

New System for Downtown Parking Lot

A new parking meter system is being installed in Municipal Field #1, the Village's central downtown lot, between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road and between Park and Morris avenues. The new system, which will go into service in June, will require drivers to visit one of six ticket dispensing machines placed at intervals throughout the parking field.

Each space in the lot will be assigned a number which will be painted on the ground at the entrance to the space. Signs will direct drivers to the nearest solar-powered console where they will enter their space number, deposit coins as in a regular parking meter, and receive a receipt with the date, space number, and parking expiration time printed on it.

The machines, each about the size of a pay telephone, will be mounted on metal stands located at regular intervals along the center island and sidewalk of the lot. Each console has an instruction decal, a readout screen, a keypad to enter the space number, a coin slot, and a dispenser for the receipt.

Village workers will be on hand in the lot to assist shoppers as the new system is introduced and fliers will be distributed to local businesses explaining how the units work. Anything new may cause some initial inconvenience, so the Village will be carefully monitoring the project and will make adjustments as needed.

"The new system is a matter of equity," said Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri. "This was the only lot without meters."

The central consoles were recommended as more economical and reliable than conventional meters in a parking study commissioned by the Village and completed last December.

The Village anticipates approximately \$120,000 a year in parking revenue from the 241 spaces in the lot, the equivalent of about 1 percent of the Village tax levy.



The Village of Valley Stream has been using machines similar to those about to be installed in Rockville Centre for about 15 years in its commuter parking lots.

Real Estate Taxes Due

Real estate taxes for the first half of the year are due during the month of June. July 3 is the final date for payment without penalty.

If you have not yet received your bill, come to the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall, 1 College Place at Clinton Avenue between 8 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.



The new parking meter consoles coming to Municipal Field #1 in Rockville Centre closely resemble this unit in service in New York City.



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Dates & Events

Monday, June 19 – 8:15 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 28 – 8:00 p.m.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Village Offices Closed

Monday, July 10 – 8:15 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, July 26 – 8:00 p.m.
BOARD OF APPEALS

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
766-5800

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New York State Senator Dean Skelos presents Rockville Centre Mayor Eugene Murray with a \$1 million "check" representing state funds that will be used to rehabilitate three athletic fields at RVC North on Peninsula Boulevard. On hand for the ceremony were dozens of eager Village soccer and lacrosse players, the Village Board of Trustees, and representatives of the local soccer, lacrosse, and baseball leagues.

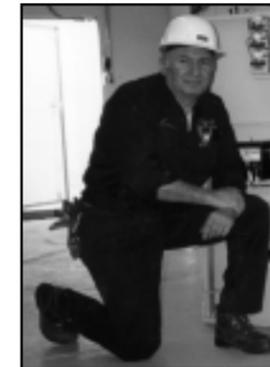
\$1M for RVC North Fields

State Senator Dean Skelos recently secured a \$1 million grant to help Rockville Centre expand and renovate the 50 acres of parkland along Peninsula Boulevard that it is exchanging with New York State.

The \$1 million will help the Village build two soccer / lacrosse fields and a softball field, as well as install lighting, bleachers, scoreboards, and other amenities and expand the parking lot by 50 percent. "We intend to build a beautiful athletic complex in

Rockville Centre North and now, with the help of Senator Skelos, this dream will come true," Mayor Eugene Murray said at the ceremony announcing the grant.

The Village is prohibited by law from making capital improvements to property it does not own. After title is exchanged this summer, the Village hopes to complete the development, including roadway improvements, landscaping, jogging paths, and concession and picnic areas, in 2001.



Joseph Crupi

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The Village family mourns the passing of Joe Crupi, a supervisor at the Rockville Centre power plant, who died on the job on May 9 after 35 years of dedicated service. He will be greatly missed by his co-workers who remember how he cheered their days.



Village Hall Comments

By Mayor Eugene J. Murray



Busy Summer for Infrastructure Projects



Residents will notice quite a lot of construction activity during the summer of 2000. The redesign of Front Street and the creation of new commuter parking in the St. Agnes lot will be the most prominent projects.

