

April Events at the Rec Center

Spring Recess

Trips & Events

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department is sponsoring the following events during the Spring school recess:

Monday, April 9

Bowling at RVC Lanes for grades 1 & 2, from 11 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and grades 3 and up, from 12:15 to 3 P.M. Fee \$9

Tuesday, April 10, 2:15 - 5:45 P.M.

Egg Coloring Contest for grades K to 2, from 10 to 11 A.M. and grades 3 to 5, from 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. Fee \$2. Each child should bring four hard-boiled eggs.

Tuesday, April 10, 12:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Trip to Fun Zone in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$16.50 includes 35 game tokens, unlimited rides, and transportation.

Wednesday, April 11, 12:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Trip to Adventureland in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$19.50 includes three hours of unlimited rides and transportation.

Thursday, April 12, 10 A.M.

Annual Spring Pet Show. Ribbons awarded in various categories. No fee, but pre-registration required.

Friday, April 13, 2:15 - 5:45 P.M.

Ice Skating Trip to the Long Beach Arena for grades 1 through 8. The \$9 fee includes skate rental and transportation.

All trip participants must be registered members of the RVC Parks and Recreation Department for the 2000-2001 year. To register, a parental permission slip and the appropriate fee must be submitted to the Rec Center office **PRIOR** to the day of the event. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



Hop on down the bunny trail at Donald F. Browne / RVC Park on Saturday, April 7 at 9:30 A.M. for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. (Rain date is Sunday, April 8 at 2 P.M.) The park is the first left turn inside Hempstead Lake State Park off of the Peninsula Boulevard entrance.

Program Registration

Registration for the annual summer playground programs begins April 2 and is ongoing.

Brochures announcing summer sports school registration are available at the Rec Center.

The birthday party program at the Rec has been expanded to include roll-around parties for pre-schoolers and either games & sports or arts & crafts for elementary school children.

Rooms at the Rec are available for rental for anniversaries, reunions, bat

mitzvahs and the like. Call the Rec Center to arrange times and dates.

Spring Recess Gym Schedule

The open gym and game activities include basketball, Nintendo 64, and ping pong under the supervision of the recreation staff.

For grades 4 and up, Monday, April 9 through Saturday, April 14, and Monday, April 16, 12:30 - 4:30 P.M.

For grades 6 and up, Monday, April 9 through Saturday, April 14, 7:30 - 10:30 P.M.



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Dates & Events

Monday, April 2, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 P.M.
**RECODIFICATION
WORK SESSION**

Thursday, April 5, 7:30 P.M.
**PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2002 BUDGET**

Wednesday, April 25, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, April 30, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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Rec To Accept Credit Cards

The Rockville Centre Parks and Recreation Department is scheduled to begin accepting Visa and Mastercard payments later this month for all its programs and activities. The new payment option is being offered as a convenience to residents.

The use of credit card transactions has been under discussion for several months and the Rec Center was chosen as the best candidate for a pilot program. If the program is successful, the credit card payment op-

tion may be extended to certain other Village departments as well.

The Village will only accept credit cards in person at this time, though mail, telephone, and Internet transactions are under review.

The Rec Center is now accepting registration for a wide variety of activities on its Spring program schedule, as well as for September nursery school, summer playground and sports instruction programs, birthday parties, and room rentals.

FY 2002 Budget Hearing April 5

Residents are invited to comment on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2002 during a public hearing in Village Hall on Thursday, April 5 beginning at 7:30 P.M. The proposed budget totals \$24.2 million, up about \$1 million or 4.2 percent over last year.

Copies of the tentative budget are available for public inspection at Village Hall and will also be available at the hearing. The Board of Trustees must adopt a budget by May 1 and could do so after the public hearing on April 5 or at the next Board meeting on April 30.

The proposed budget calls for a 4.78 percent increase in the tax rate, up \$1 over last year to \$21.92 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The increase would add about \$80 to the tax bill for an average Rockville Centre home.

The proposed budget is developed by the Village department heads in conjunction with Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri and Village Comptroller Michael Schussheim, and is reviewed by the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee, a group of residents with diversified business and financial experience.



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Francis "Bud" Cosgrove



Saying Goodbye After 12 Productive Years



Twelve years ago, I was honored to take my seat as a Village Trustee. My election at that time was due in large measure to the so-called curb issue. Residents were very sensitive about the Village's policy requiring homeowners to pay directly for costly repairs for a damaged curb. I agreed, and still believe, that curbs are an integral part of the street system and that their repair, like that of street repavement, must be included in the Village's capital improvement program.

A one-issue candidate you say! Yes, at the time (1989). However, as mundane as the curb issue may appear, it was a powerful lesson for me on how important the everyday concerns of our residents are and that they must be addressed with the same level of commitment as those that appear to be the much bigger issues,

like budgets, power plants, police and fire protection, and new ball fields. Shortly after arriving on the board, I was introduced to a wide range of Village issues. It was then that I realized the awesome responsibility our Village officials have in protecting and improving the quality of life in the Village. Fortunately, Rockville Centre has enjoyed a unique history of village officials who are committed to the welfare of the Village first and can put politics and personalities aside when it counts. Granted, there are those times when disagreements occur; however, when it is all said and done, the decisions rendered ultimately put the Village's welfare first.

