



Brownie Troop #807 visits Mayor's Office

Pictured are: Jane Davis and Virginia Paone (Brownie Leaders), Mayor Murray and the girls of Troop # 807, presenting a poster to the Mayor.

Rockville Centre Celebrates Senior Citizen Month

Nationally recognized as "Older Americans Month," May brings a myriad of activity to Rockville Centre Seniors. The Sandel Senior Center, 50 So. Park Avenue, always busy, is presenting an even greater array of programs and events in May 2000 with an emphasis on *Health for your body, mind and spirit.*

"A Taste of Sandel" is the theme of a series of programs for prospective members to become familiar with the Center. They will be held from 6:30-

8:30 p.m. as follows: Monday, May 8, Open House Cocktail Party; Wednesday, May 10th and Thursday May 11th "mini-classes" at the Sandel Center. Computer classes and bridge lessons on Wednesday and exercise classes, including aerobics, tai-chi and golf on Thursday. Please call the Center at 678-9245 to reserve a spot in the classes. During these three nights only, if you join the Center for a year, you "get the summer free."

The doors of the Sandel Center are wide open to all Rockville Centre residents 60 and over. Programs are in session every weekday and often run on evenings and weekends as well.

Delicious, nutritious meals are served by a professional chef. The Social Services department provides priceless information and guidance. Members are encouraged to consider the Sandel Center as a "home away from home" and to utilize the Center and all its programs for the enrichment of mind, body and soul.

For further information about the Sandel Center and programs offered there, please contact the Senior Center office at 678-9350.



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Work for the Village this Summer

The Village is now accepting employment applications from residents 17 years and up wishing to work during the summer. Qualified candidates will work with the Department of Public Works. Those interested should stop by the Human Resources Department at Village Hall. (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to complete an application, or call 678-9263 for information.



Dates & Events

Monday, May 8 – 8:15 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 10 – 8:00 p.m.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 22 – 8:15 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 24 – 8:00 p.m.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 29 – 8:00 p.m.
MEMORIAL DAY
Village Offices Closed

NOTE:

Videotapes of Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on Cable Channel 70 on Wednesdays (8:15 p.m.) and Saturdays (1:30 p.m.) following each meeting.

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted.

There are no residential garbage collections on designated holidays

For general information, call
678-9300

Emergency Numbers

Fire 766-0400
Police 766-1500
Electric 766-5800
Water 678-9252
Nights & Weekends
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Outdoor Dining Pilot Program Begins May 1st

The Village Board of Trustees has announced a pilot Outdoor Dining Policy, which will begin on May 1, 2000 and end on November 30, 2000. Mayor Murray indicated that the policy is a direct result of numerous requests from both businesses and residents to have Outdoor Dining in Rockville Centre.

Several restrictions in the policy require that commercial

establishments have adequate sidewalk space, no disturbing music or lighting, and proper insurance.

Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri emphasized that the Village will tightly enforce this policy so as to insure a safe, clean Outdoor Dining environment.

Those establishments wishing to file for a permit must contact the Village Building Department.

Rockville Centre Named Tree City USA

For the twelfth time, Rockville Centre has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Today, more than ever, we need to recognize the value of trees in our Village. Trees provide shade, beautify and increase

property values and help clean the air and water, and conserve energy for years to come, commented Mayor Murray. The Mayor also wished to extend thanks to the members of the Village's Environmental and Beautification Committee for their work. In addition, Taiko Japanese Restaurant and the RVC Lions Club recently made a donation for the purchase of trees that will soon be planted at the Mill River Centennial Park area in the Village.



Village Hall Comments

By Deputy Mayor Chris Amato



- **Building Department Permit Requirements**
- **Tree Planting Time**
- **Fire Department Needs**

This is the time of year when residents think in terms of home improvements. Here are some helpful tips on Building Department permit requirements:

In Ground Pools:

Placement must be in the rear third of your yard, except on a corner lot where it must be in the rear quadrant. Setbacks are 10' from your property line, 8' from your house and 6' from a garage or accessory building. All pools must be enclosed by a 6' fence with a self-locking gate. An accurate survey, architect's stamped plan and building permit are required.

Above Ground Pools:

The same setbacks as in ground pools apply. A slip permit is required. Above ground pools are not assessed.

