THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre





August 5, At 9:00 A.M. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

August 14, At 7:00 P.M. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Monday, September 2 **Village Offices Closed** LABOR DAY

September 9, At 7:00 P.M. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

September 10, At 7:00 P.M. PLANNING BOARD

September 11, At 7:00 P.M. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

September 19, At 6:00 P.M. MID-MONTH MEETING

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Log onto www.rvcny.gov for detailed information

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Labor Day Monday, September 2, 2024

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, September 4, 2024 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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Rockville Centre Pays Tribute on Memorial Day

Residents lined the streets to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our nation's freedom this Memorial Day. The annual parade was led by Grand Marshal Marianna Winchester, a Gold Star mother. Marianna's son, Marine Corps Lt. Ronald Winchester, was killed in action when an improvised explosive device was detonated near his vehicle twenty years ago. Lt. Winchester was 25 years old and serving





his second tour of duty in Iraq. Hosted by American Legion Post 303, the annual parade concluded at Veterans Park where hundreds gathered for a fitting ceremony to honor the memories of our fallen heroes.

"Our annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony provides a time for our community to come together to honor and reflect upon



the selfless dedication of our fallen military heroes," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "We are beyond fortunate to live in a nation where there have always been men and women who understood our nation's need and with honor answered the call of duty. We can never repay the debt of gratitude we owe to the men and women who have given all to preserve our freedom. But we can honor them, remember them, and cherish their families today and every day."

Vintage Car and Fire Truck Show

Over 40 trucks and cars were on display for the countless attendees at the Fourth Annual Vintage Car and Fire Truck Show. Families came out to the parking field along



North Centre Avenue to cruise the impressive automotive displays. Thank you to Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley and RVCFD member Dominick Alesi for organizing.





Fireworks Spectacular Takes to the Sky

The Annual Fireworks Celebration and Concert took to the skies on July 14th. Thousands of families and friends gathered to enjoy an evening under the stars with the iconic Grucci fireworks and performance by South Shore Symphony.







Music on the Green

Music on the Green returned to the Village on July 10th. Countless residents filled the Village Green to hear Sarah & Sophia kick-off the evening with popular covers of artists like Taylor Swift, as well as their very own original songs. Two Italian Dads got the crowd on their feet playing classic hits across different genres

"Music on the Green has proven to be a favorite of our residents," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "It's great to see our neighbors come together for great company and tunes. A special thank you to Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley for organizing



this fantastic series.'

Mark your calendars! The next installment of Music on the Green will be held on Thursday, August 8th.



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37TH Annual Mayor's Golf Classic

On Monday, September 30th, the Rockville Centre Community Fund will host its 37th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic. The Classic, and accompanying dinner is the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund, a not-for-profit tax-exempt charity dedicated to

helping residents of the Village of Rockville Centre who have emergency financial needs.

"Whatever the need, local families have been able to count on the Community Fund during the past 37 years," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The generosity and support we receive each year truly exemplifies what a great a caring community we have here in Rockville Centre."

This year's Classic will honor lifelong resident of Rockville Centre, Ed Asip. Ed has continuously demonstrated what it means to give back. In 2003, he joined the RVC Lions Club and served for three years as President. He currently manages the website and represents the Lions Club within the RVC Chamber of Commerce where he is a vital force in the successful collaboration of "Commerce and Service." In 2018, Ed was awarded the Lions Club highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship by the Lions International Foundation. Earlier this year, he was elected President of the RVC Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as Treasurer for nine years while managing the website and several events. In 2023, the Chamber awarded Ed, the "RVC Businessperson of the Year" award. While Ed has much to be proud of, he is most grateful for his wife, Sandi, his three children, Jim, Andrew, and Katie, daughter in-law, Dana, and especially being "Grandpa" to Brady and



Tickets and sponsorships for the all-day event, as well as journal ads are still available. The donation for breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner, as well as a round of golf at the Rockville Links Country Club is \$375. Dinner-only tickets are \$125. For reservations or information about sponsorships and journal ads, please call Nancy Biaggi at (516) 678-9254 or email nbiaggi@rvcny.us.

