

# THIS MONTH IN

# Rockville Centre



*Dates & Events*

**October 7, At 7 P.M.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, October 11**

**Village Offices Closed**

**COLUMBUS DAY**

**October 13, At 7 P.M.**

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**October 26, At 7 P.M.**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**November 1, At 7 P.M.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**November 3, At 7 P.M.**

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Thursday, November 11**

**Village Offices Closed in observance of VETERANS DAY**

**November 17, At 7 P.M.**

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**November 23, At 7 P.M.**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**Thursday, November 25 &**

**Friday, November 26**

**Village Offices Closed**

**THANKSGIVING**

**Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.**

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

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

### COLUMBUS DAY

**Monday, October 11, 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.

**There is no bulk or paper pickup on Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

### THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK

No trash collection on Thursday,

November 25, 2021 Thanksgiving Day.

Normal Thursday trash collection will be on Friday,

November 26, 2021. Normal Friday trash collection

will be on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

**There will be bulk and paper pickup on**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021.**

### 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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## RVCPD Swears in New Officers

At the September Board of Trustees meeting, five new Police Officers were sworn in as members of the Rockville Centre Police Department. As members of their families looked on, Commissioner James Vafeades administered the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor to Officers Alfred Robinson, Thomas Szenczy, Michael Lerner, Michael McCorvey, and Nicholas Puzzi.

“We have tremendous respect for those that have chosen to work as members of law enforcement,” said Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Their wealth of experience in law enforcement will help keep Rockville Centre one of the safest and most desirable communities in New York.”



## RVCFD Earns Top Spot at 4th Battalion Tournament

Firefighters from Woodland Engine Company 4 of the Rockville Centre Fire Department, led by team Captain Liam Atwell, captured first place at the 4th Battalion 2021 tournament on August 21st. Members of the winning department took first place with a perfect score of 30 points and beat out teams from neighboring companies including East Rockaway, Lakeview,

Lynbrook, and Malverne Fire Departments in hose and ladder competitions.

The drill competitions preceded a parade that led the Fire Departments from Lakeview Avenue to Fireman’s Field at South Side High School. The day was not only filled with friendly competition, but raised money for the Nassau County Firefighters Burn Center Foundation, which aims to provide quality care to victims.



## Rockville Centre Goes Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Each September, Rockville Centre renews its commitment to curing childhood cancer and offers support to the brave young people who are fighting this disease. Village of Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray issued a proclamation designating the month of September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.” In addition, residents

joined the Mayor and Board of Trustees to light the tree gold outside Village Hall on September 1st to help commemorate and bring awareness.

Thousands are diagnosed with pediatric cancer each year, and it remains the leading cause of death by disease for American children under 15. “For those children and

their families, and in memory of every young person lost to cancer, we want to dedicate ourselves to recognizing this terrible illness,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “May their courageous commitment and determination continue to move us forward to new cures, healthy outcomes, and brighter futures for our youth.”





# Around Our Community

## Rockville Centre Remembers Two Decades Later

Neighbors and friends gathered at a candlelight ceremony in memory of the 49 community members whose lives were lost as a result of the attacks on September 11, 2001 and the countless others who have died in the aftermath.

"It is hard to fathom that 20 years have passed since the tragedy of 9/11. We can all remember where we were when we first heard the devastating news of the worst attack on American soil. This was an attack on everything we as Americans hold so dear and it has changed forever the way we go about our daily lives. While 20 years may seem like a long time, for the families who lost a piece of their heart that day, I can only imagine it seems like just yesterday," Mayor Francis X. Murray said during the ceremony.

The annual ceremony was held at the Village Green. The memorial was recently enhanced and upgraded. A special thanks to John O'Shea of County Wide Landscaping for the beautiful plantings. Rich McDonough of McDonough Electric and Tim Zhanghi of Weeping Willow Tree Service also contributed



to the refurbishment. As always, Bob Schenone took the time to consult with our Department of Public Works on these upgrades. Additional thanks to our Village Parks staff; John McPartland, Greg Franco, James Baldassano and Ed Workman led by Charles Doughty who worked tirelessly and conscientiously on this very important project.

Nearly 3,000 flags were placed in the park honoring each victim of the attacks. All of the names of Rockville Centre residents killed as a result of the attacks are inscribed on the



memorial and were read aloud. Father Duffy of Saint Agnes Cathedral and Rabbi Michael Cohen from Central Synagogue led the attendees in prayer during the ceremony and American Legion Post Commander Frank Colon played taps at the end of the ceremony.

"We grieve together and remember each and every life so that our present and future generations shall never forget," added Mayor Murray.



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Enjoys Summer Activities

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center hosted a flurry of activities this summer. Attendees enjoyed a variety of recreational events, as well as a talent show and concluded the summer with its annual Community Day. Hundreds of community members came out for food, rides, dancing, games, and company.

Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the MLK, Jr. Community Center serves as a vibrant neighborhood gathering place that strives to provide residents of Rockville Centre with the tools and knowledge to support their dreams. For further details about the MLK, Jr. Community Center or upcoming events and programs, please call (516) 678-9236.



### Parking Permit Information

November 1st all Employee Parking Permits will renew.

Holders of an "E" permit will receive a preprinted renewal at their place of employment the last week of September. The renewals should be mailed along with a copy of the vehicle registration and the \$257 payment in the envelope provided.

Holders of a "Q" permit will not receive preprinted renewals and will need to reapply for a quarterly or annual permit. Please refer to the Village website for the appropriate application and the mandatory notarized employer letter.

All Employee Parking Permits will be mailed out in a bulk mailing the last week of October to their employer.

### Leaf Pickup

Leaves should be placed in clear plastic bags and placed on the curb strip. First day of pick up is Monday, November 15, 2021 and the last day of pick up is Friday, December 10, 2021.

- Monday – North of Sunrise Highway (between Hempstead Avenue and North Long Beach Road).
- Tuesday – North of Sunrise Highway (East of North Long Beach Road).
- Thursday - North of Sunrise Highway (West of North Village Avenue).
- Friday – South of Sunrise Highway

### Fire Hydrants

One of the first challenges that firefighters face when they arrive at a fire is finding a suitable water source that provides enough water for the type of fire they are fighting. Fire hydrants are commonly color coded to indicate that a hydrant is an adequate source for firefighting. This allows for quick decision making when they are deciding which hydrant to access. Hydrants are the property of the Village of Rockville

Centre and should not be painted or used by anyone without Village approval. If you have any questions, please call the Village Water Department at (516) 678-9301.

### Tax Office Announcements

Real estate tax exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years or more of certified service and to veterans based on the date and type of military service. The maximum assessed value that may be exempted varies with the status of the veteran claimant: non-combat and Cold War \$610; combat \$1,017; and disabled up to \$2,034 based on the percent of disability.

Real estate tax exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2020 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications are available on the Village website [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us) →Departments→Tax Office→Exemptions, by emailing [taxoffice@rvcny.us](mailto:taxoffice@rvcny.us) or by calling the Tax Office Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (516) 678-9242.

The filing deadline for all exemption applications is December 31, 2021.

New property owners and those who have satisfied, refinanced, or sold their mortgage to another lending institution should contact the Tax Office as soon as possible either by email at [taxoffice@rvcny.us](mailto:taxoffice@rvcny.us) or telephone at (516) 678 9242 in order to avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

### Fall Hydrant Flushing

RVC Village water mains will be given its fall-cleaning in mid-October. Residents will be notified once specific dates are chosen. The flushing of hydrants may cause some fluctuation of water pressure and/or discolored (rusty) water to flow into homes and businesses, and although this water is perfectly safe to drink, it may stain laundry. Consumers are advised not to schedule projects, which require clear water during the entire flushing period. The water will be both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink. Visit the Village website for specific areas and times of flushing near you at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us). If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at (516) 678-9301.



## Viewpoint: Comments by Trustee Katie Conlon

This past July, I was honored to be sworn in as your newly elected Village Trustee. What made this moment exceptionally special was having my family by my side, for I would not have embarked upon this journey without their support. Family is everything to me. I was born and raised here in Rockville Centre and I come from a large, close knit family. This is the main reason my husband Kieran and I chose to move back to Rockville Centre in 2009. It is important to us to raise our children with the love and support of our extended family in a family based community like Rockville Centre.

Prior to moving back to Rockville Centre, I worked for nearly 15 years as a registered nurse and nurse practitioner at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. At the time of our move in 2009, I chose to step away from my career to raise our three children.

While home with my children I was able to immerse myself into this community and all it has to offer. With my children in school full time and more independent, in 2019 I returned to work and am currently the school nurse at Oceanside High School.

I am eager to be serving our community as Village Trustee. Over the past few months, I have gotten to meet most of our department heads and learn about some of the incredible programs offered here in Rockville Centre. From the Sandel Senior Center to the MLK Center to Family



Food Truck Night on the Village Green, we are so lucky to have amazing teams of people who make all of this happen.

As Village Trustee, I am liaison to several Village departments, the largest being the Department of Public Works. Over the summer, I had the opportunity to take a tour of their facilities and learn a bit more about all they do. These are the services that

many of us take for granted and are so thankful to have. The Department of Public Works handles our garbage and recycling pickup, our storm preparation and management, snow

removal, sewers, road repairs and street signs. They are overseeing the Living with the Bay projects and the Bay Park Conveyance project. In addition to all of this, they service and repair many of our Village vehicles and trucks. These are the people who are working tirelessly when it's really hot, really cold, during hurricanes and snow storms. They never miss a beat. They are preparing for and handling issues throughout our Village year-round so we remain safe and our town runs smoothly. This is a very superficial generalization of all they do, but I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn about the Department of Public Works.