Deck Requirements:

If more than 6" from ground, an architect's stamped plan and a building permit are required.

Patio Requirements:

A wood patio must have a 4' setback from your property line and requires a slip permit. A concrete patio does not require a permit.

Windows:

Direct window replacement does not require a permit. A permit is required if window replacement is larger or smaller.

Roof Replacement:

You can replace your roof three

times without a permit. The fourth new roof requires complete removal of all old materials before a new roof is installed.

Dumpsters:

Dumpsters on private property do not require a permit. Dumpsters in the street require prior approval from the Building Department.

Alterations:

All alterations or enlargements require an architect's stamped plan and a building permit.

Building Department Info:

The Building Department has the sometimes difficult job of making sure that home improvements meet standards of safety and that Village codes have been met. Proper planning by homeowners can eliminate unwanted stress and expense. The staff is always available to advise you so that your job can go smoothly. The Building Department number is 678-9250.

SAVE THE DATE! Mark Your Calendar Now to Order Trees

The Village tree planting program is underway. The Department of Public Works receives calls from residents who want a tree planted now and they are disappointed to learn that only pre-registered orders can be filled. The Village purchases the trees through a bidding system that requires precise planning.

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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Anthony Cancellieri, Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9300

An order form will appear in the September 2000 issue of This Month. Please mark your calendar now as a reminder to sign up for the tree planting program next year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS OUR HELP!

The Rockville Centre Fire Department is an all volunteer organization of highly trained firefighters who make a huge contribution to the quality of life in this Village. Many residents have been on the receiving end of their expertise and dedication. Now is your turn to assist the Department.

An ambulance cannot roll until two firefighters are on board. The members take every call seriously as evidenced by their outstanding response time. Yet are we taking their lives seriously when we call for transportation and non-life threatening matters?

Don't Hesitate to call if you are experiencing a life threatening situation. You will be in the hands of professionals who care.

Do Hesitate to call if a person needs transportation to the hospital for routine illness. Explore alternate methods of transportation.

Illness or injury is always upsetting, but logic must prevail when resources are limited. The Fire Department deserves our cooperation in sparing them from unnecessary calls. Your assistance could save a life.

Join the Rockville Centre Fire Department

By Chief John Mirando

It's time to fulfill your childhood dream! The big red trucks, the sirens, the lights! It's time to step up and do something that you know in your heart is a good thing to do. It's time to give of yourself and make your home a better place for you and your family.

It's time. There are no more excuses. It's time to do it and we're making it easy for you. It doesn't matter if you are 4'11" or 6'11", and it's not a "boys club" anymore. We've grown up; it's time for you to step up!

There are two things that help make Rockville Centre the special place that it is: our fantastic schools and the involvement of people in the community. You may not know it but the Fire Department is an all-volunteer service. The women and men of the Fire Department respond to calls for broken bones and broken gas pipes, accidents and fires, the smell of smoke and CO alarms. They inspect buildings, direct traffic at Fire calls, and give education courses to community groups. The only thing missing is YOU.

Any citizen 18 years and older is invited to step up and help out. People of all shapes and sizes and all levels of ability are needed and welcomed. We'll provide the required medical exam at no charge.

To make it even easier, as part of Community Fire Prevention Week of May 7-13th, all of the Rockville Centre Fire Stations are holding Open Houses. They will be open on Sunday May 7th from 10:00 until noon and again on Tuesday night, May 9th from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00. Stop in, check it out, and see how your talents can enhance the team!

For 125 years, the Fire Depart-

ment has served the Village. It is made up of seven companies - five "wet" companies (the ones that put the wet stuff on the red stuff), a ladder company (higher, bigger, longer) and the rescue company (heart attack, no problem; cut you out of that car, no problem). Each performs a specialized task in an emergency.

No experience is necessary. As a member you will receive expert training in a variety of tasks both here in town and at the Fire Service Academy. If you are interested in specialized training as a medical technician, the Department will provide specialized training to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT). The free training is worth thousands of dollars and can be very useful for those who want to pursue a career in police, fire or emergency services. If you are already a medical or emergency professional, doesn't it make sense to offer your expertise to the team that protects you and your family?

