

## Fall Fun during October in Rockville Center

### Window Painting Contest

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 12 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 20 from 9 A.M. to Noon.

The Halloween artists are invited to paint on paper that is taped to store windows in downtown Rockville Centre. Plaques are awarded by distinguished panel of judges.

In case of rain, the event is indoors at the Rec.



The Annual Ragamuffin Parade and Halloween Party on October 28 are among the most popular family events sponsored by the Village.

### Lacrosse Club Registration

Registration for the RVC Lacrosse Club will be by mail this year. Registration for the Spring 2002 season is ongoing from September to December 31, 2001.

For further information, check the website at rvclax.com or call Clare Beck at 764-4991.

After the 31st of December, there will be no new registrants accepted, unless there is room on the roster.

### Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Youngsters Pre-K and up, their parents and families are invited to Rockville Centre's 10th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party on Sunday, October 28.

The parade starts from the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, at 2 P.M. and proceeds down Maple to the Rec Center. At the Center will be games, fun, and prizes for the costumed marchers. Register at the Party for a chance at a lucky, prize-winning Goblin Call on Halloween night.

Everyone must register for the parade and / or party at the Rec Center for \$4 per family.

In case of rain the parade is canceled, but the party will begin at 3 P.M. at the Recreation Center.

### Annual 10K Race, Family Fun Run Coming

Runners wishing to enter Rockville Centre's annual 6.2-mile road race on Saturday, November 10 should pre-register by October 19. Call (516) 678-9238 for an application.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The 10K begins at 10 A.M. on Park Avenue in front of the Fantasy Theater.



The Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest is Saturday, October 20.

### Pre-School Openings

There are still 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 Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.



## This Month In Rockville Centre

One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Rockville Centre, NY  
Permit No. 271  
CR-RT-SORT



### Dates & Events

#### PLEASE NOTE

Monday, October 8 – Columbus Day

Is **NOT** a Village Holiday

Village Offices Are Open

Normal Trash Pick-up Schedules

Are in Effect

Disregard Previous Calendars

Monday, October 8, 8:15 P.M.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, October 10, 8 P.M.

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Saturday, October 20, 9 A.M.

**WINDOW PAINTING**

Downtown Stores

Monday, October 22, 8:15 P.M.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Sunday, October 28, 2 P.M.

**RAGAMUFFIN PARADE**

Maple Avenue

#### 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

[www.ci.rockville-centre.ny.us](http://www.ci.rockville-centre.ny.us)

Printed on Recycled Paper

# This Month In Rockville Centre

OCTOBER, 2001

VOL. 50, NO. 7

## Village Mourns at Candlelight Vigil



Stories and more photos, Pages 3 - 6.

## In Sympathy

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its deepest sympathies to those families whose lives have been forever altered by the terrorist attacks of September 11. We feel great sorrow at the loss of life and at the terrible assault we have all suffered.

At the same time, we are proud of and profoundly grateful for the many individual acts of kindness by Village residents and for the fine service of the Rockville Centre Fire and Police Departments who volunteered for the emergency response to this catastrophe.

We urge residents to donate blood and to participate in the We Care RVC Fund for the families of victims living in the Village. We also invite you to join us in honoring those who died and in expressing our pride in America by continuing to fly your flag.

Mayor Eugene J. Murray

Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart

Trustee Wayne Lipton

Trustee John A. Matthews, Jr.

Trustee Gregory F. Rinn



## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart

### Living in the Aftermath of Loss



So often at Village events we have had occasion to say that Rockville Centre is a great place to live, work, and play. And it is true — but never more so than since the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. shattered our comforting, ordinary routine.

Working and playing are the easy parts. Work has defined customs and rules; play asks nothing of us but that we enjoy the moment. But living is a different story. Living requires determination and awareness.

Emily, in the Thornton Wilder play *Our Town*, asks, "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it

— every, every minute?" At this moment of terrible losses, we all realize how very fragile and beautiful life is. This ugly devastation, which our national leaders will respond to, has, on the local level, called forth our best as a community.

Many have reached out to meet their neighbors' needs with generosity, kindness, practical assistance and prayer. Our candlelight vigil showed our unity with all those in Rockville Centre who suffered a personal loss. It also showed our love for our community and our country.

