

## April at the Rec

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt is 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 12 at Donald F. Browne / RVC Park for children through grade 4. The park is the first left turn inside Hempstead Lake State Park off of the Peninsula Boulevard entrance.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held Sunday, April 13 at 2 P.M.

### Middle School Dances

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a dance for sixth graders on Friday, April 11 from 7:30 - 10 P.M. A dance for seventh and eighth graders is Friday, April 25 from 7:30 to 10.

### Spring Recess Trips & Events

The RVC 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, April 18

**Egg Coloring Contest** for grades K to 1: 10-11 A.M.; for grades 2 to 5: 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Fee is \$2.

#### Monday, April 21, 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.

#### Tuesday, April 22

**Spring Craft Activity** for grades K to 4: 10:30 - 11:45 A.M. or 12:15 - 1:30 P.M. Fee is \$7.

#### Wednesday, April 23, 12:30 - 5:15 P.M.

**Trip to Adventureland** in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$22 includes three hours of unlimited rides and transportation.

#### Thursday, April 24, 10 A.M.

**Annual Spring Pet Show.** Ribbons awarded in various categories. No fee, but pre-registration required.

#### Thursday, April 24, 2:15 - 5:30 P.M.

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

#### Friday, April 25

**Bowling at RVC Lanes** Bumper Bowling for grades 1 & 2: 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; for grades 3 to 8, 12:30 to 3 P.M. Fee \$10.

The dances are open to teenagers who live in Rockville Centre or who attend Rockville Centre schools. A school ID is required for admission.

### Spring Registration

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring program schedule has begun for pre-school programs. Elementary and middle school programs begin the last week of April.

### Nursery School Openings

Registrations are still being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for Summer 2003 and for the 2003 - 2004 school year.

The summer program classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2004 meet June 23 through August 7, Monday through Thursday 9 to 11:30 A.M.

Morning or afternoon programs are offered for those entering kindergarten in September 2004 and 2005.

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 seasonal staff. Applications are available beginning April 1.



*The annual Easter Egg Hunt is always a good time for children. The Easter Bunny arrives on a firetruck at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 12 to RVC Park.*

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

### Summer Playground Registration

Registration begins March 31 for the Rec Center's 49th Summer Playground Programs, which run June 30 through August 7 from 9 A.M. to Noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Wilson School, and Hewitt School. There is no program Friday, July 4.

Activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events. The fee of \$215 per child includes membership card and trip shirt. There is a \$10 deduction for each additional child.

The programs are open to all Rockville Centre residents and residents of the Rockville Centre School District for grades 1 to 6 and for grades 7 and 8 as of September 2003.



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### Dates & Events

Thursday, April 3, 8 P.M.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FY 2004 BUDGET

Wednesday, April 9, 8 P.M.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, April 28, 8:15 P.M.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### NOTE:

Videotapes of Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on Cable Channel 76 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 Rockville Centre Police Department's Certificate of Accreditation from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services was presented to the Village Board of Trustees recently by RVC Police Commissioner Jack McKeon: Trustee Gregory F. Rinn, Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, Mayor Eugene Murray, Commissioner McKeon, and Trustee Jack Matthews.*

## Police Department Reaccredited

The Rockville Centre Police Department has been reaccredited by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services after undergoing a rigorous reassessment process. In 1998, the department became the first agency in Nassau County to earn accreditation.

Mayor Eugene Murray praised the department for its initiative in meeting the high standards of New York State's program, the first of its kind in the nation. "We are proud to have earned this recognition from the State," Mayor Murray said. "It confirms that we have one of the best departments in New York."

RVC Police Commissioner John P. McKeon traveled to Albany on March 4 for the official vote of the State Law Enforcement Accreditation

Council confirming the recommendation of the reassessment team.

"This is the next step in our evolution as a department," Commissioner McKeon said. "I am very proud of the teamwork that has enabled us to complete this process."

The assessment team reviewed documents and operations and conducted 178 interviews with 19 officers. The department was found to be in full compliance with 130 standards covering administration, training, patrol, and operations.

Rockville Centre's is one of only 90 accredited departments out of the 1,000 departments in New York State. It is one of only four accredited departments in the New York metropolitan area.



## Village Hall Comments

By Deputy Mayor Wayne H. Lipton

### Taking Care of Business, or Why we don't we have a double digit tax increase like everyone else



We are blessed with a wonderful community. As most of you know, the Village is responsible for managing the efficient and effective delivery of critical local services. If we do our job right, you get the garbage picked up, the streets cleared of snow and debris, the protection of a responsive police force, the security of a first rate fire department, and quality water and low-cost power for our homes and businesses.

You get recreation, social services, housing, senior services, parades, and more. For over a decade, under the leadership of Mayor Eugene Murray, our Village has done a great job staying focused. But there are costs that are rising out of proportion.

Are we going to have to have a double digit increase in taxes like everyone else?

Not in the Village of Rockville Centre. Why? Because some of us are dedicated to the business of government and not the game of politics. The job is to keep costs down, to spend prudently and to be responsible.

My wife's uncle, a retired major general, taught me something that many in the military understand well: The Seven Ps: "Proper Prior Planning Prevents P\*ss Poor Performance."

Our Village is a business and as such

### **FY 2003 Budget Hearing April 3**

Residents are invited to comment on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2004 during a public hearing in Village Hall on Thursday, April 3 beginning at 8 P.M. The proposed budget totals \$27.7 million.

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 3 or at the next Board meeting on April 28.