Residents are already enjoying the beauty of the Millennium Clock on the traffic island at Park Avenue. Not too long after Labor Day the morning commute should be brightened by ornamental paving stones on the sidewalks and crosswalks, by decorative benches and planters, and by new lighting fixtures that will match the clock.

At the same time the renovation of the Long Island Rail Road station ticket office and platform buildings should

be completed, including new brick exteriors along with remodeled interiors.

The two projects, combining state, Village and LIRR funds, are designed to preserve the traditional styles preferred in our community and to enhance the atmosphere and feeling of a small hometown that makes Rockville Centre so special.

The Village will also be resurfacing and improving the drainage on Front Street, and providing the St. Agnes lot — part of which the Village is leasing for commuter parking — with new lighting, fencing, and landscaping.

Because the Front Street project is so prominent, residents may miss the fact that almost three miles of residential streets will also be rehabilitated this summer. Since 1986 the Village has improved more than 22 miles of Rockville Centre's 52 miles of roadways, an average of a mile and a half a year.

Summer Recreation Programs

Playground Program

Who: Grades 1 to 6 (effective September 2000)
What: Athletics, Arts & Crafts, Games, Trips
When: June 28 to August 10; 9 A.M. to Noon
Where: Hewitt School, Wilson School, Rec Center
How: Register at the Rec Center
Fee: \$185 per child

Middle School Program

Who: Grades 7 & 8 (effective September 2000)
What: Athletics, Games, Trips, Special Events
When: June 28 to August 10; 9 A.M. to Noon
Where: Hewitt School, Wilson School
How: Register at the Rec Center
Fee: \$185 per child

MLK Summer Camp

Who: Ages 4 to 12
What: Athletics, Games, Trips
When: June 26 to August 11
Where: Watson, MLK Center
How: Register at the MLK Center
Fee: \$120 per child

25th Annual Baseball School

Who: Boys, ages 6 to 13
What: Instruction in fundamentals
When: June 26-30; July 3-7
Where: Barasch Field
How: Register at the Rec Center
Fee: \$240.50 per child

1st Annual Lacrosse Camp

Who: Boys & Girls, ages 8 to 18
What: Instruction in fundamentals
When: Girls: July 10-14/Boys: July 17-21
Where: RVC North Fields
How: Register at the Rec Center
Fee: \$175 per child

Programs require membership cards and medical forms. Family rates offered.

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

Each year, every foot of every street in Rockville Centre, from the oldest to the newest, receives a written evaluation that notes any distress points and how the surface has weathered the elements and the traffic. It is this annual evaluation, not just the age of the current road surface that determines which parts of which streets will be resurfaced each year.

These improvements will mean some temporary inconveniences, but they are all part of the Village's aggressive program to continuously maintain and enhance our infrastructure.

Concert Calendar

The Village's annual summer concert series includes three events on the Village Green, as well as the annual fireworks show with the South Shore Symphony at Centennial Park. In case of rain, the Village Green concerts will move to the auditorium of the South Side Middle School.

Thursday, June 29, 7:30 P.M. - Southern Grace, contemporary music.

Saturday, July 8, 8 P.M. - In honor of the Village's 107th birthday, the South Shore Symphony performs a concert of summertime favorites. The 1812 Overture will accompany a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9:15. The Symphony will resume after the fireworks. Rain date: Sunday, July 9.

Thursday, July 27, 7:30 P.M. - Black Velvet, Irish music.

Thursday, August 10, 7:30 P.M. - "The World Goes 'Round," American music by Plaza Theatrical Productions.