RVCPD Recognizes Cop of the Month



In recognition of his dedicated performance on duty, Sergeant Burnside was named RVCPD's "Cop of the Month." While responding to a domestic incident, Sergeant Burnside met with a female complainant who expressed her concern for the well-being of her boyfriend who had already fled the scene. After checking the whole building and finding the stairwell door locked, Sergeant Burnside climbed the fire escape to check the roof. It was at this time he located the subject, standing on the ledge of the multi-story building. He immediately established a line of communication and convinced the subject to come down safely.

The Village commends Sergeant Burnside for his diligence, highly professional conduct, and sense of duty to our residents. We thank him for his continued service.

Village Justice Sworn into Office

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre held a general Village election on June 18th at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center. Judge Mindy Roman was elected to Village Justice, a one-year term. Justice Roman was sworn into office at the Organizational Meeting held on July 18th.



Are you Ready for Hurricane Season?

With hurricane season once again upon us, the Village of Rockville Centre cannot stress enough that all residents need to be prepared. The Atlantic hurricane season began on June 1st and lasts until November 30th.

The NOAA National Weather Service predicts an 85% above-normal hurricane season in the Atlantic basin. NOAA is forecasting a range of 17 to 25 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 8 to 13 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). Forecasters have a 70% confidence in these ranges.

Residents are encouraged to be prepared

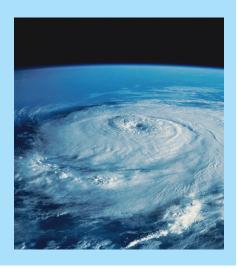
and create an emergency plan beforehand and have all important papers in one spot. Flying debris from the excessive winds are often the deadly and destructive results of these weather events. Residents are encouraged to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down. If you have construction activities underway, make sure the job site is secure before the storm hits.

There's a lot to remember when it comes to hurricane preparedness but making sure your trees are trimmed and healthy going into hurricane season is critical. Unhealthy and damaged trees can be the cause of major damage to homes and the electrical system.

Residents are encouraged to consult with an arborist to have their trees assessed and have any dead or weak trees and limbs removed.

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Village's free mobile app, MY RVC. Residents are also encouraged to enroll in Swift 911, which enables the Village of Rockville Centre to provide residents with critical timely information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather. Residents can register for Swift 911 on the Village's website at www.rvcny.gov.

For further details and preparedness guidelines, please log onto http://www.rvcny.us/RedCross.html.





Community Day

The Annual Community Day will be held in front of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Centre Avenue on Saturday, August 26th from noon to 4 p.m. The day will include activities for children, music, dance performances, and tasty treats.

Farmers Market Open

The Farmers Market is open every Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon until December 15, 2024, in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and North Forest Avenue.

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.

RVC Lions Amazing Race

The Rockville Centre Lions Club will be hosting their 4th Annual RVC Lions Amazing Race (formerly the Walking Rally) on Saturday, September 28th at 10 a.m. The interactive scavenger hunt that has teams race around the Village solving clues, performing challenges and having fun for a chance at a cash prize. Raffles, food and cash bar at the final destination. New course this year!

The event will begin at Municipal Field 12 (parking lot off Sunrise Highway - south of the Recreation Center). This event is a great way to get outdoors and join your neighbors for a fun group activity. Part of the proceeds of this year's race will benefit the RVC Breast Cancer Coalition.

To sign up go to www.rvclions.com.

Playing on the Porch



The Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Playing on the Porch. Music makers of all genres are invited to play from their front porch or lawn on Saturday, September 7th. To register,

please contact Brian Croutier at bcrouts@yahoo.com.

To learn more about upcoming events and the Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce, please scan the QR code.