We are aware how precious America — with all our freedoms — is to us. This is why Rockville Centre is and will continue to be such a great place to live.

In the uneasy and difficult times that may be before us, let us continue to live and act as we have in this moment of crisis.

### Apple - Pumpkin Festival ... October 20th



The RVC Historical Society's 12th Annual Apple - Pumpkin Festival is Saturday, October 20 from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Phillips House Museum, 24 Hempstead Avenue. The Festival offers local arts and crafts, home-baked fall treats, mums, Halloween items, and free museum tours. Proceeds support the RVC Historical Society.

### Leaf Collections Oct. to Dec.

The RVC Highway Department will be collecting leaves at the curbside through December.

If you live north of Sunrise Highway and west of Long Beach Road, leaves will be collected during the weeks of October 29, November 12 and 26, and December 10.

If you live south of Sunrise Highway or north of Sunrise Highway and east of Long Beach Road, leaves will be collected during the weeks of November 5

and 19, and December 3 and 17.

Residents of Village streets should rake leaves into the street on the weekend before the scheduled collections and wet them down to prevent them from blowing back onto sidewalks and lawns.

Residents of County roads, including Hempstead Avenue, Long Beach Road, Merrick Road, Oceanside Road, Lincoln Avenue, Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue, must put their leaves in garbage bags.

## This Month In Rockville Centre

Published by the Village of Rockville Centre  
Eugene J. Murray, Mayor

Trustees  
Mary Whalen Bossart  
Wayne Lipton  
John A. Matthews, Jr.  
Gregory F. Rinn

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

### Tax News

#### Tax Exemptions Available

The filing period for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes for qualified seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities on limited incomes begins on October 1.

Exemptions are available to disabled or senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2000 gross income of \$28,900 or less. Qualifications for veterans' exemptions are based on the date and type of military service.

Renewal applications for senior exemptions have been mailed to taxpayers who qualified for an exemption last year. Seniors who have not yet received a renewal application should immediately visit the Village tax office in Village Hall, One College Place at Clinton Avenue, or call (516) 678-9242 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M.

All exemption applications must be completed and filed by December 31. If granted, exemptions will be effective June 1, 2002.

#### 2nd Half Village Taxes

Village real estate taxes for the second half of the year are due December 1. Bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of November 26.

If your mortgage has recently been satisfied or if your billing address has changed, please notify the Village tax office immediately at (516) 678-9242.

#### STAR

STAR exemptions apply only to school district taxes.

Applications and information are available from the Nassau County Tax Assessor's Office in Mineola or by calling (516) 571-1500.

## Lions' Club Fall Family Festival and Duck Race Oct. 20

The Rockville Centre Lions Club, known for its commitment to sight-related causes, is sponsoring its 3rd annual family festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, October 20 from Noon to 4 P.M.

The highlight of the day is its rubber duck race along Mill River with prizes awarded for fast ducks, last ducks, and wayward ducks. Families will also enjoy a day of inflatable rides, prizes, a petting zoo, a hay ride, pumpkin painting, a magic show, seasonal arts and crafts, food, music, and other attractions. Prizes include \$1,000 cash, a trip to Ireland, tickets to "The Lion King", a Play Station 2, a portable DVD player, bicycles, Jets tickets, and more.

Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities, including the RVC Community Fund, St. Agnes Outreach, RVC Confide, the RVC Fire Department, the Guide Dog Foundation, the L.I. Lions Eye Bank, and the Lions diabetes camp.

For information on the event, sponsorships, or donation opportunities, call the organization's Tail Twister, Michael Jordan, at 764-1775.



Leo the Duck from the RVC Lions Club at the September Kids' Fest.

## October Events at the Sandel Senior Center

#### Special Events

Sandel Sunday on October 7 features "The Bakers and Bernie" with vocalist Bernie Stein, vocalist and pianist Michael Baker, and drummer Tim Baker; beginning at 2 P.M.

A piano recital for students of Frank Scafuri is Sunday, October 14 at 2:30 P.M.

The Couples Club will host a spooky Halloween get-together on Friday, October 19 at 7 P.M.

The Flea Market of gently-used bargain household, gift, jewelry and clothing items is Saturday, October 20 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The Sandel Center's annual Halloween Bash is Friday, October 26 at 1 P.M. Ghostly fun for \$2.50 per person.

