

*Borough of Rockaway*

# MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



Rockaway Borough  
Recreation Department

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Upcoming Meetings: March 4th, 9th & 23rd

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

## LAND USE BOARD

Upcoming Meetings: March 7th & 22nd

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

## PARKS & RECREATION

Upcoming Meeting: March 28th

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

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Upcoming Meeting: March 7th

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

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Upcoming Meeting: March 25th

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

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Upcoming Meeting: March 8th

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

## ROCKAWAY BORO SENIORS

Upcoming Meeting: March 2nd and March 16 at 11am



**ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

# SPOTLIGHT ON...



## **Bill Hopler, DPW Director**

### *How long have you been working for the Borough?*

I started working for the Borough 36 years ago as a dpw laborer. I have also been a volunteer fireman in the Borough for 37 years and was elected chief 4 times.

### *What do you like most about working for the Borough?*

I was born and raised in the Borough and my greatest joy is being able to help my fellow residents everyday. Also having a great crew of DPW workers makes going to work everyday that much more enjoyable..

### *What do you like to do when you're not at work?*

I like to relax and enjoy a fine cigar every once in a while.

*Thank you Bill for all you do for Rockaway Borough.*

## CURRENT SIGNUPS

Volunteers are needed for all of our sports, please reach out to [recdirector@rockawayborough.org](mailto:recdirector@rockawayborough.org) for more information on how to get involved.

## UPDATES

Playground construction at the lake will start soon and take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete depending on the weather.

## ROCKAWAY BOROUGH LITTLE LEAGUE

Opening Day April 15 at Fireman's Field. More info to come to April newsletter.

## LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards are needed for the summer.

Top pay, meet new friends and spend your summer at the beach.

Contact [recdirector@rockawayborough.org](mailto:recdirector@rockawayborough.org)  
for more information on certification classes, etc.

# EVENTS AROUND TOWN

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Challenger Games are returning to Rockaway Borough on April 23rd. More information to come in the April issue!**

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Rockaway Borough School District Annual Tricky Tray

Friday, April 28th at the White Meadow Lake Clubhouse doors open at 5:30pm.

Tickets will go on sale March 10th. We are current accepting donations from the community and businesses as 100% of proceeds go towards enriching the education for Pre-K-8 students and teachers in the Borough. Please consider donating products, services, or monetary support. To coordinate pick up, please email [rbhsafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rbhsafundraising@gmail.com) to connect.

## 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](mailto:rockawaymac@gmail.com).

## ROCKAWAY BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1, Friendship Field

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

## THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL [rockboro.org](http://rockboro.org)

The TJ Players present Frozen Jr.

March 17th (7:00 PM), 18th (7:00 PM), and 19th (2:00 PM)

# EVENTS AROUND TOWN

## **DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY** [dmarockaway.org](http://dmarockaway.org)

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year for Divine Mercy Academy in Rockaway is now open! Divine Mercy Academy is a Catholic elementary school offering a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade faith-based education. For more information, check out our website.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF THE ROCKAWAYS**

Join us and “Dress for Success” in collecting supplies for women in need to help support their return to the job market. Items will be collected now thru Saturday 3/12. Local Drop-off Locations: Nickel Artistic--39 US 46, Rockaway M-F 9-5 and Fulton Bank--272 US 46 Rockaway M-F, Sat 9-12 [Please click here for flyer with more information.](#)

## **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH** [ssppacrod.org](http://ssppacrod.org)

### **Easter Food Sale**

Orders for our delicious Slavic Foods (Pierogies and Dessert Rolls: Nut, Poppy, and Prune) for your Easter celebration can be pre-ordered online: [ssppacrod.org](http://ssppacrod.org) or by phone (973) 541-0008.

## **AMERICAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** [americanchristianschool.org](http://americanchristianschool.org)

### **High School Preview Day**

**March 8th, 8:45am-12pm**

This day will give students an opportunity to experience ACS for themselves. Middle School students are invited to join us for a morning of fun, info, q & a, lunch and more! To register for this event and let us know you're coming, please visit [americanchristianschool.org/highschoolpreviewday](http://americanchristianschool.org/highschoolpreviewday).

