

This Month in Recreation

Annual Gymnastics Show

The Recreation Department's annual gymnastics show is Friday, May 17. Participants include program members from the fall and winter sessions. Tickets are available beginning May 13.

Summer Playground Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the 48th consecutive summer playground program, held this year from July 1 through August 8.

The regular weekly program is conducted by trained Rec Center staff at the Rec Center and at Hewitt and Wilson schools. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, games, and special events, including some field trips.

The program is open to residents of Rockville Centre or of the Rockville Centre School District in grades one through eight as of September, 2002.

Transportation is not provided and children must walk or be dropped off at their playground sites. The program meets Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. The fee is \$205 per child.

Information on scheduling and fees are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

Fall Nursery School

There are openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2003 are Monday through Friday mornings or Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2004 are Monday through Thursday mornings or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Classes begin September 9 and follow the public school holiday schedule.

Summer Pre-School Teacher Wanted

The Recreation Department is looking for a certified pre-school teacher for the summer session, June 27 to August 9.

Classes meet Monday through Friday 9 to 11:30 A.M. Call Mrs. Shapiro at 678-9338 for information.

Summer Employment

There are a limited number of openings for the Rec Center's summer seasonal staff. Applications are available.

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

Summer Baseball School

The 27th annual Rockville Centre baseball school is open to boys ages 6 to 13 and will be held from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Barasch Field for nine sessions: from July 1 to 12 (except July 4).

Students are grouped by age and skill level. Daily instruction includes the



Mayor Eugene Murray addresses the crowd at last year's Memorial Day service. This year's parade begins at 10 A.M. on Monday, May 27 and marches along Maple Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Rec Center on North Oceanside Road. The service begins immediately after the parade, about 11 A.M.

fundamentals of hitting, throwing, fielding, and base stealing.

The fee is \$250 for residents. Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

Summer Basketball School

The Nike Girls Basketball camp for girls 12 to 17 will be offered July 22 to 26 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at South Side High School for a fee of \$195.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

Summer Lacrosse Camps

The 3rd annual Nike lacrosse camps for boys and girls ages 8 to 17 will be offered at the Mill River East field, corner of Merrick Road and Windsor Avenue.

The girls' camp is July 8 to 12 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The boys' camp is August 5 to 9. The fee is to be announced.



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Dates & Events

Monday, May 6, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 8, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, May 22, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 27
MEMORIAL 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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Done Deal! Rockville Centre - New York State Complete Park Swap



Rockville Centre Mayor Eugene Murray and New York State Governor George Pataki, with State Senator Dean Skelos looking on, sign the deed formally exchanging property inside Hempstead Lake State Park. Also attending the ceremony were Trustee Jack Matthews, sports complex engineer John Cameron, former Trustee Bud Cosgrove, Trustee Greg Rinn, Town Councilman Anthony Santino, Assemblyman Bob Barra, Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, and Trustee Mary Bossart.



Governor Pataki takes a swing on the softball field before the deed signing ceremony on April 13, with State Senator Dean Skelos calling balls and strikes.



Young athletes check out the site plan for the new RVC North Fields. The Village can now develop its new 50-acre property along Peninsula Boulevard into a premier sport facility, helped along by a \$1 million grant provided by State Senator Dean Skelos.

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Village Hall Comments

By Trustee John A. Matthews, Jr.



RVC Swaps Parkland with New York State



Bernadette Castro, all representing the State of New York, formally completed the exchange of Hempstead Lake parkland with Mayor Eugene Murray and Village Trustees Mary Bossart, Wayne Lipton, Greg Rinn, and myself.

The Village transferred ownership of its property south of the Eagle Avenue extension consisting of Donald F. Browne Park, McDonald Pond, picnic areas south of the tennis courts and South Pond to New York State in exchange for the portion of State parkland north of the Eagle

Avenue extension and bounded by Hempstead Lake reservoir and Peninsula Boulevard as far north as Southern State Parkway.

