

This Month at the Recreation Department



Kids enjoying last year's Kids Fest.

Kids Fest September 8

The annual Kids Fest open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 from Noon to 4 P.M. As always, there will be plenty for Rockville Centre families to do and see.

Representatives from all the Village's sports organizations will attend, as well as the Rockville Centre Police and Fire departments, the Post Office, the Library, the Guild for the Arts, the Lions Club, and many others.

There will be free give-aways, pony rides, and demonstrations.

Bicycle Safety Week

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the RVC P.T.A. will again offer the Cycle With Care program at the five elementary schools.

Anyone wishing to register a bicycle must see that it is equipped with strong brakes, a warning device (bell, horn, or whistle), front and rear reflectors at least 3-inches square, reflectors on pedals, and reflective tires or wheels with reflectors on the spokes.

The inspections will take place on Monday, September 10 at Hewitt; Tuesday, September 11 at Watson and Riverside; Wednesday, September 12 at Wilson, and Thursday, September 13 at Covert.

Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the week of September 17. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2001-2002 Recreation Center membership card.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

New Programs

The Recreation Department has added three new programs for the Fall: Toddlers and their parents can learn sign language on Saturday mornings. Rhythmic gymnastics, an Olympic sport that uses rolling hoops, tossed balls, and ribbons on wands, will be offered on Wednesday afternoons for girls in grades 1 and up.

Adults are invited to take a Yoga class and learn stress reduction relaxation techniques.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in the four-day a week pre-pre-kindergarten program that meets Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 A.M. The program begins September 10 and follows the RVC Public School schedule.

There are a few openings left in the pre-kindergarten class for children entering kindergarten in September 2002. Classes are Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 A.M. Call at 678-9339 for further information.

Time to Order a Tree

Residents have until October 15 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.

2002 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: October 15, 2001 • Planting date: April, 2002

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: Pin Oak Sugar Maple
 Bradford Pear Little Leaf Linden Green Ash

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

Mail to: 2002 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.
 Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



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 Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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Dates & Events

Monday, September 3
LABOR DAY
 Village Offices Closed

Monday, September 10, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, September 12, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, September 24, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 1
MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING
 Call 678-9260

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

Internet Address

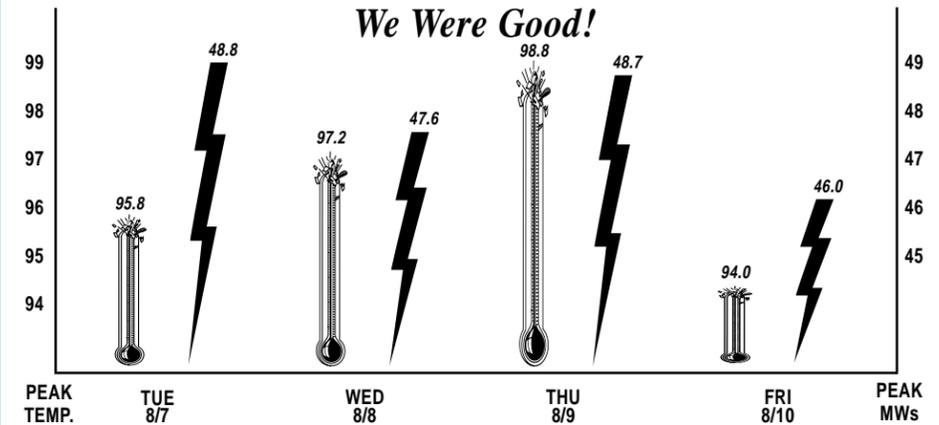
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Rockville Centre was the only utility in the region whose peak electric load did not increase each day the temperature rose, thanks to conservation measures taken by businesses, residents and the Village.

Village Weathers Heat Storm

Rockville Centre residents and businesses responded better than others in the metropolitan region to the August power emergency. While electric consumption rose with the temperature elsewhere, in Rockville Centre voluntary conservation measures kept electric use down to manageable levels.

