

# Borough of Rockaway JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



### From the Desk of Mayor Mulligan

Happy New Year! Thank you for allowing me to represent Rockaway Borough as Mayor. I am thankful for the Council I have in place. I have empowered them to be the leaders that are expected as elected officials, challenge them

to take risks and be a change agent.

As elected officials we are responsible to our employees. We must provide an inclusive work environment where each person must be considered as an individual. We must respect their diversity and dignity and recognize their merit. They must have a sense of security, fulfillment and purpose in their jobs and their working conditions clean, orderly and safe. We must support the health and well-being of our employees and help them fulfill their family and other personal responsibilities.

We are responsible to the community in which we live. We must be good citizens – support good works, health and education. We must maintain in good order the property we are privileged to use, protecting the environment and natural resources.

We will continue to work with stakeholders to evolve the vision of Rockaway. The Borough continues to investigate opportunities to enter into partnerships and agreements with commercial property owners and developers who will share a common vision to reshape the Borough of Rockaway Downtown through our Re-Development Plan.

The Re-Development Plan will allow updates to permitted uses and standards, ability to regulate design and architecture within compliance to typical zoning areas. The Plan will enable partnerships between public and private agents with mutual benefiting results. There can be incentives to improve dilapidated/outdated structures which will increase property values and tax rates. There is potential for PILOT programs for new construction with these payments going directly in the municipal budget which would be an increase from the old, assessed property values. Without the use of PILOTs,

the blight of vacant buildings we all see will continue to add to the tax burden for residents.

As we jump into 2024, my mindset from the start is that government needs to run as efficiently as possible, which includes budgeting, staffing, as well as a focus on the prioritization of any operations where needed. It is imperative that our policies at the municipal level lessen our overall tax burden, enhance our quality of life and protect Rockaway Borough property values. As Mayor this needs to be accomplished while continuing to deliver responsive and quality services to each one of our residents. We need to create an environment that promotes growth. We must constantly strive to provide value, maintain and/or reduce our costs where possible.

One thing for certain is that our emergency services, Police, Fire, and Public Works will continue to have our full support and any provisions that make our community a safe place to live. Stop by Town Hall to meet our Municipal Staff who are ready and willing to help you with any question or need you may have.

The residents are the heart and pulse of our community, many of whom are life-long residents, past volunteers, town workers, and are the current foundation on which this town is built. We will continue to prioritize looking at possible incentives to sustain a quality of life in the economic challenges in which will all are affected.

Rockaway Borough is a vibrant and community orientated town full of activity. The schools are overflowing with extracurricular activities to encompass a wide range of interests. The recreation program covers all major youth sports and if for some reason it isn't offered right here in the Borough, we can find it close by. Recreation also offers trips and adult programs. Our recreational facilities are abundant, among those are Donatoni and Heady Park, Friendship, Smith and TJ Fields, Parks Lake and the Rockaway River. Every night driving by any of these facilities you will see plenty of action from youth sporting activities, fishing, folks walking around the lake.

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**Thank you and All the Best in 2024!**

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Upcoming Meetings: January 11th and 25th

[Click here for meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.](#)

## LAND USE BOARD

Upcoming Meetings: January 24th

[Click here for meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.](#)

## PARKS & RECREATION

Upcoming Meeting: January 23rd

[Click here for meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.](#)

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Upcoming Meeting: January 9th

[Click here for meeting schedule, minutes and agendas](#)

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Upcoming Meeting: January 27th

[Click here for meeting schedule, minutes and agendas](#)

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Upcoming Meeting: January 10th

[Click here for meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.](#)



**ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

# PARKS & REC

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Current Signups

Little League signups are now open. Information can be found at the following link: <https://www.rockawayboroll.org/>

Rowdies Spring 2024 soccer registration to open on or about Jan. 21, 2024 at [rockawayrowdies.com](http://rockawayrowdies.com). Any questions can be directed to [rockborosoccer@gmail.com](mailto:rockborosoccer@gmail.com).

Spring track sign-ups are now open at <https://sites.google.com/view/denvillestriders/home>. Girls & boys ages 9-15 (must be 9 by the end of the year) and the CLINIC from 6 to 8. Any questions? Email [striderstrack@gmail.com](mailto:striderstrack@gmail.com).

## Reminders

Ice skating is not permitted on Park Lake and dog waste can now be placed in the garbage receptacles around the lake.

## Dog/Cat Licenses

Pursuant to borough ordinance, all dogs and cats seven months or older must be licensed and have a current tag affixed to a collar or harness. Dog and cat licenses are due by February 28th of each year. If the renewal is received after the February 28th deadline, there will be a late fee.