Morris and Riddle Head MLK Community Center

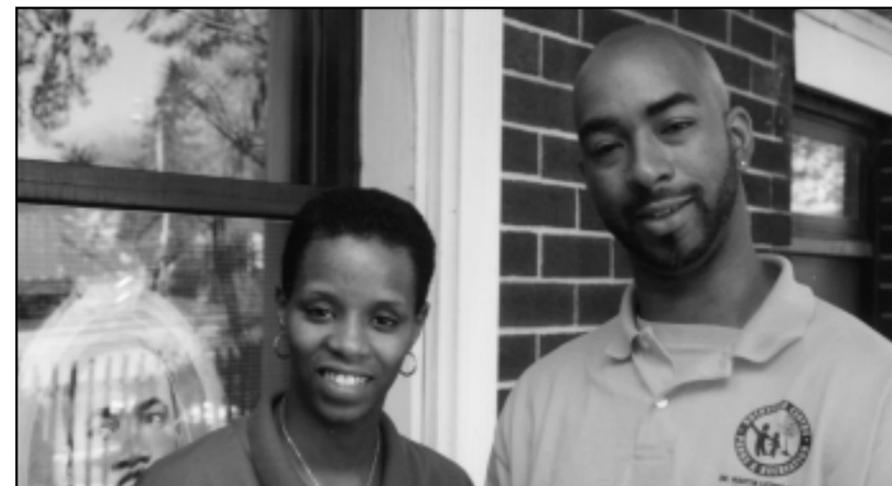
Patrick Morris, whose first job at age 14 was working at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, has been named the Center's new director. Mr. Morris, 31, was promoted from assistant director, a job he had held since 1997.

He will be joined by Stephanie Riddle who was promoted to assistant director after serving three years as supervisor.

"This is the most dynamic team we have ever had there," RVC Parks and Recreation Superintendent Tony Brunetta said soon after the appointments were made. "They truly have the community at heart."

Mr. Morris said they hoped to add computer and health-related activities to the Center's 14 programs, but his first priority was organizing the Center's summer camp which cares for more than 100 children.

Mr. Morris is on the South Side High School Wall of Fame for his outstanding play as a guard on the 1984-1988 Cyclone



New director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Patrick Morris (right) and assistant director Stephanie Riddle have plans to expand the center's programs.

basketball teams. He earned a degree in psychology from the University of Bridgeport and has graduate credits in special education from C.W. Post.

Ms. Riddle is an associate minister of the Second Baptist Church in Baldwin, a congregation formerly located on Banks Avenue in Rockville Centre.

Summer Events at the Senior Center

June

Center Stage Performance - Friday, June 9, 1 P.M. The Center Stage Singers under the leadership of musical director Frank Scafuri and Center Stage Dancers directed by choreographer/dancer Kathy Hayes present a tribute to Spring in song and dance.

Liv and Laff - Sunday June 11, 2-4 P.M. - Performers Lily Pape and Betty Tucker lead this audience participation program on the joys and stresses of everyday living.

Flea Market - Saturday, June 24, 11 A.M.-2 P.M. - Bargains galore - rain or shine - items needed!

July & August

Summer Class Schedule - Includes drama, exercise, dance, yoga, computer, music appreciation, bridge, golf, more.

Lido Beach Program - Free transportation to TOH Senior Enrichment Program on Wednesdays beginning June 28 and RVC Senior Services Transportation on Fridays beginning June 30. Donation \$2.00.

Men's Club Barbecue - Thursday, July 6, 12 Noon - Food and entertainment at the Men's Club 4th of July celebration. Donation \$5.00.

For further information for any of the above listed programs or all other Senior Center programs and services, please call Lorraine Mark at 678-9245.

Additional Spring Hydrant Flushing

The RVC Water Department will be flushing hydrants between midnight and 7:30 A.M. beginning Monday, June 5. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it may be discolored and could stain laundry during the flushing period in your area.

Monday, June 5 The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, June 6 The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

Wednesday, June 7 The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and McDermott Road east of Brower Avenue and east of Long Beach Road.

Thursday, June 8 The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Brower Avenue.

Friday, June 9 The entire area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue between Long Beach Road and North Village Avenue.

Additional spot flushing may occur between June 12 and June 16. All questions regarding the flushing may be directed to the RVC Water Department at 678-9252.