The public responded to a message from Mayor Eugene Murray on the Village's Channel 70 to curtail electric use by turning off unneeded appliances and lighting, and by raising the thermostat on air conditioning units. The

Village also called 20 major electricity consumers each day of the emergency, asking them to comply with the conservation measures. Village departments also lowered lights and kept thermostats at 78.

The appeals worked. Rockville Centre's peak use of 48.8 megawatts came on Tuesday, August 8, the day before the regional emergency was declared. As the temperature climbed to 97.2 on Wednesday and 98.8 on Thursday, electric consumption stayed below Tuesday's level in the Village.

Moody's Upgrades Village Bond Rating

Citing the Village's "consistently stable and well-managed financial operations," Moody's Investor's Services has assigned an Aa3 rating to almost \$3 million of Rockville Centre general obligation bonds.

The upgrade from its previous A1 rating could translate into substantial interest savings. Last year, a similar Standard & Poor's upgrade saved the Village almost \$300,000 on a \$4.4 million issue.

The new rating covers \$1.8 million in pension obligation bonds that will pay for a retirement enhancement for the RVC Police Department, and \$1.15 million in public improvement bonds that will pay for roadway improvements (\$680,000), a sanitation vehicle (\$160,000), a payloador (\$120,000), a fire medic vehicle (\$35,000), computer hardware and software (\$100,000) and improvements to Village Hall (\$50,000).



Village Hall Comments

By Mayor Eugene J. Murray



Time To Praise Village Workers



September begins with Labor Day, the perfect time to celebrate Rockville Centre's excellent workforce. We are proud that our workers typically stay with the Village for a long time, benefiting us all with their experience and dedication.

In June, I attended our annual Employee Recognition Luncheon with Trustees Matthews and Bossart where we honored 24 workers who had reached milestones of 35, 30, 25, 20, and 10 years of service. It was also my pleasure that day to give out the Jim Heaney Awards to two employees who consistently go above and beyond their job descriptions to serve the residents.

Peggy Schmid, an office worker at the Recreation Department, is so committed she can be seen on weekends helping out at special events and on weekdays attending to our nursery school children. Our second honoree was Mike Leccese, who led the Sanitation Department through an entire year without receiving a single complaint from any resident or business in the Village, an outstanding achievement.

But outstanding workers are the

norm in Rockville Centre. Just a few weeks ago we came through a three-day electrical emergency without any outages or inconvenience affecting anyone. Workers and managers in the Electric Department put in long hours under very stressful conditions to see that our community's needs were met.

But not all the contributions of our employees to the success of our Village are so easy to see:

You may have already read the news of our second bond rating upgrade in the past 14 months. This upgrade is particularly gratifying because it places us among the financial elite in Nassau County, with villages like Lake Success, Saddle Rock, Sands Point, Kensington, Garden City, and Great Neck.

Residents should realize that the robust financial health of our Village rests on the excellent, efficient work of our managers, supervisors, and employees. We have a population larger than either Garden City or Lynbrook, yet both employ more workers, Garden City more than 100 more, and neither runs an electric utility.

I hope I speak for all Villagers in praising the work of all our employees who contribute so much to our quality of life. They have truly fulfilled our mission "to provide reliable, high-quality, cost-efficient services to the community in a courteous and professional manner."

Mayor's Golf Outing Tees Off Oct. 1

The Mayor's annual Golf Outing, the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund, is scheduled for Monday, October 1.

The all-day event includes breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner as well as a round of golf for \$275. Golfers are limited to the first 144 signing up, but dinner-only tickets are also available for \$100, as well as

business sponsorships, by calling Mary Rohrs at (516) 678-9260.

Each year the Community Fund provides confidential assistance to hundreds of people in emergency need. Unlike other non-profit charities, the Fund is directed exclusively to Rockville Centre residents, who have received 99 percent of the fundraising proceeds.

