





Sat., March 23rd

Egg Hunt, Games & Social 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Memorial Park (Rain date: Sat., March 30th)

Ongoing Library Events

Visit the Library's interactive calendar online at: eastrockawaylibrary.org/calendar



Mayor Fox and the Village Board have adjusted Village Hall hours to better serve the community. Village Hall is now open Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 3:45pm.

CodeRED

CodeRED is the Village of East Rockaway's emergency notification service that alerts residents, businesses and property owners of timesensitive emergency situations and important community alerts by telephone, cell phone, and/or text message.

Enroll by clicking "CodeRed" at the bottom of the village website:

villageofeastrockaway.org

Happy Spring Everyone

One of the privileges I have as mayor of our vibrant village is to share updates and insights that reflect the Village Board's collective efforts in making East Rockaway not just a place to live, but a place to thrive. I am continually inspired by the strength, resilience, and community spirit that defines us. This March brings not only the promise of spring but also significant milestones and exciting developments that underscore why East Rockaway is a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.



Our village is a flourishing community: our residents, from seniors to working families and our youth, stand as a testament to what a community can achieve with a shared **Mayor Gordon Fox** vision. Our commitment to fostering a safe, welcoming, and dynamic community is wholly evident in the ongoing improvements to our main business corridors: Main Street, Atlantic Avenue, and the Waterfront. The Village Board and I are delivering on bringing more stores, shops and restaurants into the community to make East Rockaway not only a destination for shoppers, but an even more attractive place for families, professionals, and retirees alike.

We have a bright future ahead of us as we welcome spring and warmer weather. As we celebrate Women's History Month, it is a distinct pleasure to welcome Stephanie Paul on her appointment to fill a vacancy on the village board. An active Kiwanian, Stephanie's commitment to public service embodies the values we hold dear in our village. Her perspective and energy will be invaluable assets to our Board as we navigate the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Mayor Fox, Trustees Santino & Paul welcome new pumper to Vigilant Engine Company #1



Mayor Gordon Fox, Deputy Mayor Bruno Romano and Trustees Anthony Santino, Stephanie Paul, and Frank Passanisi III joined Vigilant Engine Company #1 to welcome the firehouse's newest piece of apparatus - a 2023 Pierce Enforcer with an 8-member cab. Outfitted in East Rockaway Fire Department colors, this engine replaces a 1993 Pierce Lance that had served the residents of East Rockaway for nearly thirty years.

Mayor Fox and the Village Board were joined by Captain Vanessa Torborg and Firefighters James Sprizzo and Ed Goldstein to see how Engine 404 will provide emergency response and mutual aid to neighbors. The pumper has a 750-gallon capacity water tank, a 1,500-gallon per minute (GPM) single stage pump, and a Cummins 450 horsepower engine.



\$5,000 from Assemblymen Curran & Brown in New York State Bullet Aid

The East Rockaway Public Library received New York State Bullet Aid obtained by Assemblyman Brian Curran (AD 21) and Assemblyman Ari Brown (AD 20) whose districts include the entirety of the Incorporated Village of East Rockaway.

Mayor Gordon Fox and Library Director Mary Thorpe accepted the \$5,000 in state targeted funding on behalf of the village. These dollars will not only be used to support the library's operations, but also ensure neighbors access to this community treasure that has a long record of providing stellar services to neighbors.

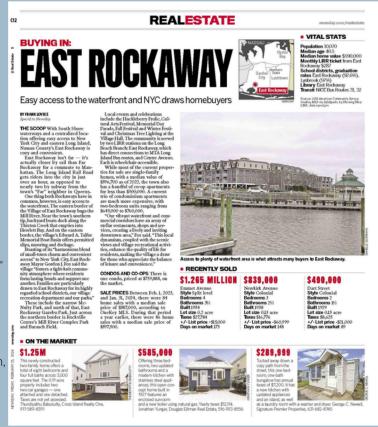
As Seen in

Newsday

The end of February had neighbors excited that our East Rockaway community was featured in <u>Newsday</u> stressing our community draws homebuyers due to easy access to the waterfront and convenience to businesses, offices and entertainment in metro New York.

With a rich history dating back three centuries, Mayor Gordon Fox "boast[s] of the village's 'harmonious blend of small-town charm and convenient access!" to the metro New York. Also appealing to current and prospective residents is that the village "fosters a tight-knit community atmosphere where residents form lasting bonds and support one another," Fox added.