I look forward to working with all our departments, my fellow Trustees, the Village Administrator, and our Mayor to make fiscally responsible decisions and preserve the quality of life in Rockville Centre.

## Sandel Center Members are Active

With a 100% vaccination rate, the Sandel Center was bursting with activity this summer. Members enjoyed a variety of activities including daily fitness classes, special events and trips.

Autumn brings Mah Jongg lessons, several new day trips, "Take out Thursdays" from area restaurants, and a 45th anniversary party, in addition to regularly scheduled programs. "Sandel at Home" continues to provide fitness and lifestyle programs on Rockville Centre's public access television station. Sandel's transportation service offers members handicap accessible bus trips to and from the center, medical appointments, and the grocery store. There is something for everyone at the Sandel Center. For information, please call 678-9245, or stop in to receive a warm welcome.



## Mayor Recognizes Girl Scout Gold Achievement

Mayor Francis X. Murray recognized Rockville Centre resident, Isabella Verga, with a proclamation for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest rank of achievement in Girl Scouts.

A recent graduate of South Side High School, Isabella was a member of the National Honor Society, on the cheerleading team for four years, and danced for 15 years. For her Gold Award project, "Get Read with Me: Interview Edition," Isabella collected donations of work appropriate clothing for low-income adults going on job interviews.

Working alongside the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, Isabella created a room where adults could pick out clothing and accessories and learn more about interview skills through her brochure. She also built a website and YouTube channel to further spread the work about her project and interview tips.

The South Side High School Business Club will continue her project. The Girl Scout Gold Award is a distinction that will follow Isabella throughout her life and will be a beacon to others of the leadership quality and commitment she has displayed.



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Trustee Emilio F. Grillo

Trustee Katie Conlon

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## School is open, please drive...and walk carefully!

Remember, speed limits around our schools are 20 miles per hour, whether you are on a side street or a main road. Please take steps to slow down to protect our children and your neighbors. In addition, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a stopped school bus, which is picking up or dropping off children. You must remain stopped until all children are clear of the roadway and the bus stop arm is withdrawn.

The Village and the Schools partnered in September, as they do every year, to provide a bicycle safety course for elementary school students. We want our children to be able to ride their bicycles to and from school and as part of their after-school play. We want them to engage in healthy outdoor play. Rockville Centre has several vehicles on the road at all hours of the day and people are often in a rush. Please take note of children (and adults) on their bicycles and be careful around them and slow down. Remember to

remain a safe distance from bicyclists and give them the right-of-way. Most of us grew up in an environment where we could ride

bicycles freely and remain safe. Let's allow our children and other bicyclists to have the same benefit.





# The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



## Halloween Mural Painting Contest

All artists are invited to paint Halloween themes on paper murals, which will be displayed during the fall holidays. Boys and girls in grades fourth through eighth must register by October 15th online at [RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com](http://RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com). The annual contest will be held on Sunday, October 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The fee is \$20 per team. Awards are given by a distinguished panel of judges for murals which convey the best Halloween spirit!

## Halloween Parade & Party

Rockville Centre's Halloween Parade and Party will be held on Sunday, October 24th at 11am. Costumed youngsters and their parents are invited to join the parade around the track behind the Recreation Center. Everyone must pre-register for the parade and party online at [RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com](http://RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com). The fee is \$10 per family.



## Annual 5 K Run and One-Mile Family Fun Run are Back

Join hundreds of your neighbors and friends who will be running in our road races through the beautiful streets of Rockville Centre on Saturday, November 13th. Both races begin and end at the Rockville Centre Train Station. Further details and registration information will be available at [RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com](http://RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com).

**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.**

## Early Voting

Early voting will be held at the Rockville Centre Recreation Center this fall, October 23- October 31. Please visit [NassauVotes.com](http://NassauVotes.com) for more information.

## Food Donations

The Recreation Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods, as well as frozen turkeys or turkey coupons. Unwrapped toys are also welcomed during the holiday season. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the recreation office Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the holidays and any time of the year.

## Winter Program Registration

Registration for the Winter 2022 Program session begins Monday, November 29th for residents and Thursday, December 2nd for non-residents. Registration is open until classes reach their maximum enrollment. Along with our perennially popular programs such as Gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do, Dodgeball, and Tumble-Time, we also offer Ninja class, Learn to Play Chess, Happy Piano music classes, and more! Check out the schedule on our website in November. Programs begin January 3, 2022.

## Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child's next birthday at the Recreation Center. Options include Just for Fun (ages 1-6) and Games/Sports (ages 6-12). Call the office for details, pricing, and availability.



## 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. until November 16th to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. 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.