

March Events at the Recreation Center

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt is 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 23 at Donald F. Browne / RVC Park. The park is the first left turn inside Hempstead Lake State Park off of the Peninsula Boulevard entrance.

In case of inclement weather, the events will be held Sunday, March 24 at 2 P.M.

Spring Recess Trips & Events

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department is sponsoring the following events during the Spring school recess for children who live in the Village or attend Rockville Centre schools:

Friday, March 29

Egg Coloring Contest for grades K to 1, from 10 to 11 A.M. and grades 2 to 5, from 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. Fee \$2. Each child should bring four hard-boiled eggs.

Monday, April 1

Bowling at RVC Lanes for grades 1 & up, from 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M. Fee \$10.

Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 - 5:15 P.M.

Trip to Adventureland in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$21 includes three hours of unlimited rides and transportation.

Wednesday, April 3, 2:15 - 5:45 P.M.

Ice Skating Trip to the Long Beach Arena for grades 1 through 8. The \$10 fee includes skate rental and transportation.



Call 678-9338 to pre-register for the Annual Spring Pet Show which will be held Thursday, April 4 at 10 A.M.

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Friday, April 5, 12:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Trip to Fun Zone in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$18 includes 35 game tokens, unlimited rides, and transportation.

All trip participants must be registered members of the RVC Parks and Recreation Department for the 2001-2002 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.

Spring Program Registration

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring program schedule begins the week of April 7. Mail-in and in-person registration for programs listed in the annual brochure begin March 11. Non-resident registration begins March 25.

Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, March 10 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There will be a large assortment of merchandise and plenty of free parking.



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Nursery School Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2002 - 2003 school year.

Programs are offered for those entering kindergarten in September 2003 and 2004.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9338.



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Dates & Events

Monday, March 11, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, March 13, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, March 25, 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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2002 St. Patrick's Parade March 23



The Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade steps off at Noon on Saturday, March 23, featuring more than 100 marching contingents, including most of the area's top pipe bands.

In its first five years the Parade has distributed \$140,000 to 15 charities. Each year it designates one local, one national, and one Irish charity. This year's recipients are the We Care Fund within the Rockville Centre Community Fund that benefits the families of local World Trade Center disaster victims; The New York Police and Fire Wid-ows' and Children's Benefit Fund; and the Lower East Side Tenement Museum's Irish Apartment Project.

This year's Grand Marshall is

James F. Gill, Esq., managing partner of the New York law firm of Robinson Silverman Pearce Aronsohn & Berman. Mr. Gill serves on the Board of Trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral,

is the chairman of Governor Pataki's Judicial Screening Panel for the First Department of New York, and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

The parade will march down Maple Avenue from Long Beach Road, past Village Hall to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral.

The Grand Marshall's Reception, a benefit event, is Friday, March 22 at 8 P.M. For information, call 764-8729.



**Grand Marshall
James F. Gill, Esq.**



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart



Improvements for the Housing Authority



The Rockville Centre Housing Authority has been awarded a \$3.3 million grant by New York State for participation in the Comprehensive Public Housing Modernization

Program. This is the first major renovation project at the Housing Authority since it was built in the 1960s.

One hundred and sixty-four families live in the Rockville Centre Housing Authority apartment complex on North Centre Avenue. In recent years there have been major concerns about the roofs and windows as well as about the heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. While the grant moneys are by no means sufficient to repair everything at once, the Housing Authority, supervising the modernization in cooperation with the architect, has chosen several important areas to upgrade.

A complete overhaul of the heating system in all nine buildings will start in late spring 2002. The objective is to replace boilers more than 30 years old with modern, fuel-efficient models that will provide more reliable and better controlled heat. A reduction in service calls

and an increase in fuel savings are anticipated.

Most noticeable to the residents of the Housing Authority and adding to the comfort and utility of each apartment will be the replacement of all the original kitchen cabinets and the installation of ductless kitchen range hoods. New stainless steel sinks and faucets will also be installed.

Funds from the Community Development program will be used to begin replacement of about half of the windows in the complex with new double-hung units which tilt for easy cleaning and come equipped with safety locks. All the front doors will be replaced and new numbers identifying the buildings installed.

Other goals of modernization include improvements to drainage, repairs to the building exteriors, renovations to laundry rooms, and replacement and upgrades to the electrical wiring. Asbestos and lead paint abatement are also included among the projects.

New York State has also awarded a Drug Elimination Program grant for \$67,000 to the Housing Authority. These funds will be used for computer-controlled camera surveillance of the complex from monitors located in the Housing Authority offices.

Community Notes



The distinctive **We Care RVC Flag Patch** featured on the uniforms of local sports teams is now for sale to the general public.