Summer Yoga Series on the Green

The RVC Conservancy and Come Together Yoga Studio (CTYS) are partnering again to offer a Saturday morning yoga class at the Village Green on Maple Avenue (weather permitting). The series runs until October 28th. Classes will be held at 10 a.m. and are \$5 for CTYS members and \$10 for non-members.

Bring your own yoga mat or towels. All park proceeds will benefit the RVC Conservancy. Pre-registration is not required, but can be done beforehand by visiting www.cometogetheryoga.com

Around Our Community



Viewpoint: Comments by Trustee Emilio Grillo

The Village of RVC: Incorporated Since 1893 and Still Moving Forward

As an incorporated Village located within the Town of Hempstead, Rockville Centre remains a highly desirable community to call home. In close proximity to New York City, the Village has a thriving downtown, beautiful residential neighborhoods, and an awardwinning school district.

As most residents are aware, as an incorporated Village, Rockville Centre is governed by "home rule;" meaning that Rockville Centre has its own Village government comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Village Trustees. The officials are all local residents and are elected by Village

The Village Board, along with our Village Administrator, are charged with governing and managing the day-to-day operations of our Village and meet regularly to ensure that the Village and its services are maintained in a cost efficient and effective manner.

One of the most desirable advantages

of being an incorporated Village is in the providing of municipal services. Specifically, as an incorporated Village, Rockville Centre has

its own Police Department, Fire Department, Electric Department, Water Department and Public Works Department. These are all essential services, which ensure the health, safety and welfare of all of our residents. When compared to the limited services in other nearby unincorporated Villages, the beneficial impact of being an incorporated Village is unquantifiable.

By having our own local government, the Village Board and Village Administrator are able to quickly address resident and business concerns in real time, by working efficiently and directly with our various department heads to target and ameliorate issues. By way of example, when residents and business owners

voiced concern over an influx of more people and more traffic in our downtown, working with our Police Commissioner, Randy Dodd, and

> our Village Police Department, we were able to station more police officers in our downtown on busy week and weekend nights to maintain traffic flow and overall safety. Ultimately, it was determined that more law enforcement officers were required to fully staff our Police After careful Department. consideration, the Village Board authorized the hiring of four (4)

new police officers to the Department to stay current with population and business trends.

In addition to upgrading our Police Department, at present, the Village Board is currently working with outside consultants to review and upgrade current Village code and zoning laws.

As an incorporated Village, we are able implement new policies, more quickly and efficiently than an unincorporated municipality which would rely on Town or County government to make these changes for them. In addition, as an incorporated Village, we have the benefit of "close governance;" in that your Village board is made up of Village residents, who remain fully engaged with our residents, our business owners and our Village Departments on a daily basis, to ensure that any concerns or issues are quickly addressed for the benefit of our community as a whole.

Please know that the Mayor and the Village Board pride ourselves on our accessibility, and our willingness to listen and collaborate with our Village residents. We remain at your service to address any issue or concern, when called upon to do so. We look forward to continued collaboration with our residents and business owners, for many years to come.

Look What's Happening Around the Sandel Center

Former attorney and award-winning oil painter Kathy Maher had the idea for a writing workshop at Sandel several years ago. "Stories of life's heartbreak and beauty connects us in a way that lifts the soul. And what better place than Sandel to explore these stories filled with laughter, tears and wisdom. It's been a privilege to guide these dedicated writers. See you in the fall and keep writing!"

The Sandel Senior Center hosted a lively intergenerational picnic that brought together seniors and South Side High School students for a day of food, games, and desserts. The event was filled with laughter and joy as attendees participated in a lively game of hot potato and line dancing. The highlight of the day was the awarding of three \$500 scholarships to deserving young students, Sophia Bracco, Kerry Cody, and Kyla Murphy, recognizing their achievements and community involvement. Additionally, the center honored a longstanding student volunteer, Heather Cuevas, with an award celebrating her contributions and dedication to the Sandel Senior Center. The









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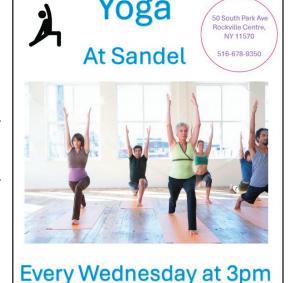
picnic fostered a sense of togetherness and mutual appreciation across both generations.