So stop by your local firehouse on Sunday, May 7th or Tuesday, May 9th:
Maple and Morris Avenues - the home of Eureka Hook & Ladder and Live Oak Engine
58 N. Centre Avenue - the home of Alert Engine and Floodlight Rescue
37 S. Centre Avenue - the home of Defender Hose
139 N. Forest Avenue - the home of Reliance Hose
20 Driscoll Avenue - the home of Woodland Engine

At the Open Houses, you can check it out, speak to your neigh-

bors, and see if you have what it takes.

Top Ten Reasons for joining the Fire Department:

10. The training is free.
9. It's something you've always thought about.
8. You've always wanted to wear one of those masks.
7. There is something about a uniform.
6. The alarm goes off, you rush out, and you don't have to do the dishes.
5. You always wanted to drive a fire truck.
4. The Fire Department came to help you, now it's your turn to help someone else.
3. Community service - it feels good.
2. It's time and it's the right thing.
1. You'll feel very good about yourself.

Real Estate Taxes

Real Estate Tax bills for the fiscal year beginning June 1 will be mailed May 30. First half payments are due during the month of June, with July 3 as the final date for payment without penalty. Homeowners who have refinanced their mortgages or whose mortgages were sold from one lending institution to another should notify the Village tax office to ensure that they will receive their tax bills correctly in order to pay promptly and avoid penalties. It is suggested that new owners also check with the tax office to verify ownership information. Please write or visit the tax office located on the second floor at the Village Hall, One College Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Tax office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This Month in Recreation

Gymnastic Shows

The Recreation Department's annual girls' gymnastic shows will be held Friday and Saturday May 19 and 20. Participants have been members of the Gymnastics program for the Fall and Winter sessions. Tickets will be available to the public starting May 17th.

Aerobic Exercise

Aerobic exercise classes are offered by NANCY'S AEROBICS on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. Classes are on-going and can be paid for daily. Classes are conducted in the rec center gym in air-conditioned comfort.

Tennis Courts Open

The Har-Tru courts, adjacent to the Rec. Center, 111 North Oceanside Road are ready for the season. The courts are open 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. Admission is by valid recreation card plus court fees.

Summer Playground and Middle School Program

Our 46th consecutive **Summer Playground Program** will be held this year from June 28th through August 10, 2000. The program is conducted as a regular weekly program staffed by trained Recreation Personnel. Residents of Rockville Centre or those who attend Rockville Centre Schools in grade 1-6 (effective 9/00) are eligible to register for this program at any of the three sites - Rec Center, Hewitt School or Wilson School. Daily activities include athletics, arts & crafts, recreational games and special events. Trips to places of interest will be planned to enhance weekly activities. The program is similar at all sites. Transportation is not provided. Children must walk or be dropped off at their respective sites. Fee \$185.

Summer Playground meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. We will not meet on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday July 4 (Independence Day). For the 5th summer, the recreation department will host a **Middle School Summer Program**, which will be held from June 28th

through August 10th. This program is offered to residents in grades 7 & 8 (effective 9/00). Daily activities include athletics, recreational games, and special events. Trips to places of interest such as the bowling alley and swimming pool will be planned to enhance weekly activities. Participants register to meet at Hewitt School or Wilson School. Summer Recreation meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Fee: \$185 per student. Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

Summer Sports Schools

Baseball - The 25th Annual Rockville Centre Baseball School is open to boys ages 6-13. The school takes place at Barasch Field, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Students will be grouped by age; evaluated by the staff and then regrouped based on skill level. The daily instructional program includes the fundamentals of hitting, throwing, fielding and base stealing. Dates: June 26-30; July 3,5,6,7 (9 sessions). Fee: Residents - \$240.50/Non-Residents - \$260.50.

Girls' Basketball Workshop

The RVC Recreation Department in cooperation with St. John's Women's Basketball Program will offer a basketball skills workshop for ages 8 and up. This weekend camp will meet August 11 - 13 at the John A. Anderson Rec. Center. Coach Darcel Estep and staff will teach fundamental skill work such as shooting, ballhandling and defensive techniques that will improve your overall game. Fee: \$125.00 (pre registration with \$75.00 deposit by June 15) \$150.00 (after June 15). For more information call 718-990-6002.

1st Annual Nike Lacrosse Camp

The RVC Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with Nike, offers boys and girls Summer Lacrosse Camps at Rockville Centre North Fields. Dates: Girls - July 10-14/Boys July 17-21. Fee: \$175.00 per person. Call 1-800-645-3226 for information.

