

## The RVC Senior Center March Events

Favorite classes and programs are now in session at Rockville Centre's Sandel Senior Center located at the northwest corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues. Call 678-9245 for information.

### Arts and Leisure Activities

The Hirten Family Step Dancers will entertain on Sunday, March 4 at 2 P.M. Refreshments after the free performance.

Weekly beginner bridge lessons with Marie Fiorillo are Mondays at 10 A.M.; intermediates meet Wednesdays at 2:15 P.M.

Computer classes meet Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Call 678-9245 for an appointment.

Ballroom dancing classes taught by Morris Bezviner meet Mondays at 12:30 P.M.

Aerobics and weight training classes meet Tuesdays at 9 A.M.

Golf lessons resume beginning Thursday, March 8 from 9 to 11 A.M.

The Sandel Walkers meet Thursdays at 8:30 A.M., rain or shine.

March's monthly art display will feature the work of a female artist in honor of Women's History Month. A reception is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 11 A.M.

The film *Dr. Zhivago* is featured on Sunday, March 25 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, March 28 at 2 P.M. Ellen Berman of the RVC Public Library will lead a discussion of *84 Charing Cross Road* and *The Duchess of Bloomburg Street*. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.

Instructor Brenda Dye mixes sing-alongs and music appreciation every Thursday at 1:30 P.M.

### March Speakers

Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri will speak Tuesday, March 6 at 11 A.M. after the Men's Club 10 A.M. breakfast.

Town of Hempstead life skills counselor Roz Mohr will discuss the Outstanding Leaders of the 20th Century on Tuesday, March 13 at 11 A.M.



**Save the date! The Long Island Banjo Society will perform for free at the Sandel Senior Center on Sunday, April 1 from 2 to 4 P.M.**

Dr. Lungkhot will speak on Viagra and urinary problems in males Tuesday, March 20 at 11 A.M. after the Men's Club 10 A.M. breakfast.

### Special Events

The St. Patrick's Day celebration Friday, March 16 at 1 P.M. features

Irish poems and ballads by Jane Murphy and special treats. \$2 per person.

The Sandel talent show is Friday, March 30 at 1 P.M.

### Travel and Dining

A Western Caribbean cruise to Key West, Cozumel, Ochos Rios, and the Grand Cayman sets sail March 18. \$1,299 per person for the seven night package. Full payment is due at registration.

The Pleasures of Tuscany trip departs October 29 for nine days visiting Florence, Perugia, Assisi, Pisa and more for \$1,782 per person. \$250 deposit is due by March 15. Call Lorraine Mark at 678-9245 for information.

A Medieval Times dinner and tournament is scheduled for Thursday, April 20. The live performance, multi-course meal and round-trip coach transportation to Lyndhurst, New Jersey are \$50 per person.

A seven day California getaway to the Gold Rush country, San Francisco, and the Napa Valley is \$1,289 including round trip airfare, hotels, and meals. Departure date May 25, 2001.

The Branson Musical Getaway includes five days of events, including the Shoji Tabuchi, Dixie Stampede Dinner Show and the Osmond Family Theater. Meals, hotels and round-trip air fare are \$949 per person. Departs September 2.



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### Dates & Events

Monday, March 12, 8:15 P.M.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, March 14, 8 P.M.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, March 28, 8 P.M.

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#### 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

Ambulance 766-0400

Electric 766-5800

Water 678-9252

Nights & Weekends

766-5800

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## St. Pat's Parade March 24

The Fifth Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade steps off at Noon on Saturday, March 24, featuring more than 100 marching contingents, including most of the area's top pipe bands. The parade will march down Maple Avenue from Long Beach Road, past Village Hall to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral. Following the parade, there will be a Gathering of the Pipes, with all 18 pipe bands, in the St. Agnes parking lot.

The Rockville Centre parade has quickly grown into the largest on Long Island and is unique for also raising funds for worthy charities. In its first four years the parade and its associated events have raised \$112,000 that has benefited 12 national, local, and Irish non-profit organizations.

Proceeds from this year's events will go to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an agency that works with the U.S. Department of Justice and law enforcement agencies in the search for missing children; to the St. Agnes Community Outreach, which aids the more than 800 Village residents who live below the poverty level; and to Bridges to Peace, a U.S.-based organization dedicated to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

The 2001 Grand Marshall is William J. Flynn, chairman of Mutual of America, who has been aiding the peace process in Northern Ireland. The Grand Marshall's Reception, a benefit event, is Friday, March 23 at 7 P.M. For information, call 764-8729.

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From the RVC Fire Department

How to **Make The Right Call** in an Emergency



## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee John A. Matthews, Jr.



### The Rockville Centre Fire Department



It's been about six months since I was appointed by the Mayor to replace Chris Amato who had to leave the Board of Trustees because she and her husband, Jim,

relocated their home out east. In that time I have had the opportunity to meet many new people and work with many organizations in the Village. The largest is the Rockville Centre Fire Department.

The Fire Department is one of the largest volunteer organizations within the Village. Its 336 active members devote thousands of hours each year to insure the safety and welfare of the residents and businesses within the Village. The Fire Department is comprised of seven companies located in five firehouses dispersed throughout Rockville Centre.

