

THIS MONTH IN

Rockville Centre



Dates & Events

October 7, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 8, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

October 9, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, October 14
Village Offices Closed
COLUMBUS DAY

October 17, At 6 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING

November 4, At 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, November 11

Village Offices Closed in observance of
VETERANS DAY

November 13, At 7 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

November 14, At 6 P.M.
MID-MONTH MEETING

November 19, At 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29
Village Offices Closed
THANKSGIVING

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 14, 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, October 16, 2024 No bulk items or paper pickup

VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11, 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, November 13, 2024 No bulk items or paper pickup

THANKSGIVING DAY WEEK

Thursday, November 28, 2024
No trash collection

Normal Thursday trash collection will be on Friday, November 29, 2024.

Normal Friday trash collection will be on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

There will be bulk and paper pickup on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

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.

Rockville Centre Sets the Standard as First Certified Sensory Police Department in New York

The Village of Rockville Centre announced today its Police Department is the first in New York State to become Certified Sensory Inclusive™ by KultureCity, a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting inclusivity and accessibility for individuals with sensory needs. Through its program, KultureCity helps train others to address the one in four individuals diagnosed with an invisible disability, such as autism, PTSD, dementia, ADHD, traumatic brain injury, and strokes to name just a few.

“This vital training enhances the day-to-day interactions with individuals who have sensory needs or invisible disabilities,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “Thanks to the partnership with KultureCity, our officers are equipped with the tools to respond with compassion and the necessary skills to make a positive impact.”

The certification process entailed officers from the Rockville Centre Police Department be trained by leading medical and neurodivergent professionals on how to recognize community members with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation. KultureCity’s training instills understanding, acceptance, and empathy towards those who have sensory needs with the goal to enhance future interactions between law enforcement and the community to create the best outcomes.

“The Rockville Centre Police Department remains one of the most highly trained departments in the state,” commented RVC PD Commissioner Randy Dodd. “This training and certification received not only renews our commitment to those we serve but allows our officers to improve the interactions we have with our most vulnerable residents and visitors.”

Lifelong Rockville Centre resident, Sean Culkin, was diagnosed with autism as a child. Now 30, Culkin serves as an ambassador and board member with KultureCity. To bring the sensory inclusion program to the Rockville Centre Police Department, Culkin joined with



Tony and Mary Lou Cancellieri, the founders of RVC Blue Speaks, to meet with Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley about implementing the program. The nonprofit organization,

Lou of RVC Blue Speaks, KultureCity as well as our dedicated officers. Our officers were not just receptive to the training, but they were fully on board to learn new techniques to better serve all of our residents and visitors.”



In addition to the invaluable training, each patrol vehicle is equipped with sensory inclusive items to be available to those with sensory needs in an emergency situation. Each sensory bag includes feelings thermometer that includes a range of different emotions and cues intended to help bridge the communication gap in an emergency, fidget tools to help individuals de-stress and calm down during high stress situations, and noise-dampening headphones, which tune out ambient noise, while still

dedicated to raising money for families affected by autism, provided funding for the program.

“Empowering communities through inclusion and innovation, the Village of Rockville Centre is aligned with the same visionary spirit as KultureCity® and is championing a world where every individual, regardless of ability, is not just accepted but celebrated for their unique contributions to the tapestry of humanity!” Uma Srivastava, Executive Director, KultureCity®.

“The training provided by KultureCity will equip our officers with tools to respond with the necessary skills to make a positive impact,” said Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. “I want to thank Sean, Tony and Mary

allowing the wearer to communicate to help in an emergency.

“My husband and I cofounded RVC Blue Speaks to advocate for individuals on the autism spectrum,” stated Mary Lou of RVC Blue Speaks. “We are extremely proud of the Village of Rockville Centre for partnering with KultureCity to support and protect neurodiverse individuals. RVC Blue Speaks is honored to collaborate

between KultureCity and the RVC Police Department and applaud Mayor Murray and the Board of Trustees for nurturing an inclusive community.”



Village Secures \$150,000 Grant

The Village of Rockville Centre was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST), which is a capital grant program administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). The funds from the grant, secured by Assemblyman Brian Curran, will be used towards the purchase of a new ambulance to better equip first responders.

