



Rockville Centre's Annual 10K Race and Family Fun Run are Saturday, November 10. For information and registration, call 678-9339.

November RVC Rec Center Programs

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 19. Detailed fliers are available at the Rec Center on Oceanside Road.

24th Annual 10K (6.2 mile) Road Race and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K is Saturday, November 10 at 10 A.M. and begins on Park Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway opposite the Fantasy Theatre. Race day registration is at Village Hall, One College Place and Clinton Avenue and costs \$18.

The course is flat and fast. The race goes on rain or shine.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The entry fee is \$6. For information, call 678-9339.

Middle School Dances

The Rec Center is sponsoring a dance for sixth graders on Friday, November 16 from 7:30 - 10 P.M. A dance for seventh and eighth graders is Friday, November 30 from 7:30 to 10.

The dances are open to teenagers who live in Rockville Centre or who attend Rockville Centre schools. A school ID is required for admission.

Thanksgiving Food Donations

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. before Thanksgiving.

Community News

Guild for the Arts Events

The RVC Guild for the Arts has scheduled two events for November.

The South Shore Symphony returns for its 12th season with Dvorak's "New World Symphony" (Symphony #9 in E minor) and Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring" both conducted by Scott Jackson Wiley on Saturday, November 10 at the South Side Middle School at 8 P.M. Call 764-1558 for information and reservations.

The Guild continues its program of live children's theatre with ArtsPower's touring production of "Are You My Mother?" based on the book by P.D. Eastman, the story of a baby bird who leaves its nest and meets an array of colorful characters.

The 50-minute performance is Saturday, November 17 at 11 A.M. at the Covert School and is recommended for children ages 3 to 10. For information and tickets, call 766-2908.

Upcoming events

The Village's **Annual Tree Lighting** ceremony on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, is Thursday, December 6 starting at 7:30 P.M.

The **Annual Holiday Crafts Fair and Flea Market** is Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., sponsored by the Recreation Department.

The **Annual Chanukah Party** co-

Forum on WTC Stress

The Village of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a community forum on Monday, November 5 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. at the Sandel Senior Center, South Park and Lincoln avenues, where specially-trained health care professionals will discuss how families and individuals can cope with the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11.

Health care professionals say that feelings of sadness, fear, anxiety, anger, uncertainty, and even depression are common and normal responses to the terrible tragedy local residents are living through. They also point out that such feelings may not manifest themselves for weeks or months after the events that cause them.

The forum will suggest positive steps that individuals and families can take to cope with the aftermath of the attacks. Childcare is available by calling Nancy Cohan at (516) 483-3776, ext. 407.

sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women is Wednesday, December 12 from 4 to 5:15 P.M. All faiths are invited.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in the pre-kindergarten class for children entering kindergarten in September 2002. Classes meet Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 A.M. Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.



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Dates & Events

- Sunday, November 11, 11 A.M.
VETERANS DAY
Service at Veterans Memorial Park
- Monday, November 12
VETERANS DAY (Observed)
Village Offices Closed
- Wednesday, November 14, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS
- Monday, November 19, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- Thursday, November 22
THANKSGIVING DAY
Village Offices Closed

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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With Mayor Eugene Murray at the Village Hall condolence site for the WTC attack victims are Amanda and Carly Roman, who were among the many Village children who raised money for the We Care RVC Fund.

Village Responds to We Care RVC Fund

The special Fund created within the Mayor's Community Fund to aid the families of victims of the World Trade Center attacks has raised more than \$300,000 in its first month. In



We Care RVC Fund Chairman William Crotier addresses the audience at the Community Fund golf outing dinner on October 1.

just the first few weeks, more than 1,600 individuals, businesses, and organizations contributed to the Fund, including the Rockville Centre Fire Department, the Rockville Centre PBA, and the Rockville Centre CSEA.

"This outpouring of support is very gratifying," Mayor Eugene Murray said. "It shows once again what a great, caring community we live in." The Mayor has spent much of his time since the attacks visiting the families of the victims, offering whatever help the Village could provide.

A portion of the contributions has come from Rockville Centre children who have sold lemonade and cookies, gone door-to-door, and joined with schoolmates, parents and teachers to raise money.

The Village thanks all those who have contributed so generously to helping these families.



Village Hall Comments

By Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton

Happy Thanksgiving



As a Village Trustee, I am privileged to experience both the joys and the sorrows of our community from a perspective which is broadened and deepened by my official role. When you look at how our community has responded to the recent tragedy, we should all be proud.

I am proud of the high school students who organized and participated in the school candlelight vigil. All the children who sold lemonade, ran car washes, and ran other fundraisers, and the hundreds of residents who have made contributions show us all how we can make a difference.

Last month, I received a check on behalf of the We Care Fund from the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts whose garage sale and pancake breakfast raised over \$10,000. Many organizations, including the St. Agnes Mothers Club, the employees of Rockville Centre, The RVC Fire Department and the RVC PBA, have

made donations of funds and services as a positive reaction to this tragedy.