The Sandel Center Stage Chorus, led by Frank Scafuri, delivered a wonderful performance on June14th. The Chorus practices for six months gearing up for the Spring concert and they did not disappoint. They captivated the audience with spirited renditions of classic songs. The repertoire included beloved hits from Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, and Harry Belafonte with timeless tunes from the golden age of music. The seniors' enthusiasm and talent shined brightly on stage, filling the center with joy. Each performance was a delightful celebration of music and community, leaving the audience applauding for more. The Center Stage Chorus will start meeting again in September for the Holiday performance.

Residents are invited to break up the mid-week slump with a mindful and peaceful yoga class, led by Dominic Hawkins. The new yoga class is offered every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and is open

to all Nassau County residents. It is hosted by the Nassau County Department of Human Services. Please bring your own mat, chairs will be provided if needed.

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.



Bring your own mat! provided





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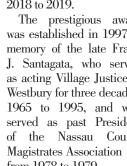
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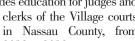
Judge Croutier Recognized with **Prestigious Award**

Village Justice William Croutier was recently honored with the Hon. Frank J. Santagata Memorial Award from the Nassau County Magistrates Association for his exemplary ethics, professionalism, and devotion to justice for all. Judge Croutier previously served as President of the Magistrates Association, a not-for-profit corporation that provides education for judges and

clerks of the Village courts in Nassau County, from 2018 to 2019. The prestigious award

was established in 1997 in memory of the late Frank J. Santagata, who served as acting Village Justice of Westbury for three decades, 1965 to 1995, and who served as past President of the Nassau County Magistrates Association from 1978 to 1979.





Rockville Centre **Electric News**

We are excited about the Rockville Centre Peak Savers Commercial Lighting program, aimed at providing rebates for non-residential customers in Rockville Centre Electric. This program offers incentives for businesses to transition to energy-efficient LED lighting, helping them reduce energy consumption, save on costs, and contribute to decarbonization efforts.

Commercial Lighting rebates are available for a variety of lighting fixtures including LED lamps, downlights, recessed downlights, high bay fixtures, and refrigerated case lighting, with rebates of up to \$1,000 per Net kW saved. For those interested, more information and the application form can be found at https://www.rvcny.gov/electric-department/pages/

rvc-thermostat-rebates. The program also provides custom considerations for upgrades that do not fall under standard installations. If you have any questions or require assistance, please reach out to us at 866-314-9611 or via email at info@rvcpeaksavers. com. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your lighting efficiency within your place of business and join us in creating a more sustainable future!



The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Cardio and Zumba Workouts

Stay in shape with Sheila Hawkins at the Recreation Center. Join Sheila on Tuesdays and Thursdays for strength training at 6:40 p.m. and Zumba at 7:25 p.m. or on Saturdays at 9 a.m. for zumba. The pay-as-you-go fee is \$10 per session. Beginners are encouraged to

Bicycle Safety Program

The Village of Rockville Centre Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Rockville Centre Police Department, will conduct a Bicycle Safety Program at the local elementary schools for grades 3-5 in September. The program teaches children good bicycle riding habits including the rules of the road. In

addition, all bikes will be inspected and registered, the prefix "LNRC" will be stamped on them to identify Rockville Centre bikes to our neighboring Police Departments. In the event a bike is recovered, this identification number can help us locate its owner.

Fall 2024 Programs

Registration for fall programs will begin Monday, August 21st for residents and Wednesday, August 23rd for non-residents. Registration is online for all recreation programs. You must establish your family profile on Rockvillecentre.recdesk.com if you have not done so already.