[Cat License Application](#)

[Dog License Application](#)

# LIBRARY EVENTS

ROCKAWAY BORO LIBRARY

## **AFTER SCHOOL GAME CLUB\***

Come into the library on Friday afternoons for a different table top game each week.

Fridays ~ 3:30-4:30pm. Friday 1/5: Uno for Ages 7-17, Friday 1/12: Sorry for Ages 7-17, Friday 1/19: What Do You Meme? for Ages 9-17, Friday 1/26: Clue for Ages 9-17.\*Weekly Registration required.

## **WINTER GREETING CARD PAPER CRAFT\***

Saturday, January 13 ~ 10:30am. Ages 6-10.

Create a wintry scene greeting card to send to someone special!

## **SNOWMAN BIRD FEEDER TAKE-HOME CRAFT\***

Tuesday, January 16-Saturday, January 20. Ages 5-12.

Pick up available all week. Register to take home supplies to make your own snowman bird feeder. (You will need some of your own supplies as well.)

## **TIME FOR TOTS\***

Friday, January 19 ~ 11:00am-11:45am. Ages 1-5.

## **STARTING AN ART JOURNALING PRACTICE\***

Saturday, January 20 ~ 11:00am. Adults 18 and up. \*Registration required.

Join resident artist Michele Fawcett who will share how to start an art journaling practice. Materials provided.

## **LET'S DISH!\***

Monday, January 22 ~ 1:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

Dietitian Kimberly from Weis Supermarket will be joining us again and sharing a recipe for a healthy salad.

## **KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP**

Thursday, January 25 ~ 11:00am-12:30pm. Adults 18 and up. Registration is not required.

Please note: Our Knit & Crochet Group will now be held on the 4th Thursday of the month instead of the 3rd.

## **MAKE YOUR OWN POLAR BEAR!\***

Saturday, January 27 ~ 10:30am. Ages 3-8.

Stuff your own polar bear and enjoy polar bear themed stories!

## **PRESENTATION FROM THE SEEING EYE®\***

Monday, January 29 ~ 6:00pm. (All ages, children under the age of 9 must attend with an adult)

A representative from The Seeing Eye® of Morristown will provide an overview of their work including their history, breeding, puppy raising, and training programs, and offer guidance on how to apply to get involved in their guide dog training program. Meet one of the guide dogs. Donations of toys, food, treats for The Pennies for Puppies Program are appreciated.

## **BOOK LOVERS MEETING\***

Wednesday, January 31 ~ 6:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

[To register for events  
please click here.](#)

\*registration required



# Morris County

## Vocational School District

*Inspire. Prepare. Succeed.*



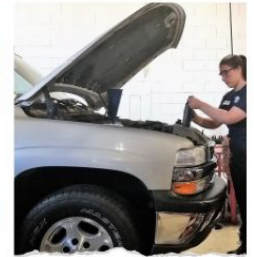
### ABOUT MCVSD SHARE TIME PROGRAMS

The Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for Morris County high school students. The Share Time Programs provide half-day specialized career and technical education training as part of a student's junior and senior year in high school. The programs prepare students for career-related employment, college, apprenticeships and military. Students in 10th grade can apply via an online application between January - March at [www.mcvts.org/apply](http://www.mcvts.org/apply)

### SHARE TIME PROGRAMS

All programs, unless stated otherwise, are located at the Morris County School of Technology

- Allied Health @ Pequannock High School
- Auto Body & Collision Repair
- Auto Service Technology
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts & Hospitality @ County College of Morris
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice @ County College of Morris
- Cybersecurity & Information Protection @ County College of Morris
- Electrical Trades
- Engineering, Design & Advanced Manufacturing @ County College of Morris
- Exercise Science
- Fundamentals of Food Services
- HVAC
- Plumbing & Pipefitting
- Welding Technologies



### BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Business & education collaboration
- Earn industry standard certifications
- Preparation for trade-related employment
- Hands on approach to instruction

Scan the QR Code for information! →



[www.mcvts.org/apply](http://www.mcvts.org/apply)

**More Information - Contact:** Gina DiDomenico  
Student Recruitment & Community Relations  
**Email:** [didomenicog@mcvts.org](mailto:didomenicog@mcvts.org)

