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Dear Residents,

As we all know, the situation with COVID-19 (coronavirus) is evolving daily. The safety, health, and well-being of our residents is our top priority at the Village of Rockville Centre. We will continue to review the available facts and information provided by the experts and authorities, establish precautions, and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all involved.

With that in mind and out of an abundance of caution, the Village of Rockville Centre is temporarily closing the Sandel Senior Center, The John A. Anderson Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center to minimize the effects of the virus on our community. All three facilities will be **closed** for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 to ensure the safety and health of our residents. At this time, there have **NOT** been any reported COVID-19 cases at any of these facilities. We will reevaluate the rapidly evolving situation at the end of the two weeks. In the coming days, we will also be determining the future of paid programs that have been affected by the closures.

The Sandel Senior Center's annual Monte Carlo fundraiser set to take place on Friday, May 1st, has been **postponed**. We will communicate a new date in the coming weeks. Additionally, the RVC St. Patrick's Parade committee and the Village are discussing the tough decision about the upcoming parade. We will advise residents of a decision soon.

The Village has expanded our regular cleaning and sanitizing procedures to our facilities to prevent the spread of COVID_19. In hopes to minimize exposure, we ask residents to conduct Village business online or by phone when possible. Residents can pay their electric and water bills on the Village website, www.rvcny.us, or call (516) 986-3178. Parking tickets can be paid online <https://rvcny.surecourt.com/epay/EZPay/search.aspx> or checks can be mailed to Village Court, 1 College Place, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570-4116.

Coronavirus spreads through contact with respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. You should be using the same prevention methods as you would to avoid a common cold or the flu.

The best ways to protect yourself include:

- If you are ill, stay home and get better
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning spray or wipe.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider immediately. They might want to ask you questions first over the phone. Steps taken at the front door of the medical system — at primary care practices, urgent care clinics, and doctor's offices — can reduce the spread of the virus.

We ask residents to prepare and follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York State Department of Health and the Nassau County Health Department.

This message is not meant to cause panic or alarm, but we do want to make sure we make the safest decisions possible to protect our residents and employees while maintaining service to our community. I am confident that as a community, we will weather these challenging times together as we always do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis X. Murray', written over the printed name.

Francis X. Murray

Mayor

Village of Rockville Centre