We are pleased to be offering gymnastics,

guitar, chess, tap/ballet, dog obedience, cooking, and art to name a few. Take a look at our lineup of activities for toddlers through adults at Rockvillecentre.recdesk.com to view all our programs. Be sure to register early, as class sizes are limited!

Detailed flyers will be available at www. rvcny.gov Programs will begin the week of September 18th.

Pickleball

The fastest growing sport in America is here at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center! We have two outdoor courts. Please contact Frank Milillo at (516) 384-5124 regarding information about leagues forming in the fall.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE RECREATION CENTER

Session 1: August 12 - 16 Session 2: August 19 - 23

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



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 $1^{
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STAFF INCLUDES NEW YORK STATE LICENSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS & COACHES!

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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
I Big Time Soccer	Hoop Dodgeball	Cone Busters	Scatter Ball	Flag Tag
l Velcro Ball	Noodle Tag	Ultimate Frisbee	Poison Ball	Speedball
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ROCKVILLE CENTRE RECREATION CENTER



Camp games and activities will take place outside and inside the facility utilizing the soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, ga-ga ball court, gym & auditorium.

Camp will <u>not</u> be cancelled due to the weather!

2024 CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP DATES

Session 1: August 12 – 16 Session 2: August 19 - 23

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

CAMP PRICE

\$195(Per Session)

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

COACHING STAFF

Craig Degnan Harborfields Central School District Oldfield Middle School, Greenlawn NY

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CAMP PHILOSOPHY

 Our goal is to provide an atmosphe promotes the importance of physical activity, exercise and introduces children to a variety of games and activities.

• All children can succeed in developmentally appropriate gan
• HAVE FUN!!!

Inclusive Playground Coming Soon

Construction of Mr. B's Inclusive Playground at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center is nearing completion. The playground will feature a sensory dome, play structures with ramps, as well as multiple upgrades to the park including new ADA-compliant restrooms, LED lighting, new walking track, exercise stations, tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts. The boundless playground is coming to fruition thanks to generous donations from community groups including the Rockville Centre Lions Club, Tommy Brull Foundation Inc., the Rockville Centre Little League, the Feil Family Foundation, Rockville Centre PBA, RVC Speaks, Francis F. Wilson Elementary School, Lindsay's, and the Tim McMullan Memorial Fund. In addition, the Village received grants from the New York State Dormitory Authority, former Assemblywoman Judy Griffin, and former New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky.





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.

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:

 ${\bf Disposal\ of\ hazardous\ materials\ including\ paints,\ solvents,\ car\ batteries,\ fluorescent\ bulbs,\ rechargeable}$ batteries, pesticides, waste oil, propane tanks, for full list go to Stop Throwing Out Pollutants (S.T.O.P.) | Hempstead Town, NY (hempsteadny.gov)

SPECIAL PICKUP/BULK ITEMS

16 before 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday/Thursday pi of waste items too large for insertion into trash containers 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:

 ${\bf Mattresses-must}\ be\ sealed\ in\ bedbug\ proof\ encasement\ bags\ or\ heavy-duty\ plastics\ bags$ 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/drvers)

HELPFUL LINKS

Sanitation pickup schedule:

Sanitation holiday schedule:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4946/f/uploads/2022 sanitation schedule.pdf

Recycling Guide:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4946/f/uploads/recycling_march_2020_0.pdf

Recycling FAQ:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4946/f/uploads/recycling_faq.pdf

TIME TO ORDER A TREE

2024 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:
Address:
Phone:
E-Mail:
OTY Canada Red Select Cherry Japanese Lilac Japanese Zelkova Honey Locust Thornless Sargent Cherry Sugar Maple
Tree only (\$250 each): Tree & planting (\$350 each): TOTAL ENCLOSED:
Please make checks payable to the Village of Rockville Centre and mail to: Village of Rockville Centre DPW/Trees

Return by September 16, 2024 For further details, please visit www.rvcny.gov

P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571