“I would like to thank Assemblyman Brian Curran for his hard work in securing this vital grant to go toward the purchase of a new ambulance for our Rockville Centre Fire Department,” commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. “The safety of our residents continues to be our top priority, and this vital funding will allow our first responders to better serve our residents and community.”

The CREST program serves as a useful mechanism to aid in helping to replace one of the Village’s older vehicles. This grant award will allow first responders to focus on public safety for the Rockville Centre community without negatively impacting taxpayers.

“I am proud to have secured these funds to purchase a new ambulance for Rockville Centre. This will go toward serving the community and saving lives,” Curran said.



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Around Our Community

Rockville Centre Goes Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Each September, Rockville Centre renews its commitment to curing childhood cancer and offering support to the brave young people who are fighting this disease and their families. Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, the Board of Trustees, Assemblyman Brian Curran, and Nassau County Legislator Scott Davis

proudly stood with the Mary Ruchalski Foundation and the Life for Gina Foundation, as well as countless community members to “Light it up Gold” to kick-off Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The annual event features the lighting of the tree outside Village Hall in gold lights.

“The Village of Rockville Centre is committed to raising awareness about childhood cancer and honoring our youngest residents who have or are courageously battling pediatric cancer,” commented Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley. “Let’s join together to shine a light on childhood cancer and honor the families walking through this harrowing journey at every step of the way to let them know that they are brave and they are not alone.”



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



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center hosted a variety of recreational activities and trips for campers this summer. The program was capped off with its annual Community Day. Hundreds of community members joined together for food, rides, dancing, games, and friendly company.

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



Rockville Centre Electric News

Brighten your business with lighting upgrades: custom and prescriptive rebates still available!

Rockville Centre Peak Savers is currently offering a special incentive for businesses. The rebates for Commercial Custom and Lighting projects have been increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per kW, which can cover up to 80% of project costs. This promotion is for a limited time only, can end at any time, and is available for one project per location. Businesses are encouraged to act quickly to benefit from these enhanced rebates and help their customers save on energy-efficient upgrades.



Maximize savings with ENERGY STAR®: residential appliance rebates you can't miss!

Purchasing ENERGY STAR® certified appliances is a smart investment:

- Minimize energy and water usage
- Save on utility bills
- Unlock possible incentives with Rockville Centre Peak Savers
- May qualify for tax credits

Rockville Centre Peak Savers rebates range from \$100 - \$200, combined with the potential to enhance the comfort and value of your home, make ENERGY STAR® certified appliances a wise choice for those looking to make energy-efficient upgrades.

To learn more about both programs, call 866-314-9611, email info@rvcpeaksavers.com or go to <https://www.rvcny.gov/electric-department/pages/energy-saving-tips>.



Fall Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be conducting routine hydrant flushing beginning Wednesday, October 23rd and ending on Tuesday, October 29th. 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, October 23rd between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Area of the Village lying North of DeMott Avenue.
- Thursday, October 24th 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, October 25th 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, October 27th to Monday, October 28th between 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. Entire area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.
- Tuesday, October 29th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup will begin on Monday, November 18, 2024. Bagged leaves will be collected from the curb strip as follows:

- Monday: North of Sunrise Highway (between Hempstead Ave & N. Long Beach Rd)
- Tuesday: North of Sunrise Highway (East of N. Long Beach Rd)
- Thursday: North of Sunrise Highway (West of Hempstead Ave)
- Friday: South of Sunrise Highway

Please note there will be no leaf pickup on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2024. The last day of pickup will be on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Parking Permit Information

November 1st all Employee Parking Permits will renew.

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

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

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

Tax Office Announcements

Real estate tax exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with certified service and to veterans based on the date and type of military service. The maximum assessed value that may be exempted varies with the status of the veteran claimant: non-combat and Cold War \$518; combat \$864; and disabled up to \$1,728 based on

the percent of disability.

Real estate tax exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2023 gross income not exceeding \$58,399.

