

October at the Recreation Center

Window Painting Contest

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 11 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 19 from 9 A.M. to Noon.

The Halloween artists are invited to paint on paper that is taped to store windows in downtown Rockville Centre. Plaques are awarded by a distinguished panel of judges.

In case of rain, the event is indoors at the Rec.

Ragamuffin Parade

Youngsters Pre-K and up, their parents and families are invited to

Rockville Centre's 12th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party on Sunday, October 27.

The parade starts from the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, at 2 P.M. and proceeds down Maple to the Rec Center. At the Center will be games, fun, and prizes for the costumed marchers.

Everyone must register for the parade and / or party at the Rec Center for \$5 per family.

In case of rain the parade is canceled, but the party will begin at 3 P.M. at the Recreation Center.

Annual 10K Race, Family Fun Run

Runners wishing to enter Rockville Centre's annual 6.2-mile road race on Saturday, November 9 should pre-register by October 14. Call (516) 678-9238 for an application.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The 10K begins at 10 A.M. on Park Avenue in front of the Fantasy Theater.



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Pre-school Openings

There are a few openings left in the pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2003.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.

Fall Hydrant Flushing Scheduled

The annual Fall hydrant flushing will begin Monday, October 21, between midnight and 7:30 A.M. The cleaning period ends Friday, October 25.

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.

The following schedule applies:

Monday, October 21: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, October 22: The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

Wednesday, October 23: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and McDermott Road east of Brower Avenue and east of Long Beach Road.

Thursday, October 24: The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Brower Avenue.

Friday, October 25: The entire area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue between Long Beach Road and North Village Avenue.

Additional spot flushing may occur between Monday, October 28 and Friday, November 1.

All questions regarding the flushing may be directed to the RVC Water Department at 678-9252.



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Dates & Events

Monday, October 7
MAYOR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT
Call 678-9260

Wednesday, October 9, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Saturday, October 19, 9 A.M.
WINDOW PAINTING
Downtown Stores

Sunday, October 20, 7 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
Village Green

Monday, October 21, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, October 23, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Sunday, October 27, 2 P.M.
RAGAMUFFIN PARADE
Maple Avenue

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 **911**
Police **911**
Ambulance **911**
Electric 766-5800
Water 678-9252
Nights & Weekends
766-5800

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The Candlelight Vigil on the Village Green, September 23, 2001.

Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Dedication October 20

The Village of Rockville Centre invites all residents, their families, and friends to a Second Candlelight Vigil on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, Sunday, October 20 at 7 P.M. to mark the anniversary of our community's response to the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

During the Vigil, the new Memorial to the victims of the World Trade

Center attacks from the Rockville Centre community will be unveiled and dedicated.

The Memorial, located in the northwest corner of the Green, includes granite monuments inscribed with the names of those lost from our community.

Please bring a candle to light as part of the ceremony.

Good Samaritans Honored by Board

A Rockville Centre resident was accosted by a would-be mugger on the Long Island Rail Road platform at about 9 P.M. on Wednesday, September 4.

Three Good Samaritans heard the victim's cries and chased his assailant into a nearby parking field where he was subdued and held until police arrived. The suspect was later charged in connection with two other robberies in the area.

For their bravery in coming to the aid of a stranger in distress, Scott Kump of Bellmore, Rubin Bariani of Hewlett, and Dan Gallagher of Wantagh were honored by the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees on September 30.

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From the RVC Fire Department

How to **Make The Right Call** in an Emergency



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart

Traffic Safety in the Village



What happens when you mix 24,568 people, 75 miles of roadway, cars and vehicles of every size and description, and squeeze them all into the 3.3 square miles of Rockville Centre? Well, the answer is hardly a surprise: TRAFFIC!

There is no debate that at some times of the day it is difficult to get around the Village. Now that everyone is back to their busy routines, traffic has picked up from its usual summer lull. And now that darkness is coming earlier each evening, that traffic can be more dangerous.

We also know that most car accidents happen close to home, so it is an appropriate time to review a few safety points.

First, there are the obvious rules: Wear your seatbelt. Use directional signals. Stop completely at stop signs and traffic signals. Leave handicap spaces available for those who need them. Use only a hands-free cell phone when driving. Don't double park. And let pedes-

trians cross the street without trying to "hurry them along" with your car.

Second, there are a few situations specific to Rockville Centre to consider: We all have our favorite shortcuts. However, when you use a residential street instead of a main thoroughfare, be especially mindful of children in the area. At the railroad station, the many one-way streets combine with the stress of meeting the LIRR timetable to produce a volatile mix. Please be sure you are traveling slowly and in the correct direction on those one-way streets and in the adjoining commuter lots.

Our schools and the Recreation Center are particularly popular destinations and so the surrounding areas are subject to traffic congestion. When driving children to school, please observe the directions of the school crossing guards and the police. Stop only where you are permitted to. Whether you have a large vehicle or a small one, watch out for children who are walking and parents with toddlers and strollers. Resist the temptation to "squeeze by" in crowded areas.

Last, but not least, consider alterna-

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tives to driving: Walk if possible or bicycle. In many ways, in terms of health, the environment, and economics, walking can be very beneficial when distance or other factors are not a serious consideration.