More events, donations, and good deeds will certainly follow. Challenging times have brought out our best.

I am writing to you a month after the World Trade Center tragedy, but it will get to you a month after it is written. Considering how rapidly world events are unfolding, I can only hope that this past month has brought us a greater sense of security and hope and even pride in our country and community.

The holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving is an American celebration of how different people helped one another to survive. We gather to appreciate the bounty of our land and its people.

Rockville Centre is a diverse community with people of many cultures, ethnicities and religious beliefs. Our community has shown its best under the strains of horrifying national events. We help those in need in many ways. Let's remember what has made America so strong. Let's celebrate Thanksgiving with a passion for our families, our friends, and our community.

Thank you Rockville Centre, and I wish one and all a happy Thanksgiving.

Electric Costs to Rise

A new expense for electric utilities has been imposed by the Independent System Operator (ISO) which now administers the state's electricity markets after the deregulation of the energy system.

The new charge is being imposed to pay for electric "capacity" which is defined as "the ability to produce energy." The ISO, following federal regulations, now requires that each utility have available the ability to produce electricity beyond its actual need, in order to insure the reliability of the system. For Long Island utilities, most of this capacity must be physically located on Long Island. A portion of Rockville Centre's capacity is located at Niagara Falls.

The cost to Rockville Centre to purchase this capacity that it may never actually use is expected to be about \$1 million a year. The cost is figured into the utility's fuel adjustment charges and will be passed on to consumers. It is expected to produce a \$6 to \$12 increase in the average bi-monthly residential electric bill.

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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 and limited incomes began 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. The value of the exemption varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat (\$764), combat (\$1,273), or disability (\$2,547).

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.

Water Notice

During routine monitoring of the Rockville Centre water distribution system on September 25, 2001, three positive samples for total coliform bacteria were detected. In systems such as ours which collect fewer than 40 microbiological distribution samples per month, a maximum contaminant level (MCL) violation exists when two or more samples test positive.

After any positive sample for total coliform, the water system must collect at least four repeat samples for each positive sample within 24 hours of being notified of a violation. As a result, 12 repeat samples were collected on September 27, 2001. In addition, samples from all four elevated tanks were taken for analysis.

These repeat samples were negative and indicate either that coliform bacteria have been eliminated or that the original positive samples resulted from problems with the sampling or testing procedures. Since there were no continuing positive test results for total coliform, there is no need to seek an alternate source of drinking water. Your water is safe to drink.

Even though Rockville Centre's water is safe to drink, because of the three original positive test results, the state sanitary code requires us to provide you with the following information:

The New York State Department of Health sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Total coliform bacteria are common in the environment and are generally not harmful.

The presence of these bacteria in drinking water, however, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes which distribute that water, and indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice and associated headaches and fatigue.

These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but may also be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water.

The New York State Department of Health has set an enforceable drinking water standard for total coliform to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Under this standard, no more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during a month can contain these bacteria in water systems which collect 40 or more samples per month. In systems which collect fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one sample may contain these bacteria. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease-causing bacteria and should be considered safe.

For additional information concerning this matter, please contact Richard Tobin, Superintendent of the Rockville Centre Water Department at 678-9313, or the Nassau County Department of Health at 571-3323.



Candlelight Vigil Photo Available

The spectacular wide angle view of the Village's September 23 Candlelight Vigil from the centerfold of the October issue of This Month in Rockville Centre is now for sale to benefit the We Care RVC Fund.

Taken by Rick Kopstein, photojournalist for the New York Law Journal and the New York Post who was on assignment for the Village, each 11 by 14 color print is just \$20. The prints are being reproduced at cost and all proceeds will go to the Fund.

The prints will be available at the Cashier's Office at Village Hall and at the RVC Recreation Center.

November Events at the Sandel Senior Center

Special Events

Sandel Sunday on November 4 features a Scandinavian event offering live music, folk dance demonstration and lessons, and a talk on native costumes and culture; 2 to 4 P.M.

The Sandel Center's salute to veterans party is Friday, November 9 at 1 P.M.

A holiday fair is Thursday, November 15 from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

A mock trial will be staged Friday, November 30 at 1 P.M. with assistant district attorneys from the Nassau County DA's office. An actual trial will be recreated with seniors serving as the jury.

Sandel Sunday in December is on December 2 and features soprano Linda Ciafalo in a holiday concert.; 2 to 4 P.M.

New Programs

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus at Hofstra University, offers a creative writing course on Tuesdays at 1 P.M. All are welcome.

Guys Night Out for active se-

niors over 60 meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. beginning November 14 when members of the Rockville Centre Fire Department will describe their involvement with the rescue effort at the World Trade Center.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The film *Best in Show* is featured on Sunday, November 18 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, November 28 at 2 P.M. to discuss *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. Reserve a copy of the book selection by calling 678-9350.

Travel and Dining

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.