The patches cost \$5 and will be

available this month at the RVC Recreation Center and in Village Hall from Mary Rohrs.

The **Rockville Centre Soccer Club** will be having its 2002-2003 registration for the Fall-Spring season at the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road.

Dates and times are: Monday, March 18 from 7 to 9 P.M.; Saturday, March 23 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.; and Tuesday, April 9 from 7 to 9 P.M.

The fee is \$85 per child. Children who will be 5 years old by December 1, 2002 are eligible to participate.

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

New Executive Director

The Housing Authority welcomed new executive director Stacy Stackhouse in December 2001. Mrs. Stackhouse is charged with running the daily business of the Housing Authority with her staff.

She intends to be visible to the tenants so that their relationship is more than nuts and bolts. She wants to assist residents in making use of outside services and has plans to make the Housing Authority more neighborly for the residents and better connected to the rest of the Village.

All of these improvements will contribute to the attractiveness and quality of life in Rockville Centre for all of our residents.

We want to thank our New York State representatives, Senator Dean Skelos and Assemblyman Bob Barra, for their assistance in obtaining these grants.

For further information, call Vivian Lewandowski at 536-2646.

The Village **Transfer Station** resumes service Saturday, April 6 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 16 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

This Month at the Senior Center

Special Events

Mary Lou Murray, Rockville Centre's First Lady, is the guest of honor at the Women's History Month Special Luncheon Wednesday, March 13 at Noon. \$2.50 per person.

The St. Patrick's Day Party is Friday, March 15 at 1 P.M. and includes karaoke, Irish fun and games, Irish coffee, Irish soda bread, and potato leek soup. \$2.50 per person.

A Luck O' the Irish Buffet Sunday, March 17 at Aqueduct Race Track includes many Irish dishes to enjoy as you watch the races. \$36 per person. Call 678-9245 for reservations.

A Passover luncheon at Noon on Wednesday, March 20 features traditional foods. \$2.50 per person.

An Easter luncheon is scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, March 27. \$2.50 per person.

Specially-trained volunteers from AARP will assist with income tax preparation every Thursday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Call 678-9245 for appointments.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The Hirten Family Dancers perform a program of traditional Irish dances on Sandel Sunday, March 3 at 2 P.M. Refreshments after the free performance.

The film *Far and Away* is featured on Sunday, March 10 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.

The Sunday Book Club meets March 17 at 1:30 P.M. Volunteer coordinator Barbara Petrilli will lead a discussion of *Gold Coast* by Nelson DeMille. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.



Black History at RVC Post Office

Mayor Eugene Murray recently participated in a Black History Month celebration at the Rockville Centre Post Office where the new Langston Hughes stamp was introduced. Mayor Murray's father, William J. Murray, the longtime Village postmaster, is credited with integrating the letter carrier workforce.



Sandel Seniors are invited to strut their stuff at Rockville Centre's St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 23. Meet at the Center at 10:45 A.M. Refreshments and more fun after the parade.

Monthly duplicate bridge lessons with Marie Fiorillo continue Sunday, March 17 from 5-7:30 P.M. after a light dinner at 4:30. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245.

The monthly art exhibit features outstanding work by female art students at South Side High School. Reception Tuesday, March 19 at 11 A.M.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, March 27 at 2 P.M. to discuss *Wait Till Next Year* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9345.

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus at Hofstra University, offers a creative writing course on Tuesdays at 1:45 P.M. All are welcome.

Guys Night Out for active seniors over 60 meets Wednesdays March 13 and 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. to discuss gambling and games of chance.

March Speakers

Ghazi Kahn of the Islamic Center will discuss terrorism and the Muslim community Tuesday, March 5 at 11 A.M.

Attorney Peter Levy discusses countering terrorism Tuesday, March 12 at 11 A.M.

Helene Locke, the Sandel Center's social work supervisor, will speak at the Senior Men's club on Tuesday, March 19 at 11 A.M. after a 10 A.M. breakfast.

Day Trips and Transportation

A trip to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City is Thursday, March 15 for \$5 per person.

Supermarket transportation is available twice weekly: Tuesdays at 9:30 A.M. and Thursdays at 12:30 P.M. Call Helene Locke at 678-9255 to reserve a spot on the bus.

Round-trip transportation from the Sandel Center to the Recreation Center is now available. Call Helene Locke at 678-9255 to reserve a spot on the bus.

Travel and Dining

The New Orleans Getaway departs April 1, 2002 and includes five days visiting the French Quarter, the Café du Monde, and the New Orleans School of Cooking. Price includes airfare, cancellation insurance and hotel transfers: \$1,070, double occupancy; \$1,320 single.