

Borough of Rockaway

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Rockaway Borough
Recreation Department

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Upcoming Meetings: April 13th & 27th

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

LAND USE BOARD

Upcoming Meetings: April 4th & 26th

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

PARKS & RECREATION

Upcoming Meeting: April 25th

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

Upcoming Meeting: April 11th

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Upcoming Meeting: April 22nd

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Upcoming Meeting: April 12th

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

ROCKAWAY BORO SENIORS

Upcoming Meetings: April 6th and 20th



ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing will begin on or about April 10th, 2023 and will begin in the Birchwood section of Rockaway Township and move East into Rockaway Borough. You may notice a slight discoloration of your water. This isn't harmful and will dissipate after a short time. We recommend running cold water only for several minutes to clear your pipes.

HAVE A COMMUNITY EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO INCLUDE?

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SPOTLIGHT ON...



CONRAD PEPPERMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

How long have you been a Boro police officer?

26 years

Where did you start, how did you move up the ranks?

I started my career in Rockaway Borough in August of 1997, where I was a Patrolman assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2007, I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where I was responsible for supervising the Patrol Division. In 2013, I was assigned as the Administrative Sergeant Patrol Commander running the day-to-day operations of the department, alongside the Chief of Police. In 2017, I was promoted to the rank of Chief of Police, where I currently serve on the Executive Boards for the Morris County Police Chiefs Association, Prevention Is Key and The Municipal Alliance Committee of the Rockaway's. In addition, I represent the Police Chiefs in New Jersey as the Legislative Chairman in Trenton.

What made you get started in police work?

I always admired the officers in Lincoln Park where I grew up, they would always take the time to interact with us on a social level. In addition, I liked the idea of everyday, you're faced with new challenges and helping people in need. Moreover, being a role model in the community and having the ability to change someone's life for the better.

What do you like most about your job?

It gives me great satisfaction putting the bad members of society in jail, who take advantage of innocent victims. It is also very rewarding when you're helping people in the community, in whatever capacity they may need your assistance. Furthermore, I could not be more blessed working with the great members of the Rockaway Borough Police Department. I also enjoy working with the other department heads of the Boro and appreciate the support of the Mayor and Council. I love that Rockaway Borough is a melting pot of all ethnicities and has broadened my horizons on cultural diversity. I enjoy visiting all restaurants in town and trying all the different ethnic foods. I have developed ever lasting friendships with business owners and resident's, whom I consider family.

What are some of your biggest challenges?

One of the biggest challenged in a small department is everyone needs to wear many hats to meet the organization's goals. In addition, rapid changes in legislation and tougher guidelines on police has lowered the applicant process drastically; therefore, it's difficult to find new applicants.

What's your favorite thing to do when you are not working?

I love spending time with my family, friends, working out, golfing and watching the New York Rangers.

Thank you Chief, for all you do for Rockaway Borough.

LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards are needed for the summer.
Top pay, meet new friends and spend your summer at the beach.
Contact recdirector@rockawayborough.org
for more information on certification classes, etc.

UPDATES

Fields to open for rec sports on April 3. Rockaway Rowdies games to begin on April 22nd. The new Park Lake playground is anticipated to open by mid-April.

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH LITTLE LEAGUE

Opening day has been rescheduled to April 22nd @ Fireman's Field, details TBA.

CHALLENGER GAMES

Hosted by Rockaway Boro Little League

April 23rd, Donatoni Park, 199 W. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866

For information regarding the foundation of The Challenger League & how you can make a difference participating in this event [please click here](#). We ask that all families that intend to volunteer, spectate or support this amazing community event that they arrive at approximately 12 p.m. We will be making signs to help cheer on our players & preparing to welcome our Challenger players. Our Business Owners & Recreation Department will help sponsor the t-shirts for our volunteers. More information will be provided shortly to our community. In the event there is inclement weather, the event will unfortunately be canceled. We look forward to seeing everyone & having a fun, special day!

SPORT SIGNUPS

EAGLES HOCKEY eaglesicehockey.com

Street Hockey Registration is now open

Open to all players in Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, Denville and Wharton born between 1/1/2013 and 12/31/2018. The season will run 5/1/2023 - 6/17/2023 with Wednesday night practices and Sunday morning games at Telemark Park, 1 Meggins Road, Rockaway Township, NJ 07866. *All players are required to supply their own hockey helmet with cage, street stick, hockey gloves, and shin pads. An Eagles t-shirt will be provided. [Click here to register](#).

JR. KNIGHTS FOOTBALL jrknightsfootball.net

Registration is now open for Pad Level football only. Grades 3-8.

Off season workouts will begin Monday, April 3rd, 6pm to 7:30pm, at Robert Street park. Cheer and Flag registration will be in June. Kids compete with kids of similar age and size. The Junior Knights youth football program sets and enforces a strict AGE & WEIGHT MATRIX for all players that reduces the risk and reality of injuries. [Click here to register](#).

