

THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre



**February 6 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**February 8 At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**Monday, February 20
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
President's Day**

**February 22 At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**February 28 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

**March 6 At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**March 8 At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**March 21 At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD**

**March 22 At 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**March 25 At Noon
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

**President's Day Week
Monday, February 20, 2017
President's Day - No trash collection**

Normal Monday/Thursday trash collection will be on Tuesday and Thursday
Normal Tuesday/Friday trash collection will be on Wednesday and Friday

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017
No bulk items or paper pickup.**

During holiday weeks, paper products may be deposited Monday through Friday at DPW headquarters 10 Sunrise Hwy

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

Village of Rockville Centre Appoints New Comptroller



The Village of Rockville Centre has appointed George Edwin Scheu, CPA as the new comptroller. Scheu brings over 15 years of experience in the accounting industry to Rockville Centre.

In his new role, Scheu is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the annual operating budget, the sale of bonds to finance capital projects, and for advising the Board of Trustees about the general financial condition of the Village. In addition, Scheu also supervises the Tax Office, the Purchasing Department and the Community Development Agency.

"We welcome George Scheu and his vast experience to the Village of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "George will play an integral role in our Village's sound fiscal practices."

Most recently, Scheu served as a Supervisor at Marcum LLP, a Melville

based company offering a full spectrum of traditional tax, accounting and assurance services. Prior to his work at Marcum LLP, Scheu was a Senior Accountant and Supervisor for nine years at Albrecht, Viggiano, Zurek and Company, P.C. in Hauppauge. During his tenure, he provided audit, tax, and advisory services to non-public companies, municipalities and individuals throughout Long Island and the surrounding area.

"I am looking forward to working with Village officials to continue to execute their commitment to being fiscally responsible and mindful of holding down taxes," stated George Edwin Scheu. "The Village enjoys some of the highest ratings from Moody's and Standard and Poor's and I will continue to make sure that this recognition remains in place."

21ST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE TO HIT THE STREETS OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

The 21st annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade begins at Noon on Saturday, March 25, starting from Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road and proceeding to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral.

"What better way to come together as a community than a parade," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "It's one of the most exciting days of the year in Rockville Centre. The downtown shops are booming, the streets are full of Rockville Centre pride and the Village is able to give back to three worthy causes."

This year's Grand Marshall is Patricia Ann Norris-McDonald. Mrs. McDonald has served for the past 10 years as Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Malverne. Mrs. McDonald was born in Rockville Centre and has been involved in countless activities and received numerous honors. Mrs. McDonald co-authored the book, *The Steven McDonald Story*, with her husband NYPD Detective Steven McDonald. Detective Steven McDonald, who was paralyzed after being shot by a teenage gunman in 1986, passed away on January 10, 2016. "Detective Steve McDonald was the embodiment of a hero," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Through every act and good deed, both before and after he was paralyzed, Steve inspired others to love, respect, and most of all forgive. He will be missed but I know his message will live on."

Over the last 20 years, the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade has become one of the most successful and well-attended parades in New York State. It has become a source of not only cultural pride, but civic pride, as well. The parade is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that annually shares its success with three worthy charities, which are National, Irish, and Rockville Centre focused. Since the parade's inception in 1997, \$1,006,000 has been distributed to 58 individual charities. Rockville Centre's St. Patrick's Parade is "The Parade that Cares and Shares"®

This year's charities are Backyard Players and Friends, a unique, inclusive arts-based community program dedicated to enhancing the social and interpersonal skills for teens and young adults of all abilities based in Rockville Centre, Breathe Believe, a nonprofit organization founded by Angela Ruggeri and is made up of family, friends

and dedicated businesses to raise funds to provide financial assistance to individuals with cystic fibrosis who cannot afford the essentials to stay alive, and Pieta House, providing free, therapeutic approach to

people who are in suicidal distress and those who engage in self-harm.

For further information about the parade visit the parade website at www.rvcstpatrick.com.



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Around Our Community

RVC Commemorates Pearl Harbor Day

Military veterans from Rockville Centre and neighboring towns gathered at Mill River Park to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The ceremony, hosted by the Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303, honored the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941. Mayor Francis X. Murray casted a flower into Mill River as American Legion Post 303 member Joe Marciano played taps.



Village Honors RVCPD

Village officials honored the Rockville Centre Police Department by painting a blue street line in front of police headquarters on Maple Avenue. The "Thin Blue Line" represents the camaraderie of Police Officers and their role of separating the good from the bad while creating order from chaos.

