

April Events at the Senior Center

Special Events

During the Oscar Party on Sunday, April 7 at 1 P.M. try to guess which seniors are the impostors for famous Hollywood stars. Cocktail party to follow. \$3 per person.

Belles and Beaux, a singing troupe from the Town of Hempstead Senior Center in Bellmore, performs Friday, April 19 at 1 P.M. Coffee and cake. \$1.50.

The Intergenerational Committee's Annual Sharing Conference is Friday, April 26 at 10 A.M. Students from South Side High School and Sandel seniors present a fun and fun-filled show. Spend the day at the high school meeting with students, enjoying the performance and having a delicious lunch. Sign up in person at the Senior Center.

Procrastinators may still take advantage of AARP tax preparers on Thursdays, April 4 and 11 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Appointments necessary. Call 678-9245.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The film *Princess Diaries* is Sunday, April 14 at 2 P.M. on the Center's 60-inch TV screen.

April's monthly art display will feature dog portraits in charcoal by Morris Yellis. A reception is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 at 11 A.M.

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sunday, April 28 from 4:30 - 7:30 P.M. after a light dinner at 4. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The Sunday Book Club meets on April 28 at 1 P.M.; bring your own lunch. Volunteer coordinator Barbara Petrilli leads a discussion at 1:30 of *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.

The Book Club meets Tuesday, April 30 at 2 P.M. on the lower level of the RVC Public Library to discuss *The Road from Coorain* by Jill Ker Conway. Call 678-9245 to reserve a copy.

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



South Side High School students and Sandel Seniors enjoyed themselves at last year's annual Sharing Conference sponsored by the Intergenerational Committee. This year's conference is Friday, April 26 at 10 A.M.

Computer classes, yoga, games and hot soup available every Thursday evening at the Sandel Center.

April Speakers

Joe Hessley from Maple Pointe Assisted Living will discuss Healthy Fitness on Tuesday, April 2 at 11 A.M. with brunch to follow.

Physical therapist Joan Monahan will teach correct techniques for stretching to promote proper posture and increased mobility on Tuesday, April 9 at 11 A.M.

The Senior Men's Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month 10 A.M. breakfast followed by a guest speaker at 11. On Tuesday, April 16, physical therapist Anthony Cenzoprano will discuss the

benefits of physical therapy for the senior as well as the use and benefit of assistive devices in the home.

Day Trips and Transportation

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.

A La Carte Friday begins May 10. Join others in preparing and sharing a gourmet meal fit for a king at A La Carte Culinary Services of Lynbrook for \$25 per person. Sign up now at the Senior Center.



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Dates & Events

Wednesday, April 10, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Thursday, April 11, 8 P.M.
**PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2003 BUDGET**

Monday, April 15, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 24, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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Rockville Centre Police Department dispatcher Barbara Daley will soon be using the 911 system at the communications desk at police headquarters.

Village's Own 911 System Coming

For years Rockville Centre residents have been asked to remember two different numbers to call in an emergency, but all that is set to change this spring.

Within the next 60 days, the enhanced 911 emergency system will be operated for the first time in RVC.

The enhanced 911 system will send all calls for fire, police, and medical emergencies to the RVC Police Department. The system automatically displays the phone number and address of all callers, including unlisted numbers, a great advantage if for some reason a caller cannot stay on the line.

Currently, 911 calls from Rockville Centre residents are answered by

Nassau County dispatchers who must reroute some calls back to Rockville Centre. After the change-over, all calls will go to RVC first, except for calls made from cell phones, which will continue to be answered by Nassau County.

The direct numbers to the RVC Police Department (766-1500) and to the RVC Fire Department and to emergency medical services (766-0400) will remain in service after the new system is activated.

Village officials remind residents that 911 should only be used for actual emergencies: when there is a fire; when you need the police; when you think someone's life is in danger, when someone faints or collapses, when someone is badly injured, or when in doubt.

FY 2003 Budget Hearing April 11

Residents are invited to comment on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2003 during a public hearing in Village Hall on Thursday, April 11 beginning at 8 P.M. The proposed budget totals \$25.3 million, up about \$1.1 million or 4.5 percent over last year.

Copies of the tentative budget are available for public inspection at Village Hall and will also be available at

the hearing. The Board of Trustees must adopt a budget by May 1 and could do so after the public hearing on April 11 or at the next Board meeting on April 15.

The proposed budget calls for a 4.93 percent increase in the tax rate, up \$1.08 over last year to \$23 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The increase would add about \$83 to the tax bill for an average Rockville Centre home.



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Wayne Lipton



Success of Our Village Attracts More People



As a Trustee, I hear all the time that our Village is getting too busy and our resources are getting stretched thin. There is too much car traffic, not enough parking, and too

few playing fields. Residents are still proud of our excellent schools, fine recreational facilities, diverse community activities, low cost electricity, strong senior services and many more aspects of Village life that make our community special. However, many people also seem to yearn for a simple, quiet Village where the only car traffic is their own and you can have a parking space right in front of the store.