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** [fpcrockaway.org](http://fpcrockaway.org)

### **Community Cup**

**Fridays, March 3, 17, and 31st 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.

### **Lenten Luncheons**

**March 3rd and every Friday in March in Fellowship Hall beginning at 12pm**

Luncheons sponsored by the Rockaway Ecumenical Group begin again. Join us for food, worship, and fellowship brought to you by the local Rockaway churches during the Lenten Season. These luncheons will be weekly.

### **RiseUp Community Breakfast**

**Saturday, March 25th 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)

### **Blood Drive**

**Saturday March 11th, Rockaway Township Senior Center from 10-3pm**

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 19, Troop 113, and Crew 17 chartered with First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway and Troop 160 of Rockaway Township. Signup at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

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# LIBRARY EVENTS

ROCKAWAY BORO LIBRARY

## **BASKETBALL TRIVIA NIGHT\***

Wednesday, March 1 ~ 6:30pm-7:15pm. Kids 8 and up.

Hello, sports fans! Join us for a night of basketball trivia. Test your knowledge of basketball players, teams, history, rules, and more for an opportunity to win a small prize.

## **STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL INCOME IN RETIREMENT\***

Monday, March 6 ~ 6:30 pm

Join speaker Mark Lange for an in-person program. Strategies for a Sustainable Income in Retirement: Establish retirement goals, Estimating retirement income, Tax Advantaged Savings Vehicles, Investment Considerations

## **REMEMBER THE LADIES: WOMEN DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION\***

Wednesday, March 8 ~ 6:30 pm. Ages 16 and up.

Historian Joel Farkas presents a comprehensive look at the lives of women in the American Revolution. From the expectations of women to their legal rights, their role in health and medicine, to an in-depth look at the "First Ladies" and First Mother of the time period, this is a fascinating look at the lives of the women who played a crucial role in the founding of our country. Attend in-person at the library or via Zoom. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## **SPRING STORYTIME & CRAFT W/MS. GERI\***

Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18 ~ 11:00am. Ages 2-6.

Ms. Geri starts 6 weeks of Spring Storytime and Craft beginning Tuesday, March 14 through Tuesday, April 18.

## **KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB**

Thursday, March 16 ~ 11:00am-12:30pm. Adults 18 and up.

## **TIME FOR TOTS W/MS. LAUREN\***

Friday, March 17 ~ 11:00-11:45am. Ages 1-4.

Meet friends for books, coloring and play time. Wear green for a prize.

## **DND CAMPAIGN: WATERDEEP DRAGON HEIST\***

Fridays, March 17, 24, 31 ~ 3:45pm-5:45pm. Ages 13-17.

Take to the streets of the fictional city of Waterdeep, where you'll need your wits to survive. Unravel the mysteries this illustrious city holds, and see what friends (or enemies) you make. A hidden stash of incredible wealth is hidden somewhere in the city, and it will be up to you and your adventuring party to find it before it can fall into the wrong hands.

## **MANDALA WINDOW CLINGS\***

Saturday, March 18 ~ 10:30am-1pm. Ages 9 and up.

Sign up then stop in to color a Mandala cling for glass and mirrors.

## **BOOK LOVERS MEETING\***

Wednesday, March 22 ~ 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 the specific book at the meeting and share other great book suggestions.

## **AN HOUR OF CODE: MINECRAFT!\***

Saturday, March 25 ~ 11:00-12:00. Ages 7-12.

Join Ms. Debbi to learn some of the fundamentals of coding, using Blockly. It's fun and easy, especially when coding in the world of Minecraft with Steve or Alex. Previous attendees can pick up where their last hour left off.

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

Monday, March 27 ~ 1:30pm. NEW TIME! Adults 18 and up.

Geri will discuss recipes & share tips. Bring a copy of a recipe you love!

\*registration required

## **PAJAMA STORYTIME W/MS. GERI\***

Tuesday, March 29 ~ 6:30pm. Ages 2-7.

Join Ms. Geri for stories and crafts ~ be sure to wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed friend.

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



# 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.

March	14	28	June	6	20	September	12	26
April	11	25	July	5	18	October	10	24
May	9	23	August	1	15 29	November	7	21
						December	5	19

## UPDATED 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.

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.](#)