



# 2021 Annual Report





# Rockville Centre by the Numbers

## Location

Southwestern Nassau County 25 miles east of midtown Manhattan 3.3 square miles in area.

## Government

Incorporated 1893 Governed by a Mayor and four Trustees elected at large who serve part-time and appoint a full-time Administrator.

## Services

Police, Fire, Emergency Medical, Electric, Water, Sewers, Sanitation, Highways, Court, Building Safety, Zoning, Planning, Parks, Recreation, Senior Services, Community Development.

## Population

26,016 (2020 US Census)

## Housing

Median home value: \$681,197  
Average home sale: \$768,617  
30 transactions 1/1/21 – 8/10/21

## Village Budget

\$46.9 Million (June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021)

## Village Taxes

Assessed Valuation of Property: \$59.8 million  
Tax Rate: \$55.32 per \$100 NAV  
Average Residential Tax Bill: \$4,409

## Business Community

489 locations: 11 banks  
One movie theater (five screens)  
Nine professional office buildings

Scores of restaurants

Some light manufacturing

30 municipal parking fields  
(over 3,700 parking spaces Village-wide)

## Some Major Employers

Mercy Medical Center (1,610)  
RVC Union Free School District (766)  
Molloy College (728)  
Better Home Health Care (394)  
Village of Rockville Centre (293)  
Diocese of Rockville Centre (250)  
Karp Volvo/Buick/KIA (100)  
Orlin & Cohen (70)  
U. S. Post Office (38)

## Schools

Five public elementary  
South Side Middle School  
South Side High School  
St. Agnes Cathedral School  
Molloy College

## Hospitals

Mercy Medical Center  
Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital

## Houses of Worship

Eleven churches, two synagogues

## Parks

Eight with fields, playgrounds, facilities.  
Six for walking, sitting

### Village of Rockville Centre

1 College Place  
P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571  
[www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov)

### Mayor

Francis X. Murray  
678-9260

### Village Administrator

Nancy Howard  
678-9212

### Trustees

Kathleen Baxley, Deputy Mayor  
Michael Sepe  
Emilio F. Grillo  
Katie Conlon  
678-9246

# Mayor's Message



Dear Neighbors:

2021 continued to prove that the Village of Rockville Centre is one of the premier communities in which to live, work, and raise a family on Long Island. Our award-winning schools, recreation programs for youth and seniors, safety, downtown area, and overall quality of life are second to none. I am privileged to be your Mayor and committed to keeping our Village affordable while delivering the great services our residents have come to expect.

Our efforts to keep Village property taxes low have caused us to leave no stone unturned when it comes to receiving grants. Throughout my tenure, over \$40 million dollars in federal, state, and local grants, as well as gifts have been secured to make improvements within the Village. Much of the grant money was awarded to improve our water infrastructure, roadways, parks, and provide state-of-the-art equipment for our Police and Fire Departments to protect and serve our residents.



As always, we continue to make upgrades throughout the Village so that future generations may benefit. We continue to improve our infrastructure, redoing roadways and planting trees, while also updating and improving our parks and ballfields.

The 2021 Annual Report provides basic information about Rockville Centre, its government and administration, and many outstanding municipal services available to you. You will also find contact information for the Board of Trustees and the department heads that are responsible for delivering those municipal services to you.

The Board of Trustees and I are always available to you. We are committed to communicating with you and to responding to you because we believe that a receptive and accountable Village government is an important reason why Rockville Centre continues to be such a desirable community in which to live. I encourage you to log onto our website at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) and follow the Village on our social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn about news and upcoming events for 2022.

It is a privilege to be the Mayor of Rockville Centre. I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to continuing to improve on this great foundation to make it an even better place for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis X. Murray".

Francis X. Murray, Mayor  
Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre



# Board of Trustees



The Rockville Centre Village Board of Trustees (left to right): Trustee Emilio F. Grillo, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Baxley, Mayor Francis X. Murray, Trustee Michael Sepe, and Trustee Katie Conlon.

**T**he members of the Village Board — the Mayor and four Trustees — are elected at-large by residents to four-year terms. Elections are held every two years in odd numbered years. The Board sets Village policy, passes local laws, adopts the annual budget and makes appointments to various local boards, commissions and advisory committees.

The Board meets in public approximately 12 times a year at night in Village Hall, after being briefed by the Village Administrator and the department managers at two additional open meeting called a Briefing Session and Special Meeting. The Board meetings include a comment period where members of the public may address the Mayor and the Trustees. The Board also holds public hearings on the annual budget and on any proposed legislation. Meeting as the Exterior Design Review Board, the Trustees also hold public hearings to review the architectural plans for certain commercial and residential projects. In addition, every July an Organizational Meeting is held at Village Hall.

The Trustees are assigned as liaisons to the various departments and to the principal civic, cultural, and educational organizations in the Village. Board members take seriously the responsibilities of their part-time Trustee positions: regularly attending public events and meetings to hear from their neighbors. Residents may write to or call them at Village Hall or leave e-mail messages on the Village's website [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov).

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**Mayor Francis X. Murray** was elected to his third term in June 2019. He is a lifelong resident of the Village and the son of former Mayor Eugene J. Murray. Mayor Murray and wife, Barbara, raised their five children in the Village. He has also been an active member of the RVC Fire Department since 1972, including serving as an EMT. He has served on the Rockville Centre Environmental and Beautification Committee, the Rockville Centre Conservancy, the Friends of Senior Services (FOSSI) and co-chaired the RVC Community Fund Golf Outing. He was the 2009 Grand Marshal of the RVC St. Patrick's Parade and has been President of the Mercy Medical Center Foundation and President of the Friends of Mercy. Mayor Murray was named to the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Executive Committee at NYCOM's annual business meeting in May 2013. On January 1, 2022, he was elected as the 96th President of the New York State Conference Mayors (NYCOM). He previously served as Vice President and Second Vice President.

Mayor Francis Murray has received numerous accolades for his public service including: "Theodore Roosevelt Award," given by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council; "St. Thomas Aquinas Award" for ongoing support of Catholic Education by St. Agnes Grammar School; UJA (United Jewish Federation of New York for Devoted Service); South Nassau Communities Hospital's Golf Tournament honoree for his commitment and benevolence to residents of the South Shore; The Friends of Mercy Golf Outing Honoree; "Franklin D. Roosevelt Award" from the New York American Public Work's Association of N.Y. State in recognition of his distinguished leadership and initiative in advancing and improving the environment and quality of life in New York State; The Society of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on Long Island honored him as their "Favorite Son Award" "Local Government Achievement Award"



from the New York Conference of Mayors; and the Guild for the Arts of Rockville Centre established a high school scholarship called "Mayor Gene & Mayor Fran Murray Scholarship Award for the Arts."



**Deputy Mayor Kathleen Baxley** a lifelong resident of RVC, has been a Village Trustee for 5 years. Kathy, her husband Matt, and their children are involved in many aspects of the Village. A former teacher, Kathy has vast experience in the community as a former PTA President of multiple RVC schools, served as a board member of the RVC Education Foundation and through membership in local organizations. She is a current member of the Boards of the RVC Breast Cancer Coalition, Ryan Patrick O'Shea Foundation, RVC Community Fund, advisor to the RVC Friends of MLK, and a member of the RVC Beautification committee. Her five years of experience thus far have introduced her to the various departments and workings of the Village, and she has been instrumental in creating and designing community events and activities, such as the Family Music on the Village Green Nights, Classic Car Show, and the Village's Holiday Lights Night Event. Kathy is Trustee Liaison to the RVC Chamber of Commerce, the RVC School District, the Recreation Center, the Sandel Senior Center, the MLK Center and the Engineering Department. Kathy has been recognized for her volunteer community work by the Town of Hempstead, the New York State Assembly, and RVCBCC, and FOSSI Inc.



**Trustee Emilio F. Grillo** was elected to his third term in June 2021. He and his wife Christine have resided in Rockville Centre for over two decades and have three children. He is a partner of the law firm Goldberg Segalla, LLP, and he has served Rockville Centre as a Deputy Village Attorney and Village Prosecutor from 2004 to 2013, when elected as Village Trustee. Emilio currently serves as the Village Board Liaison to the Rockville Centre Fire Department, the Village Electric and Water Departments, and the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee. Emilio has been actively involved in Village fundraising, including the Rockville Centre Community Fund, the St. Agnes Parish, the Rockville Centre Education Foundation, and he is a member of the Long Island Chapter of Legatus, an organization of Catholic business leaders. In addition to various community organizations, Emilio has also served as a coach in the Rockville Centre Little League, RVC Soccer Club, and the RVC Basketball League.



**Trustee Michael Sepe** was elected to his third term in June 2019. He served as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney from 1996-2003. He founded a law practice in Rockville Centre specializing in federal and state litigation in 2007. He also was appointed to the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) for the Town of Hempstead in

2017, has been a guest commentator for Court-TV, and is a former faculty member of the National College of District Attorneys. He serves as Trustee liaison to the Rockville Centre Police Department, the Nassau County Legislature, the Rockville Centre Building Department and is a member of the Rockville Centre Board of Ethics.