PARK LAKE SHARKS sites.google.com/view/parklakesharks

The Park Sharks Swim Team is a neighborhood summer-only (June - August) recreational swim team that competes against other neighborhood teams. Any Rockaway, Wharton, Dover or Mine Hill resident between the ages of 7-18 on May 1st is eligible to swim for the team. [Click here to register](#).

AROUND TOWN

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT rockawayborough.org/departments/police/

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8, Friendship Field

Rescheduled from April 1st. Please keep an eye on the Rockaway Borough Police Department's facebook page for more information on this upcoming event.

PARK LAKE SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

April 22 9am-12pm

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help clean up our beautiful lake. Contact cfo@rockawayborough.org for more information.

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMITTEE rockawayborough.org/HistoricalCommittee

Cars and Coffee

April 30, 2023, 8 AM to 12 Noon, Donatoni Field

All makes and models welcome. Casual, no pre-registration. 55 spaces available. Donations to RBHC appreciated. Hot coffee served. No alcohol permitted. For more information email rockborohistorical@gmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF THE ROCKAWAYS

Pedals for Progress

Saturday April 15th, 9a,m-12pm, Assembly of God Church, East Main Street

Join us in collecting used bicycles and sewing machines (no cabinets) for the Pedals for Progress & Sewing Peace Initiative (p4p.org). Equipment will be collected and bikes will be disassembled for overseas transport for those in need. [Please click here for flyer with more information.](#)

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Annual Bowling with the Police Event

April 22, Rockaway Lanes, Route 46, Rockaway

Open to the first 120 people to register. [Please click here for flyer](#) containing registration information. For more information, you can email us at rockawaymac@gmail.com.

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

is always looking for more volunteers, reach out to Lynn Rizzo Morena at 973-627-8922

ARTS ON MAIN

FREE EVENT - Sunday Jazz & Arts

Sunday April 2, 2023 from 2PM to 4PM, Arts on Main, 141 W. Main St, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Arts on Main is a small community art studio and gallery that opened in September 2022. The art gallery is expanding and moving to the lower level of 141 W. Main St and will feature live Jazz duos during the Artist reception for our monthly Art exhibitions. Local and regional artists (Morris and Sussex counties) are invited to exhibit their artwork following the show's theme, which changes every month. The "Abstract" show will run from Saturday April 1, 2023 through Sunday April 23, 2023. Hours of operation: Open Houses every Sunday 2PM to 4PM. By appointment Monday through Saturday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH fpcrockaway.org

Community Cup

Friday April 21st in Fellowship Hall from 6-9pm

A place for tea, coffee, snacks, and community! The Community Cup is a great time filled with opportunities for conversation, games, and other fun activities to get to know your neighbors.

AROUND TOWN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONT'D fpcrockaway.org

RiseUp Community Breakfast

Saturday, April 29th in Fellowship Hall from 8-11am

Free breakfast for the community, and food and clothing resources for all in need. All are welcome!!
(Last Saturday of every month)

Rockaway Ecumenical Group: Good Friday Service

April 7th, United Methodist Church of the Rockaways, 1 Hoagland Ave. at Noon

Vacation Bible School Save

June 26th-June 30th, 9-12PM, K-6th Grade (Hero Hotline!)

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF DENVILLE-ROCKAWAY

Gold and Silver Jewelry Buy Back Fundraiser for Scholarships

Tuesday, April 25th – Saturday, April 29th

Clean out your jewelry box and sell your old gold and silver jewelry for cash! Other silver items, silverware, pictures frames, serving dishes may be sold! Support our scholarship fund! [Click here for more info.](#)

MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Community Event

May 7th, 11:30am-1:30pm inside the Raymour & Flanigan Rockaway Showroom, located at 301 Mount Hope Ave

Students in The Academy for the Performing Arts, a Morris County Vocational School District Career and Technical Education Program housed at Morris Knolls High School, will showcase their talents in dance, theatre, and vocal. This Community Performance is Free and open to all. School Representatives will be present to discuss general program questions, the high school application process, and the designed learning experiences for students. [Click here for flyer.](#) Register for this Free Event via Eventbrite (Encouraged, however not necessary to attend) by [clicking here.](#)

More information, Email: didomenicog@mcvts.org

FREE Summer Camp

Arts and Human Services Week: July 17-21 [Click here for week 1 flyer](#)

S.T.E.M. Week: July 24-28 [Click here for week 2 flyer](#)

Students entering Grades 7 - 8 will have the opportunity to experience a sampling of Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes and participate in collaborative activities, group problem-solving challenges, and hands-on projects. [Please click here to register.](#)

CAREER CARNIVAL FOR KIDS careercarnivalforkids.com

Saturday, May 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Rockaway Townsquare Mall on on the lower level outside Macy's

