

**October 19 & 20, 2024**

**Community Wide Yard Sale**  
benefitting *The Grist Mill Museum*

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Participating Locations

Check Yard Sale Map on Village Website

**October 26, 2024**

**Fall Fest & 'Party in the Park'**

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Memorial Park*

**December 14, 2024**

**Village Winter Festival**

*Village Hall & Memorial Park*

**Ongoing Registration**

**Village Recreation Programs**

For more info visit:

<http://bit.ly/3XSWOKU>

**Ongoing Library Events**

Access the Library's

interactive calendar online at:

[eastrockawaylibrary.org/calendar](http://eastrockawaylibrary.org/calendar)

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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.

Sign-up for free to receive CodeRED notifications on the village's Emergency Management Department at:

[villageofeastrockaway.org](http://villageofeastrockaway.org)

## East Rockaway's 23rd September 11 Remembrance Urges Us to "Never Forget"



The Village of East Rockaway's September 11 Remembrance Commemoration in Memorial Park united neighbors to honor the lives lost and the families forever changed 23 years ago. Standing beside sacred steel from the World Trade Center, Mayor Gordon Fox led a reflection of the more than two decades since East Rockaway lost 12 neighbors in the terrorist attack.

Deputy Mayor Bruno Romano and Trustees Frank Passanisi III, Stephanie Paul, and Anthony J. Santino joined the ceremony which featured the East Rockaway Fire Department, local Girls Scouts & Boy Scouts as well as numerous veteran organizations and first responders. Flowers and American flags were also laid at the memorial markers in the park.

## Mayor Fox Supports Tunnel to Towers Foundation's New Veterans Project in Nassau County



Mayor Gordon Fox, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, joined a bipartisan group of elected officials in Mineola days before September 11 to welcome the Tunnel to Towers Foundation to Nassau County. Chairman Frank Siller announced plans to build a Veterans Village in Island Park on the site of the former Long Beach Motor Inn, a long-time dilapidated piece of property off Long Beach Road.

The multi-million dollar project will offer permanent affordable housing and supportive services, including healthcare, job placement, and rehabilitation for veterans in need. Assemblyman Brian Curran, County Legislator Bill Gaylor, and Councilwoman Laura Ryder also attended the announcement.

Pictured with Mayor Fox at Siller's announcement were State Assemblyman Brian Curran, County Legislator Bill Gaylor, and Town of Hempstead Councilwoman Laura Ryder.

# Recreation Department Keeps Residents of All Ages Active!

Mayor Gordon Fox, Trustee Stephanie Paul, Trustee Anthony J. Santino and the East Rockaway village board continue to offer residents of all ages the ability to take advantage of and enjoy a variety of programs through the Village's Recreation Department. Led by Recreation Leader Nancy Landerer and based out of the Frank M. Pignataro Recreation Center, Village Recreation fall offerings include the popular 3–5-year-old soccer clinic in partnership with Pioneer Sports, the Create Art Club, flag football, and engaging Friday fun activities for children up to sixth grade.



The success of these programs reflects the department's commitment to building a vibrant community where physical activity and artistic expression are prioritized. By creating a welcoming environment for families and individuals, the Recreation Department is playing a crucial role in promoting a healthy lifestyle and strengthening community bonds in East Rockaway.



In addition to youth programs, the department also provides hour-long art classes for adults, fostering creativity and community connection. For the latest updates on programs and events, residents can visit [www.eastrockaway.org/departments/recreation](http://www.eastrockaway.org/departments/recreation), ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to stay active and engaged. Together with neighbors, our village is fostering a vibrant sense of community.

## Trustee Paul Named New York State “Woman of Distinction”



Trustee Stephanie Paul was named a New York State Woman of Distinction by Assemblyman Brian Curran in late September, in a ceremony recognizing local women residents who go above and beyond the call of civic engagement and outreach. Trustee Paul is the current President of East Rockaway Kiwanis, a community organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, where she also leads the group's children's reading & craft program held in conjunction with the Nassau Police Department. She also heads the organization's annual Police Officer Appreciation dinner.

Pictured at the Woman of Distinction Award celebration were (L to R) Mayor Gordon Fox, Trustee Stephanie Paul, Assemblyman Brian Curran, Trustee Anthony J. Santino and Deputy Mayor Bruno Romano.

**Mayor Gordon Fox & the East Rockaway Village Board**  
invite neighbors & ghouls to join our

**Fall Festival & HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE PARK**  
Saturday, October 26, 2024  
Memorial Park @ Atlantic & Woods Avenues

**FALL festival**  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**'Not Too Spooky' Grist Mill**  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Haunted Grist Mill**  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Music by:**  
TRACK 9  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**East Rockaway Community-Wide Garage Sale**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**YARD SALE APPLICATION FEE:**  
1 DAY \$15.00 / 2 DAY \$25.00  
**TAG SALE APPLICATION FEE \$100.00**

**Applications are available at Village Hall during regular business hours or visit our website:**  
[villageofeastrockaway.org](http://villageofeastrockaway.org)

**REGISTER BY 10/15 TO BE INCLUDED ON THE MAP OF PARTICIPATING HOMES**

# The Judge's Chambers

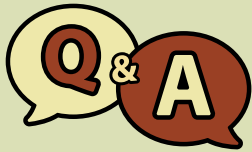


## Now Presiding... Village Justice Richard Braverman

Since being elected to the village bench in 2021, East Rockaway Village Justice Richard Braverman has made good on his obligation to be fair and compassionate to neighbors and others who appear before East Rockaway Justice Court. And why is that?