**Trustee Katie Conlon** was elected to her first term in June 2021. Born and raised in Rockville Centre, Katie graduated from South Side High School before going on to receive her bachelor's degree from Villanova University and master's degree from New York University. For nearly 15 years, she worked as a registered nurse and nurse practitioner at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City before her current job position as the school nurse at Oceanside High School. Katie has volunteered with various organizations throughout the community, such as the Rockville Centre Mercy League, Hewitt PTA, and coaching in both the Rockville Centre Soccer Club and St. Agnes CYO. As Village Trustee, Katie serves as liaison to numerous Village departments, the largest being the Department of Public Works. Katie and her husband, Kieran, have three children.

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## New Local Laws in 2021

Local laws are adopted throughout the year by the Village Board after legally noticed public hearings.

### Local Law 1 - 2021

A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Rockville Centre in relation to required minimum lot size and street frontage.

### Local Law 2 - 2021

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

### Local Law 3 - 2021

A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Rockville Centre in relation to signs and awnings.

### Local Law 4 - 2021

A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Rockville Centre in relation to prohibiting certain transient dwelling uses.

### Local Law 5 - 2021

A local law opting out of licensing and/or establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Rockville Centre.

### Local Law 6 - 2021

A local law extending the duration of the provisions of Village Code Chapter 287 authorizing outdoor dining permits.

All local laws are available online at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov)





# Village Justice Court

**T**he Rockville Centre Village Court has jurisdiction over the enforcement of local laws, including parking tickets, zoning code violations and New York State vehicle and traffic offenses committed within the Village boundaries. It is one of the busiest village courts in the state, handling more than 30,000 cases annually. Over the years, our Court staff has been able to secure a number of grants from the NYS Unified Court System to make improvements to update the efficiency and security of the Village's court system in order to better serve the public.

William J. Croutier was re-elected to his fourth term in 2019. He has served as a Special Prosecutor for Rockville Centre and as a Deputy Village Attorney. He is a member of numerous professional associations, has been a lecturer for the Nassau County and New York State Bar Associations and serves as Chairman of the Supreme Court Committee for the Nassau County Bar Association. He served as the Chairman of both the Rockville Centre We Care September 11th Committee and the Rockville Centre September 11th Memorial Committee. Judge Croutier is now the Past President for the Nassau County Magistrates Association Inc.

Judge McDonough was re-elected to his fourth term in June 2021. Before first being elected in 2009, he served as a Deputy Village Attorney for nine years. Judge

McDonough is currently the President of the Nassau County Magistrates Association and a member of its Board of Directors. He is also presently Co-Chair of the Access to Justice Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association. Additionally, Judge McDonough is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the National Association of College and University Attorneys. He is a past President of the Friends of Senior Services, Inc. for the RVC Sandel Senior Center and served for many years as a volunteer legal counsel to the RVC St. Patrick's Parade. Prior to becoming an attorney Judge McDonough served in the U.S. Army attaining the rank of Captain. He is a partner in the Garden City law firm of Cullen and Dykman LLP.

Attorneys serve as deputies to the Village Attorney to prosecute cases in Village Court. The deputies are Susan Boland, Joseph A. Gentile, Charles Lapp III, Jennifer Milone, and David Shargel. Mindy Roman serves as Chief Village Prosecutor and Special Prosecutor for Village Ordinances. Michelle Gola serves as Clerk to the Village Justice. Normally the Court is in session on the first Tuesday of every month and Thursday evenings by appointment at Village Hall, and the Court Clerk's office is open weekdays 8am to 3:30pm to accept payment of fines and provide information about cases. The Court can be contacted by phone at 678-9233 or email at [rvccourt@rvcny.us](mailto:rvccourt@rvcny.us) to provide information about cases.

## Village of Rockville Centre and Mercy Hospital Launch Sunscreen Program

Prior to the summer of 2021, Mayor Francis X. Murray, the Village Board and sponsor Catholic Health's Mercy Hospital unveiled a new initiative to provide free sunscreen at 12 touch-free dispensers throughout the Village fields and parks to aid in the prevention of skin cancer. This innovative public health initiative is designed to protect our local community from the dangers associated with sun exposure that can lead to skin cancer/melanoma in a safe and contactless way. The sunscreen sponsorship program comes to the Village at no cost to taxpayers.

"We thank Catholic Health's Mercy Hospital for sponsoring this important initiative of sun protection for our Village residents and visitors," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "This free program will safeguard our residents' health, as well as provide an opportunity to educate people about the critical importance of protecting ourselves from the sun's damaging rays."



## 34<sup>TH</sup> Annual Mayor's Golf Classic a Swinging Success

The 34th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic proved to be a success this October. The fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund raised approximately \$50,000 to allow the Rockville Centre Community Fund to fulfill its mission to help residents in the Village who have emergency financial needs.

"I would like to thank the committee, whose tireless efforts ensured that the golf classic was a success, as well as our honorees, Thomas Gallucci and Robert Pagnotta, and the 2021 Eugene J. Murray Outstanding Citizenship Award recipient Mary Lou Marquardt," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "These worthy honorees are a shining example of what it takes to make a community a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Founded in 1987, the RVC Community Fund is a not-for-profit tax-exempt charity that responds quickly and confidentially to requests for assistance or to referrals by friends and neighbors of individuals facing financial difficulties. Since its inception, the Community Fund has raised over \$1.8 million.



# Citizen Service



## Boards and Commissions

The Village has a number of Boards and commissions whose members are Rockville Centre residents appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Board of Trustees.

### Board of Zoning Appeals

The five members of the Board of Zoning Appeals decide on commercial and residential applications for variances from the Zoning Code and have jurisdiction over some special use permits as described in the Code. The Board usually holds public hearings one or two Wednesday evenings per month in Village Hall, depending on the number of cases. Members normally serve five-year terms. The current Board members include: Chair J. Robert Schenone, Dona Brown, Joseph Kelly, Salvatore Romanello, Gregory P. Shaughnessy and Jack Matthews, Esq. serves as counsel to the board and Rockville Centre Building Department Superintendent Patrick O'Brien is the Secretary.

### Human Rights Commission

Members of the Human Rights Commission are appointed for one-year terms. The current members include: Father Michael Duffy of St. Agnes, Rabbi David J. Lerner of Temple B'nai Sholom-Beth David, Rev. Scott Ressiman of the United Church, and Ellen Grossman.

### Board of Ethics

Members of the Board of Ethics are also appointed to one-year terms. The current members include: Rabbi Michael G. Cohen, Fr. Michael Duffy, Martha Krisel, Richard Grimm, John Thorp, Michael Sepe, Anthony Cancellieri, and Pastor Joe Quagliata. Kenneth C. Murphy, Esq. is counsel to the Board.

### Planning Board

The five members of the Planning Board meet regularly to consider questions of land use. The Planning Board also conducts subdivision review as well as site plan review, exterior design review, and special use permit hearings on certain non-residential projects. Members are also appointed

to five-year terms. The current members include: Chair Donna Joyce, Maria E. Meyer, Susan Quilty, Andrew Cameron, and Matthew DiDora. Counsel to the Planning Board is Kenneth (Casey) C. Murphy. The Secretary to the Planning Board is the Building Department Superintendent Patrick O'Brien.

### Housing Authority Board

The Mayor appoints five members that direct the affairs of the Rockville Centre Housing Authority. The Authority operates a 164-unit low-income complex on Old Mill Court and a 50-unit apartment building at 579 Merrick Road for low-income seniors. The appointees serve five-year terms. The current members include: William Devlin, Vincent Bohn, Thomas Gallucci and Robert Pagnotta.

### Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee

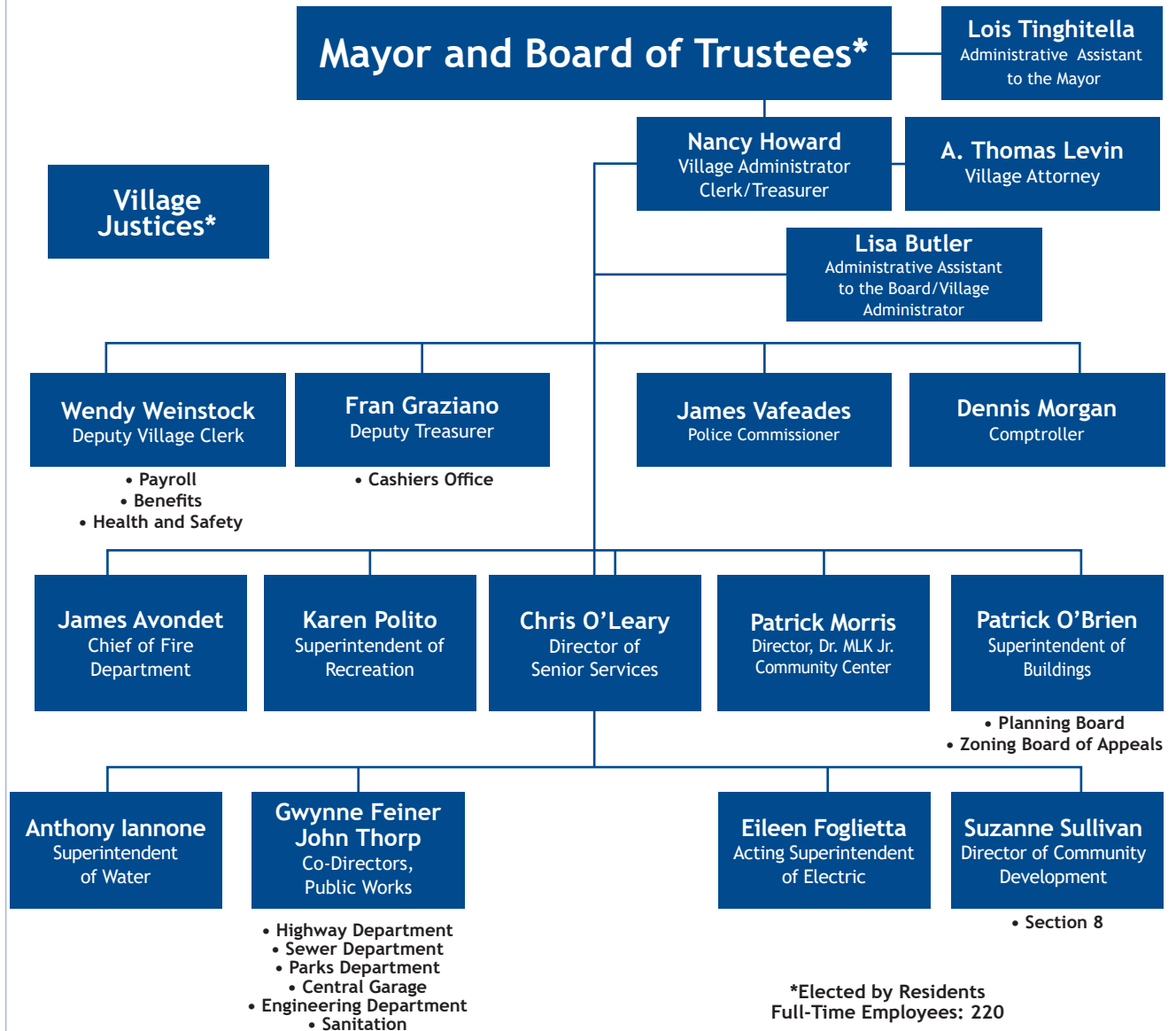
The Committee reviews the annual Village budget in draft form and offers comments and recommendations to the Village Board. The current members include: Chair Jack Matthews, Esq., Ralph Bumbaca, Nick Demeo, Thomas Gallucci, Ronald McNavich, Lynda Rubino, John Spinelli and Emilio F. Grillo is the Trustee-liaison to the committee.

### Community Development Advisory Committee

The Committee reviews proposals from various organizations for spending federal community development block grant funds and makes recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees. The current members include: Chair Ellen Grossman, Dona Brown, Janice Burke, Bridget Caulfield, Brian Croutier, Thomas A. Glynn, Thomas Hodge, Gregory F. Rinn, Sue Roth, Dana Sanneman, Ramona Valez, and Jeanie Waters.



# Operating Management



## Village Administrator

Nancy Howard 678-9212

## Comptroller

Dennis Morgan 678-9228

## Deputy Village Clerk

Wendy Weinstock 678-9263

## Village Attorney

A. Thomas Levin, Esq.

## Police Commissioner

James Vafeades 766-1500

## Village Court

Judge William J. Croutier, Jr.  
Judge Kevin P. McDonough 678-9289

## Fire Department

Chief James Avondet 678-9320  
1st Assistant Chief Scott Mohr  
2nd Assistant Chief Tony Ruggolo

## Acting Electric Department Superintendent

Eileen Foglietta 678-9305

## Public Works Department Co-Directors

Gwynne Feiner 678-9288  
John Thorp

## Superintendent of Water

Anthony Iannone 678-9313

## Deputy Treasurer

Fran Graziano 678-9282

## Building Department Superintendent

Patrick O'Brien 678-9250

## Senior Services Director

Chris O'Leary 678-9268

## Superintendent of Recreation

Karen Polito 678-9238

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Director

Patrick Morris 678-9236

## Purchasing Agent

Lisa Strazzeri 678-9213

## Emergency Management

Patrick O'Brien 678-9313



# Village Services



## Village of Rockville Centre Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Village of Rockville Centre to provide reliable, high-quality, cost-efficient services to the community in a courteous and professional manner.

### Village Administrator

**Nancy Howard 678-9212**

The Village Administrator supervises nearly 20 departments, advises the Board of Trustees on municipal operations, and makes recommendations on public policy.

The Administrator is responsible for all operations, including trash disposal, snow removal, road repaving and the electric and water utilities as well as police, fire and emergency response, parks and recreation, senior services and specials events. The Administrator is also responsible for employee training and development, computer and information services, maintaining the Village's archives, the administration of federal funds that subsidize community development and low-income tenants, and liaison with constituencies like the business community, sports organizations, and the public and parochial schools.

### Village Comptroller

**Dennis Morgan 678-9228**

The Village Comptroller is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the annual operating budget, for the sale of bonds to finance capital projects, and for advising the Board of Trustees about the general financial condition of the Village. The Department also supervises the Purchasing Department.

### Information Technology

The Information Technology Department operates a sophisticated communications and information network that has streamlined Village operations in all departments. It is also responsible for programming the Swift911 emergency message system and for operation of the Village's cable channel and website.

### Rockville Centre Commemorated Pearl Harbor Day

Military veterans from Rockville Centre gathered at Mill River Park to commemorate the 79th 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. During the ceremony, a wreath was cast into Mill River in honor of those who were lost that day.

"December 7, 1941, was a day that changed the course of history as the United States of America was attacked at Pearl Harbor," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "It is vital that we honor the service of those who went above and beyond, and remember their sacrifice."





## **Fire Department**

**Chief James Avondet**  
**1st Assistant Chief Scott Mohr**  
**2nd Assistant Chief Tony Ruggolo**  
**678-9320**

During 2021, the Rockville Centre Volunteer Fire Department answered the challenges faced by all our Village residents and businesses. In addition to the usual emergency calls, the officers and members of your all-volunteer Fire Department overcame and adapted to the effects of the pandemic.

Under the command of Chief James Avondet, First Assistant Chief Scott Mohr and Second Assistant Chief Tony Ruggolo, the Rockville Centre Fire Department responded to over 3,000 emergency calls for assistance from the residents and businesses of Rockville Centre. Throughout the year, our members continued to practice COVID safety protocols—masks, gloves, distancing and decontamination—for the safety of our residents and our members. During 2021, our volunteers responded to over 1,000 alarms of reported fire, which included answering automatic alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, internal pull boxes, odor of burning, rubbish fires, car fires, oil spills and other hazardous conditions.

During the year, the Department also responded to many automobile accidents providing medical care and assistance and at times, extracting victims from mangled vehicles. Providing safe and effective aid requires countless hours of specialized training and certification from County and State regulating agencies and additional training for incident scenarios. Practicing techniques and team response to various situations, provides optimum response in emergencies where every second is critical.

Our members train for all types of emergencies. Wire and transformer fire, oil burners, elevator rescues, gas and propane leaks, confined space rescues—staying up to date with new technologies such as electric cars and solar panels.

Whenever possible, the Fire Department continued our regular fire inspections and safety presentations to the community.

The greatest volume of alarms the Department responds to are medical in nature. Medically trained Department personnel provide emergency pre-hospital care to victims of stroke, heart attack, seizure, difficulty breathing, allergic reaction, overdose, fractures and sprains, lacerations, burns, concussions, medical alerts, people in pain and more. Last year, department personnel were responsible for reviving five residents who were in full cardiac arrest. In 2021, the Department responded to 2,196 medical alarms. In addition to our alarms, the Department responded to 47 mutual aid alarms where the Department assisted neighboring communities with their emergencies.

Chief Avondet and both Assistant Chiefs continue



efforts toward the recruitment and retention of members in order to provide the community with the excellence and professionalism our all-volunteer Department provides. Seven fire companies, Eureka Hook, Ladder and Bucket Company, Live Oak Engine Company 1, Defender Hose Company 1, Alert Engine and Hose Company 2, Reliance Hose Company 3, Woodland Engine Company 4 and Floodlight Rescue Company 1, located in five firehouses across Rockville Centre, make up the Rockville Centre Fire Department. Additionally, members serve on the Fire Police squad, protecting members by directing traffic at fire scenes and traffic accidents. There are presently 333 members of the Department and—looking to the future—there are 30 Junior Firefighters.