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

Pools, Fences, AC Units

Remember the Building Code (Even If Your Contractor Doesn't)

The Village Code and Building Department regulations contain specific provisions that require permits and regulate the placement and appearance of central air conditioning units, fences, and swimming pools.

While many vendors are scrupulous about compliance with these regulations, Village residents should be aware that not all vendors comply with permit and other requirements, and not all vendors advise residents of the rules.

Prior to signing a contract for these services, be sure that the Building Department has issued a permit and that the vendor has complied with the Village Code and Building Department regulations.

Note that the entire Village Code, which can be searched by word or phrase, is available on the Village's website: ww.ci.rockville-centre.ny.us. In addition, Building Department employees are available to answer questions on the phone at 678-9247 or you may e-mail inquiries to rvc@li.net.

Fun-tastic Fall at the Sandel Senior Center

Special Events

Sandel Sunday on September 9 features the Big Band sound of the Danny Vincent Orchestra beginning at 2 P.M.

The Sandel Center Flea Market is Saturday, September 15 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Find quality, gently-used items of jewelry, clothing, household goods, books, and more.

The 25th Anniversary Party is Friday, September 21 at Temple Avodah with the music of the Danny Vincent Orchestra. Members are \$18, non-members \$25.

Travel and Dining

A Freeport Boat Ride excursion begins at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, September 14, followed by a luncheon of sliced steak, chicken parmigiana, or broiled fish at Bedell's West Wind Yacht Club. Unlimited beer, wine, and soda and the music of the 30s and 40s. \$41 per person. Sign up by calling 678-9245.

An escorted hike or an escorted jitney ride through Levy Park and Preserve in Merrick is Thursday, September 20.

Explore the Charlevoix region of Quebec, including Quebec City, the Island of Coudres, the St. Anne de Beaupré shrine, casinos, and whale watching. Six days, five nights, 11 meals, round-trip coach transportation for \$499 per person, double occupancy, \$668 single; departs September 29.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The film *What Women Want* is featured on Sunday, September 23 at 12:30 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen. Light lunch included.

The Book Club meets on Tuesday, September 25 at 2 P.M. to discuss *Bloodhounds* by Peter Lovesey. Reserve a copy of the book selection by

calling 678-9350.

Sing along with instructor Brenda Dye on Mondays at 1 P.M.

The New Beginnings Club meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 P.M. for discussion and on the third Wednesday for dinner and socializing at a local restaurant.

Speakers and Classes

Selma Finton from the New York City Department of Health will speak on Tuesday, September 11 at 11 A.M. on current health trends.

Current events are discussed every Wednesday at 11 A.M. at the Center.

Bridge classes for beginners and intermediate players are Wednesdays at 2:15 P.M.

Art classes with a professional instructor are Thursdays at 10 A.M.

A knitting class meets Thursdays at 10:30 A.M.

Health and Wellness Activities

Say good-bye to summer on the Lido Beach Walk, Wednesday, September 12 at 10:30 A.M.

A birdwatching excursion to the Oceanside Preserve is Thursday, September 13 at 8:30 A.M. Call Robin at 678-9245 and remember to bring your binoculars.

A health assessment and blood pressure screening is Thursday, Sep-



Trustee Mary Bossart, former Trustee Bud Cosgrove, Trustee Jack Matthews and Mayor Eugene Murray with the plaque commemorating the 25th anniversary of Senior Services in the Village. The dedication ceremony last May was the kick-off event for a year of observances. The Friends of Senior Services Inc. (FOSSI)'s October 13 Monte Carlo Night at Molloy College will feature a 50-50 raffle to fund a permanent sun room at the Senior Center.

tember 13 at 12:30 P.M.

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

Work out with Robin, an aerobics and weight training class, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 P.M.

The Sandel Center offers grief counseling for those who have suffered a recent loss. Call Helene Locke, M.S.W. at 678-9255 for information.

The Care Club for the frail elderly meets twice weekly for music, crafts, exercise, a hot lunch, and social opportunities. Call Wendy Weinstock, M.S.W. at 678-9245 for information.