

THIS MONTH IN Rockville Centre



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

**April 4 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

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

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

**MAY 2 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

**May 3 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, May 29
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

MEMORIAL DAY

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

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Memorial Day Week

Monday, May 29, 2023

Memorial 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, May 31, 2023

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

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U.S. POSTAGE
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Permit No. 301
Garden City, NY 11530

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

Around Rockville Centre

While the winter weather has been quiet, our Village has been humming with activities. Mayor Francis X. Murray,

Board of Trustees, and Village employees have been busy meeting with residents to highlight some of the many exciting

programs and achievements taking place throughout the Village.

Student Athletes Recognized

At the March Board of Trustees meeting, student athletes were recognized for their outstanding basketball seasons. The St. Agnes boys basketball team made up of

seventh and eighth graders, had an undefeated season going into the championship, and beat St. Mary's to win the Catholic Middle Spirit League Blue Division. The sixth and eighth

grade Girls CYO basketball teams in the "A" division worked hard to win the CYO Diocese Championship. Congratulations on a well-played season by all!



Watson School Unveils New Book Vending Machine

Mayor Francis X. Murray and Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley joined Watson School students for the unveiling of their new book vending machine. Students can earn a chance for a golden token by showing kindness, going out of their comfort zone, or just being awesome to

get a book from this new vending machine in the library! The vending machine was acquired through a generous grant from the Rockville Centre Education Foundation, and there is no doubt it will raise enthusiasm for reading for years to come!



"Spread the Word to End the Word"

Mayor Francis X. Murray and Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley were thrilled to be joined by South Side Middle School students, teachers, and Rockville Centre Superintendent Matthew Gavin at Village Hall to promote the "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign and inspire respect and acceptance for all.

The campaign is an ongoing effort by the Special Olympics, Best Buddies International and their supporters to inspire respect and acceptance through raising the consciousness of society about the R-word and how hurtful words and disrespect can be toward people with intellectual disabilities. A proclamation was issued to commemorate the Village's pledge to "Spread the Word to End the Word" and end all forms of hateful expression. Students concluded the program with an engaging Q&A about Village government.



St Patrick's Tree Lighting

A little rain didn't stop the RVC St. Patrick's Parade Committee for gearing up for the annual parade that "Cares and Shares@." The Parade Committee was joined by 2023 Grand Marshal Tommy McNicholas, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Trustee Emilio Grillo, and Trustee Katie Conlon outside of Village Hall on March 1st to light the tree green in anticipation of the parade.



Daisy Troop Tours RVCPD



Girl Scouts Daisy Troop 803 recently toured the Rockville Centre Police Department. The troop was led on their extended tour of the facility by Detective Stefanie Balos, who fielded questions throughout the visit. Additionally, Police Officer Timothy Crosby and Dispatcher Karen Sica spent some time welcoming the children and showing them some of their responsibilities.



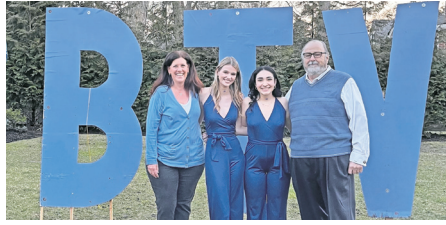


Around Our Community

Red and Blue Take Over RVC

Mayor Francis X. Murray and Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley attended the Captain's dinners prior to the South Side High School Red and Blue competition. With over 100 years of tradition, the Village congratulates all participants and

the Red Team Victors! Thank you to Red team Captains Molly Munro and Catie Morgan, and Blue team Captains Maggie Chiffriller and Alayna Marzolini for leading your teams with enthusiasm.



South Side Basketball Takes Home Long Island Title

Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Director of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center Patrick Morris, Director of Public Works Administration Gwynne Feiner, joined with South Side High School alums and fans for the Boys Varsity Class A Basketball Championship Game where South Side beat Manhasset, 57-46. The team went on to beat Kings Park, 45-31, to win the Long Island Class A Basketball Championship before heading to states. This issue went to print before the team went to states, but the Village would like to congratulate this team on an outstanding season.