Braverman says it's because "we're all neighbors. I've lived in East Rockaway since 2006; presumably I've seen most residents appearing before me walking their dogs, in the bagel store, at community events...to say nothing about buying groceries in our supermarkets. As a local judge, I see my role as ensuring everyone in our community is treated with dignity, fairness, and respect - and that justice is served equitably, reflecting our shared values."

This close-knit community connection has shaped Judge Braverman's approach to the bench. He believes the people before him are not just docket numbers; they are fellow residents with real lives, families, and challenges.



### Question

**You must be well-versed in village ordinances and municipal law as village justice.**

**Can you tell us a little about your legal background and how it helps you in this elected office?**

### Answer

Certainly. I was admitted to practice law in New York in 1966 after graduating from Columbia Law School. Over the course of my career, I've concentrated on representing clients in a variety of areas, including bankruptcy and insolvency matters, trusts and estates, commercial litigation, and real estate transactions.

Today, I'm admitted to practice law in the State of New York as well as in federal jurisdictions such as the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. With nearly 58 years of experience, I believe my legal acumen is sharper than ever.

My extensive background in these complex areas of law has given me a deep understanding of the issues people face, both in business but also in their personal lives. This knowledge directly informs my work as a judge, allowing me to bring a fair and thoughtful approach to every case. I love working with people, helping them navigate difficult situations, and coming to decisions that balance justice with compassion.



Judge Richard Braverman joins Trustee Anthony J. Santino at a Center for Adult Life Enrichment event.

### Question

**How has your extensive experience in bankruptcy law and mediation helped you navigate complex legal disputes, and what specific areas have you focused on throughout your career?**

### Answer

For nearly six decades, I've represented Chapter 7, 11, and 13 debtors in all aspects of bankruptcy law. This includes defending clients in adversary proceedings and handling litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants, such as disputes over discharge objections, preferences, fraudulent conveyances, and claims objections. I also completed training in bankruptcy mediation, which has given me valuable skills in resolving disputes - ever important in East Rockaway Village Justice Court.

### Question

**You moved to East Rockaway from the Five Towns nearly 20 years ago. Are there any activities or pastimes you still enjoy in your new hometown that you loved back then?**

### Answer

One of my favorite things to do is sail on our bays. It's not just a personal passion, but it also is my way of respecting East Rockaway's rich nautical history. Being out on the water offers me a sense of peace and clarity, much like what I strive to bring to my work in the courtroom. But just as sailing requires focus and balance, so does ensuring fairness and justice on the bench ... all for our community. Sailing is a way for me to clear my head, reflect, and approach each case with a fresh, thoughtful perspective.

### Question

**In addition to serving as Village Justice, what community organizations are you involved in, and how do they shape your connection to the people of East Rockaway?**

### Answer

I keep myself busy when not in the court, that's for sure. I currently sit on the board for the Nassau Land Trust which operates Crossroads Farm at Grossmann's in Malverne - a 5.5-acre farm on preserved land. I also served as President of my synagogue in Lynbrook - Temple Am Echad - and am even a published author, writing a chapter in West's "Enforcing Judgments and Collecting Debts in New York." I am listed - and have served - as a mediator for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.



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## Bocce Ball & Beautiful Fall Weather Bring Neighbors Together



The beautiful fall weather has kept East Rockaway residents of all ages enjoying outdoor activities as if summer never ended. Golden aged village residents have been enjoying the recently refurbished bocce ball court in Memorial Park. Some of the players recently gathered to enjoy a friendly game and soak up the beautiful afternoon while competing for bragging rights.

Built in 2012, village Department of Public Works personnel recently gave this area some "TLC" so that mature residents are able to better enjoy this park's feature at any time, whether they're participating in a neighborly contest or taking a break from the exciting programming at the nearby Mayor Charles Formont Senior Center.

## Business is Booming in East Rockaway

Small businesses continue to thrive in East Rockaway thanks to the positive support from local officials and entrepreneurs committed to building a vibrant small business ecosystem here.

Several weeks ago, Danny Quinn, the owner of James & Main, was welcomed into the community by Don Poland, owner of Haviland, and Paul Pandolfi of Lazy Lobster.



Deputy Mayor Bruno Romano, Trustee Stephanie Paul & Trustee Frank Passanisi III also joined our local Chamber of Commerce for the Grand Opening of Rosa's Nail Bar, a family-owned enterprise, on Main Street.

