

THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre



June 1 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

June 6 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 21 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Monday, July 4
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

July 6 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 13 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

July 19 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Log onto www.rvcny.gov for further information including location for each meeting.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 2022 - 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, July 6, 2022

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

Village of Rockville Centre Adopts Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

Village Stays in Line with 2% Tax Cap

The Village of Rockville Centre adopted its budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Despite significant impacts from Covid and increased costs for health and pension benefits, the Village was able to stay within the allowable 2% New York State Tax Cap. The budget of \$48,468,355 balances the need to hold down taxes and provide ongoing services that residents enjoy.

“My administration has labored long and hard to find a balance between tax increases and use of fund balance reserves to mitigate any increase for our residents. Last year, we were forced to use \$2.6 million dollars of reserves to balance the budget. This year, because of positive revenue trends and our continuation of aggressive pursuit of State and Federal grants to fund capital projects, we will only need to use approximately \$850,000 of reserve. We continue to improve upon our great Village with upgrades like our Road Program and the building of our

new state-of-the-art Police Station,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray

While revenue from the Recreation Center, parking permits, meters, and various other areas have increased over the last year, they have not fully recovered to their pre-Covid levels. For the average Village homeowner, the budget would mean less than an additional \$110 per year. “At a time when inflation is impacting us all, the Village wanted to make sure any increase was modest and that Village services would not be impacted,” continued Murray.

During the Mayor’s tenure, the budget has been within or below the tax cap for ten of his eleven years in office and has secured over \$46 million dollars in federal, state, local grants, and gifts to make improvements within the Village. The receipt of these grants reduces the need for the Village to borrow funds, lowering principal and interest costs and helping to hold the line

on taxes. Much of the money has been used to improve roadways, upgrade water and electric infrastructure, parks, and services for seniors. In addition, grants have been obtained to help the Village Police and Fire Departments utilize advanced equipment to keep residents safe. Most recently, the Village was awarded a Federal ARPA grant to upgrade the ventilation systems in Village buildings.

Mayor Murray added, “Rockville Centre remains one of the most desirable places in the country to live, work, and raise a family. Much of that is because of the tremendous services we offer our residents. Whether its recreation and sports for our young families or proactive services to our seniors through the Sandel Senior Center, our Village has something for everyone. This budget will ensure our residents will continue to receive the same benefits and service that they have come to expect.”

Village Goes Green for Returned St. Patrick’s Parade

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the “Parade that Shares and Cares” returned to Maple Avenue with hundreds of spectators. Grand Marshal Ellen White led the 25th Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Parade that had organizations and groups from across Nassau County and New York City march on behalf of three worthy charities; the Rockville Centre Breast Cancer Coalition, the Army Ranger Lead the Way Fund, and the Holy Family School for the Deaf. Since the parade’s inception in 1997, over \$1.32 million has been distributed to 70 individual Charities.



RVC Fireworks Celebration Returns

Once again, the Annual Fireworks Celebration and Concert will return this summer after the Covid-19 pandemic. The iconic Grucci fireworks show will take place on Saturday, July 9th from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at its new location, Pette and Barasch Fields.

“For over a quarter of a century, the Village of Rockville Centre skies have sparkled with pride at our annual fireworks display,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “I look forward to the return of this fun filled evening and seeing our residents gather together to enjoy the live music and show.”

The South Shore Symphony’s performance begins at 7:45 p.m. and continues before and after the fireworks show, including music

during the show that coordinates with the display. In addition, there will be food trucks offering various refreshment choices to spectators. Please note, viewing will not be permitted on Lister or Tighe Field. In case of rain, the concert and fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 10th.





Around Our Community

Rockville Centre Celebrates 34TH Year as Tree City USA

The Village of Rockville Centre has been recognized as a “Tree City USA” for the past 34 years from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Lands and Forests. The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America.

To celebrate this achievement and Arbor Day, Trustee Katie Conlon and members of our Department of Public Works joined with Boy Scout Troop 40 at the Village Green to plant a tree and shrubs. In addition, Mayor Francis X. Murray helped plant a Red Maple tree on Morris Avenue. “Trees and green spaces are an important part of Rockville Centre,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “We will continue to play our part and continue to plant because we know that means less pollution, walkable neighborhoods, and community pride in our Village.”



Music on the Green Set to Hit RVC this Summer



The Village is shaking things up this summer with its summer entertainment. To celebrate summer, residents are invited to the newly named, “Music on the Green.”

“What better way to kick-off summer than gathering the family and picnic basket or food to go from one of our many great restaurants in town and join your neighbors and friends for live entertainment at the Village Green,” commented Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley.

