

Happy Holidays from the RVC Recreation Center

Holiday Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The annual event will be held this year on Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. in the auditorium. A variety of seasonal items and gifts will be sold.

Annual Community Tree Lighting

An evening of song and fellowship officially opens the holiday season at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 6 on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to add to the festivities.

Have-A-Heart Square Dance

The annual Have-A-Heart Square Dance is Saturday, December 8 from 8 to 11 P.M. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy.

Chanukah Party

The National Council of Jewish Women and the Rec Center will co-sponsor the annual party at the Rec on Wednesday, December 12 from 4 to 5:15 P.M.

Children from pre-kindergarten through 2nd Grade of all faiths are invited to enjoy music, crafts, and games.

North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd Grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Wednesday, December 12 or Thursday, December 13, fill out an information sheet at the Rec Center.



Santa's elves are ready to bring you breakfast at the Village's annual Breakfast with Santa's Helpers on Sunday, December 16.

Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual breakfast is one of the Rec Center's most popular events. All faiths are invited to join the elves who serve pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls, and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids may visit Santa, who arrives by fire truck, or have a picture taken with Rudolph and Frosty.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, December 14 for one of three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 A.M. Fee is \$4 per person and tickets are available at the Rec Center.

Food Donations Needed

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.

Annual Mitten and Hat Tree

The Rockville Centre Parks and Recreation Department is again requesting residents to share their warm holiday feelings with those less fortunate by donating new hats and mittens of all sizes and colors beginning December 7. Bring your donation before December 22.



Frosty the Snowman is available for photographs during the fun and games after the elves serve Breakfast with Santa's Helpers on December 16th.



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Dates & Events

Monday, December 3, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, December 6, 7:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING
Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues

Sunday, December 9, 6 P.M.
COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

Central Synagogue, DeMott Avenue

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

Tuesday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Village Offices Closed

Monday, January 7, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, January 21
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 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**

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Fire 766-0400
Police 766-1500
Ambulance 766-0400
Electric 766-5800
Water 678-9252
Nights & Weekends
766-5800

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The Village offices at 110 Maple Avenue were formally rededicated on November 5 after an eight-month, \$577,000 renovation. Mayor Eugene Murray is joined by Trustee Jack Matthews, Village Engineer Steve Kritsas, Trustee Mary Bossart, Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, Trustee Greg Rinn, and Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri.

110 Maple Open for Business

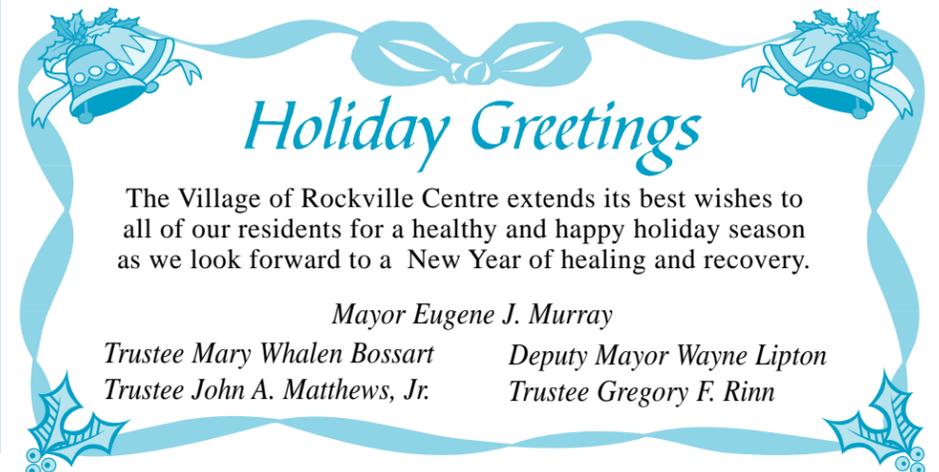
The renovations to the Village offices at 110 Maple Avenue have been completed, enhancing the beautification project all along the Maple Avenue area.

The \$577,000 project came in on time and on budget and combined both function and aesthetics. An elevator added to the front of the building to comply with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act was turned into a handsome small clock tower. Improvements to the second floor offices were enhanced with glass doors and attractive façades and detailing.

The public visits the location

mostly for business with the Rockville Centre Building Department, but the area also contains the Village computer center and the Information Technology Department, the Village television station, the Engineering Department, and the superintendent of the Electric Department.

The renovation to the building added to the Maple Avenue Restoration Project which was also completed this fall on time and under budget. The Village spent \$193,000 — \$100,000 of it state funding — to restore the roadway, curbs, and sidewalks and to add trees, planters, trash containers, and banners all along Maple from North Park to Long Beach Road.



Holiday Greetings

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its best wishes to all of our residents for a healthy and happy holiday season as we look forward to a New Year of healing and recovery.

Mayor Eugene J. Murray

Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart

Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton

Trustee John A. Matthews, Jr.

Trustee Gregory F. Rinn



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee John A. Matthews, Jr.



The "We Care RVC Fund"



The residents of Rockville Centre, like many of our neighbors in the surrounding communities, were deeply and tragically affected by the

terrorist attack which took place on September 11, 2001. Spouses, parents, children, relatives, friends and neighbors died in a most unlikely and sudden fashion.

Immediately after the magnitude of the tragedy became apparent, our residents mobilized to offer whatever help was needed. The initial responses of personal support, child sitting and food soon gave way to a longer term view of how life has changed for the affected families. This large outpouring of residents' concern for the families of the victims was recognized by our Mayor Gene Murray and the other directors of the Rockville Centre Community Fund who, along with many additional residents, established the "We Care RVC Fund" as part of the Rockville Centre Community Fund.