RVC Conservancy Offers 6th Annual Tree Planting Program

The RVC Conservancy has launched its 6th Annual Tree Planting Program for 2023. Since 2018, the RVC Conservancy has helped residents plant over 250 new trees in the Village and is looking to add more.

The Conservancy has partnered with Barbato Landscaping to provide trees that are mostly native to Long Island and can be planted in front yards or curb strips. This year, the program is offering Ginko Biloba, Kentucky Coffee, Red Maple, Yellowwood, Dawn Redwood, and Sargent Cherry. Pricing is \$415 per tree and includes planting and 1-year replacement guarantee. We are offering a variety of tree species and sizes to allow you to choose what's best for your planting area. Orders will be taken until April 15, 2023. For further details, please visit www.rvcconservancy.com.



2023 Spring Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be conducting routine hydrant flushing starting Wednesday, April 19th and end on Tuesday, April 25th. Hydrant flushing is vital for the general maintenance of the Village's water services and is performed twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall. It ensures performance of fire hydrants for firefighting purposes, and quality water for residents and businesses.



While the flushing program is underway, customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration. Although this water is perfectly safe to drink, it may stain laundry. Customers should refrain from doing laundry while the flushing program is underway. If tap water is discolored, it is recommended to run cold-water faucets for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more

than one faucet allows the water to clear faster.

The schedule will be as follows:

- **Wednesday, April 19th** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying North of DeMott Avenue.
- **Thursday, April 20th** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue, west of Long Beach Road.
- **Friday, April 21st** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying between Sunrise Highway and DeMott Avenue east of Long Beach Road.
- **Sunday, April 23rd - Monday, October 24th** between 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. Entire area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.
- **Tuesday, April 25th** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

News from the Rockville Centre Electric Department

The heat is on - Rockville Centre Peak Savers Program yielded energy savings during the heat wave of Summer 2022

Rockville Centre yielded fantastic electric savings last summer by performing minor, short-term adjustments to participating thermostats controlling home central air conditioning units enrolled in the Rockville Centre Peak Savers Program. Energy consumption was curtailed with minimal to no inconvenience and this load reduction yielded energy savings to participating households by reducing strain on the electric grid. Bonus! Participating customers received incentives upon program enrollment as well as an additional \$20 annual incentive.



Start the spring season with a fresh start to your home cooling system

If you have installed a qualifying Honeywell™, Nest™ and Emerson™ smart thermostat, you could be eligible for the Rockville Centre Peak Savers Demand Response Program. With a small change to your set temperature (usually 1-3°) for 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 us at info@rvcpeaksavers.com.

Village to Hold Public Hearing on Tentative Budget

The Village of Rockville Centre Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm to consider the adoption of

the tentative budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

Prior to or during the public hearing, residents can email comments or questions to 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.



Real Estate Tax Due June 1, 2023

First half 2023/24 Village real estate tax bills due June 1, 2023 are scheduled to be mailed the week of May 22nd.

First half taxes must be paid by June 30, 2023 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 calling (516) 678 9242 to avoid billing errors that may lead to penalties for late real estate tax payments.

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

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 and click E-Alerts under Quick to sign up to receive.

Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, June 4, 2023, and continue every Sunday until December 17, 2023,

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.



Are You Paying Your Village Utility Bills Online?

Paying your bills is quick, easy & only a click away!

Visit billpay.rvcny.us to make payments, view statements, setup autopay, and more!



Please note: If you choose to use your own bank's bill pay, you MUST update the account number field with your current 12 digit account number. If not, your payment will be rejected.



Viewpoint: Comments by Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley

The Village of Rockville Centre has a population of approximately 26,000 residents living in an area of 3.4 square miles. We are a community that supports each other, helps each other, and does its best to show up. It's part of what makes Rockville Centre a special place to live, work, and raise our families.

This past month, the Mayor and Board of Trustees held two community meetings to inform residents of our concerns regarding NYS Governor Hochul's "Housing Compact" proposal, which is a part of her executive budget. This proposal would mandate that our Village must substantially increase our housing units by 3% every three years, whether it be new houses or new apartments. Through weeks of intense research and discussions about the proposal, we realized quite quickly that her plan would not work for

Rockville Centre. Many issues and concerns were raised regarding our infrastructure, our emergency services, our schools' capacities, the removal of environmental impact requirements (SEQRA), our lack of open space for building, and most importantly the loss of "Home Rule" in our Village, which would potentially include the loss of our zoning regulations.