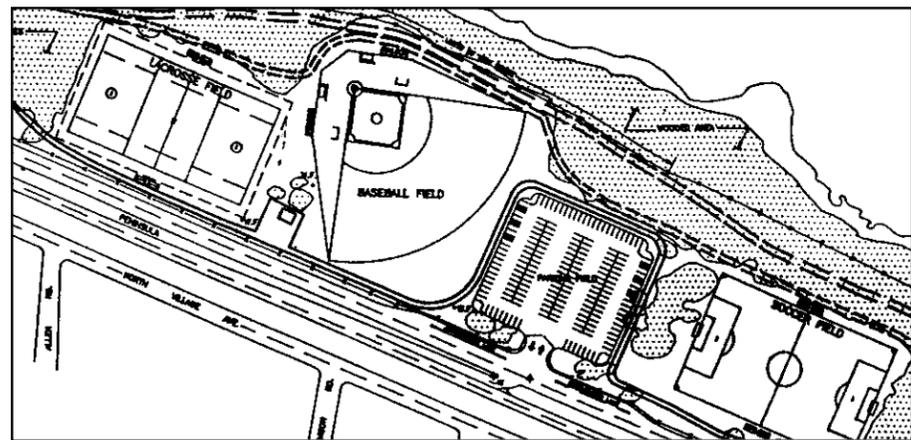
This swap of approximately 55 acres of land being given and acquired by each side represents the completion of a project conceptualized over 10 years ago.

In 1992, former Trustee Bud Cosgrove and former Village Administrator Tony Cancellieri, working very closely with New York State Senator Dean Skelos, developed a plan to exchange parkland. The benefits to Rockville Centre were obvious, — ac-

quisition of three additional athletic fields and control of the policing, safety and upkeep of a portion of the park which needed closer supervision.

The parkland being transferred to the State would still be available for use by the Village and its residents for various functions which take place there during the year, including such events as the fly fishing contest, the Easter egg hunt, and the Boy Scout jamboree.

With the legal transfer of ownership, the Village intends to immediately implement its construction plans for the renovation and upgrading of the



Plan for the future RVC North Fields

athletic fields along Peninsula Boulevard and ancillary areas. Construction is scheduled to begin in late June and be completed by the onset of winter. The newly renovated fields and facilities should be available for use in the Spring of 2003.

Improvements included in the plan are an expansion of the existing parking lot with improved exits and entrances to Peninsula Boulevard and the renovation of the existing rest rooms and the construction of a second facility. The northern and southernmost fields will be designed for joint use by the soccer and lacrosse leagues.

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

These fields will have new and improved fencing, spectator seating and player benches. The middle field will be constructed for use as a Little League / girls softball field, also with appropriate fencing for safety and utilitarian purposes. All three fields will receive lighting installations

which will allow play beyond the onset of darkness. The playing fields will be sodded and irrigation provided.

The projected cost of the project as currently designed is \$3.5 to \$4 million. The Village has been extremely fortunate in that Senator Skelos was

able to obtain a grant from New York State in the amount of \$1 million to help defray the cost of these improvements.

At the ceremonies acknowledging the transfer of deeds, Senator Skelos spoke about the cooperation between the State and the Village over many years which was necessary to bring this project to reality. The project will certainly benefit our Village, particularly its youth, both now and for generations to come.

We are blessed with many wonderful facilities in our Village and this project is just another blessing which we are able to count as ours.

Community News

Real estate tax bills for the fiscal year beginning June 1 will be mailed by May 31. First half payments are due in June; July 1 is the final date for payment without penalty.

Homeowners who have refinanced their mortgages or whose mortgages were sold from one lending institution to another should notify the Village tax office to make sure that their bills are mailed to the correct address and to avoid penalties. New owners are advised to check with the tax office to verify ownership information.