This exciting event is free and open to all. How do young people learn about the extraordinary array of jobs they may someday pursue? Career Carnival for Kids has an exciting answer to that question: offer career discovery events to introduce elementary and middle school kids to professionals in a variety of fields such as health care, STEM, public safety, marketing, business, finance, and more. Join us for an engaging career discovery experience for kids ages 8-14 (with lots to offer older and younger kids, too!) Career Carnivals are interactive, fun-filled, and FREE events where kids and families meet Career Guides (industry professionals) from different businesses, organizations, and schools to enjoy hands-on activities, games, and giveaways while learning about the amazing world of work. For more information, email careercarnivalforkids@gmail.com or visit www.careercarnivalforkids.com. Follow us on Facebook [@careercarnivalforkids](https://www.facebook.com/careercarnivalforkids), Twitter [@CareerCarnival](https://twitter.com/CareerCarnival), and Instagram [@CareerCarnivalforKids](https://www.instagram.com/CareerCarnivalforKids).

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH sspacrod.org

Annual Stuffed Cabbage Food Sale

Saturday, May 20, pickup in the afternoon

Please, visit sspacrod.org or call (973) 541-0008 for more information on ordering these delicious foods including Stuffed Cabbages, Pierogies, and Halushki.

LIBRARY EVENTS

ROCKAWAY BORO LIBRARY

BEGINNING HOUR OF CODE: MINECRAFT!*

Saturday, April 1 ~ 11:00am-12:00pm. Ages 7-12.

Join Ms. Debbi to learn fun & easy fundamentals of Minecraft coding, using Blockly. This program is offered to those patrons who have not yet attended an Hour of Code at our library.

SPRING STORYTIME & CRAFT WITH MS. GERI*

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, and 18 ~ 11:00am. Ages 2-6.

Spring Storytime and Craft continues with Ms. Geri through Tuesday, April 18.

INTERMEDIATE HOUR OF CODE: MINECRAFT!*

Tuesday, April 11 ~ 3:00pm-4:00pm. Ages 7-12.

Join Ms. Debbi to continue exploring the fundamentals of coding. This program is offered to those patrons who have previously attended at least one hour of code program at our library.

DND CAMPAIGN: WATERDEEP DRAGON HEIST*

Fridays, April 14, 21, 28 ~ 3:45pm-5:45pm. Ages 13-17.

Ms. Brigid hosts this weekly Dungeons and Dragons program where you'll unravel the mysteries of the fictional city of Waterdeep and use your wits to survive.

SEW IT! WORKSHOP: BUNNY PILLOW*

Monday, April 17 ~ 1:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

Join us for a sew-your-own adorable pompom tail bunny pillow via step-by-step instructional video. Sewing experience not required, but some knowledge recommended.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

Thursday, April 20 ~ 11:00am-12:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

SPARK JOY® WITH SHANNON HUNEYCUTT*

Thursday, April 20 ~ 7:00pm. Adults 18 and up.

Learn the KonMari philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all ~ leave feeling motivated to Spark Joy® in your home, office, and life with this Zoom program! There will be a special giveaway at the end of the program.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT THE LIBRARY*

Saturday, April 22 ~ 11:00-1:00pm am. Ages 5 and up.

LET'S DISH!*

Monday, April 24 ~ 1:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

Geri will discuss recipes & share tips. Bring a copy of your favorite casserole recipe!

BIRDS ON THE NEST*

Tuesday, April 25 ~ 4:00-5:00pm. Ages 8 and up.

How do birds construct nests using only their beaks and feet? Examine real nests up-close to discover what they are made of, where they are found, and why. Presented by the Morris County Park Commission.

BOOK LOVERS MEETING*

Wednesday, April 26 ~ 6:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

Registrants will receive a notification when the selected book is ready to pick up at the library.

We will discuss Sign Here by Claudia Luz at the meeting and share other great book suggestions.

PAJAMA STORYTIME WITH MS. GERI*

Wednesday, April 26 ~ 6:30pm. Ages 3-7.

PEACE PLAY STORYTIME YOGA*

Friday, April 28 ~ 11:00-11:30am. Ages 2-5.

In this engaging class, books come to life and we will slither like snakes, hop like frogs and bark like dogs!

Through songs and stories, we will bend, stretch, breathe and move while having fun learning yoga poses.

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

*registration required

GARBAGE

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

ROUTE A GARBAGE THURSDAYS

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

ROUTE B GARBAGE FRIDAY

Academy Street	Douglas Road	Hillside Avenue	Marilyn 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 Dune Avenue
Barnett Street	Jackson Avenue	James Court	Ogden Avenue	West Flagge Street
Beach Street	easterly to Route 46	Jay Street	Orchard Street	West Lincoln Svanue
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.

April	11	25	July	5	18	October	10	24
May	9	23	August	1	15	November	7	21
June	6	20	September	12	26	December	5	19

UPDATED VEGETATIVE COLLECTION

Every other Wednesday 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.

April	5	19	July	12	26	October	4	18		
May	3	17	31	August	9	23	November	1	15	29
June	14	28	September	6	20	December	13	27		

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



SCAN ME

Download the Recycle Coach app to get official waste & recycling information from your local government.

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