According to the 2020 census, Rockville Centre has 9,991 housing units in our Village. This proposal calls for an increase of 3% of housing units throughout the Village within the next three years. Her proposal also includes the building of housing units in the Transit Overlay District (TOD) surrounding our LIRR



station, which covers an area within a ½ mile radius in all directions. This area covers a large portion of our Village, including but not limited to, all of the downtown business area. The TOD proposal calls for 50 new housing units for every acre in the TOD. This equates to 504 new units in our Village, every three years. This is a huge undertaking that we do not want imposed upon our Village without further study and discussion.

We felt the need to inform residents about this proposal and urged them to reach out to our New York State elected officials to let them know that the residents of Rockville Centre want this proposal removed from Governor Hochul's executive budget.

We held meetings and shared our concerns, backed by data. We created an email that could be sent to our NYS Assemblyman, our State Senator, and to the Governor's office, urging them to remove the Housing Compact from the executive budget. The meeting held on March 7th at the Recreation Center was standing room only, and we profusely thank the residents who attended to learn, share, and help us. It truly takes a Village, and we are grateful for those who showed us the support we needed to spread the word to our neighbors and send a message to our elected officials.

The NYS Legislature sets and approves the state budget on April 1st. As of this writing, the Housing Compact is still part of the Governor's executive budget; by the time you read this column I am hoping it has been removed.

Sandel Members Remain Active this Winter



The Sandel Center has had a very active and exciting winter. This January the "Sandel Around the World" program kicked off with its first trip to Italy! Members enjoyed a 45-minute video tour of the country seeing all the major sites followed by a delicious Italian meal at Blue Moon. Members have also "flown" to Spain and Ireland and will be traveling to Japan, Mexico, and France. Also in January, Sandel Members enjoyed an afternoon of painting, sipping, and conversing. A beautiful winter scene was painted by all who attended. No two paintings were alike, but all were a masterpiece! The Intergenerational Committee is happy to be meeting monthly again. South Side High School Students and Sandel Members are enjoying their time together building friendships, playing trivia games, and planning the spring picnic.

Sandel Members are in the early planning stages for spring activities. Tuesday, May 9th is the Mother's Day Spring Boutique with outside vendors. Center Stage has been practicing for their May Doo Wop concert. The SPA (Senior People in Action) Committee is starting to prep for summer fitness and activities.

Sandel membership is open to those aged 60+ who reside in Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities. To become a member please call 516-678-9350 or visit our page on the Village website at www.rvcny.gov



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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 were a victim of housing discrimination in Rockville Centre, please contact Suzanne Sullivan, Director of Community Development, at (516) 678-9244 or email ssullivan@rvcny.us



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center



Students get into the rhythm with hip hop classes.



Checkmate! Kids learn the different strategies of playing chess.

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.

Sports Camps

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

Rockville Centre Baseball School is once again being held. Please visit rvcny.us/recreation for details.

Gymnastics School: Please visit rvcny.us/recreation for details.

Girls Basketball Camp: June 26th to June 30th. Please contact game7sports.com for further details.

Ultimate Sports Games Camp (first - sixth grade). Please contact ultimatgamescamp.com for further details.

Session 1: August 14th to 18th

Session 2: August 21st to 25th

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

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.

Spring Program Registration

Registration for Spring programs began on March 6th, 2023 for residents. Take a look at the wide array of activities offered by the Recreation Department. Check availability on RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com.

Spring Recess Activities

Activities are offered during the school breaks. Register for ninja challenge, dodgeball day, paint and design, and more! Join us for some fun. For further details, please visit rvcny.us/recreation.

Spring Egg Hunt

Little Bunny Cottontail is planning a visit to the Rockville Centre Recreation Center on Sunday, April 2nd at 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 11:15 a.m. Join us for a morning of fun with a hunt for special treats and a photo-op.