Please write or visit the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall, 1 College Place, RVC 11570. Hours are 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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The annual **RVC Historical Society House and Garden Tour** is Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 P.M. Bus transportation is provided to interesting homes in Rockville Centre. There is a reception at the Phillips House Museum following the tour.

Donations are \$25 per person and space is limited.

For reservations, call 536-2247. Send checks payable to The Phillips House to the Phillips House, P.O. Box 605, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

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Several residents reported difficulty requesting **free access to cable Channel 70** using the Cablevision customer service number. The service is available and those having difficulty should call 803-8085, identify themselves as Village residents and ask for universal service.

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The **Village website** and the **RVC 2001 Annual Report** have won Awards of Distinction from The Communicator Awards, an international print media competition.

John Peters and Eric Theodore of the Information Technology Department designed, built, and operate the Village's website. Jeff Kluewer wrote and produced the annual report.



The annual beach walk on the Long Beach boardwalk is Wednesday, May 1 followed by a salad bar at the Sandel Center. Transportation is at 10 A.M. from the Center.

May at the Sandel Senior Center

Special Events

The Ms. Senior America showcase is Sunday, May 5 from 2 to 4 P.M.

More than 100 volunteers will be honored at the annual volunteer luncheon Friday, May 17 at Chateau Briand.

Sweets and Songs is Friday, May 24 at 1 P.M. Bring and share desserts and join the sing-along.

The movie *Random Harvest* with Greer Garson and Ronald Coleman will be shown Friday, May 31 at 1 P.M.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The Couples Club spring dinner party is Friday, May 10 at 6:30 P.M. Fee is \$6 per couple; sign up with Wendy at 678-9350.

Cinema Sunday on May 19 at 12:30 P.M. features Serendipity with John Cusak on the Center's 60-inch TV screen. Light lunch included.

Duplicate bridge games are Sunday, May 19 from 5 to 7:30 P.M. following a light dinner at 4. A partner is not required. \$7 fee. Call 678-9245 to register.

May's monthly art reception is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 11 A.M. when Senior Center artists discuss their work.

Sunday Book club is May 26 at 1 P.M. Bring your own lunch as Barbara Petrilli leads a discussion of Ian McEwan's *Amsterdam*.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, May 29 at 2 P.M. at the RVC Public Library to discuss *Delta Wedding* by Eudora Welty. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9245.

Senioriversity classes include five sessions of bridge instruction beginning Wednesday, May 1 at 2:15 P.M. and five lessons of golf instruction be-

ginning Thursday, May 2 at 9 A.M. Call 678-9350 to register. \$5 fee.

A shuffleboard team is forming to compete in the county. Call Lisa at 678-9350 for information.

May Speakers

RVC Herald editor Angela Marshall will discuss community journalism on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 P.M.

Jim Baker from Mercy Medical Center will speak on Tuesday, May 7 at 11 A.M. after the Men's Club 10 A.M. breakfast.

Dr. Lara Levin will discuss osteoporosis and fall prevention on Tuesday, May 7 at 11 A.M.

Carol Fritz, director of microbiology at Mercy Medical Center will discuss bio-terrorism and anthrax on Tuesday, May 14 at 11 A.M.

Patti Eaton of the Visiting Nurses Association of L.I. will speak on Tuesday, May 21 at 11 A.M. after the Men's Club 10 A.M. breakfast.

Health and Wellness Activities

The grief share group meets Thursdays at 1:30 P.M. beginning May 2.

Register now for free mammography testing on Tuesday, May 14. Call Lisa at 678-9350 to make an appointment.

Travel and Dining

A La Carte Friday begins May 10 for \$25 per person.

A resort stay at Woodloch Pines is Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, May 31. Deluxe accommodations include smorgasbord, nightly entertainment, games, tournaments, and competitions. \$361 to \$428 per person, all-inclusive.

A Broadway theatre trip to *Mama Mia* is Wednesday, June 5. \$112 includes transportation and box lunch.