

Amato Resigns, Matthews Appointed

Popular Deputy Mayor Chris Amato, former head and a founder of the RVC Education Foundation and Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI), moved out of the Village this summer and resigned her position on the Rockville Centre Board of Trustees.

"It was a heart-wrenching decision, to leave the Village I love," Ms. Amato said, but added that she had given priority to her family. She and her husband Jim are moving to an 8-acre property in Suffolk County near their children.

She said she had entertained the idea of maintaining a residence in the Village, but said she had decided "it would not be a service to the community to stay on."

Mayor Eugene Murray moved quickly to name attorney Jack Matthews to the board and he was sworn in on August 11, the day



JACK MATTHEWS



CHRIS AMATO

after Ms. Amato's resignation.

Mr. Matthews, of the RVC firm of Gallagher & Matthews, served for 10 years on the RVC Planning Board, has chaired the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, and co-chaired the RVC Centennial Commission. He is a certified public accountant and an electrical engineer as well as a lawyer.

Mr. Matthews said he sees his role on the Board of Trustees as "making sure the

Village delivers services to its residents.

"People live in Rockville Centre because of the benefits to themselves and their children: the education system, the recreation opportunities, the low electric rates. Our job is to make life here as enjoyable as possible," he said.

He will face an election for the remaining two years of Ms. Amato's term in June 2001.

Time to Order a Tree

Residents have until October 16 to order a curbside tree from the Rockville Centre Department of Public Works. Five varieties are available for \$125 each (a \$100 savings). Village workers will plant a tree for you for \$175, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2001 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: October 16, 2000 • Planting date: April, 2001

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: Crimson King Norway Maple Sugar Maple
 Bradford Pear Little Leaf Linden Green Ash

_____ Tree only: \$125 _____ Tree and Planting: \$175

Mail to: 2001 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571. Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



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Dates & Events

Monday, September 4
LABOR DAY
Village Offices Closed

Monday, September 11 – 8:15 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, September 13 – 8:00 p.m.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, September 25 – 8:15 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, September 27 – 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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Front Street Nears Completion

The Front Street beautification project was nearing completion in late August and plans were moving ahead for a Front Street Dedication and Block Party scheduled for October 21.

This summer State Senator Dean Skelos arranged for an additional \$300,000 from the state Department of Transportation, which had already committed \$100,000 to the project. The additional funding means that the Village will wind up paying less than half the cost of the \$1.3 million project.

RVC Mayor Eugene Murray said, "We are grateful to Senator Skelos for his help with this and so many other projects in the Village."

The renovations to Front Street in-

clude new curbs and sidewalks, ornamental brick on the sidewalks and crosswalks, decorative benches and planters, and new lighting fixtures that will match the Millennium Clock on the traffic island at Park Avenue.

The Village is also replacing water mains, improving the drainage, resurfacing the street, and providing the St. Agnes parking lot, part of which the Village is leasing, with new lighting, fencing, and landscaping.

Trees which had to be removed between Clinton and Park avenues are being replaced with temporary ones that will be replanted around the Village after their use on Front Street. Planting of permanent trees will take place in November.

Bond Upgrade Worth \$300,000

When Standard & Poors raised the rating on Rockville Centre's \$4.4 million public improvement bonds in June, residents were saved almost \$300,000 in interest payments, according to RVC Comptroller Michael Schussheim.

S&P raised Rockville Centre's rating from AA- to AA, helping to produce a 5.2 percent interest rate where 6 percent had been expected.

The \$4.4 million will be used to install an iron filtration system at the wells near South Side High School (\$1.5 million), to improve RVC North Park (\$1 million), to pave and improve the drainage on 1 mile of RVC streets (\$1 million), to buy a pumper truck for the fire department (\$400,000), among other uses.



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Wayne Lipton



Electric Costs Still Low, Reliability High



The RVC Electric Department shortly will be taking down the tall cooling tower at the Maple Avenue Power Plant. A low profile tower will replace it as soon as the generation season is over in the fall. The removal of the 100-foot high tower will improve the air flow around the other stacks when we are generating power and should improve the air quality in the neighborhood.

As trustee-liaison to the Electric Department, I am glad to see this change finally being made.

When my family moved into the Village in 1980, we enjoyed the many benefits of our community, including the reduced cost of our own electricity. However, we did have to live with frequent interruptions of service, which have since all but disappeared with improvements to the system

made a few years ago.