The Arlington Drive will kick-off the series with its Rock hits featuring an acoustic twist from every decade on Friday, June 3rd. The series will continue on August 12th, September 9th, and September 30th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Village Green on Maple Avenue.

Step into Summer with savings in your home or business.

Start the summer by saving with a new thermostat. If you’ve installed a qualifying Honeywell™, Nest™ and Emerson™ smart thermostat, you could be eligible for the Rockville Centre Peak Savers Demand Response Program. With minor, short-term adjustments to your central air conditioning via your advanced thermostat, energy consumption will be reduced during the summer (peak) months resulting in a long-term savings goal. If eligible, receive a \$70 rebate for the first thermostat enrolled and \$50 for each additional. Receive an additional bonus of a \$20 annual payment for remaining enrolled in the program.

Questions? Please call 866-314-9611 or email info@rvcpeaksavers.com.

LED lighting upgrades can measure up to efficient savings.

Commercial-rate customers can receive rebates when retrofitting their place of business with energy efficient lighting. Whether self-installed or with your preferred contractor, the Rockville Centre Small Business Lighting Program can put your money back into your daily costs with energy efficient lighting upgrades. Rebates available up to \$500 per Net kW saved. Download our Commercial Lighting Program application today.

To learn more about both programs please visit www.rvcny.gov/electric-department/pages/rockville-centre-peak-savers.



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.

Antiques Appraisal Day

Do you have antiques, collectibles, cherished family pieces and want to know their worth? Go to the Phillips House, Museum of the Village of Rockville Centre, located at 28 Hempstead Avenue on Sunday, June 26th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Phillip Weiss from the Antiques Road Show will volunteer his services to conduct appraisals at the annual fundraiser.

Appraisals are three for \$25, which included a membership to the museum, or \$10 each per item. For further information, call the Phillips House Museum at (516) 764-7459.

Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, June 5, 2022, and continue every Sunday until December 18, 2022, 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.



Kayaks on the Lake

Come and explore Hempstead Lake on Sunday, June 12th at 10 a.m. Kayaks are available to rent at the new observation pavilion (Field 1). Reservations recommended, but not required. Visit www.rvcconservancy.org for further details.

Summer Yoga Series in the Green

The RVC Conservancy and Come Together Yoga Studio (CTYS) are partnering



for Saturday Yoga on the Village Green series will begin on June 4th and runs until August 27th. Classes will be held at 10 a.m. and are \$5 for CTYS and Sportset members and \$10 for non-members per session to join in the fun.

All classes will be held at the Village Green. Bring your own yoga mat or towels. All class proceeds donated will go towards the RVC Conservancy. Pre-registration is not required, but can be done beforehand by visiting www.cometotheryoga.com

Real Estate Tax Due

First half taxes must be paid by June 30, 2022 to avoid any penalty.

Tax payments may be made online at

www.rvcny.gov by electronic check or credit card, paid in person at Village Hall, dropped in the wall slot to the right of the Village Hall entrance at 1 College Place or mailed to P.O. 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 by emailing taxoffice@rvcny.us or by calling (516) 678-9242 to avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

The Tax Office, located on the 1st floor of Village Hall at One College Place, is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Village Hall Comments by Trustee Katie Conlon

Warmer days are finally upon us, and they offer the perfect opportunity to take advantage of various programs, events and activities offered throughout the Village this summer. There are numerous programs available through the Rockville Centre Recreation Center. From Roll Around and gymnastics, to the Summer Playground Program, The Rockville Centre Baseball School, as well as our summer basketball and softball leagues, there is something for everyone. We are excited that we are finally breaking ground on the construction of Mr. B's playground this June. It will be a wonderful place for children of all abilities to come, play and explore. Please stop by the Recreation Center to see all it has to offer and while you are there, check out the exterior improvements that are well under way. The Rockville Centre Martin Luther King Center will also host their seven-week summer program, ending with the annual MLK Community Day on Saturday, August 27th. This always proves to be a fun filled family

event for everyone.

Summertime also means the return of our newly renamed, Music on the Green. On various Friday nights throughout the summer, we invite residents to pack a dinner or grab a bite to go from one of our great restaurants in town and come see the live entertainment at the Village Green. These wonderful evenings throughout the summer provide an opportunity for residents to bring their family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy fresh air and listen to great music. Please check the Village website and social media pages for dates and more information. Another local favorite is the Rockville Centre Farmer's Market which will run every Sunday



from June 5th to December 18th. This July we are pleased and excited to announce the return of the Rockville Centre Fireworks Celebration on Saturday July 9th. Please check the Village website and social media for more details.