Our Village is successful and that success attracts more people. The high selling prices of our homes reflects what others think of Rockville Centre and so does our traffic congestion. Highly regarded schools attract families with school age children. These families drive, park, and shop in our community. Their children play on our teams and on our fields.

Successful restaurants attract more and more visitors. More cars travel on Lincoln Avenue and Long Beach Road to get to and from Oceanside and Long Beach. All our east-west thoroughfares are busier carrying people to the eastern portions of the Island.

What can we do and what have we done?

Electric Power

The Village Board is responsible to manage its existing resources and when possible to expand its resources to meet the needs of the Village.

The Village has secured the rights

to use a powerline from LIPA to supply additional electricity and to ensure that we get the full amount of lower cost hydroelectric power that we have under contract. In addition, we are moving forward with plans to increase our production capacity.

Recreation

After a recent expansion of the Recreation Center that increased our indoor facilities, the Village completed the parkland swap that gave us ownership of the 50 acres known as the RVC North Fields along Peninsula Boulevard. The improvement project will increase our resources by lighting three fields and dramatically upgrading them to expand the hours of operation. This project should be completed by the Spring of 2003.

Parking and Traffic

Finally, the Board has decided to replace the old and often broken existing parking meters and replace them with new electronic ones. Meters help to manage a limited resource: parking spaces. In order to increase our inventory of spaces, we already lease parking from St. Agnes by the Long Island Rail Road station and have added a new lot on Long Beach Road. As demand continues to grow, we are actively considering additional parking acquisitions and other alternatives, like a parking garage. Whatever we do will be done in the context of a rational budget and our responsibility to manage public resources in a cost efficient manner.

Since we can not expand our road system by adding roads or widening our major thoroughfares, all we can do is continue to manage our traffic control devices and look back fondly on the days of fewer cars.

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

Community News

The Village of Rockville Centre has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for **Excellence in Financial Reporting** by the Government Financial Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report. The non-profit professional association also gave a Financial Reporting Achievement award to Village Comptroller Michael Schussheim.

The **RVC Lacrosse Club** will be holding its spring clinics both for boys and girls beginning the week of April 14. The boys' clinic will be held at the RVC North Fields on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10. Full equipment will be necessary. The girls' clinic will also run Saturdays from 8:30 to 10 at a location to be determined. A mouthpiece and a stick are necessary. Check the website at rvclax.com for further information or call Clare Beck at 764-4991 (e-mail info@rvclax.com).

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

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and third Saturdays of the month through November 16 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

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Rockville Centre residents may request **free access to cable Channel 70** by calling Cablevision customer service at 364-8400, identifying themselves as Village residents and asking for universal service.

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All Village residents are invited to a **Parenting Workshop** at the South Side Middle School on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 P.M. sponsored by the Rockville Centre School District and the RVC Drug and Alcohol Task Force. Robert J. Ackerman, an expert on drug and alcohol addiction, will address raising parent confidence.

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The Mr. and Mrs. Club of the United Church of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a **benefit concert** on Sunday, May 5 at 3 P.M. The singers will perform at the Church, 430 Morris Avenue and refreshments will be served.

Proceeds will benefit the We Care RVC Fund for the families of the victims of the World Trade Center attacks.

Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved by calling 763-1575 or 766-1186. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Correction

The name of Karen Navarro was inadvertently omitted from the list of World Trade Center victims from Rockville Centre published in the Village's Annual Report for 2001. The name of Edward Schunk was incorrectly listed as "Andrew". The Village regrets the error and the omission.

April at the Rec Center

Summer Playground Registration

Registration begins April 1 for the Rec Center's 48th Summer Playground Program, which runs July 1 through August 8 from 9 A.M. to Noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Wilson School, and Hewitt School.

Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events. The fee is \$205 per child with a \$10 deduction off the fee for each additional child.

The program is open to all Rockville Centre residents and residents of the Rockville Centre School District in grades 1 through 6 as of September 2002.

A program for 7th and 8th graders will also be offered this year. Call 678-9339 or consult the detailed flyer for information.

Nursery School Registration

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

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

Summer Employment

There will be a limited number of openings for the Rec Center's summer



There's lots to do at the Rec Center's Summer Playground Program. Registration begins April 1.

seasonal staff. Questionnaires are available beginning April 1.

All candidates must be at least 16. Call 678-9339 for information.

Tennis Courts Opening

The Har-Tru courts adjacent to the Rec Center will open the week of April 27 and are available seven days a week from 8 A.M. until dark.

All players must register and pay a fee.

Spring Hydrant Flushing

The RVC Water Department will continue the spring hydrant flushings beginning Monday, April 22, between midnight and 7:30 A.M. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it may be discolored and could stain laundry during the flushing period in each area.

Monday, April 22: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, April 23: The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

Wednesday, April 24: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue

and McDermott Road east of Brower Avenue and east of Long Beach Road.

Thursday, April 25: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Brower Avenue.

Friday, April 26: The entire area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue between Long Beach Road and North Village Avenue.

Additional spot flushing may occur between April 29 and May 3. All questions regarding the flushing may be directed to the RVC Water Department at 678-9252.