Summer Sports Leagues

Basketball

Adult, high school, middle school and elementary ages 10-14 are encouraged to form teams and enter the summer leagues in male and female divisions. Games will be played at Mill River Centennial Park Courts. Contact the Rec for applications and roster forms at 678-9339.

Softball

Softball leagues are offered for men 19 and up and women ages 16 and up. Games are played Monday through Saturday evenings at fields in Rockville Centre. Leagues begin in late May. Rosters and detailed flyers are available at the Rec.

May Middle School Dances

The Recreation Department is proud to sponsor the following dances for Middle School students. Time: 7:30-10 p.m. May 12 for 7th & 8th grade ONLY. May 26 for 6th grade.

Sport Card and Collectible Shows

Hammer Sport Cards and Collectible Show will take place at the Rec Center on Saturdays, May 13 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The best in comics, wax, beanies, sports cards and more.

Fall Nursery School - September 2000 - June 2001

There are limited openings in some of our nursery school classes for the Fall. Inquire at the office for specific availability. We offer five nursery classes: Those entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2001:

Five day Monday through Friday Pre-K morning 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *We've expanded to two classes! Register now, limited openings!*

Three day M, W, F

Pre-K afternoon 12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Those entering Kindergarten in September 2002: Four day Monday through Thursday.

Pre-Pre-K afternoon: 12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. A deposit of \$159.50 (\$161.50 non-resident) will be accepted for the 36 week program. Call Peggy at 678-9238 for further information.

Sandel Senior Center: Calendar of Upcoming Events

Arthritis Workshops

Tuesday May 2, 9, and 16, 11 a.m. no charge. Led by Nancy Simington, L.I. Chapter - Arthritis Foundation

Mammography Screening

May 4 & 5, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call for appt.

Sandel Sunday May 7, 2-4 p.m. "Ms. New York State Senior" Showcase. Former beauty pageant winners present a song and dance program. Refreshments, no charge.

Membership Drive

May 8, 10, 11 6:30-8:30 p.m., series of 3 open houses.

Bereavement discussion/support group

Tuesday 5/9, 1:00 p.m. Issues pertaining to the phases of grief and techniques for coping. Helene Locke, MSW 678-6688.

Multi-cultural Fair

Saturday May 13, 12-3 p.m. Fun, food and entertainment celebrating our rich, cultural diverse population.

Broadway Show and Luncheon

Wednesday May 17, orchestra seats for "Swing", luxury bus and lunch, \$99 pp.

Luncheon with Senator Dean Skelos

Thursday, May 18, 12:00 noon. A delicious luncheon with Guest of Honor Senator Dean Skelos, in appreciation of his ongoing support of RVC Seniors.

Cinema Sunday

May 21, 2-4 p.m. "Grumpier Old Men"

Senior Concerns

Tuesday, May 23, 11:00 a.m., Bob McBride, Owner of All Island Taxi addresses Seniors' concerns regarding taxi service in the RVC area.

South of the Boarder Party

Friday, May 26, 1:00 p.m. Entertainment, decorations, refreshments and dancing to a Mexican theme. \$2.75.

Month-long Art Exhibit

Works created by Sandel's own members. Reception Tuesday May 30, 11:00 a.m.

National Senior Health and Fitness Day

Wednesday, May 31, Day of activities highlighted by a delicious, healthy meal featuring Salad bar.

To register or get more information on any program, please call 678-9350.

A look at the old, current and "new" Front Street

Mayor Murray and the Board of Trustees announced that in June 2000, construction will begin to entirely restore Front Street. A much needed drainage improvement and new asphalt surface will be added to brick pavers along the sidewalks and crosswalks. Decorative antique lighting, benches, an electronic message board and flower stands will dot Front Street, from North Village Avenue to Park Avenue.

In addition, the Village will undertake a modernization of the St. Agnes Parking

Lot, which will add over 100 commuter parking spaces for our residents.

Finally, due in large measure to the help of Senator Skelos, funding was made available for both the drainage and asphalt project, as well as a total revitalization of the Long Island Railroad Station and platform.

The Mayor commented that the Village Clock on Park Avenue and Front Street was the first phase of what will be known as the "new" Front Street. Completion is anticipated in late August, 2000.



Front Street in 1946



Front Street Today



Front Street after Restoration