The We Care RVC Fund was established to provide support to those families who suffered a loss in the September 11th terrorist attacks. The Mayor asked Bill Croutier to serve as Chairman of the Fund and Bill and dozens of other residents have worked tirelessly to raise money, goods and services and also to identify the needs of the families of the victims in our Rockville Centre community.

As of early November, the Fund has raised over \$430,000 and has already distributed more than \$300,000. Funds have been raised by children selling lemonade and cookies, youth

groups making donations, merchants and businesses holding fund raisers and contributions from residents, merchants and businesses. This support for the families affected by this tragedy has not been seen in our Village for decades.

The families receiving financial support have expressed time and time again to the Mayor and to the committee members how thankful they are for the support and help which the committee and the community have provided.

All the work which the committee members have undertaken and many of the direct expenses associated with the solicitation of money, goods and services have been donated. All of the funds received are being given to the families of victims.

As we approach the end of the year with all of its religious and cultural holidays and events, please remember that there are several families in our community who recently suffered a terrible loss and need our help and support. If you have not already made a contribution to the Fund and would like to do so, please address it to:

We Care RVC Fund
P. O. Box 614
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

Donations may be personally delivered to the Fund at the Mayor's office in Village Hall.

To all who have provided help in this time of tragedy and suffering in our Village and community, I would like to express the thanks of the Mayor and Village Board, the Directors of the Community Fund, the members of the We Care Committee and, most importantly, the families of the victims who have needed and received your help and support.

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

Community Notes

The South Shore Symphony of the RVC Guild for the Arts will perform Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" with a 90-member corps de ballet on December 7, 8 and 9 at South Side High School. Tickets are \$16 and \$20 and can be ordered by calling 766-7171.

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

Exemptions are available to senior homeowners 65 and older or to disabled homeowners 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).

Seniors who have not yet received a renewal application and homeowners who have not yet received a tax bill for the second half of the year 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.

The Sanitation Schedule for holiday weeks in 2002 is enclosed. Please keep a copy for easy reference. Sanitation Department rules and regulations concerning garbage and trash collection are listed on the reverse side of the schedule.

Holiday Recess Special Events

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center is sponsoring the following events during the December school recess:

Wed., December 26, 12:30-4:15 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.

Thurs., December 27, 2:15 - 5:45 P.M.
Ice Skating Trip to the Long Beach Recreation Complex for grades 1 through 8. Fee of \$9 includes skate rental and transportation.

Thursday, December 27
Holiday Craft Workshop to make holiday decorations and enjoy a cup of holiday hot chocolate. For kindergarten through 4th grade. 10:30 to 11:45 A.M. or 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. Fee \$7; pre-register by Monday, December 24.

Friday, December 28
8th Annual Holiday Games of nok-hockey, basketball shooting, and alligator pit. Grades 1 & 2 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. Grades 3 to 5 from 12:15 to 1:45 P.M. No fee, but register by Monday, December 24.

Monday, December 31
Bowling at RVC Lanes for grades 1 & 2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; for grades 3 to 8, 12:30 to 3 P.M. Fee of \$9.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, January 30 at 2 P.M. to discuss *House of Spirits* by Isabel Allende. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.

Travel and Dining

A dinner-theatre evening is planned for Friday, December 7 featuring dinner at the Sandel Center at 5:30 P.M. followed by "The Nutcracker" performed by the South Shore Symphony at South Side High School. \$22 per person includes transportation.

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.



RVC Police Officer Ken Schaefer applies an acid gel to a pre-printed stencil on the windshield of Mayor Eugene Murray's van on the first day of the VIN-etching program last winter, as traffic supervisor Sgt. Thomas Luthy and the Mayor look on.

Free Village Anti-Car Theft Program

The Village of Rockville Centre is offering a free program to etch the vehicle identification number (VIN) to all of a vehicle's window glass, providing a powerful deterrent to potential thieves by making it more difficult and expensive to disguise the theft of a car or its parts. The process takes about 20 minutes and saves residents the \$300 or more that new car dealerships charge for the same service.

Interested residents should call 678-9331, leave their name and number on an answering machine, and the police department will call back to arrange a Saturday morning appointment.

Holiday Happenings at the Sandel Senior Center

Seasonal events and activities are underway at Rockville Centre's Sandel Senior Center located at the northwest corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues. Call 678-9245 for information.

Special Events

The annual holiday party with music by The Dance Machine will be held at the George Washington Manor on Friday, December 14. \$22 for members. Call 678-9350 for information.

The students of the South Side Middle School Chorus will present a holiday concert "America Sings" on Tuesday, December 18 at 11 A.M., sponsored by the Men's Club.

The holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 19 beginning at 11:45 A.M. features the Center Stage performers. \$2.50 per person donation.

The intergenerational holiday party with South Side High School students and Senior Center members is Friday, December 21 at 1 P.M.

The post-New Year's bash is Wednesday, January 2 at 1 P.M.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Sandel Sunday on December 2 at 2 P.M. features popular vocalist Linda Ciafalo in concert.

December's monthly art display is work by Antoinette Burk. The reception is Tuesday, December 4 at 11 A.M.

Bingo games are Sunday, December 9 at 2 P.M. \$2 donation.

The film *Joy Luck Club* is featured on Sunday, December 16 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, December 19 at 2 P.M. to discuss *Message in a Bottle* by Nicholas Sparks. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.

Sandel Sunday on January 6 at 2 P.M. features performer Jan Slow.

Bingo games are Sunday, January 13 at 2 P.M. \$2 donation.

Dr. Georgette Jabbour will discuss the life and works of Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club* on Tuesday, January 15.

The film *Chocolate* is featured on Sunday, January 20 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.