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# GARBAGE

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

## ROUTE A GARBAGE THURSDAYS

|                  |                      |                   |                           |                         |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams Street     | Dominic Drive        | Hyland Avenue     | Mt. Pleasant Avenue       | Sweetbriar Road         |
| Addison Avenue   | Duncan Lane          | Kelly Court       | Nichols Drive             | Sylvan Way              |
| Andrea Drive     | Easton Avenue        | Lakeside Drive    | Overlook Drive            | Valley View Road        |
| Arbor Avenue     | Elycroft Avenue East | Lawrence Drive    | Phillip Drive             | W. Longview Road        |
| Baker Street     | Elycroft Avenue West | Lindbergh Lane    | Pleasant Place            | West Main Street from   |
| Birchwood Road   | Farview Drive        | Longview Road     | Robert Street             | Lakeside Drive westerly |
| Cedar Lane       | Farview Road         | Mannino Drive     | Rose Lane                 | to Route 46             |
| Centennial Drive | Glenview Place       | Marshall Avenue   | Route 46 from West Main   | Walnut Place            |
| Chester Avenue   | Harrison Avenue      | McKinley Drive    | Street to Franklin Avenue | William Drive           |
| Chestnut Terrace | Hemlock Road         | Meadowview Avenue | Spruce Street             | White Birch Drive       |
| Crestwood Road   | Hickory Place        | Monroe Place      | Stephen Place             | Willow Avenue           |
| David Drive      | Highview Avenue      | Mountain Road     | Swedes Mine Road          | Woodland Avenue         |

## ROUTE B GARBAGE FRIDAY

|                 |                       |                  |                         |                        |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Academy Street  | Douglas Road          | Hillside Avenue  | Marylin Drive           | Stickle Avenue         |
| Adler Court     | Drake Avenue          | Hill Street      | Mill Lane               | Summit Street          |
| Ann Street      | East Flagge Street    | Hoagland Avenue  | Mott Place              | Union Street           |
| Bank Street     | East Main Street from | Jackson Avenue   | Oak Street              | Van Duyne Avenue       |
| Barnett Street  | Jackson Avenue        | James Court      | Ogden Avenue            | West Flagge Street     |
| Beach Street    | easterly to Route 46  | Jay Street       | Orchard Street          | West Lincoln Avenue    |
| Broad Street    | East New Street       | Jefferson Street | Pine Street             | West Main Street from  |
| Brook Street    | Elm Street            | John Street      | Rockaway Avenue         | Jackson Avenue to      |
| Burton Lane     | Franklin Avenue       | Keller Avenue    | Rockwood Drive          | Lakeside Drive         |
| Central Avenue  | Garden Avenue         | Kelsey Street    | Route 46 from East Main | West New Street        |
| Chateau Gardens | George Street         | Laurelwood Drive | Street to Franklin      | Wall Street            |
| Church Street   | Gill Avenue           | Liberty Place    | Avenue                  | White Meadow Avenue    |
| Cobb Street     | Halsey Avenue         | Lincoln Avenue   | Seminole Avenue         | Woods Edge on Route 46 |
| Dock Street     | Hibernia Avenue       | Maple Avenue     | Seward Street           | Woodside Avenue        |
| Donna Drive     | Highland Avenue       | Maplewood Drive  | Short Street            | Woodstone Road         |

# RECYCLING

## Recycling Collection

**Every other Tuesday** | Place recycling at the curb the night before. See schedule below for details and exceptions.

|          |    |    |    |        |    |    |           |    |    |
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| January  | 2  | 16 | 30 | May    | 7  | 21 | September | 10 | 24 |
| February | 13 | 27 |    | June   | 4  | 18 | October   | 8  | 22 |
| March    | 12 | 26 |    | July   | 2  | 16 | November  | 5  | 19 |
| April    | 9  | 23 |    | August | 13 | 27 | December  | 3  | 17 |
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## Vegetative collection

**Every other Thursday April-December** | Vegetative Collection includes grass, leaves and brush. Place leaves and grass in biodegradable brown paper bags or open containers with handles. Keep brush separate from grass and leaves. Do not sweep leaves into the gutter or street. Branches or brush must be tied with string in bundles not to exceed 18 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. No limbs or brush over 3 inches in diameter will be accepted. Collections should be at the curb the night before.

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| April | 3  | 17 | July      | 10 | 24 | October  | 2  | 16 | 30 |
| May   | 1  | 15 | August    | 7  | 21 | November | 13 | 27 |    |
| June  | 12 | 26 | September | 4  | 18 | December | 11 | 26 |    |

[To download the full garbage and recycling newsletter please click here.](#)



**SCAN ME**

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[Scan the code above with your phone or click here.](#)

# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