The proposed budget calls for a 5.9 percent increase in the tax rate, to \$24.36 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

has expenses, revenues, infrastructure, and is supported by a political system. Often it comes down to experienced business people versus those who are politicians and amateurs who make poor decisions. Politicians spend money often to make people happy and to get re-elected. Good government means prudent decisions about spending and fighting for all the residents of the Village.

The State and the County have been facing hard times largely because sales taxes and income taxes vary greatly as the economy strengthens or weakens. The Village, on the other hand, has a relatively stable source of revenue: property taxes and a mature community that requires no major changes in services each year.

Through proper business management, we have been making sure that we are not overextended and can handle the unexpected.

As a result of the settlement of a lawsuit with the Town of Hempstead, \$2 million was returned to the Village. We also realized about \$2 million more from the Power Authority as a result of a 10-year lawsuit.

That is why we have not had to increase taxes like the schools, the County and ultimately, the State and Federal governments.

There is no other place within 30 miles which has been as successful and whose home values have risen as much as Rockville Centre. Leadership, planning and a well-run administration make it all work well.



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

## Community News

### RVC Seeks Police Volunteers

The Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department is looking for community-minded citizens willing to undergo training and perform at least 12 hours of volunteer duty a month.

Volunteers patrol Rockville Centre in marked cars and in police uniforms, extending the reach of the regular police force. Their efforts reduce crime and vandalism in the Village. Auxiliary police officers also help the regular police with traffic and crowd control during special events and at the scenes of fires, traffic accidents, and other emergencies.

Candidates must fill out an application, be interviewed and then pass a physical and a background check. They are trained at the Nassau County Police Academy one night a week for 18 weeks and receive field training with the Rockville Centre Police.

All residents over 18 are invited to join the Auxiliary Police by calling the Rockville Centre Police Department at 766-1500 and asking for Lieutenant Quinn.

### Real Estate Tax Notice

Homeowners are reminded to notify the Village Tax Office of any change in their mortgage, whether satisfying or refinancing a mortgage, or when their mortgage is sold from one lending institution to another.

The Tax Office is open 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. on the second floor of Village Hall, One College Place and Clinton Avenue or call 678-9242.

Village taxes are due June 1 and December 1.

## Community News

### Transfer Station Reopening

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 5 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month through November 15 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

### S.T.O.P. Collection April 5

The Town of Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program will hold a hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 5 from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Pine Street in Long Beach.

Town residents may bring hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products to the collection point for proper disposal at no charge. The program accepts such items as paints, solvents, varnish, waste oil, antifreeze, batteries, car tires (off the rim), and photography and pool chemicals.

The program will not accept commercial or medical waste, ammunition, explosives, propane tanks, or unlabeled materials.

For information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200.

### Save Old Glory!

The RVC American Legion Auxiliary has a drop-off location in the lobby at Village Hall, One College Place and Clinton Avenue, where residents may deposit worn-out American flags between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

The discarded flags will be delivered to the American Legion Hall for a ceremonial retirement befitting the flag and its symbolism.

### Museum Show May 4

The Phillips House Museum of the Rockville Centre Historical Society will present original coastal landscape paintings by Daniel Pollera on Sunday, May 4 from 1:30-4:30 P.M. at the museum, 28 Hempstead Avenue.

A wine and cheese reception with the artist will continue throughout the afternoon. Call 374-5707 for information.



The Sandel Center welcomes ladies in their Easter bonnets to the Easter Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23 at 12 Noon.

## April at the RVC Senior Center

### Special Events

Sandel Sunday presents Manhattan Cabaret on April 6 from 2 to 4 P.M. with three talented off-Broadway performers sing and dance their way through show tunes.

The AARP tax aide program is Mondays, April 7 and 14. Call 678-9245 to make an appointment.

The Intergenerational Committee's Annual Sharing Conference is Tuesday, April 15 from 10 A.M. to 2:15 P.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.

The annual Passover Luncheon is Wednesday, April 16 at 12 Noon. A traditional Seder meal is \$5.

The annual Easter Luncheon is Wednesday, April 23 at 12 Noon. A delicious meal and an afternoon of fun is \$5.

### Annual Spring Hydrant Flushing

The RVC Water Department has scheduled the spring hydrant flushings for Wednesday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 15. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it may be discolored and could stain laundry. Residents are advised not to schedule project which require clear water during the entire flushing period. For information call the RVC Water Department at 678-9252.

**Wednesday, April 9** (8 A.M. to 4 P.M.): The entire area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue between Long Beach Road and North Village Avenue.

**Thursday, April 10** (8 A.M. to 4 P.M.): The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Brower Avenue.

**Friday, April 11** (8 A.M. to 4 P.M.): The

A Fashion Show Luncheon is Friday, April 25 at 12 Noon. Sip champagne and view fashions from local stores for \$5.

Sandel Center Open House is Friday, May 2. Meet staff and members, ask questions, gather information.

### Arts and Leisure Activities

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue on two Sunday, April 6 & 27 from 4 - 7 P.M. with an optional light dinner at 4. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

April's monthly art display will feature original works in a variety of media by Delores DePaolis. A reception is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 11 A.M.

The Book Club meets Wednesday, April 30 at 2 P.M. with Ellen Berman of the RVC Public Library to discuss *The Long Goodbye* by Raymond Chandler.

entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and McDermott Road east of Brower Avenue and east of Long Beach Road.

**Monday, April 14** (Midnight to 8 A.M.): The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

**Tuesday, April 15** (8 A.M. to 4 P.M.): The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.