Looking ahead to the fall, the Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 3rd annual Playing on the Porch on Saturday, September 17th; the Mayor's annual golf outing, which supports the Rockville Centre Community Fund, will be on Thursday, September 29th; and Eat Shop Rock will be on Saturday, October 16th. These are all wonderful Rockville Centre events that bring our community together, so please mark your

calendars. It is important to recognize and remember that none of these events would be possible without the tireless hard work and dedication of all of our Village employees.

As I approach the end of my first year as Village Trustee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for this privilege. The year went fast, and it was a busy, challenging, and exciting one. With the help of all our department heads, our Village Comptroller, Village Administrator, and the Mayor, we were able to stay in line with the tax cap for the upcoming fiscal year. It was wonderful to see the return of so many of our community events after the two-year pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In February, we were once again reminded how lucky we are to have one of the largest volunteer Fire Departments and our own Police Department. Their incredible, immediate, and heroic response to the oil tanker fire prevented widespread catastrophic damage and loss of life.

Stay Connected with the Village of Rockville Centre

The Village of Rockville Centre has a number of communications channels to help residents and businesses receive the latest information about our community and engage with Village Hall.

"Staying connected has never been easier," commented Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. "From our social media pages, website, notification systems, to our local television station, residents and businesses have the opportunity to stay informed with news and events from our Village."

Visit the Village website, www.rvcny.us, for meeting agendas and minutes, pay utility and real estate tax payments, news and events, as well as access the newsletter, This Month. In addition, you can sign up for the Village E-Alerts

Connect with us!

FACEBOOK @VillageofRockvilleCentre

WEBSITE www.rvcny.gov

E-ALERTS Sign up at www.rvcny.gov to receive urgent notifications via email including road closures, power outages, storm warnings, and other timely notifications.

INSTAGRAM @villageofrockvillecentre

TWITTER @VillageRVC

SWIFT 911 Sign up at www.rvcny.gov to receive phone calls for emergency notifications.

Stay in the Know and Follow the Village of Rockville Centre

and Swift 911 systems. E-alerts sends subscribers urgent notifications via email including road closures, power outages, storm warning, and other timely notices. Swift 911 is a high-speed notification program that delivers recorded messages/warnings to the community via telephone.

The Village's social media pages provide residents, businesses and visitors with information about community programs, services, projects, issues, events and activities.

You can follow the Village on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter. Residents can also tune into on the Village's television channel, Optimum's Channel 18 or Verizon's Channel 37, to watch the month Board of Trustees meetings or Sandel TV.

"As always, the Mayor and Board of Trustees remain committed to communicating with our neighbors and being responsive because we believe that a receptive and accountable Village government is an important reason why Rockville Centre continues to be such a desirable community in which to live. If you have a question or concern, please call or email us at Village Hall. We are here for you," continued Baxley.

Village of Rockville Centre Appoints Superintendent of Water

The Village of Rockville Centre has appointed Anthony Iannone as Superintendent of Water. Iannone, a lifelong Lynbrook resident, previously served as Superintendent for the Village from 2003-2011.

"We welcome Anthony and his nearly three decades of experience dealing with the water supply system back to the Village of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "He is an invaluable asset to our Village with his familiar knowledge of our infrastructure and expertise."

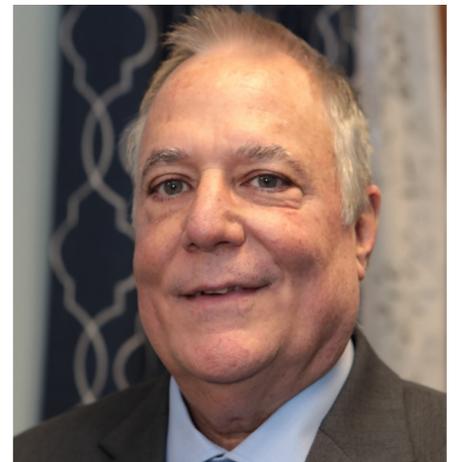
As Superintendent, Iannone is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Water Department serving over 24,000

residents. Water in Rockville Centre is drawn from 10 wells located throughout the Village that are drilled to an average depth of 540 feet. The Rockville Centre Water Department has four elevated tanks with a combined capacity of four million gallons and is distributed through more than 70 miles of water mains.

After leaving the Village in 2011, Iannone served for a local Water District for eight years. Before working as Superintendent for the Village of Rockville Centre, Iannone served as Production Engineer, Operations Supervisor, and Safety Director for the Long Island American Water Company for 10 years. A 1979 graduate of Lynbrook

High School, Iannone went on to earn an associate degree in science from SUNY Delhi. He worked in the field of nuclear power as a construction assistant before attending Nassau Community College and the University of Buffalo where he received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Anthony has two children and recently welcomed his first grandchild.