Applications are available on the Village website www.rvcny.gov on the Tax Office page, by emailing taxoffice@rvcny.us or by calling the Tax Office Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (516) 678-9242.

The filing deadline for all 2025/26 exemption applications is January 2, 2025.

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

Clean Up After Your Pet

The Village of Rockville Centre would like to remind pet owners to be a good neighbor and clean up after your dog. In an effort to be courteous, dog walkers should carry disposable waste bags and clean up after their pets. Used dog waste bags should not be left in neighbors' trash cans or recycling bins and should not be thrown into the storm drains on our streets and roadways. Proper disposal of dog waste is required, and every dog owner must participate.

Viewpoint: Comments by Gregory P. Shaughnessy

It has been just over a year since I was elected as your newest Village Trustee. During this time not only have I continued to be exposed to the many great people and organizations in and around our Village, but also many of our dedicated employees and departments.

I have a much better understanding of the Village finances and how it relates to each of our department's budgets and the challenges that come along with having our own municipal services such as water and electric utilities. As the liaison to these important services, I enjoy partnering with our department heads to continuously enhance service and delivery of these vital utilities.

Anyone that knows me, knows I have many passions and yes, golf and youth sports are among them but high on the list is real estate. From zoning and land use to development, redevelopment and historical preservation. These considerations play a pivotal role in

every community and to borrow from Trustee Grillo's headline from last month – to move "RVC Forward".

The uniqueness of our Village is something very special that I speak about frequently, from our existing businesses to new businesses coming in, to proposed developments or redevelopments. Learning how these things are perceived by our residents is an important and enjoyable part of my daily interactions with our community in my role as Trustee.

I am an advocate for evaluating and updating our zoning, codes, and land uses as this is an essential component in the "RVC Forward" plan. This work is ongoing, currently the Building Department, Department of Public Works, Village Administrator, Mayor, and my fellow Trustees are working to bring some of



these up to date.

In the ever-changing definition of a "legal" business, as defined by the State and our Federal government, our Village must adapt in order to not have any one use, or new uses monopolize our Village. Redefining our codes to appropriately allow these businesses to operate under the law is important for moving "RVC Forward." As an example, restaurants or cabarets, as defined under our code as a restaurant with live music, on where and how they can operate. In this example is important to understand we cannot dictate a type of restaurant, but what we can dictate is where a restaurant can go and how it can operate with or without live music. Another current example is the pressure on our Village and surrounding communities with businesses that may be

less desirable. A business like this cannot be allowed to operate in our Village in areas that we deem to have a sensitive use like our schools, places of worship, playgrounds, recreation and community centers to name a few. We continue to work on zoning recommendations in our ever-changing world.

Our board also has a renewed focus on code enforcements, not only within our Building Department in our residential and commercial districts, but also within our Police Department in working with the NY State Liquor Authority and the Nassau County Fire Marshal to enforce our codes.

I look forward to gaining even more knowledge over my term through actively participating in organizations like the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA), New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP) and strategizing how best to move "RVC Forward."

Summer Goes Out With a Bang at the Sandel Senior Center

The Sandel Center was abuzz when the incredible talented mother and son steel band duo captivated audience members with a mesmerizing performance on August 7th. The Long Island Steel Drum Band Danielle and Paul Marquardt of Rockville Centre is a dynamic pair playing an astonishing repertoire of nearly 200 songs that span various genres, from lively calypso to soulful ballads. The music filled the Sandel Center with a vibrant energy that left the members in awe as they sang, reminisced, and danced to beloved tunes. "What made this performance even more special is the seamless connection between them, a bond that shines through every note they play," commented Nancy Codispoti, Director of the Sandel Senior Center. "Their passion, and commitment to sharing the joy of steel drum music is a true community treasure, inspiring everyone who hears their extraordinary sound."

The center recently hosted a lively and nostalgic afternoon that took everyone back to the wild days of the 1980s. The energetic 80s band brought the music of the era to life, playing all the hits that had everyone reminiscing. As a bonus, the members brought their families to participate in this great event. From classic pop anthems to rock ballads, the band's performance was spot on, creating an atmosphere filled with fun and memories. Generations came together, singing and dancing along to the music that had once defined a decade. It was more than just a concert; it was a heartwarming gathering that celebrated the joy of music and family together. Another highlight at Sandel!