Additionally, if your children are eligible for the school bus, that is the safest way to get to school. Even if your children beg you for a ride, remember that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported that school buses are 87 times safer than passenger cars or other family vehicles for school transportation!

All of us need to be more patient driving in the Village and as pedestrians we need to be more careful. By remembering these points, we can all get from one end of the Village to the other and home again safely.

Leaf Collections Oct. to Dec.

The Rockville Centre Highway Department will be collecting leaves at the curbside beginning in October and running through December.

If you live north of Sunrise Highway and west of Long Beach Road, leaves will be collected during the weeks of October 28, November 11 and 25, and December 9.

If you live south of Sunrise Highway or north of Sunrise and east of Long Beach Road, leaves will be collected during the weeks of November 4 and 18, and December 2 and 16.

Residents of Village streets should rake leaves into the street on the weekend before the scheduled collections and wet them down to prevent them from blowing back onto sidewalks and lawns.

Residents of County roads must put their leaves in garbage bags. County roads in Rockville Centre include Hempstead Avenue, Long Beach Road, Merrick Road, Oceanside Road, Lincoln Avenue, Lakeview Avenue, DeMott Avenue, Park Avenue south of Sunrise, Village Avenue north of Lincoln, and Rockaway Avenue south of Park.



Residents should rake leaves into the street on the weekend before the scheduled collections and wet them down so they won't blow away.

Community News

The filing period for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes for qualified seniors 65 years old and older, for veterans, and for persons with disabilities on limited income begins October, 2002. Direct all questions to the tax office, (516) 678-9242 between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M.

All exemption applications must be completed and filed by December 31. If granted, exemptions will be effective June 1, 2003.

Village real estate taxes for the second half of the year are due December 1. Bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of November 25. If your mortgage has recently been satisfied or if your billing address has changed, please notify the Village tax office immediately at 678-9242. To avoid penalties, all taxes must be received by December 31.

STAR exemptions apply only to school district taxes. Applications and information are available from the Nassau County Tax Assessor's Office in Mineola or by calling (516) 571-1500.

The RVC Lions Club's 4th annual family festival in Centennial/Mill River Park is Saturday, October 19 from Noon to 4 P.M.

The highlight of the day is its rubber duck race along Mill River, but other attractions include inflatable rides, prizes, a petting zoo, a magic show, a dunk tank, a hay ride, pumpkin painting, food, and music.

Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities, including the RVC Community Fund, St. Agnes Outreach, RVC Confide, the RVC Fire Department, the Guide Dog Foundation, and the L.I. Lions Eye Bank.

The Rockville Centre Lacrosse League is registering players for the spring 2003 season until October 31. Forms and information are available on the league website, rvclax.com and at the Recreation Center or call Clare Beck at 764-4991 for more information.



The Senior Center's annual Halloween Party is Friday, October 25.

October at the Sandel Senior Center Special Events

A Columbus Day dance is Friday, October 11 at 1 P.M.

The Flea Market of gently-used bargain household, gift, jewelry and clothing items is Saturday, October 19 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The Sandel Center's annual Halloween Bash is Friday, October 25 at 1 P.M. Ghostly fun for \$2.50 per person.

Travel and Dining

Visit the New York Institute of Technology Culinary Arts Center on Friday, October 18 for a buffet luncheon and a guided tour of the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in Central Islip. \$16 per person.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sundays, October 13 and October 27 beginning at 5 P.M. after a light dinner at 4 P.M. \$5 for members or \$7 for non-members per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The October art display features the work of Marianne Calabrese, a Rockville Centre artist and teacher. The reception is Tuesday, October 15 at 11 A.M.

The Sunday Book Club meets on October 27 at 4 P.M. to discuss John Grisham's *A Painted House* led by volunteer coordinator Barbara Petrilli. Books are available at the Center.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 30 at 2 P.M. with RVC librarian Ellen Berman to discuss *A Yellow Raft* by Michael Dorris. Reserve a copy by calling 678-9350.

Mind aerobics exercise the most important muscle in your body Mondays at 12:30 P.M.

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus at Hofstra University, offers a creative writing workshop on Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M. for beginners and intermediates. All are welcome.

Mah-Jongg instruction for beginners, games for experts are Thursdays at 3 P.M.

Seniorversity classes offered by the RVC School District in cooperation with the RVC Department of Senior Services include bridge, golf, ballroom dancing, computers and the Internet.

Speakers and Classes

Financial manager Joseph Vaglio will discuss Medicare, HMO, and Medigap plans on Tuesday, October 1 at 11 A.M.

Ellen Dunn of the NYS Consumer Protection Board will discuss telemarketing calls, home improvement scams, identity theft, lemon laws, and other consumer issues on Tuesday, October 8 at 11 A.M.

FOSSI Raffles Available

The Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI) is selling tickets for its annual 50/50 Raffle, its major fundraising event on behalf of the Sandel Senior Center.

Residents have until October 31 to buy \$20 tickets (or three for \$50). Tickets are available at the Center, South Park and Lincoln Avenue or by calling 678-9245.

The drawing is Saturday, November 9 during FOSSI's Monte Carlo Night at the Senior Center.