In calendar year 2000, the Fire Department responded to more than 2,200 alarms with approximately 1,500 of these being medical assistance and rescue and the balance being fire-related. Our department was the fifth busiest among Nassau County's 71 departments.

Along with being one of the largest and most active volunteer organizations, the Fire Department is also one of the oldest. Eureka Hook & Ladder, Rockville Centre's first fire company, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. Over the next 65 years, six additional companies were formed and continue until today: Live Oak Engine Company, Defender Hose Company, Alert Engine Company, Reliance Hose Company, Woodland Engine Company, and Floodlight Rescue Company, the youngest at age 59.

#### Membership Opportunities

The Fire Department, and particularly Floodlight Rescue, has instituted a new membership category called the

Fire-Medic, which allows residents to join the department exclusively for medical assistance and rescue calls. Fire-medics will not be required to certify as firefighters, but will be fully trained and certified as emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and participate in all of the activities of Floodlight Rescue Company. The program is specifically designed to appeal to persons who wish to serve their community and be trained as emergency medical technicians.

Floodlight and the Rockville Centre Fire Department have primary responsibility for all rescue and ambulance calls within the Village. Their service is a great benefit to our residents and businesses because it insures the fastest response to a call for help. In many of our neighboring communities, declining enrollments have forced their fire departments to transfer the responsibility for primary emergency response to Nassau County.

The Rockville Centre Fire Department is always seeking new members who are prepared to dedicate themselves to the welfare of our Village. Membership is open to all persons regardless of gender or ethnic background. Training, either as a firefighter or as a fire-medic, can be arranged to accommodate a new member's work or college schedule as well as other family commitments.

#### Other Points to Remember

The Fire Department has asked that I address some other concerns:

- Make sure your house is easy to find in an emergency: Have your house numbers clearly placed on your residence and visible at night. When calling for ambulance or rescue assistance, whenever possible have someone outside the home to direct emergency personnel. If you have an automatic fire detection and alarm system, consider an outside indicator to assist the department in locating your residence.

- Enclosed as an insert to this issue

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

of This Month in Rockville Centre is a Fire Department brochure entitled "Make the Right Call". This brochure explains when you should call the Fire Department for medical emergencies and when you should not. Please take the time to review this brochure and become familiar with the material contained in it.

- When calling the Rockville Centre Fire Department, please dial 766-0400. This produces the fastest response. A call to 911 will be handled by our Fire Department and Rescue Company, but there is a slight delay (about 15 seconds or so). While this time may seem insignificant, in an emergency every second counts.

- Each fall the department conducts its annual fundraiser. The proceeds are used to support the department and its programs. Do not be misled into believing that your contributions to any outside agency will benefit our own department. The Rockville Centre Fire Department never uses any outside fundraising agency.

Finally, on behalf of the Mayor and the entire Village Board, I would like to thank the Rockville Centre Fire Department and all of its members for their dedication and efforts on behalf of our Village.

#### Correction

The Village's 2000 Annual Report, recently mailed to all residents, contains a typographical error. On Page 14 under "General Fund Analysis of Fund Balance" the "Revenues" number should read \$22,456,203. The number is given correctly in the "Total" on Page 15. We regret the error.

## Davenport Honored for Bravery



At the presentation for teenage hero Daniel Davenport were Trustee Mary Bossart, Daniel's aunt Melanie Eason, Trustee Jack Matthews, Daniel's mother Sheila Traxler, his sister Shakira Davenport, his cousin Byron Eason, Mayor Eugene Murray, Daniel, RVC Police Commissioner Jack McKeon, Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, and Trustee Bud Cosgrove.

Sixteen-year-old Daniel Davenport quickly came to the aid of a motorist who had suffered a fatal heart attack while driving on North Centre Avenue late last year.

Daniel witnessed the accident, pulled a police call box, and ran to rescue the driver. The car's wheels were still spinning and smoke was pouring from the vehicle,

which appeared to be on fire after leaving the roadway and colliding with a fence.

At a recent Village Board of Trustees meeting, with his family looking on, Daniel Davenport was presented with a Rockville Centre Police Department Certificate and a Village Certificate for his bravery and heroism.

### Could We Find Your House Quickly in an Emergency?



Make sure that the numerals identifying your street address are clearly visible for police and emergency workers.

Residents are reminded that your house number should be visible from the street both during the day and at night.

In an emergency the Fire Department, the Police Department, or an ambulance crew must be able to find you as quickly as possible. Please take the time to check that it would be easy for them to see your house number.

If you have called for ambulance or rescue assistance, whenever possible have someone outside your home to direct emergency personnel.

Thanks for your help!

## This Month in Recreation

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, March 25 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There will be a large assortment of merchandise and plenty of free parking.

### Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days benefit to remind us that hope blooms is scheduled for March 28, 29 and 30. Last year more than 400,000 daffodils brightened homes and offices in the New York area.

To participate in this year's drive, call Pat Southard at 678-9339 and place your order. The daffodils are sold in bunches of 10 for \$7.

### African Violet Show

The Long Island African Violet Society will hold its annual show at the Recreation Center on Saturday, March 31 from 2 to 7 P.M. and on Sunday, April 1 from 12 Noon to 6 P.M.