

## Summer Programs at the Recreation Center

### Nursery School Art Show

The Annual Art Show is Saturday, June 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. featuring art work and singing performances by children in the Pre-K and Pre-Pre-K programs.

### 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.

### Pre-School Summer Activities

Registration is underway for pre-school summer programs. Both the parent and child must purchase Rec Center membership cards.

A six-session program in creative art in different media begins on Tuesday, June 25 from 1 to 2 P.M. for 3- and 4-year-olds and from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. for 4- and 5-year-olds. The fee is \$58.50.

Exploring the arts is a six-session program of dance, music, puppetry and art that begins Thursday, June 27 for ages 3 to 4 from 1 to 2 P.M. and for ages 4 to 5 from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. The fee is \$58.50.

Parent-toddler workshops led by a certified early childhood specialist for parents or caregivers and their 24- to 36-month-old children begins Wednesday, June 26 from 12:30 to 2 P.M. or Friday, June 28 from 9 to 10:30 A.M. or 10:30 to Noon. Fee is \$61.50.

### Summer Baseball Schools

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 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.

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## Happy Birthday RVC!



*RVC's 109th birthday will be celebrated with a Grucci fireworks show at about 9 P.M. and a South Shore Symphony concert beginning at 7:45 P.M. on Saturday, July 13 at Mill River / Centennial Park.*



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### Dates & Events

Monday, June 10, 8:15 P.M.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 12, 8 P.M.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, June 24, 8:15 P.M.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sandel Senior Center

Wednesday, June 26, 8 P.M.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Thursday, July 4

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Village Offices Closed

Monday, July 8, 8:15 P.M.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Organizational Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 7:30 P.M.

#### VILLAGE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Centennial Park

Wednesday, July 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.

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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## Senior SPA Program Starting

Seniors are invited to pound the pavement, push the pedals, maximize their muscles, and have fun while getting in great shape with Senior People in Action (SPA).

SPA, a new multi-faceted program to support healthy aging, will start this June for a four-month pilot program.

The program is being started in recognition of the dramatic rise in the elderly population. Already 20 percent of Rockville Centre's population is over 60, far ahead of both New York State and the United States, according to the 2000 Census.

"We have designed the SPA program to lay the groundwork for a physically healthy and emotionally satisfying later life in this growing population," said Cyd

Beth Charrow, the Director of Rockville Centre Senior Services.

The program includes a variety of physical activities with social, emotional, and educational support provided both by peers and by professionals. "An active lifestyle, a support network, and a sense of personal mastery are the key components of healthy aging that this program will promote," Charrow said.

Registration for Senior People in Action begins June 3 at the Sandel Center, South Park and Lincoln avenues. "Kick-off" events begin at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, June 4. Participants need a clearance form signed by a doctor. There is a \$10 registration fee which can be waived based on need. Call 678-9350 for information.



*With the scouts at the Earth Day tree planting are Trustee Jack Matthews, Village Engineer Steve Kritsas, Trustee Mary Bossart, Joe Kelly of the Maple Avenue Task Force, Trustee Greg Rinn, organizer Mary Blatus, and Mayor Eugene Murray.*

## Why We're Tree City Again

Rockville Centre Girl Scouts, Daisy Scouts, Juniors, Brownies and Cadets participated in the beautification of Maple Avenue in honor of Earth Day recently. The girls planted flowers and spread wood chips, but the highlight of the occasion was the planting of a Bradford Pear tree on the Village Green.

The Village's tree planting and replacement program is one of the reasons it was recently named a Tree City USA for the 14th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Since 1986, more than 2,600 trees have been planted in the Village as part of its residential tree-planting program, in addition to the many trees planted on Village property and in commercial areas by the Village.



## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Gregory F. Rinn

### Enjoying the Summer in RVC



some security issues to consider.

#### Summer Events

This issue of our monthly newsletter is filled with information on summer events. You'll want to mark down on your calendars the three Thursday night concerts on the Village Green (June 27, July 25 and August 15) as well as the high point of summer outdoor entertainment: the Village's 109th birthday celebration on Saturday, July 13 featuring the South Shore Symphony followed by Grucci fireworks. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and children.

Many Village organizations work to make the summer a pleasant time for us all: the Rec Center and the School District sponsor the summer playground program; the Public Library sponsors read-

This is the last issue of This Month in Rockville Centre until September and a good time to look forward to the summer months. While there will be much to enjoy in the Village, there are also

ing and other programs; the summer sports leagues and sports schools fill our parks and playing fields; the volunteer firefighters hold parades and picnics.

And as we turn our attention to our neighborhoods, Village residents can be seen maintaining and beautifying homes and gardens and gathering for block parties and special events.

#### Home Security

Turning toward home should remind us that the joys of summer also bring perils. We want to relax our bodies and spirits, but not our guard. We may not want to lock our windows and doors at night, but we should. Burglars and thieves look forward to summer as a time when vigilance is relaxed and unwatched bikes, scooters, wallets, and pocketbooks are there for the taking.

Let's make sure that Rockville Centre is no easy mark; we don't want this to be a good summer for the burglars. Lock those doors and windows, turn on the lights around windows and doors; and if you see *anything* suspicious in your neighborhood, immediately call the Rockville Centre Police, which you will be able to do for the first time this sum-

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

mer by dialing 911. (The old 766-1500 number is still in service, but the enhanced 911 system makes it easier for police to respond to all fire, emergency, and police calls.)

And while we're thinking about the police, I'd like you to think about joining Rockville Centre's Auxiliary Police force. As the trustee / liaison to the department, I have seen firsthand the valuable services performed by both police and the auxiliary in making Rockville Centre a better, safer community.