"This line will serve as a daily reminder to all that the Village of Rockville Centre respects and supports our officers who put their lives on the line for our residents and visitors," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Our Officers are the reason why Rockville Centre crime statistics remain low and why we are one of the safest towns in New York."



Pictured left to right are PO Terence McCartney, Sgt. James Giovanniello, Lt. Kenneth Schaefer, Trustee Emilio Grillo, Trustee Michael Sepe, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, Commissioner Charles Gennario, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Village Administrator Kathleen Murray, Trustee Edward Oppenheimer, Lt. James Vafeades, PO Stephen Reidy, PO Joseph Scibico, Detective Timothy Seward and First Assistant Chief Brian Cook.

RVC Showcased Holiday Spirit

Festive crowds came out for the annual Rockville Centre tree lighting at the Village Green. After a countdown and a flip of the switch, residents joyously gathered around the tree while students from South Side High School performed holiday songs. Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman visited and Santa made an appearance on a fire truck.

The Recreation Center held its annual Breakfast with Santa's Helpers. Hundreds of families attended with elves serving pancakes,

cereal, juice, milk and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids visited Santa, Rudolph and Frosty. Cheerful guests attended the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center Christmas party. In conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women, the Recreation Center held its annual Chanukah Party/Festival of Lights. In addition, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees attended the annual community Chanukah Candle Lighting at Temple B'nai Sholom-Beth David.



Trees Add More Than Beauty

Trees not only add beauty to their surroundings, but have also proven to contribute to a community's economy and way of life. According to the Urban Forestry Network, property values increase 5 to 15 percent when compared to properties without trees depending on species, maturity, quantity and location.

The Village of Rockville Centre has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the past 28 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.

The condition of a community's trees and collectively, its urban forests, is usually the first impression a community projects to its visitors. A community's urban forest is an extension of its pride and community spirit. Studies show that trees also enhance community economic stability by attracting businesses and visitors, as people tend to linger and shop longer along tree-lined streets.

"Trees and green spaces are an important part of Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "We take great pride in our trees and will continue to do plantings throughout the Village."



Monte Carlo Casino Night

FOSSI's annual Monte Carlo Fund-raising Event will take place Saturday, April 29th at 7 p.m. Every year the Sandel Center is transformed into a glittering casino with delicious food, open bar, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes through exciting gaming action! For information about tickets or sponsorship opportunities please contact Chris O'Leary, Senior Services Director, 678-9268.

Parking Pass

Residential parking passes expire on March 31, 2017. Renewal applications will be mailed out by the end of February 2017. In order to receive your renewal permit before March 31, 2017 please mail back the application and payment by March 10, 2017.

Swift 911

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

Residents can register for Swift 911 on the Village's website at www.rvcny.us.

Snow Reminders

In the event of a snowstorm, the Village urges residents not go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is necessary. Crews will be able to do their job more quickly and completely if there is less traffic on the roads.

Residents and business owners are reminded that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a storm and snow should not be thrown into the roadway when clearing their driveways and sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, snow should be cleared so they may be located easily in case of an emergency.



Village Hall Comments by Mayor Francis X. Murray



Happy New Year!! 2016 was a busy year for the Village and we remain a highly desirable community to live, work, and play. We have a lot to offer besides our first-rate Village services including our excellent schools, beautifully updated parks and ball fields, our booming Recreation Center and Sandel Senior Center for youth and seniors, our thriving downtown business district, and overall quality of life is second to none. However, there is always room to improve.

We continue to make great strides on upgrades throughout the Village. We continue to improve our infrastructure, redoing roadways and tree plantings, updating our electric and water service, and continuously updating our parks and ball fields. We have left no stone unturned when it comes to

receiving grants for new initiatives to hold down the Village property taxes. Throughout my tenure, we have secured over \$15 million dollars in federal, state and local grants and gifts to make improvements in our Village. We will continue to seek grants in 2017.

Our downtown business district is key to our Village's future as it represents a significant portion of our tax base and their prosperity protects resident's property values. It is the most visible indicator of community pride as well as the economic health of our Village. Rockville Centre enjoys a thriving downtown with a staggering 98% occupancy rate with new businesses coming in every week that provide jobs for our residents. We ended 2016 with the completion of Park avenue complete with new gas lines, water

mains, fire hydrants, electric conduits for new decorative LED lights and light poles, new curbs, sidewalks and bricks, Park Avenue will pay dividends for decades to come.