Today, RVC electric costs are almost half of what LIPA charges its customers and lower than many communities that generate their own power. This fact remains true even though the cost of our electricity has been going up recently.

We benefit from low-cost hydro-electric power, but we are limited to bringing in only about 29 megawatts at any given time, far less than the demand for power during the summer months. When we need more power, we have to generate it on Maple Avenue or buy it somewhere else. The higher costs for electricity are directly related to the higher costs of fuel to generate that electricity.

This summer has been milder than last year, so our peak power demands were about 10 percent lower, 46 megawatts. Our ability to import 29 megawatts of hydropower and to generate 31 megawatts on Maple Avenue give us enough capacity for the near future. However, we still need to plan for an ever-increasing demand for electricity.

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Our two oldest generators date from the 1940s and will soon need to be replaced with newer, cleaner, more efficient units that will give us increased capacity. In addition, our contract for hydropower, which runs through 2013, is up for significant adjustment in 2007. The Board of Trustees and the Mayor are aware of these changes and are making plans for new equipment to improve our system.

The bad news is that electric bills are rising as the cost of fuel rises. The good news is that we have a cost-efficient delivery system with the highest quality of service. What we can all do is conserve electric power whenever we can. It reduces our need to buy or generate more. It is good for you, good for your community, and good for the environment.

Fall Fun, Activities Begin at the Rec Center

The new season is about to be underway at the RVC Recreation Center and residents are reminded to consult the annual brochure that has been mailed to every home, which lists the programs, activities, special events, and on-going services provided by the Center during the year.



Rec Center staff member Conor Tansey with three of the 750 children who participated in the summer playground programs. Registration for fall programs is going on now exclusively for RVC residents until September 11. Programs begin the week of September 18.

Kids' Fest

The annual open house at the Rec Center on North Oceanside Road is Saturday, September 9 from Noon to 4 P.M. Families will enjoy the demonstrations, give-aways, and information provided by youth sports clubs, the RVC Police and Fire Departments, the Public Library, the U.S. Post Office, the Guild for the Arts, and other Village organizations.

The pony rides and refreshments, as well as the Mercy Medical Center youth health fair make this a popular fall kick-off celebration.

Parties and Rentals

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents from ages 2 on up. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room.

The Roll Around Party for ages 2 - 6 includes challenging balance and climbing equipment and ball and bean bag

games. The Craft Party for ages 4 and up include puppetry, pariscraft, and sand art. The Games Party for ages 6 and up includes dodgeball, relay games, the obstacle course, and the alligator pit. The Sports Party for ages 8 and up includes basketball, indoor soccer, floor hockey, lacrosse, foam bat baseball, and dodgeball.

For information and reservations, visit the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.

Rooms at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center are available for rental to groups and organizations. For information and reservations, contact the Rec Center.

Fall Programs at the Senior Center

RVC Senior Services is once again offering its popular classes in dancing, sports and exercise, as well as programs in current events, travel opportunities and special activities. The Center is located at the northwest corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues. Call 678-9245 for information.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The artwork of Adele Kraetz, a former staff member at the Center, is featured this month. Her work will be discussed at a reception in her honor on Sunday, September 17 at 2 P.M.

Thursday morning bridge lessons with Linda Pickens begin Thursday, September 7 from 9 to 11 A.M. and continue during the fall.

Fall golf lessons begin Thursday, September 14 at 9 A.M. The Three Sopranos, Harriet L. Johnson, Terri Kerins, and Lucille Villa, will perform in concert with pianist Dorothy J. Hughes on Sunday, September 10 at 2 P.M.

The film "Anna and the King" is featured on Sunday, September 24 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen. A new Book Club begins Wednesday, September 27 at

2 P.M. with "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden. Books are available from the Center.

September Speakers

Physician Harvey Finkelstein will speak Tuesday, September 12 at 11 A.M. on living pain-free.

Newsday editorial writer Larry Levy, a former resident of Rockville Centre, is the guest of the Men's Club on Tuesday, September 19 at 11 A.M. Mr. Levy has won several awards for his editorials, opinion columns and business reporting.

Special Events

The Center's flea market is Saturday, September 16 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. and features clothing, jewelry, household goods and gift items.

The Sandel Senior Center's 24th anniversary celebration is Friday, September 22 at Temple Avodah in Oceanside at Noon.

Seats are available for four days and three nights at the Balmoral Hotel in Wildwood, New Jersey from October 10 to 13 for \$264 per person.

Electric Cost Comparisons

for 500 kwh of general service (June, 2000)