The Sandel Center is proudly celebrating 48 years of friendship, community and cherished memories! There are some great plans for this fall with special trips to Jake's 58, White Post Farms, and Westbury Gardens. Special events to embrace the fall and holiday seasons. From festive harvest parties, dinner dances and craft workshops to holiday luncheons and musical performances, there's something for everyone to enjoy. 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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School's Open Drive Carefully

As our children have returned to the classrooms, all motorists are reminded to take extra precautions to keep our youngest commuters safe when they are traveling on our roadways. Schools return means more buses picking up and dropping off students, more people walking and bicycling to and from school, and more congestion which means an increase for potential hazards.

"It is imperative that motorists remain alert and use caution, stop for pedestrians, obey traffic signs, and slow down," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "I am begging every driver to stay alert and cut out all of the distractions, including texting and talking on cell phones to ensure everyone, especially our children, make it home safely."

Speed limits around our schools are 20 miles per hour, whether motorists are on a side street or a main road. In addition, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a stopped school bus, which is picking up or dropping off children. Motorists must remain stopped until all children are clear of the roadway and the bus stop arm is withdrawn. The Village and the schools partnered in September, as they do every year, to provide a bicycle safety course for elementary school students.





The John A. Anderson Recreation Center

Halloween Mural Painting Contest

All artists are invited to paint Halloween themes on murals, which will be displayed during the fall holidays. Boys and girls in fourth through eighth grades must register by October 18th online at RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com. The annual contest will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$30 per team. Awards are given by a distinguished panel of judges for murals in several different Halloween categories!

Winter Program Registration

Registration for the Winter 2025 Program session begins Monday, November 25th for residents beginning at 9:30 a.m. Registration is open until classes reach their maximum enrollment. Along with our popular programs

such as gymnastics, art, pickleball, and tumble-time, we also offer ninja class, learn to play chess, music classes, and more! Check out the schedule on our website in November. Programs begin on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Early Voting

Early voting will take place at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center from October 26th through November 3rd. Please visit NassauVotes.com for further information.

Food Donations

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



VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



5K & 1 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN

SPONSORED BY RVC RECREATION DEPT AND THE RVC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024

1 MILE FUN RUN AT 8:30AM SHARP
5K AT 9:30AM SHARP

ENTRY FEES

FUN RUN: \$10 per person
5K RUN: \$25 per person

Senior rate: (60+) \$15 per person -5K all times

Pre Registration on or before November 8th (5K entry includes FUN RUN)

\$30 late registration fee after Nov. 8th for 5K

*No late fee for Seniors

REGISTER ONLINE
ROCKVILLECENTRE.RECDESK.COM



AGE CATEGORIES:

14 & UNDER, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & OVER AND WHEELCHAIR EVENTS

Online registration via RECDESK ends Nov. 15th 4PM SHARP

In person registration at check-in CLOSSES 15 MINUTES BEFORE RACE

COURSE MEASURED AND TIMED BY
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Mr. Katz was the official race course measurer for the London and Tokyo Olympics

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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 pick-up 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/vyhlf4946/f/uploads/2022_sanitation_schedule.pdf

Recycling Guide:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4946/f/uploads/recycling_march_2020_0.pdf

Recycling FAQ:

https://www.rvcny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4946/f/uploads/recycling_faq.pdf

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center proudly presents our

Halloween Parade and Party!

Sunday, October 27th, 2024

11:30am-1pm

At the REC

Meet outside by playground for parade.

This is a rain-or-shine event.

In the event of rain, everything will take place indoors.

Come on down and celebrate all your favorite Halloween tricks and treats as we take our costumes on parade around our brand new Veterans Park at the Recreation Center.

DJ Pace will be bringing our party to life with all the Halloween Hits and Monster Mash! Games and activities inside the REC.

Registration is required.

Registration begins September 30th for residents October 1st for non residents Rockvillecentre.recdesk.com

Fee: \$15 per child (over the age of 1) includes pretzel, drink, goody bag and activities and more.



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.

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