Each fire company dedicates at least one night per week to in-house training. The training includes reviewing proper engine, truck and rescue operations, forcible entry, mask confidence, repelling, hazardous materials, medical refreshers, pump operations, ladder operations, rescue operations, vehicle extrication, scene size-up and safety and review of preplans. Additionally, each company spends nights at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy (NCFSA) engaged in numerous advanced operations. The Department's performance is then critiqued by NCFSA staff highlighting performance excellence and discussing deficiencies. Members also attend numerous additional courses offered by the NCFSA. Every Sunday morning, each company maintains their equipment, their vehicles and firehouses. Members also volunteer to serve on numerous Department committees including the Planning Committee (oversees capital budgeting), Board of Instruction Committee (responsible for all Department training), Finance Committee (responsible for preparing and overseeing the Department's operating budget), Alarm Committee (responsible for repair and maintenance of alarm pagers and providing alarm dispatching) and the Safety Committee (responsible for providing guidance on requirements for safe operations). Fire prevention, as mentioned above, is staffed entirely by volunteer firefighters. For additional information, please call (516) 678-9254 or visit [www.rvcfd.org](http://www.rvcfd.org).



### **RVCFD Earns Top Spot at 4th Battalion Tournament**

Firefighters from Woodland Engine Company 4 of the Rockville Centre Fire Department, led by team Captain Liam Atwell, captured first place at the 4th Battalion 2021 tournament on August 21st. Members of the winning department took first place with a perfect score of 30 points and beat out teams from neighboring companies including East Rockaway, Lakeview, Lynbrook, and Malverne Fire Departments in hose and ladder competitions.

The drill competitions preceded a parade that led the Fire Departments from Lakeview Avenue to Fireman's Field at South Side High School. The day was not only filled with friendly competition, but raised money for the Nassau County Firefighters Burn Center Foundation, which aims to provide quality care to victims.



## Police Department

**Commissioner James Vafeades**  
**766-1500**

The Rockville Centre Police Department proudly serves the Village residents with fifty-six sworn police members that are supported by nine full-time and twenty-seven part-time civilians. Records management personnel, dispatchers, neighborhood aides, and school crossing guards make up our nonsworn civilian staff.

Our department prides itself on being one of the most highly trained Police Departments in the country. Our officers trained more than three thousand hours over the course of the year. Emergency vehicle operation, drug and alcohol recognition, active shooter response, gang awareness, narcotics enforcement, emergency medical care to include CPR and Narcan are just some examples of the training that they undergo. Furthermore, all members are compliant with federal standards set forth by the National Incident Management System which is required by the Office of Domestic Preparedness in the Department of Homeland Security. The Department qualifies every officer annually on marksmanship on their handguns and patrol rifles and has an extensive tactical firearms training program.

Training is an important aspect to meeting accreditation standards. Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. The Accreditation Program is run by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice and is comprised of a set of standards developed to further enhance the capabilities of an agency. The Rockville Centre Police Department met or exceeded the requirements of 121 different standards and is one of only three agencies that are accredited in Nassau County.

Major crime continues to decline, and the Village of Rockville Centre remains one of the safest places to live in New York State. The police department's traffic enforcement efforts will continue to increase with the utilization of license plate readers throughout the Village. These license plate readers help to identify

vehicles with suspended or revoked registrations and wanted or missing persons; additionally, they assist in locating vehicles involved in criminal activity.

In 2021, the Police Department continued its excellent working relationship with the Rockville Centre School District. The partnership that exists between the local police and the school district exhibits a cooperation that is uncommon and makes the Village of Rockville Centre and its residents the envy of other Villages and towns on Long Island. The Department takes an active role with the Rockville Centre Coalition for Youth and the Youth Council, which assists in the education, awareness, and informational programs that the Department offers. Our police officers also conduct random walkthroughs in each school, every day. It is this type of cooperative, working partnership that is enjoyed between our schools and police. The Police Department looks forward to furthering our relationship with your schools over the next year.

The challenges presented to our department by the pandemic stretched our resources to the fullest, but the officers of the department will continue to respond in a safe, professional manner while always keeping the welfare of our residents as its first priority. The pandemic has influenced the way the Police Department must operate. We have put safety protocols in place when necessary and these protocols have helped keep our officers safe and, in doing so, help to keep our community safe.

It is our goal to keep the safety of our residents and officers in place, and to do whatever we can to make Rockville Centre a better place to live, work, and play.



## Village Services





## Building Department Superintendent Patrick O'Brien 678-9250

The Rockville Centre Department of Buildings reviews and issues permits for Residential and Commercial construction projects, certificates of occupancy and/or letters of completion.

The Building Department inspects licensed work, conducts life safety inspections, investigates complaints of violations of Village and New York State Codes, and determines whether building permit applications may be granted or if they are required to be directed to the Planning Board for site plan review, special use permits, or subdivision review or to the Zoning Board for zoning code variance requests as well as Exterior Design Review for those property owners improving and enhancing their respective homes and businesses. Major improvements planned to advance, are reviewed by Zoning, Planning or Exterior Design Review Board approvals.

Our Certified NYS Code Enforcement Officers are fully trained and maintain compliance with the most recent NYS code change adoptions and continue to participate in the mandated annual in-service training requirements; as approved by the NYS Department of State, Division of Building Standards and Codes.

During the calendar year of 2021, the Building

Department approved more than 4,500 Commercial and Residential building permits, plumbing permits, electric permits, fuel gas permits, and property maintenance inspections. This is to provide a safe environment in the build community; in a continued effort to become ambassadors as "First Preventers" in protecting life and property, as recognized by The New York State Department of Building Standards and Codes, The New York State Building Officials Conference, and The International Code Council.

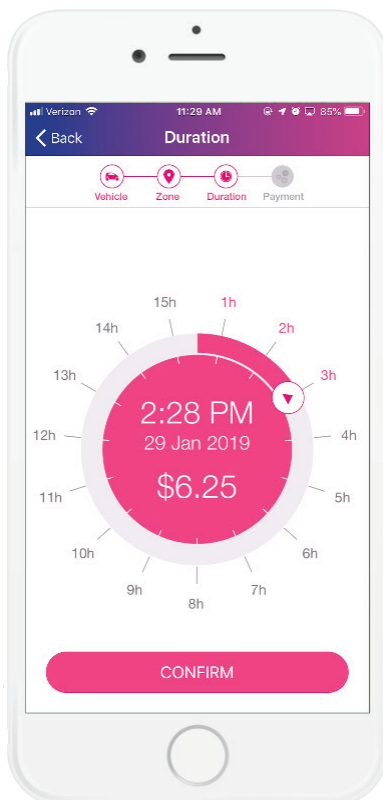
The Building Department maintains a contract with Seery Systems Group Inc. to store and digitized 75,000 permit files. This system allows for the preservation of aging files and gives the Village the ability to recall files electronically.

Through a photo ID system, the Building Department officially licensed 297 Electricians and 135 Plumbers. They received photo ID cards upon issuance and/or renewal of a license.

The Building Department has reviewed and permitted numerous Commercial and Residential construction projects with an estimated construction cost of more than \$34 million dollars.

The Building Department currently has one Superintendent, one Deputy Superintendent, two full-time Building Inspectors, two part-time Building Inspector, as well as two full-time and one part-time Clerk.

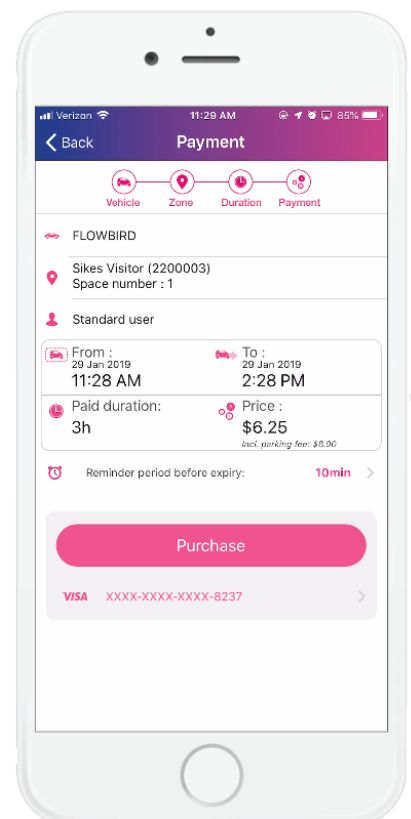
### New Parking App in Rockville Centre



The Village of Rockville Centre announced a partnership with Devo Associates and Flowbird, a mobile parking application that allows motorists to pay for their parking through their smartphones, in the spring of 2021. The app, powered by the leader in curbside management and urban mobility solutions for over 60 years, offers a convenient option for residents and visitors.

"The Village of Rockville Centre is thrilled to offer a contactless option for parking payments," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "By partnering with Flowbird, we are providing a smarter and safer way for our residents and visitors to pay for parking."

The app is available for mobile devices through the Google Play Store and Apple Store for more than 1,000 metered on-street spaces and in off-street lots throughout the Village. The technology provides drivers reminders when their parking session is set to expire. Residents and visitors will still have the option to pay at the consoles or parking meters.