Summer Playground Registration

The 69th Annual Summer Playground Program for grades 1-7 will be offered this summer. The program will be conducted from July 5th 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 are full summer or partial summer sessions. Register early to ensure your place in a summer of fun!

Summer Nursery

A Summer Nursery Program (July 5th to August 11th) for children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 and a 4's Summer Program is being offered. Students need to have completed a 3's nursery program. Please visit rvcny.us/recreation for more information.

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, are available on-line and at the recreation Center office. All team captains must establish their profile and register their teams on rockvillecentre.recdesk.com.

Nursery School for Fall 2023

The Recreation Department is currently taking registration deposits for the Fall Nursery School Program for children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 and 2025. In addition, the recreation center offers a Time for Two's Program, a separation class for

VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SANITATION IMPORTANT TIPS

Garbage should be placed in standard garbage containers with **detachable** lids.
NO LARGER THAN 32 GALLONS
Garbage should not exceed 50 pounds.
Please do not over fill plastic garbage bags as they can easily tear.

To prevent injury to our village employees, please use caution when disposing of any broken glass or sharp objects. Please securely wrap broken glass in newspaper or brown paper or place inside cardboard box, tape shut and label broken glass. Do not place broken glass in plastic bags.

E-Cycling:

Drop off your e-cycling items on the first Saturday of every month between 10am and 2pm at 10 Sunrise Hwy including: Televisions, Computers, Monitors, VCRs, DVDs, iPads, Cable boxes, Cameras or Video Cameras, Telephones (any type), GPS, Calculators

Contractor debris:

Contractors MUST dispose of all building and landscaping debris. The Village is not responsible for disposal of refuse from tradesmen.

Town of Hempstead STOP Program 516-378-2200:

Disposal of hazardous materials including paints, solvents, car batteries, fluorescent bulbs,

SPECIAL PICKUP/BULK ITEMS

Call 678-9216 before 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday/Thursday pickup of waste items too large for insertion into trash containers. You can also register by clicking bulk pickup online on the sanitation page of the Village website www.rvcny.gov. Please indicate if you have metal items or live on a dead end.

During weeks with a Monday Holiday there is no bulk pickup or paper recycling on Wednesday. Please see the annual sanitation calendar for details.

WEDNESDAY BULK ITEMS INCLUDE:

Mattresses – must be sealed in bedbug proof encasement bags or heavy-duty plastics bags
Branches and wood debris in bundles (NO more than 4 feet in length, NO more than 50 pounds)
Tables, chairs, dressers, rugs

THURSDAY METAL BULK ITEMS INCLUDE:

Household Appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators (with doors off), stoves, washer/dryers)

HELPFUL LINKS

Sanitation pickup schedule:

<http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html>

Sanitation holiday schedule:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhllf4946/f/uploads/2022_sanitation_schedule.pdf

Recycling Guide:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhllf4946/f/uploads/recycling_march_2020_0.pdf

Recycling FAQ:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhllf4946/f/uploads/recycling_faq.pdf



ROCKVILLE CENTRE RECREATION CENTER

Session 1: August 14 - 18

Session 2: August 21 - 25

BOYS & GIRLS 1st – 6th Grade
9:00am – 12:00noon



Summer 2023

REGISTER ONLINE: 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 1st – 6th 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	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

111 N. Oceanside Road, Rockville Centre NY 11570



All camp activities will be outside utilizing the soccer fields, basketball courts and shaded picnic area. In the situation of inclement weather camp will be held inside the recreation center. Camp will not be cancelled due to the weather!

2023 CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP DATES

Session 1: August 14 – 18

Session 2: August 21 - 25

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 12:00noon

CAMP PRICE

\$195(Per Session)

REGISTRATION OPENS
APRIL 1st @ 8:00am!
www.ultimategamescamp.com

COACHING STAFF

CPR/AED & First Aid Certified

Craig Degnan

Physical Education Teacher & Coach
Harborfields Central School District
Oldfield Middle School, Greenlawn NY

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CAMP PHILOSOPHY

- 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.
- All children can succeed in developmentally appropriate games.
- HAVE FUN!!!