"I am excited to be back with the Village of Rockville Centre," said Anthony Iannone. "I remain committed to ensuring that every resident receives the highest quality of water and provide residents with the advantages of local ownership and operation: low cost and high reliability."



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Deputy Mayor

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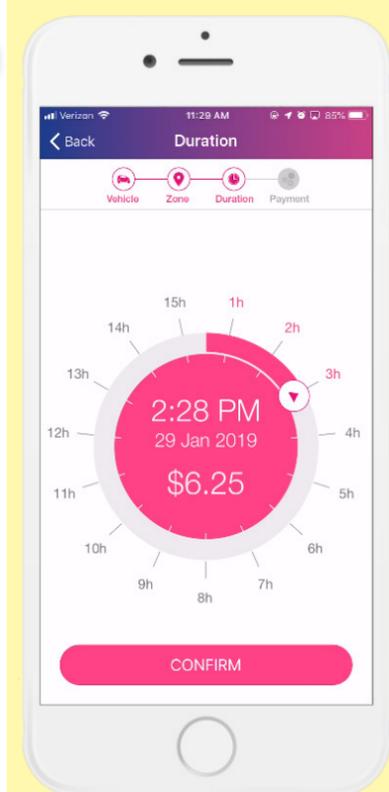
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Are You Using RVC's Parking App?



The Village of Rockville Centre partnered 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.

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.



2021 Drinking Water Quality Report Available Online



The 2021 annual water quality report is now available. You can view the Village of Rockville Centre annual water quality report on the Village website at <https://rvcny.us/waterreport2021.pdf>

This report contains important information about the source and quality of

your drinking water. Copies of the report are available for pick up at Village Hall and the Water Department at 142 Maple Avenue. Please call (516) 678-9313 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Summer Playground Registration

The 68th Annual Summer Playground Program for grades 1-7 (Sept. 2022) will be offered this summer. The program will be conducted June 29th through August 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The daily program of athletics, arts and crafts and other activities will be held at the Recreation Center and Wilson School sites. Options again this summer include full summer, as well as partial summer sessions.

Registration is ongoing.

Summer Nursery

The Recreation Department offers a Summer Nursery Program from June 27th to August 11th, as well as a Kindercamp Summer Program. Students need to have completed a 4's nursery program. Please visit www.rvcny.us/recreation for more information.



Summer Roll Around

45-minute sessions of indoor air-conditioned fun! June 13th to 17th and June 20th to 24th, Monday thru Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. \$13 per child for residents and \$15 per child for non-residents. Starting June 30th through August 11th, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. or 1:15 p.m. Must be pre-registered. Sorry, no walk-ins.



Summer Gymnastics

Introduction to Gymnastics: 4 week session for children entering Kindergarten in September 2022. Wednesdays for the month of July, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Recreational Gymnastics Clinics for gymnasts entering grades 1-5 in September 2022. July 11th to 15th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Please visit our website for prices and more details.



Nursery School for Fall 2022

The Recreation Department is currently taking registration deposits for the Fall Nursery School Program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 and 2024. 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.

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.

Sports Camps

Our highly successful sports schools and activities will once again fill the Village ballfields and gymnasiums.

- Rockville Centre Baseball School will be held from June 27th to July 15th
- Girls Basketball Camp will be held August 15th to 19th (Game 7)
- Ultimate Lacrosse Camp (2nd - 5th Grade) will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Boys Camp: August 1st - 5th
- Girls Camp: August 8th - 12th
- Ultimate Sports Camp (1st - 6th Grade) will be held from Monday, August 15th to Friday, August 19th from 9:00am - 12:00noon



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
Paint must be brought to the Town of Hempstead S.T.O.P. Program
Please call 678-9288 with any further questions.

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 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



TIME TO ORDER A TREE

2022 TREE PLANTING FORM

I am requesting the Village of Rockville Centre to supply and plant a tree on the curb strip at the following location:

Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____
E-Mail: _____

QTY

- ___ Honey Locust Thornless
- ___ Flowering Plum
- ___ Pyramidal European Hornbeam
- ___ Canada Red Select Cherry
- ___ Yoshino Cherry
- ___ Japanese Zelkova

Tree only (\$250 each): _____
Tree & planting (\$350 each): _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please make checks payable to the Village of Rockville Centre and mail to Rockville Centre DPW/Trees, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

Return by September 9, 2022
For further details, please visit www.rvcny.gov