## Electric Department

Acting Superintendent, Eileen Foglietta  
(516) 678-9294

The Village of Rockville Centre is one of three communities on Long Island to operate an Electric Utility, that provides residents with advantages in cost and reliability. Outages are infrequent, normally brief in duration and the average cost of a kilowatt hour for residential customers is about (50%) fifty percent less than PSEG (LIPA).

The Village gets approximately two thirds of our energy from a Long-Term Hydro Power Purchase Agreement with the New York Power Authority that was extended this year until 2040. The Village also purchases power from the New York Independent System Operator's wholesale power market in addition to running local generation to meet summer peaks. Local generation also provides power during storms, other emergencies or when the PSEG Transmission Lines come out of service for maintenance.

During September 2020 construction work to replace and upgrade Substations 3 and 4 began. Both the substation construction work along with circuit transfers and reconfiguration work was completed in May 2021. In continuing with substation improvements, upgrades to Substations 1 and 2 were also made. The 125VDC battery bank in Substations 1 and 2 reached end of life and were replaced with new modern batteries. These batteries are used for controlling breaker operation and protection of circuits. Additionally, the start of a 6-year contract to replace six circuit breakers each year for the six years was launched this year. These breakers have been in use since the early 1950s, exceeding their end-of-life use. Newer technology with more safety features were designed into these new breakers. Lastly, work has begun to improve data collection and substation control for existing Substations 5 and 6. Obsolete

remote terminal units (RTU) will be replaced with Real-Time Automatic Controllers (RTAC). The new RTAC integrates with the existing Power Plant SCADA system to provide Operators more accurate information when identifying location of system fault.

Engine Generator #14 underwent a maintenance tune-up this spring to ensure the unit would be operational during the summer peak season. The next step in upgrading Unit 14 is to replace the obsolete Programmable Logic Controller, which is crucial to the operation of the unit. This unit is the Village's primary engine generator to meet commercial and residential peak loads above the PSEG transmission import limit.

The Village is in the process of upgrading the older style streetlights Mercury Vapor and High-pressure Sodium to LEDs as part of the Road Program and as streetlight fixtures fail. The Village is also piloting the use of three all-electric vehicles and will be installing two vehicle charging stations for village vehicles and one additional for public use.

Rockville Centre's Demand Side Management (DSM) program continued into its second year. A curtailment event was called on June 30, 2021 during the first summer heat wave. Participation in the event was successful and prevented the need for local generation. Residents and Commercial customers can participate in the program by registering their smart thermostat with the program. Participants that register for this program voluntarily allow the Village to increase the temperature of a registered thermostat by 1-3 degrees on peak days. Commercial customers have the option to not only participate in the (DSM) Program, but also the Energy Efficiency (EE) Program, by upgrading inefficient light fixtures with new energy efficient units. Additional program options to expand the energy efficiency aspect of the program are being explored.



## Village Services

**Rockville Centre: Start Saving with Peak Savers!**

RVC electric customers are eligible for smart thermostat rebates connected to central air.

**Honeywell® and Nest® Thermostat Rebates: \$70 for the first thermostat enrolled and \$50 for each additional.**

**72** Receive a \$20 annual payment for staying enrolled in the program.

**Start saving energy and money. Enroll today!**

[www.rcny.gov/electric-department/pages/rockville-centre-peak-savers](http://www.rcny.gov/electric-department/pages/rockville-centre-peak-savers)

**rockville centre peak savers**

Small changes. Big savings.

Rockville Centre Peak Savers is helping businesses and residents reduce energy consumption. Our program is brought to you by Rockville Centre Electric.

Questions/Contact Info: 866-314-9611 or email [info@rcvpeaksavers.com](mailto:info@rcvpeaksavers.com)



### Are You a Small Commercial-Rate Rockville Centre Electric Customer?

Now you can self-install energy efficient lighting upgrades to your business through the Rockville Centre Peak Savers program. Get up to \$500 per Net kW saved.

Download our Commercial Lighting Program application. Learn more:

[www.rcny.gov/electric-department/pages/rockville-centre-peak-savers](http://www.rcny.gov/electric-department/pages/rockville-centre-peak-savers)

For more information call 866-314-9611 or email [info@rcvpeaksavers.com](mailto:info@rcvpeaksavers.com)

### Rockville Centre Electric Customers Urged to Start Saving with Peak Savers

The Village of Rockville Centre is working to reduce the amount of electricity being consumed by using sustainable energy solutions. As a result, the Village of Rockville Centre launched a series of energy rebates for residential and commercial properties.

Rockville Centre Peak Savers, which launched in the summer of 2020, is focusing on smart thermostats and commercial efficiency lighting upgrades. The objective is to meet the goal of lowering energy consumption by more than 2.4 megawatts in the summer (peak) months to avoid increases in infrastructure which could lead to an increase in rates for our Village residents and businesses.

To attract participants, the program is offering a \$70 rebate for the first enrolled Nest or Honeywell wi-fi enabled thermostat that is connected to their A/C system. For each additional enrolled thermostat, a \$50 rebate is available. Customers will also receive a \$20 rebate every year they stay enrolled in the program. The program works by voluntarily allowing the Village of Rockville Centre to increase the thermostat by 1-3 degrees on peak days (when energy usage is high). However, if unable to participate at that time, an override option is available. The customer will always be fully in control of their thermostat.

For more information on how you can save, call 866-314-9611 or email [info@rcvpeaksavers.com](mailto:info@rcvpeaksavers.com).



## Public Works

### Co-Directors

**Gwynne Feiner & John Thorp**  
**678-9288**

The Department of Public Works manages the infrastructure system within the Village of Rockville Centre. This includes such duties as maintaining the streets, clearing roadways of snow, removal of garbage and recyclables, supervision of parks, maintaining the sewer systems and much more. The department directs six areas that provide these services including Highway, Sewer, Sanitation, Central Garage, Parks, and Engineering. The Department of Public Works Staff is involved in all Special Events throughout the Village including the annual Fireworks Show and the St. Patrick's and Memorial Day parades.



### Highway

Highway is responsible for maintaining Village roadways, parking fields, signs, parking meters and consoles. The Highway Department coordinates snow removal throughout the Village. They oversee the tree planting program and are also responsible for watering the downtown flower baskets and flower barrels.

### Sewer

The Sewer Department maintains the sanitary and storm sewer systems throughout the Village. They are responsible for maintaining the two Village pump stations. The Sewer department works to clean every main line sewer pipe in the residential and downtown areas.



### Sanitation

Sanitation collects garbage and recycling from resident's homes and businesses throughout the Village. Sanitation operates the Transfer Station and they E-Cycling program.

### Central Garage

The Central Garage plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services. The garage is responsible for maintaining all the 200 plus Village vehicles and machinery.



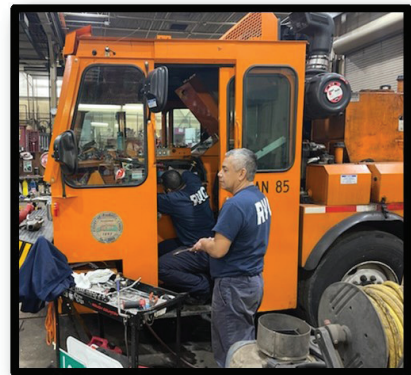
## Parks

The Parks Department oversees the use of all fields, including the John A. Darcy lacrosse and Peter Bralower soccer fields, as well as the Bob Klein softball field at the Rockville Centre Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard; the Recreation Center playground and fields, seven baseball fields, outdoor basketball courts, Tighe soccer field and a children's playground at Lister / Centennial Park; and a Little League / softball field, basketball court and paddle ball wall at Hickey Field on Sunrise Highway; Reverend Morgan Days Park and playground, Bligh/Ketler Field, Barasch/Pette Field and several other passive parks, notably the Peter F. Brady Village Green.



## Engineering

The Engineering Department performs planning, specification and inspection of the road program and major construction projects in the Village. The Engineering Department is overseeing the Living with The Bay Project, a \$125 million project funded by HUD and managed by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR). This project was developed in response to Superstorm Sandy and its purpose is to increase the resiliency of communities along Mill River by mitigating damage from storm surges; managing stormwater to mitigate damages from common rain events; improving habitat and water quality; and increasing access to Mill River through both educational and increased recreational opportunities. Upgrades can be seen around Smith Pond and in the Reverend Morgan Days Park and around Mill River and in Lister Park.



### Village Welcomed New Rear Loading Sanitation Truck

In February 2021, the Village of Rockville Centre Department of Public Works (DPW) took possession of its new rear loading sanitation truck to replace an aging vehicle at the end of its usable life. The new state-of-the-art truck enables crews to pick up large pieces of rubbish and dumpsters from commercial customers in the downtown area and from apartment buildings.



## Water Department

### Superintendent of Water

**Anthony Iannone**  
678-9313

The Rockville Centre Water Department provides water from 10 wells located throughout the village. The water is stored in four elevated tanks with a combined capacity of 4 million gallons and is distributed through more than 70 miles of water main. The water quality is constantly monitored and tested to assure its purity. The water department operates two iron removal plants that remove the naturally

occurring iron from the water before it enters our distribution system.