The time investment is small: as little as 12 hours a month after the initial training period, but the rewards are great. Those interested in joining should call the Rockville Centre Police Department at 766-1500 and ask for Deputy Commissioner Warren Kelly.

Have a great summer!

## Community News

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

If you do not receive your bill by June 5, please call 678-9242 or visit the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall, 1 College Place, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3 P.M.

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Residents are reminded that Village law requires that **no trash cans or refuse** be placed at the curbs **earlier than one hour before sunset** on the day prior to the pick-up day. The emptied containers are to be removed as soon as possible, but no later than 6 P.M. on the day of pick up.



### FOSSI Donates \$25,000

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees accepts a \$25,000 check from members of the Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI) that will be used for the extension to the Sandel Senior Center: Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, Trustee Jack Matthews, Mayor Eugene Murray, FOSSI President Josie Howard, Trustee Mary Bossart, Trustee Greg Rinn, FOSSI members Maureen Jordan, Jim Baker and Carol Edwards.

## Sandel Senior Center Summer 2002

#### Special Events

The Intergenerational Club's end-of-the-year picnic celebration with Sandel Seniors and South Side High School students in Hempstead Lake State Park is Thursday, June 6. \$2 per person.

The Couples Club summer meeting dates are Fridays June 14, July 19, August 16 at 7 P.M. Call 678-9350.

The Men's Club Annual Barbecue is Thursday, July 11 at Noon. Men do the cooking. \$5 per person.

Chinese Auction Thursday, August 1, 1 P.M. Refreshments. \$1.50 per person.

The Coney Island Carnival is Thursday, August 22 at 1 P.M. \$2 per person.

Saturday Flea Markets will be held on June 22, July 20, and August 10 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

#### Travel and Dining

A Belmont raceway trip including admission, lunch, and transportation is Thursday, July 19. \$28 per person.

A two-hour, narrated cruise of the Great South Bay on the paddlewheeler Lauren Kristy is Thursday, August 15, including lunch at Michael's, a beautiful country mansion from the 1870s hidden away overlooking a private lake. \$66 per person.

Canada Cruise on the Carnival Triumph departs September 2 for six days and five nights days of sightseeing in St. Johns, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Price includes cruise, port charges, and round trip transportation. Deposit of \$300 secures a cabin assignment. Inside cabins \$695; outside \$815.

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.

### Summer Concert Calendar 2002

The Village's annual summer concert series includes three events on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, as well as the annual fireworks show with the South Shore Symphony at Mill River / Centennial Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. In case of rain, the Village Green concerts will move to the auditorium of the South Side Middle School, Hillside Avenue.

**Thursday, June 27, 7:30 P.M.** Country music with Southbound..

**Saturday, July 13, 7:45 P.M.** In honor of the Village's 109th birthday, the South Shore Symphony performs a concert of summertime favorites, including popular, light classical and Broadway pieces. The 1812 Overture will accompany a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9 P.M. The Symphony will resume after the fireworks. Rain date: Sunday, July 14.

**Thursday, July 25, 7:30 P.M.** Irish music with the Black Velvet

**Thursday, August 15, 7:30 P.M.** A Grand Night for Singing.

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.

Lido Beach Program: Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the summer. Town of Hempstead bus leaves 10 A.M. No charge, but must have Swinging Seniors pass. Fridays: Sandel bus leaves Sandel Center 9:30 A.M. \$2 fee. Members only.

#### Arts and Leisure Activities

The Center Stage singers and dancers perform at the annual spring event Friday, June 14 at 1 P.M. \$2 per person.

Luncheon for the authors of "Senior Lines" a collection of writing from the workshop led by Dr. Lenore Sandel. Wednesday, June 19. \$2.50 per person.

The 25th anniversary of Elvis's death is marked by a Sock Hop on Thursday, July 25 at 1 P.M. Refreshments and professional entertainment. \$2.50 per person.

Make Believe Ballroom on Thursday, August 8 at 1 P.M. offers live music, lots of dancing with demo performances, and refreshments \$2.50.

Duplicate Bridge games are Sundays June 30, July 28, and August 18 from 4 to 7:30 P.M. beginning with a light dinner. Play conducted by Marie Fiorillo. A partner is not required to participate. Refreshments throughout the evening. \$7 per session for non-members. \$5 for members. Registration preferred; call 678-9245.

The Sunday Book Club meets at 4 P.M. on June 30, July 28, and August 18 led by volunteer coordinator Barbara Petrilli. Bring your lunch.

The Book Club meets on

Wednesday, June 26 at 2:30 P.M. for *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes; on Monday, July 29 at 1 P.M. for *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald; and Monday, August 19 at 1 P.M. for *Foreign Correspondence* by Geraldine Brooks. Led by Ellen Berman of the RVC Public Library. Reserve a copy of the book selection by calling 678-9350.

The August Film Festival with guest lecturer and film historian Philip Harwood presents highlights from the films of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers on Tuesday, August 6 and highlights from the career of Gene Kelly on Tuesday, August 13 both at 11 A.M.

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#### Summer Sports Camps

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 the South Side Middle School for a fee of \$195.

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.

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

#### Tennis Lessons

Group tennis instruction for ages 6 and up will be conducted by Karen Wansor on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 2 at 3:45 P.M. Five sessions for \$58.75.

#### Summer Birthday Parties

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents from ages 2 on up. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room.

The Roll Around Party for ages 2 - 5 includes balance and climbing equipment and ball and bean bag games. The Craft Party for ages 4 and up include puppetry, pariscraft, and sand art. The Games Party for ages 6 and up includes dodgeball, relay games, the obstacle course, and the alligator pit. The Sports Party for ages 8 and up includes basketball, indoor soccer, floor hockey, lacrosse, foam bat baseball, and dodgeball.

For information and reservations, call 678-9338 or 9339.