

The Village News



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 is the Village of East Rockaway's emergency notification service that alerts residents, businesses and property owners of time-sensitive 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 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 Gordon Fox

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.

East Rockaway Public Library Receives \$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



The end of February had neighbors excited that our East Rockaway community was featured in Newsday, 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."

REAL ESTATE

BUYING IN: EAST ROCKAWAY

Easy access to the waterfront and NYC draws homebuyers

BY FRANK LOVIE
Special to Newsday

THE SCOOP With South Shore waterways and a centralized location offering easy access to New York City and eastern Long Island, Nassau County's East Rockaway is cozy and convenient.

East Rockaway isn't far — it's actually closer by rail than Far Rockaway for a commute to Manhattan, The Long Island Rail Road gets riders into the city in just over an hour, as opposed to nearly two by subway from the town's "Far" neighbor in Queens.

One thing both Rockaways have in common, however, is easy access to the waterfront. The eastern border of the Village of East Rockaway hugs the Mill River. Near the town's southern tip, backyard boats dock along the Thimble Creek that empties into Hewlett Bay. And on the eastern border, the village's Edward A. Tallor Memorial Boat Basin offers permitted slips, mooring and docking.

Boasting the "harmonious blend of small-town charm and convenient access" to New York City, East Rockaway Mayor Gordon Fox said the village "fosters a tight-knit community atmosphere where residents form lasting bonds and support one another. Families are particularly drawn to East Rockaway for its highly regarded school districts, our village recreation department and our parks.

These include the narrow McKinley Park, and north of that, East Rockaway Garden Park. Just across the northern border is Rockville-Center's Mill River Complex Park and Barock Field.

Local events and celebrations include the Hackberry Frolic, Cultural Arts Festival, Memorial Day Parade, Fall Festival and Winter Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting at the Village Hall. The community is served by two LIRR stations on the Long Beach Branch East Rockaway, which has direct connections to MTA Long Island Bus routes, and Center Avenue. Each is wheelchair-accessible.

While most of the current properties for sale are single-family homes, with a median value of \$896,700 as of 2023, the town also has a handful of co-op apartments for less than \$500,000. A current trio of condominium apartments are much more expensive, with two-bedroom units ranging from \$649,000 to \$760,000.

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CONDOS AND CO-OPS There is one condo, priced at \$739,988, on the market.

SALE PRICES Between Feb. 1, 2023, and Jan. 31, 2024, there were 84 home sales with a median sale price of \$887,000, according to Chorus MLS. During that period a year earlier, there were 86 home sales with a median sale price of \$872,500.

RECENTLY SOLD

- \$1.265 MILLION**
Emmet Avenue
Style Split level
Bedrooms 4
Bathrooms 3½
Built 1954
Lot size 0.2 acre
Taxes \$27,784
*/ List price - \$160,000
Days on market 123
- \$839,000**
Newkirk Avenue
Style Colonial
Bedrooms 3
Bathrooms 2½
Built 1958
Lot size 0.35 acre
Taxes \$16,776
*/ List price - \$60,999
Days on market 148
- \$490,000**
Dart Street
Style Colonial
Bedrooms 2
Bathrooms 2
Built 1929
Lot size 0.35 acre
Taxes \$8,035
*/ List price - \$21,000
Days on market 87

ON THE MARKET

- \$1.25M**
This newly constructed two-family home offers a total of eight bedrooms and four full baths across 2,000 square feet. The 0.17-acre property includes two two-car garages — one attached and one detached. Taxes are not yet assessed. Thirusiyathu Babubathu, Cross Island Realty One, 917-289-8391
- \$585,000**
Offering three bedrooms, two updated bathrooms and a modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances, this open-concept home built in 1927 features an enclosed sunroom and a new boiler using natural gas. Yearly taxes \$12,714. Jonathan Yungler, Douglas Elliman Real Estate, 212-993-8556
- \$289,000**
Tucked away down a cozy path from the street, this one-bedroom one-bath bungalow has annual taxes of \$2,200. It has a new kitchen with updated appliances and an island, as well as a laundry room with a washer and dryer. George C. Newell, Signature Premier Properties, 631-652-9345

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 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**

E-MAIL: 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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Village Hosts Good Government Nights for East Rockaway Scouts



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.



Visit our commercial corridors
...and shop local!