#### Travel and Dining

A trip to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Wednesday, October 10 is \$15 per person and includes lunch.

Visit Madame Trussaud's Wax Museum on Friday, October 19. Cost is \$52 per person including lunch.

Sign up now for a Hawaiian Escape scheduled for March 7, 2002. The nine-day trip includes visits to Waikiki Beach, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Kauai, and a Wailua River Cruise. Price includes airfare and

cancellation insurance: \$1,879 per person, double occupancy; \$2,479 single. A deposit of \$250 is required.

#### Creative Writing Workshop

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus of Literary Studies, leads the new workshop Tuesdays at 1 P.M. beginning October 2.

#### Arts and Leisure Activities

Frank Novak of Casino Cruises will demonstrate "How to Play Blackjack and Other Casino Favorites" on Wednesday, October 3 at 6 P.M.

The October art display features the work of Alex Berger. The reception is Tuesday, October 16 at 11 A.M. The film *Finding Forester* is featured on Sunday, October 28 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 31 at 2 P.M. to discuss *A Woman of Independent Means* by Elizabeth Forsythe. Reserve a copy of the book selection by calling 678-9350.

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 Nassau County Department of Health will speak on Tuesday, October 2 at 11 A.M. on current health trends.

Cathy Emmet of the American Cancer Society will speak on prostate cancer and nutrition at the Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, October 2 at 11 A.M.

Polly Talbot of A La Carte will speak Tuesday, October 9 at 11 A.M. on new trends in food.

Attorney John Bigler will address financial concerns for seniors on Tuesday, October 16 at 11 A.M. at the Men's Club meeting.

On Tuesday, October 23 at 11 A.M. Michael Genchi, a CVS pharmacist, will discuss heart health.

#### Health and Wellness Activities

A health assessment and blood pressure screening is Thursday, October 11 at 12:30 P.M.

Flu shot registration is Monday and Tuesday, October 15 and 16 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Shots will be distributed November 8.

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

## Village Candlelight Vigil Sunday, September 23, 2001



### Information for Victims

The Village is attempting to provide information that is as accurate as possible for surviving family members or for those helping victims and their families. Please call the listed numbers to ensure the information is still current.

### Death Certificate Information

To obtain a death certificate (which may be necessary to claim some benefits), call 646-710-6245. The Nassau County Bar Association (747-4070 x 214) has pro bono (free of charge) attorneys who will assist family members in obtaining a death certificate.

### Government Benefits

For updated information about federal benefits, go to the website at: <http://www.firstgov.gov/featured/usgresponse.html#victims>

FEMA: 800-462-9029

Social Security: 1-800-772-1213

Workers' Compensation: 560-7725, 560-7743, 560-7700.



*At the podium, Mayor Eugene Murray, New York State Governor George Pataki, State Senator Dean Skelos, Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri, and RVC Fire Chief Gary Kondor.*



*Mary Geraghty, wife of missing New York City Fire Chief Ed Geraghty, speaks at the Vigil as Mayor Murray, Governor Pataki, and Senator Skelos look on.*



### Information for Victims

The Village is attempting to provide information that is as accurate as possible for surviving family members or for those helping victims and their families. Please call the listed numbers to ensure the information is still current.

**Red Cross, Nassau County**  
747-3500

Issuing checks for lump sum grants up to \$30,000 for funeral costs and short-term living expenses (3 months' worth). Amount of grant depends on a particular family's expenses. To obtain an application from Red Cross, go to the Nassau County Chapter, 195 Willis Avenue, Mineola, New York. You must bring a marriage certificate, surviving spouse's personal ID and the victim's last two paycheck stubs.

### NYS Crime Victims

Administered through the Nassau County Crime Unit. Immediate grants of \$1,200-\$1,800 are available. Call 573-5360 to arrange a time to come in to the office. Bring a marriage certificate, surviving spouse's drivers license, and the victim's last two paycheck stubs.

## Matthew's Contribution

When 7-year-old Matthew Connolly came to his mother with the idea of raising money for the We Care RVC Fund by having a lemonade and Pokemon card sale, he was met with smiles of approval.