In my 12 years on the Board, I've enjoyed a very productive working relationship with my colleagues and our excellent Village staff. Together we have continued to move the Village forward. The Village's economy is very healthy, the quality of Village services is unsurpassed, and the future continues to look very bright.

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

If I were to single out what I feel is the most important responsibility of the Village Board now, and for those who will take over the reins this June, it is to see that the recodification process continues to move forward without delay. I have been a strong advocate of recodification since its inception three years ago and believe that upon its successful completion, it will insure the continued measured growth of the Village and will protect the fundamental social and economic values we all hold so dear, well into the future.

To the residents of our great Village, I thank you for your support over these past 12 years. I am honored for the trust you have placed in me, permitting me to serve three very rewarding terms. I leave office with the comfort level that our Village is doing very well and will continue to do so.

Time to Submit 'No Solicitation' Requests

Residents wishing to avoid door-to-door solicitors can take advantage of a Rockville Centre local law which establishes an annual "no solicitation" list. Residents must renew their request each year. To be included on the 2001 list, fill out the coupon and drop it off at Village Hall or mail it to P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571 by May 1.

All solicitors asking for money or contributions must register with the Village and are required to display identification which indicates that a permit has been issued. Solicitors are given a copy of the no solicitation list with their permit.

If you are on the list and are solicited, the incident should be reported to Carole Leach at 678-9224. Organizations violating the law are subject to penalties including, but not limited to, revocation of their permit.

NO SOLICITATION REQUEST

To: Village of Rockville Centre
Please add my name to the list of addresses that should not be solicited.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt. _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Community Notes

The **TRANSFER STATION** resumes service Saturday, April 7 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, will be open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month through November 3 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

PAINTING HOUSE NUMBERS on curbs can help emergency personnel find your home quickly. The Junior Class of South Side High School will be painting house numbers as a community service project and to help raise money for the scholarship fund on April 21, 22, 28 and 29. A \$5 donation is suggested.

PETITIONS FOR VILLAGE OFFICE are available at Village Hall for residents who wish to run in the General Village Election on Tuesday, June 19 for the following offices: two trustees for four-year terms; one trustee for a two-year term; and one judge for a four-year term.

Hydrant Flushing

The RVC Water Department will continue the spring hydrant flushings beginning Monday, April 23, between midnight and 7:30 A.M. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it may be discolored and could stain laundry during the flushing period in each area.

Monday, April 23: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, April 24: The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

Wednesday, April 25: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and McDermott Road east of Brower Avenue and east of Long Beach Road.

Thursday, April 26: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Brower Avenue.

Friday, April 27: The entire area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue between Long Beach Road and North Village Avenue.

Additional spot flushing may occur between April 30 and May 4.

April at the RVC Senior Center



RVC seniors regularly enjoy the programs at the Sandel Senior Center.

Special Events

Procrastinators may still take advantage of AARP tax preparers on Thursdays, April 5 and 12 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Special sale of hand-knit and crocheted items at the Silver Needle Boutique Friday, April 6, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Two Spring Holiday Luncheons are Passover Wednesday, April 11 at Noon, and Easter Wednesday, April 18 at Noon.

The Sharing Conference with South Side High School is Friday, April 27. Call Barbara Blumenthal at 678-9245 for details.

The Flea Market is Saturday, April 28, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Donations being accepted.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The film *The Patriot* with Mel Gibson is featured on Sunday, April 22 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen. \$1.50 per person includes lunch.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, April 25 at 2 P.M. Ellen Berman of the RVC Public Library will lead a discussion of *Up Island* by Ann Rivers Siddous. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.

March Speakers

Town of Hempstead life skills counselor Roz Mohr will discuss the vial of life program on Tuesday, April 3 at 11 A.M.

Sheila McCulagh will discuss the rights of hospital patients on Tuesday, April 3 at 11 A.M. after the Men's Club 10 A.M. breakfast.

Representatives from Astoria Federal Savings will discuss financial opportunities in retirement on Tuesday, April 10 at 11 A.M.

Attorney John Bigler will speak on legal issues relating to health care on Tuesday, April 17 at 11 A.M. after the Men's Club 10 A.M. breakfast.

Health and Wellness Activities

The Sandel Center offers grief counseling. Call Helene Locke, M.S.W. at 678-9255 for information.

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.

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

A blood pressure screening will be conducted Thursday, April 12 at 12:30 P.M. and Monday, April 23 at 11 A.M.

Sign up now for the Nassau Health Care Corp. mammography van visit on Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8.

Travel and Dining

A medieval times dinner and tournament trip is Thursday, April 20. Performance, meal, and round-trip coach transportation to Lyndhurst, New Jersey are \$50 per person.