What's more, the article stressed that East Rockaway's "waterfront and commercial corridors have an array of stellar restaurants, shops and services, creating a lively and inviting downtown area...This local dynamism, coupled with scenic views and village recreational activities enhance the quality of life for residents, making the village a draw for those who appreciate the balance of leisure and convenience."





East Rockaway Fire Department & Trustee Stephanie Paul join ERHS "Future Fair"

East Rockaway Village Trustee Stephanie Paul and the East Rockaway Fire Department joined East Rockaway High School for its Future Fair that exposes students to different work opportunities, providing our learners with the opportunity to experience and gain knowledge about future career pathways. This popular East Rockaway Public Schools event drew interest from students of all ages.

Chief Craig Gelb, Firefighter Timmy Neckles, Chief Matt Pignataro and Ex-Captain Patty Siefert joined Trustee Paul in speaking to our youth about the benefits of public service, volunteering in the community, and well-trained emergency response that provides safety and security to neighbors every day of the year.

Mayor Fox & NY Conference of Mayors to Gov. Hochul: Give Us Our Fair Share of State Municipal Aid



East Rockaway Mayor Gordon Fox joined a bipartisan group of elected officials at a New York Conference of Mayors event on the steps of Rockville Centre Village Hall. The community leaders called on Governor Kathy Hochul to provide villages and cities with more New York State funding through the annual Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program. The call for more AIM funding would be the first increase time in these dollars in more than 15 years.

Mayor Fox noted that a result of New York State cuts to AIM funding by 9% since 2009, municipalities like East Rockaway are forced to do more with less each year. That's because the purchasing power of the aid received by villages and cities gets smaller and smaller. Joined by Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray, Jr., Malverne Mayor Tim Sullivan, Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach, Valley Stream Mayor Ed Fare and Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Mayor Fox asked Governor Hochul for the state to "meet the moment" and deliver more AIM funding to municipalities.

Saluting Cub Scout Pack 84

Village of East Rockaway Mayor Gordon Fox, Deputy Mayor Bruno Romano, Trustee Anthony J. Santino and Trustee Stephanie Paul were joined by Assemblyman Brian Curran at Cub Scouts Pack 84's 75th Anniversary serving the East Rockaway and Lynbrook communities.

The Diamond Anniversary welcomed cub scouts and their families to the St. Raymond where several of the pack's webelos participated in their crossover ceremony, where they officially left their cub scout den traveling further into boy scouting into their new troop.



Village officials expressed their sincere congratulations to the group of newest Boy Scouts, including Patrick Gaffney, Jason Margiotta, Benjamin Natale, Paul Pappas, Joseph Petraro and Nicholas Santorelli. In the words of Deputy Mayor Romano, "Continue to do good for our community. You make us all proud!"

East Rockaway DPW "Pothole Patrol" Zeroes in on Roadway Craters After Winter Weather



After a mixed winter with snow and ice, the Village of East Rockaway and its Department of Public Works are taking stock of roadways with potholes. These "road craters" often appear after winter weather and need to be properly repaired so that drivers and pedestrians can smoothly traverse roadways.

Mayor Gordon Fox and the Village Board are working to ensure the smoothest roadway conditions possible. That's why they've rolled out the Village of East Rockaway DPW "Pothole Patrol" - a unit which has used 1 ton of asphalt so far in repairing our streets.

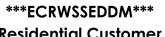
Mayor Fox encouraged residents to report potholes and post-winter concerning roadway conditions to Village Hall by:

PHONE: **516.887.6300**

 $\hbox{E-MAIL:} \ \underline{info@villageofeastrockaway.org}$

Please be sure to note specific locations in any report, including what exact street address the pothole is in front of, as well as the nearest cross street.

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> Tax Clerk Robert Vito

For Police, Fire or Ambulance **Dial 911**







The Village of East Rockaway welcomed several troops and dens from the East Rockaway scouting community to village hall for Good Government Nights. Mayor Gordon Fox, Deputy Mayor Bruno Romano and Trustees Frank Passanisi III, Anthony J. Santino, and Stephanie Paul welcomed these future leaders to village hall and discussed how a municipality is run, from plowing snow and ensuring building structures are safe, to making certain neighbors' voices are heard.