The Village Water Department continues to plan infrastructure upgrades to the existing system, including upcoming projects of water main replacement and well maintenance. These projects are essential to provide an infrastructure capable of meeting the needs of today as well as the future needs of the Village. In 2021, the Water Department replaced over 3,000 feet of water main as part of the Annual Road Program.



### Rockville Centre Pays Tribute on Memorial Day

Residents lined the streets and welcomed back the annual Memorial Day Parade led by Grand Marshal John Scotton. Following the annual parade, a ceremony at Veterans Park was held to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.







## Recreation Department

### Superintendent Karen Polito

678-9238

The Recreation Department offers many popular programs, classes, and activities for all ages at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center/Anthony T. Brunetta Pavilion on North Oceanside Road under the direction of Superintendent Karen Polito. One may visit on any day of the week and be amazed at the variety of activities that take place at the Recreation Center. Seven days a week, people of all ages utilize our facility which includes two gymnasiums, four nursery classrooms, an auditorium, meeting rooms, a passive park and soccer field.

Our children's park features state of the art playground apparatus and a splash pad water play area. Inside the building, toddlers tumbling in the gym, nursery teachers introducing letters and sounds, guests attending our ever-popular birthday parties and basketball players sinking a three-pointer at the buzzer. Adults are partaking in the fastest growing sport in the country-pickleball! In the evening, one could see handlers working their dogs through obedience training, fitness gurus chugging through their cardio workout, as well as teens studying in a SAT prep course.

The Recreation Department's nursery school program provides a nurturing environment to introduce children to a classroom setting as well as prepare children for kindergarten. The Recreation Center's Early Childhood Education Center is the home of four spacious pre k rooms, as well as indoor and outdoor playground facilities.

Hundreds of youngsters participate in the summer playground program, in continuous operation since 1954. Many others sign up for additional camps that are offered here at the Recreation Center. The summer basketball league for youths and adults included over 100 teams in the summer of 2021. The spring, summer, and "snowflake" softball leagues provide players evenings of recreational fun with competition for both men and women. The Recreation Center is home to the Evolution Gymnastics League as well as one of the largest recreational gymnastics programs in the area.

Popular annual events bring hundreds of residents to collect goodies at the Spring Egg hunt. Our new Halloween Parade & Dance Party was a hit and the Family Fun Run/5K were back this year!! We celebrated the holidays with our Christmas Tree

lighting, Chanukah party and a special visit from Santa himself. The Recreation Center is also the host site for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

The Recreation Department is always open to ideas and suggestions for new programs and services. Residents may register for programs and activities online at [RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com](http://RockvilleCentre.RecDesk.com). Thank you for continuing to visit us at the Recreation Center.

Halloween Dance Party



Summer Playground Nok Hockey with the Mayor



Recreational Gymnastics



Family Fun Run/5K



Preschool



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

Director Patrick Morris  
678-9236

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center offers a wide array of activities and programs located at 150 North Centre Avenue. Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., the MLK 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.

The MLK Community Center has established innovative programming to meet the ever-evolving needs of those within our community. Every Friday morning the doors are opened to its newly established food pantry. Many of the programs offered provide children with a safe environment where they can learn and grow including tutoring, mentoring, cooking, and employment training. A variety of activities are also available to remind our youth about the importance of health and fitness including basketball, yoga, dodgeball, dance, and martial arts.

The MLK Community Center is not only available for children. Adults are welcome to participate in a variety of programs including: soul line dancing, open basketball available for men and women 18 years and over; Senior Arts and Crafts, in cooperation with the Town of Hempstead, seniors can create projects for themselves or others; and the Senior Club that plans activities and events.



Open to boys and girls in grades one through six, the game room features air hockey, video games, board games, movies, and foosball. Throughout the year, the MLK Community Center plans educational and cultural trips for all to enjoy. Summer Camp is open to boys and girls from four to 12 years of age featuring a variety of activities. In addition, the MLK Community Center is available for family celebrations.



Village Services





## Senior Services

**Director Chris O'Leary**  
**Deputy Director Nancy Codispoti**

Despite limitations necessitated by the ongoing pandemic, the Sandel Center thrived in 2021.



Members enjoyed fitness classes, guest speakers, arts, music, special events and more, while adhering to social distancing rules and mask mandates. In fact, there was a large boost in the number of members, as local seniors were exposed to Sandel for the first time through Sandel TV. Through out this challenging year, Sandel remained true to its mission: to provide consistent, essential, and responsive service to older residents and their families.

The Sandel Center program is not limited to "on site" activities. "Sandel at Home" continues to be a



The Sandel Senior Center is located at 50 South Park Avenue.

vital outreach to those homebound seniors who are unwilling, or unable to come to the center. Sandel TV is aired daily at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. and brings valuable senior center programs right to viewers homes. An information packed newsletter has become a great hit and is distributed monthly.

Sandel membership is open to those age 60+ and reside in Rockville Centre and the surrounding communities. Social Work services and transportation services are available by appointment.

### Important Phone numbers:

Sandel Center 678-9245

Director 678-9268

Social Work 526-1162

Transportation 766-1266.



Beatrice Young and Bob Becchina explored their "inner artist" at a "paint and sip" class.



The artwork of local artist Kathy Maher was on display throughout the spring.



Sandel Men's Club offers trips and guest speakers throughout the year.



Sandel TV features an informative range of guest speakers. Talking from the heart are Dr. Yuen, Cardiologist and Chris O'Leary, Director.



Fun and friendship is what Sandel is all about. Marian Reamer, Nancy Molisse, and Joan Ward enjoy a game and lots of laughs together.





Isabelle Heaney, Bea Heaney, and Diane Toby enjoy the gardens at the Sandel Center.



Carmen Flamini, Ellie O'Brien, Lenore Levy-McClean and Ann Casey enjoy one of the many activities the Sandel Center has to offer.



A visit from the farmers market gave members the opportunity to shop for farm fresh produce right at Sandel.



Sandel members enjoy giving back to the Rockville Centre community.

Isabelle Heaney greets and directs visitors as a Village Hall volunteer and Jim Neitz is a great volunteer hand in the kitchen.



Senior Concerns Committee salutes RVC Police Officers with letter writing campaign.



The "sock-tober" sock collection drive for the INN in Hempstead was a success that helped keep fellow Long Islanders warm.



Bingo is one of many games that is played at the Sandel Center.



A round table discussion on Sandel TV featured Nancy Codispoti, Deputy Director, Dan McCarthy, Technical Director, Mayor Francis X. Murray and Chris OLeary, Director.





## Emergency Management

**Patrick O'Brien**  
**678-9313**

The Emergency Management team is responsible for disaster preparedness including mitigation, response and recovery.

Following National Incident Management System protocols; the Village Administration, Police and Fire Departments as well as Village Department Heads meet periodically before, during and after the impending storms and events to assure that all aspects of safety are met, while continuously consulting with County, State and Federal emergency officials on the most up to date information and training available.

The Emergency Management team is always on the ready to meet any challenge with professional staffers working around the clock answering phones, reporting outages and downed trees, preparing emergency

notification, performing in the field evaluations and fielding questions from concerned residents.

It is recommended that you visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) to learn of the many tips and instructions that the Village and other agencies offer in the event of an emergency including but not limited to having a "to-go" bag on the ready with your personal papers, medications and other valuable information you may need in the event of a mandated evacuation or relocation.

Additionally, residents and business entities are encouraged to register with the Village "Swift 911" program which will keep you informed in the event of an emergency via your cell phone and/or home phone. Residents can register on the Village website at [www.rvcny.gov](http://www.rvcny.gov) and be kept up to date with the latest information available on the Villages website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

### Rockville Centre Remembers Two Decades Later

Neighbors and friends gathered at a candlelight ceremony in memory of the 49 community members whose lives were lost as a result of the attacks on September 11, 2001 and the countless others who have died in the aftermath.

"It is hard to fathom that 20 years have passed since the tragedy of 9/11. We can all remember where we were when we first heard the devastating news of the worst attack on American soil. This was an attack on everything we as Americans hold so dear and it has changed forever the way we go about our daily lives. While 20 years may seem like a long time, for the families who lost a piece of their heart that day, I can only imagine it seems like just yesterday," Mayor Francis X. Murray said during the ceremony.

The annual ceremony was held at the Village Green. The memorial was enhanced and upgraded. A special thanks to John O'Shea of County Wide Landscaping for the beautiful plantings. Rich McDonough of McDonough

Electric and Tim Zhanghi of Weeping Willow Tree Service also contributed to the refurbishment. As always, Bob Schenone took the time to consult with our Department of Public Works on the upgrades. Additional thanks to our Village Parks staff; John McPartland, Greg Franco, James Baldassano, and Ed Workman led by Charles Doughty who worked tirelessly and conscientiously on this very important project.

Nearly 3,000 flags were placed in the park honoring each victim of the attacks. All of the names of Rockville Centre residents killed as a result of the attacks are inscribed on the memorial and were read aloud. Father Duffy of Saint Agnes Cathedral and Rabbi Michael Cohen from Central Synagogue led the attendees in prayer during the ceremony and American Legion Post Commander Frank Colon played taps at the end of the ceremony.