The Board of Trustees and myself are always available to you. We are committed to communicating with you and to responding to you because we believe that a responsive and responsible Village government is an important reason why Rockville Centre continues to be such a desirable community in which to live. I encourage you to log onto our website at www.rvcny.us and follow the Village on Facebook and Twitter.

I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to continuing to improve on this great foundation in 2017 to make it an even better place for our children and generations to come.

RVCPD Officers Promoted

At the January Board of Trustees meeting Officer Paul Kaplon was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Nick DeLuca was designated as a Detective. Police Commissioner Charles Gennario swore the Officers into their new positions.

Prior to joining the Rockville Centre Police Department, Sergeant Kaplon served two combat deployments in Iraq and served as squad leader and received numerous awards for his leadership efforts. Honorably discharged in 2007, Sergeant Kaplon graduated from Stony Brook University in 2012 with a bachelor's degree. Kaplon was

hired by the Village in 2009 and graduated from the Westchester County Police Academy in 2010 where he was the platoon leader and received the physical fitness award. During his time with the Village, Kaplon has received numerous accolades including RVC Officer of the Year in 2012 and the Town of Hempstead Police Service Award. Sergeant Kaplon resides in Suffolk County with his wife Melisa and two sons, Joseph and Ryan.

Detective Nick DeLuca graduated from the Westchester Police Academy and was awarded best all around recruit in his class. In 2014, Detective DeLuca was selected to

be the RVCPD's Youth Officer to work closely with the Youth Council. A New York State certified Juvenile Officer, School Resource Officer, and a certified Police Instructor, DeLuca was selected as the regional representative for the Police Juvenile Association of New York. A valuable liaison between the RVCPD and the community, DeLuca has an excellent rapport with the Rockville Centre School District, parents and children. He has spent countless hours and training seminars and conferences on bullying and has obtained certifications to improve the safety of Rockville Centre's

youth and families. Detective DeLuca is married to Stacey and is the proud father to Emilia, Angelina, Liliana, and Michael.

"Police Officers in our Village make significant sacrifices every day to ensure our safety and maintain our peaceful neighborhoods," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Sergeant Kaplon and Detective DeLuca have demonstrated their invaluable services to the Village. I commend them for their hard work on behalf of our residents and visitors and wish them all the best in their new positions."



William Rothenberg Honored with Bench Dedication

In honor of Rockville Centre resident Mr. William L. Rothenberg's 103rd birthday, his sons Franklin and Fred donated a bench in his name in at the Village Green.

William L. Rothenberg served for 17 years on the Village Zoning Appeals Board during the 1970s and '80s. He was also chairman for 12 years. During World War II, he was drafted into the Army in 1942, where he served as a JAG officer before he was moved to the Army Air Force Signal Corps. He moved to Rockville Centre in 1953 with his wife Doris, where they raised their two sons, Franklin and Fred. Rothenberg practiced law for 75 years and let his license expire in 2013, when he was 99.

Benches are available to Village residents through the Rockville Centre Conservancy. People can purchase benches for \$2,500, which includes a custom bronze plaque with four lines of text. Money raised from the sale of the benches is used towards a variety of RVC Conservancy projects including, but not limited to, community gardens, street tree inventory and planting and school gardening programs. Those interested in purchasing a bench can contact the Conservancy at its website, www.rvconservancy.org.

Prior to this newsletter going to print, Mr. William L. Rothenberg passed away. The Village would like to extend condolences to the entire Rothenberg family.



Pictured are, from left, are Ellen Grossman, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, and Lisa Butler. Seated are Bessie Grossman, William Rothenberg, and Franklin Rothenberg.

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The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Nursery School Registration

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department is pleased to offer Nursery School programs for the 2017-2018 school year September through June. These programs have operated continuously with great success for 54 years. Prospective students may visit our nursery school with their parents. Please call the Recreation Department office to make arrangements.

Eligibility for enrollees include:

- Pre Kindergarten 4's is for children entering Kindergarten September 2018 with four and five-day-a-week options
- Pre Kindergarten 3's is for children entering Kindergarten September 2019 with three and four-day-a-week options
- Time For Two's is for children age two by September 30, 2017 with two day-a-week class

Registration is now being accepted for residents and non-residents.