A close family friend, Vicky Treglia, enlisted in the project and she and Matthew baked cookies, brownies, and cupcakes. They also squeezed 30 lemons to make the most delicious lemonade anyone could remember enjoying.

Due to the kindness of neighbors and passers-by on Derby Road, Matthew's lemonade stand raised \$334 which was donated to the Fund at the Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, September 23.

Mom Andrea, speaking for Matthew, Dad Larry and sister Chelsea, wrote in to say: "Preparing for this as a family and talking to all of our great neighbors was a very rewarding and touching experience. Thank you to all of our friends, family, and neighbors who contributed to Matthew's cause and helped to make Matthew's effort such an incredible success. What a great learning experience for us all!"



*Just 24 hours after the World Trade Center attacks, Maureen Murray and Viri Pettersen had organized a clothing donation drive at the Rockville Centre Recreation Center.*

## Village Responds To Tragedy

The Village of Rockville Centre responded in many ways to the devastating terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center September 11.

Seventy-three Rockville Centre volunteer firefighters served in New York City in the days following the attacks. The department also sent equipment in support of the rescue effort: the Floodlight heavy rescue vehicle was sent to ground zero for three days; an ambulance served for three days in Queens; two pumpers and a ladder truck stood back-up at Shea Stadium.

Within a week, Mayor Eugene Murray had sent a letter to all Village residents announcing a new "We Care RVC Fund" to aid the families of victims from Rockville Centre. A condolence site was established at Village Hall where visitors

could leave messages for the families. The Village also organized a Community Vigil on the Village Green to honor and mourn the victims and to acknowledge the fire and police volunteers.

Residents generously gave blood and donated items needed by the rescuers. Maureen Murray and her friend Viri Pettersen organized a clothing donation drive. Within hours, Recreation Department Superintendent Tony Brunetta set aside room in the Rec Center lobby, fliers were sent home from the schools, and radio Z100 made the announcements. That Friday alone, the instant volunteers filled 2,000 boxes with work boots, socks, underwear, sweat pants and other items requested by the rescuers.

Donations to the new We Care RVC Fund may still be sent to P.O. Box 950 Rockville Centre, New York 11571.



*Seven-year-old Matthew Connolly with his mother Andrea and family friend Vicky Treglia. Matthew's lemonade stand raised \$334 for the We Care RVC Fund.*

# *Village Candlelight Vigil - Sunday, September 23, 2001*



*Thousands of residents crowded the Village Green and spilled out onto Maple Avenue for a ceremony reflecting on the terrible events of September 11. New York State Governor George Pataki, RVC Mayor Eugene Murray, Bishop William F. Murphy, and Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz remembered the dead and missing and honored the firefighters, rescuers, and volunteers who responded to the tragedy at the World Trade Center towers. RVC's Eureka Fire Company suspended an American flag from an arch formed by two ladder trucks and Fire Chief Gary Kondor and Rockville Centre firefighters led the Pledge of Allegiance. The South Side High School Chorus sang "The Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," and "God Bless America."*

## *Remarks by RVC Mayor Eugene Murray*

Good evening and welcome.

I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Board of Trustees who are here this evening: Mary Bossart, Wayne Lipton, Jack Matthews, and Greg Rinn; and State Senator Dean Skelos; to thank each of you for gathering tonight to remember all those who have been declared missing or dead in the World Trade Center tragedy, especially our own residents.

On September 11, at a few minutes to nine in the morning, our lives were changed forever. Mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters who completed the simple task of going to work in Manhattan on a beautiful morning may never come home again.

Initial fear spread through our lives and lingers on today. We will never understand the cowardliness of this horrific, barbaric act, nor will we ever forget our loved ones who have been lost or killed.

As the Mayor of Rockville Centre, I was deeply touched by the hundred of phone calls and visits I received from concerned residents. They all simply said, "What can I do to help?"

It's in that spirit that I ask each of you this evening to never forget those tragic acts of September 11.

Never forget those who have lost lives.

Never forget the hero firefighters, police, and medical technicians who worked so bravely.

But just as important, never waiver in your support of our President and our great country. It's time to move forth and try as much as humanly possible to resume our lives.

As Mayor Giuliani so eloquently stated, it's time to heal and move on. to no do so will simply be giving in to the terrorists. May God bless you.