"We grieve together and remember each and every life so that our present and future generations shall never forget," added Mayor Murray.





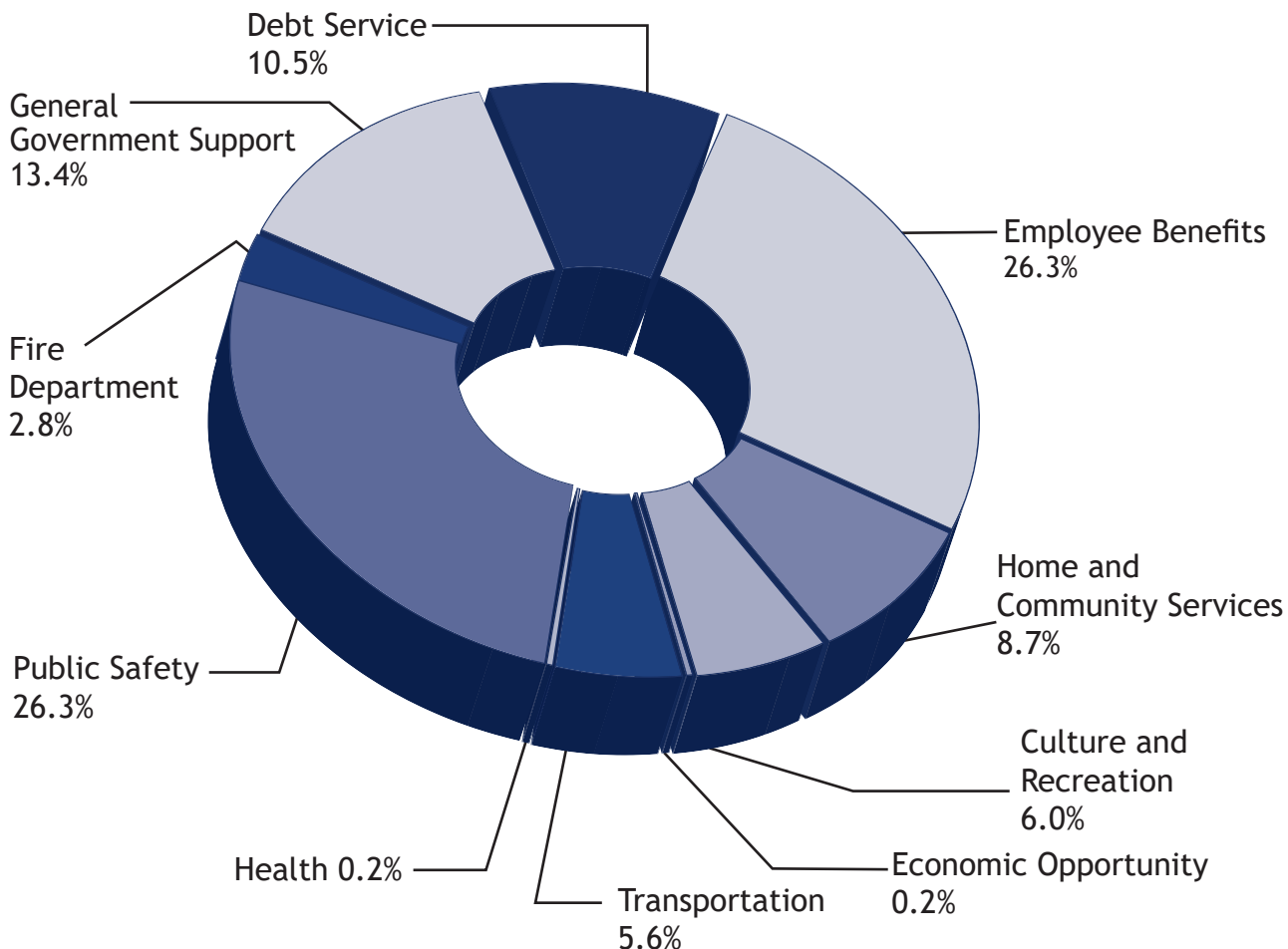
# Financial Review Fiscal Year 2021

Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021  
GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE



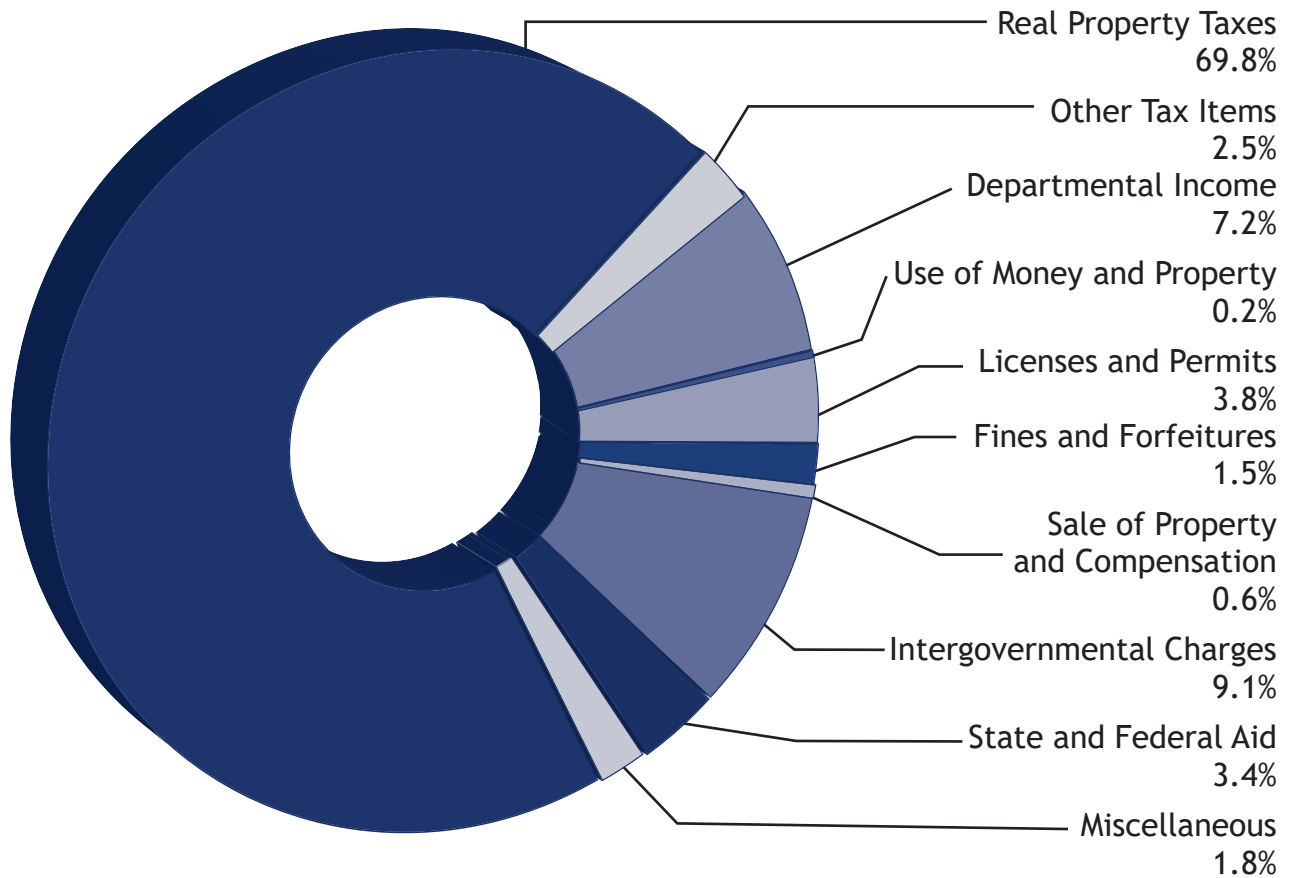
	<b>FY 2021</b>
Fund Balance - Beginning of FY.....	\$11,287,645
Revenues .....	45,073,424
Expenditures.....	(44,846,562)
Fund Balance - End of FY.....	11,514,507
Other Assigned Amounts .....	(4,645,559)
Restricted Amounts .....	(1,164,305)
Total Fund Balance Available For Appropriation to Next FY Budget .....	5,704,643
Unappropriated Fund Balance .....	<u><u>\$ 5,704,643</u></u>

## COST OF VILLAGE SERVICES





## SOURCE OF VILLAGE REVENUES



## REVENUES STATEMENT

	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2022</b>
Real Property Taxes .....	\$ 31,462,388	\$ 33,079,620
Other Tax Items .....	1,147,731	990,000
Department Income .....	3,243,610	2,529,750
Use of Money and Property .....	82,158	78,770
Licenses and Permits .....	1,700,234	1,285,000
Fines and Forfeitures .....	676,300	550,000
Sale of Property and Compensation .....	291,549	30,000
Intergovernmental Charges .....	4,122,180	4,141,037
State and Federal Aid .....	1,515,358	898,671
Miscellaneous .....	831,916	695,000
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Total .....	\$ 45,073,424	\$ 44,277,848
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## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES



	FY 2021	Estimated FY 2022
<b>General Government Support</b>		
Board of Trustees .....	\$ 136,490	\$ 133,650
Village Justice .....	222,940	248,627
Mayor .....	155,307	159,540
Comptroller .....	578,477	565,371
Clerk-Treasurer .....	481,515	541,787
Deputy Treasurer .....	653,427	594,850
Professional Services .....	513,180	720,000
Purchasing .....	148,952	175,727
Personnel .....	475,325	481,269
Elections .....	4,470	8,000
Central Garage .....	858,607	871,114
Data Processing .....	338,996	536,820
Municipal Association Dues .....	7,930	20,000
General Administration .....	46,692	75,000
COVID-19 .....	67,409	
Real Estate Tax Refunds .....	795,942	869,023
MTA Tax .....	67,767	
Insurance Contributions .....	500,000	500,000
Total .....	<u>\$ 5,994,331</u>	<u>\$ 6,500,778</u>
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Police Civilian .....	\$ 753,905	\$ 987,651
Police .....	10,246,087	10,293,555
Parking Meters.....	153,435	205,500
Safety Inspection .....	644,619	732,475
Civil Defense.....	9,087	15,250
Total .....	<u>\$ 11,807,133</u>	<u>\$ 12,234,431</u>
<b>Fire Prevention</b>		
Fire Department .....	\$ 903,102	\$ 1,039,900
Fire Service Award.....	375,000	375,000
Fire Prevention .....	0	6,500
Total .....	<u>\$ 1,278,102</u>	<u>\$ 1,421,400</u>
<b>Health</b>		
Registrar of Vital Statistics .....	\$ 68,257	\$ 64,460
Total .....	<u>\$ 68,257</u>	<u>\$ 64,460</u>
<b>Transportation</b>		
Street Administration .....	\$ 637,306	\$ 777,594
Street Maintenance.....	1,119,991	1,193,606
Snow Removal .....	206,380	294,500
Street Lighting .....	516,365	550,000
Sidewalks.....	33,687	61,000
Total .....	<u>\$ 2,513,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,876,700</u>



## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2022</b>
<b>Economic Opportunity and Development</b>		
Publicity Reports .....	\$ 69,235	\$ 92,000
Total .....	<u>\$ 69,235</u>	<u>\$ 92,000</u>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>		
Parks.....	\$ 692,392	\$ 795,391
Recreation.....	1,278,152	1,346,231
Community Center .....	55,674	330,969
Senior Services.....	660,615	655,790
Celebrations .....	478	0
Total .....	<u>\$ 2,687,311</u>	<u>\$ 3,128,381</u>
<b>Home and Community Services</b>		
Zoning.....	\$ 21,443	\$ 29,500
Planning.....	9,936	16,600
Sanitary Sewers .....	429,654	505,999
Refuse Collection.....	3,307,013	3,511,122
Board of Architectural Review.....	0	3,000
Storm Sewers .....	130,127	164,054
Emergency Tenant Protection .....	15,020	15,000
Total .....	<u>\$ 3,913,193</u>	<u>\$ 4,245,275</u>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>		
State Retirement .....	\$ 1,394,996	\$ 1,550,000
Police Retirement .....	2,011,429	2,525,000
Social Security.....	1,302,860	1,598,824
Workers' Compensation .....	840,000	840,000
Workers' Compensation Fire Dept.....	0	0
Health Insurance .....	6,244,675	6,450,000
Total .....	<u>\$ 11,793,960</u>	<u>\$ 12,963,824</u>
<b>Debt Service</b>		
Debt Service .....	\$ 4,721,311	\$ 3,371,204
Total .....	<u>\$ 4,721,311</u>	<u>\$ 3,371,204</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<u><b>\$ 44,846,562</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 46,898,453</b></u>



# GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET



## Assets

### Cash

Cash and Equivalents ..... \$ 13,982,014

### Taxes Receivable:

Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes .....

### Other Receivables:

Accounts, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Amounts ... 479,393

State and Federal Aid ..... 164,664

Due from Other Funds ..... 885,307

Due from Other Governments ..... 424,046

Prepaid Expenses ..... 65,910

**Total Assets** ..... **\$ 16,001,334**

## Liabilities and Fund Balance

### Liabilities:

Accounts Payable ..... \$ 5,355

Accrued Liabilities ..... 3,674,141

Due to Other Governments ..... 13,532

Due to Retirement Systems ..... 629,302

Due to Other Funds ..... 86,884

Deferred Revenues..... 77,613

**Total Liabilities** ..... **\$ 4,486,827**

### Fund Balance:

Nonspendable ..... \$ 65,910

Restricted..... 1,164,305

Other Assigned Amounts ..... 4,645,559

Unassigned..... 5,638,733

**Total Fund Balance** ..... **\$ 11,514,507**

**Total Liabilities and Fund Balance** ..... **\$ 16,001,334**



## PUBLIC UTILITIES

### Statement of Revenues and Expenses For the Year Ended May 31, 2021

	Water	Electric	Total
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Metered Sales .....	\$ 6,241,996	\$ 23,008,142	\$ 29,250,138
Penalty Income .....	-	-	0
Miscellaneous .....	38,971	46,376	85,347
Grant Revenue .....			
<b>Total Operating Revenues .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,280,967</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,054,518</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 29,335,485</u></b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Purchased Power .....	124,070	9,660,951	9,785,021
Depreciation .....	1,169,994	1,404,962	2,574,956
Maintenance .....	462,995	97,040	560,035
Interfund Charges .....	586,149	2,957,300	3,543,449
Production .....	-	1,628,038	1,628,038
Transmission and Distribution .....	767,888	2,056,965	2,824,853
Street Lighting .....	-	122,587	122,587
General and Administrative .....	1,005,041	1,456,412	2,461,453
Employee Benefits .....	501,629	2,239,836	2,741,465
Insurance .....	75,000	258,333	333,333
Customer Deposit Interest.....	-	3,500	3,500
<b>Total Operating Expenses .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,692,766</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,885,924</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 26,578,690</u></b>
<b>Operating Income / (Loss).....</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,588,201</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,168,594</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,756,795</u></b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses):</b>			
Rental Income .....	0	167,996	167,996
Interest Income .....	29,983	28,278	58,261
Interest Expense .....	(516,188)	(301,075)	(817,263)
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ (486,205)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (104,801)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (591,006)</u></b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss) .....</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,101,996</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,063,793</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 2,165,789</u></u></b>



# RVCFD Holds Annual Memorial Service

The Rockville Centre Fire Department paid tribute to those we lost over the past year at its annual memorial service in October 2021. Mayor Francis X. Murray, Trustee Emilio Grillo, and residents joined Chief James Avondet and the RVCFD at Fireman's Memorial Park to pay respect to the five members who passed away since October 2020: Honorary Chief John "Jake" Russell Sr., Honorary Chief Raymond Esposito, Firefighter Josie Howard, Ex Captain Ronald Kahan, and Ex Captain Charles Kerrigan.

"These individuals put the needs of others before their own, instinctively ran into dangerous situations while others fled, and left their homes and families at all hours of the night to serve their neighbors," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray.

Honorary Chief Jake Russell joined Reliance Hose Co. #3 of the Rockville Centre Fire Department on June 16, 1953. He spent most of his 67 years in the department raising the morale and spirit of the membership. He chaired the Department Entertainment Committee for many years, as well as serving as the Chairman of the Department Installation Dinners. Honorary Chief Raymond Esposito, affectionately known as "Uncle Ray," joined Live Oak Engine Company No. 1 and the Rockville Centre Fire Department on November 16, 1948. He quickly learned all phases of firefighting and showed his talent for leadership. He served the department for 72 years. Firefighter Josie Howard served the department for 20 years, joining Floodlight Rescue Co. #1 on February 20, 2001. She became a Certified Emergency Medical Technician – Critical Care and a leader in the Rescue Company. Josie saved lives and comforted the sick and injured during her time with Floodlight, and later Live Oak Engine Company #1. Ex-

Captain Ronald Kahan served the department for 29 years. Ron took to the fire service quickly and spent many hours training to expand his skills and better serve his community. On the company level, Ron served on whatever committee he was asked to without hesitation. Ron went through the chairs and served as Captain from 2002 to 2004. Ex-Captain Charles Kerrigan joined Live Oak Engine Co. #1 on November 18, 1969 and transferred to Floodlight Rescue Co. #1 on May 21, 1972. Charlie was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1972 and became an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician in 1973. He served as Captain of Floodlight Rescue from 1995- 1997. On the morning of September 11, 2001, Ex-Captain Kerrigan along with several members of the Rockville Centre Fire Department and hundreds of other first responders, responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center. He was part of the crew on Heavy Rescue 446 and responded directly to Ground Zero. Charlie's exposure during the rescue and recovery operation resulted in his 9/11 related cancer.

"We thank these brave individuals for their dedicated service and keeping Rockville Centre safe," continued Mayor Murray.







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