2017 Presidents' Week Trips and Events

During the February Recess, the Recreation Department will offer numerous trips and special events for Village youngsters. Detailed flyers are available at the Recreation Center office. All trip participants must be registered members of the Recreation Department for the 2016-17 fiscal year. A permission slip and fee must be submitted to the Recreation Center office for trip registration, which is taken on a first-come first-served basis.

Spring Program Registration

Registration for spring programs will begin on February 13th for residents and February 20th for non-residents. Take a look at the wide array of activities offered by the Recreation Department for toddlers through senior citizens. Many new programs have been added including Music, Fencing, Baton Twirling, Cheering, CrossFit Kids, and Chess, as well as expanded the multitude of already popular offerings. Be sure to register early to ensure your inclusion in the class

of your choice! Detailed flyers are available at the Recreation Center. The spring session begins on April 3rd.

Time to Get in Shape

Square Dancing with nationally known caller Lee Kopman, takes place Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$7.50 per person per session.

Join Coed Cardio Workout with Sheila Hawkins on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Pay as you go for \$5 each session.

Summer Nursery Program Registration

Summer Nursery School Program

Registration for Summer Nursery School will begin March 20th. Registration for residents will begin 9:00 a.m. and continues during Recreation Center office hours Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as long as openings prevail. Detailed flyers are available at the office. Non-residents may register after March 27th.

"Kinder-Kampers": Entering Kindergarten September 2017.

Class time 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday (5 days)

"Pre-K 4's": Entering Kindergarten September 2018

Class time 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Thursday (4 days)

Please bring your child's birth certificate or other proof of age. Summer Nursery meets June 26 to August 11.

Summer Playground and Recreation Program

Summer Playground and Summer Recreation Programs for students in grades 1 - 7 (in September 2017) are offered at the Recreation Center and school district buildings. This program, staffed by trained recreation personnel, meets Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon from June 28th through August 10th. Daily activities include athletics, arts & crafts, recreational games and special events. Afternoon trips to places of interest are available. See flyers for detailed information. Registration begins on April 1st.

Seasonal Leaders-In-Training

Prospective LIT volunteers (9th-10th graders as of September 2017) may pick up application packets at the office January 23rd. Applicants will also go through an interview process and training session.

Men's and Women's Softball

The Recreation Department currently has spring Softball season information available for men's teams. Games will tentatively commence the week of March 27th. Information for Summer Softball for Men and Women will be available in late March.

Summer Sports Schools

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

Crafts Fair and Flea Market

All residents and friends are encouraged to stop by the John A. Anderson Recreation

Center for the annual Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market on Sunday, March 26th. There will be a large assortment of merchandise for your shopping pleasure. There is plenty of free parking, free admission and refreshments from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Gymnastics Meets

Saturdays, March 4th and 25th at 2:00 p.m. and Sundays, March 5th and 26th at 12:30 p.m. come support RVC UNITED and RVC ULTIMATE Gymnastic teams at the Recreation Center. No admission charge for spectators!

Open Gym Basketball

The gymnasium and lobby are open for basketball and ping-pong for students who attend RVC Schools or are residents of Rockville Centre. Participants must possess current Recreation Department membership card (\$24). Open Gym sessions are: for grades 4-12 Saturdays 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; for grades 6-12 Fridays 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. Sessions are pre-empted by special events. The program ends on May 27th.

DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND AT THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE OR ON THE RECREATION CENTER WEBSITE AT WWW.RVCREC.WEBLY.COM



Come support RVC UNITED and RVC ULTIMATE Gymnastic teams at the Recreation Center for their upcoming meets on Saturdays, March 4th and 25th at 2:00 p.m. and Sundays, March 5th and 26th at 12:30 p.m.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 10 SUNRISE HIGHWAY

E-CYCLING

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

Residents may bring their electronics
Note: E-CYCLING will remain open all year
Assistance will be given for EXTRA LARGE items. Please call (516) 678-9216 to schedule a pickup



E-CYCLING ITEMS that are required to be dropped off

- Computers / Computer monitors
- Anything that plugs into a computer
- Small Electronics
- VCR * DVD * I PAD * GPS
- Video Systems
- Calculators
- Televisions
- Cable Boxes
- Small Servers
- Camera or Video Cameras
- Telephones (any type)

PLEASE NOTE DISPOSAL OF USED MEDICAL NEEDLES

Used medical needles must be discarded at The Department of Health, any local hospital or nursing home.

***DO NOT DISCARD USED NEEDLES IN HOUSEHOLD REFUSE**



Recycle Wednesday



Cardboard, product packaging, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail can all be recycled on Wednesdays.



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