Ultimate Baseball	Jail Dodgeball	Kickball
Nerf-Ball Tag	Pin Knockdown	Pillo Polo(hockey)	Ga Ga Ball	Dr. Dodgeball
Ultimate Football	Tchoukball	Rocket Ball	Everybody's It Tag	Blob Tag
Big Time Soccer	Hoop Dodgeball	Cone Busters	Scatter Ball	Flag Tag
Velcro Ball	Noodle Tag	Ultimate Frisbee	Poison Ball	Speedball

ROCKVILLE CENTRE RECREATION CENTER	2021 CAMP INFORMATION	COACHING STAFF
<p>111 N. Oceanside Road, Rockville Centre NY 11570</p>	<p><b>CAMP DATES</b></p> <p>Session 1: August 16 - 20 Session 2: August 23 - 27</p> <p>Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00noon</p> <p><b>CAMP PRICE</b></p> <p>\$180 (per session)</p> <p><b>DISCOUNTS</b></p> <p>Sibling Discount: \$30 / 2<sup>nd</sup> + child</p> <p><b>CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE → ULTIMATE GAMES CAMP BAG!</b></p> <p><b>REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00am!</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ultimategamescamp.com">www.ultimategamescamp.com</a></p>	<p>CPR/AED &amp; First Aid Certified</p> <p><b>Craig Degnan</b> Physical Education Teacher &amp; Coach Harborfields Central School District Oldfield Middle School, Greenlawn NY</p> <p><b>Michael Sims</b> Physical Education Teacher &amp; Coach Harborfields Central School District Oldfield Middle School, Greenlawn NY</p> <p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b> 516-840-4320 <a href="mailto:Degnan@ultimategamescamp.com">Degnan@ultimategamescamp.com</a></p> <p><b>CAMP PHILOSOPHY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our goal is to provide an atmosphere that promotes the importance of physical activity, exercise and introduces children to a variety of games and activities.</li> <li>• All children can succeed in developmentally appropriate games.</li> <li>• Emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship and team-work.</li> <li>• HAVE FUN!!!</li> </ul>



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.

### 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	Anything that plugs into a computer
Small Electronics	<b>Televisions</b>
VCR * DVD * I PAD	Cable Boxes
Video Systems	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.