

September at the Recreation Center

Bicycle Safety Week

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the RVC P.T.A. will again offer the Cycle With Care program at the five elementary schools during September.

Anyone wishing to register a bicycle must see that it is equipped with strong brakes, a warning device (bell, horn, or whistle), front and rear reflectors at least 3-inches square, reflectors on pedals, and reflective tires or wheels with reflectors on the spokes.

The inspections will take place at Hewitt School on Monday, September 8; at Watson and Riverside schools on Tuesday, September 9; at Covert School on Wednesday, September 10; and at Wilson School on Friday, September 12.

Kids Fest September 13

The annual Kids Fest open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 from Noon to 4 P.M. As always, there will be plenty for Rockville Centre families to do and see.

Representatives from all the Village's sports organizations will attend, as well as the Rockville Centre Police and Fire departments, the Post Office, the Library, the Guild for the Arts, the Lions Club, and many others.



The Village's annual Kids Fest is Saturday, September 13 from Noon to 4 and features pony rides, give-aways, demonstrations by the fire and police departments, and a visit from the Nassau County Police helicopter.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2004 or 2005.

Classes begin September 8 and follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Call Peggy at 678-9338 for registration information.

New Programs

The Sports Time program for grades 3 to 5 meets Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. starting September 16 to cover the

fundamentals of soccer and baseball and the use of agility equipment.

Golf for beginners meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8 P.M. and will teach sound fundamentals.

Part-time Positions Available

Part-time workers are needed for the swimming, gymnastics, and birthday programs. If you are over 16 or an adult looking for part-time employment and have good people skills, fill out an employment application at the Rec Center.

Time to Order a Tree

Residents have until October 13 to order a curbside tree from the Rockville Centre Department of Public Works. Five varieties are available for \$155 each (a \$100 savings). Village workers will plant a tree for you for \$210, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2004 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: October 13, 2003 • Planting date: April, 2004

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: Pin Oak Crimson King Norway Maple
 Japanese Lilac Little Leaf Linden Golden Rain Tree

_____ Tree only: \$155 _____ Tree and Planting: \$210

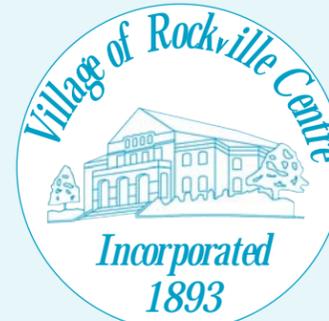
Mail to: 2004 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.
 Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



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 Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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Dates & Events

Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY
 Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, September 3, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Monday, September 22, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Monday, September 29
MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING
 Call 678-9260

NOTE:

Videotapes of Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on Cable Channel 18 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

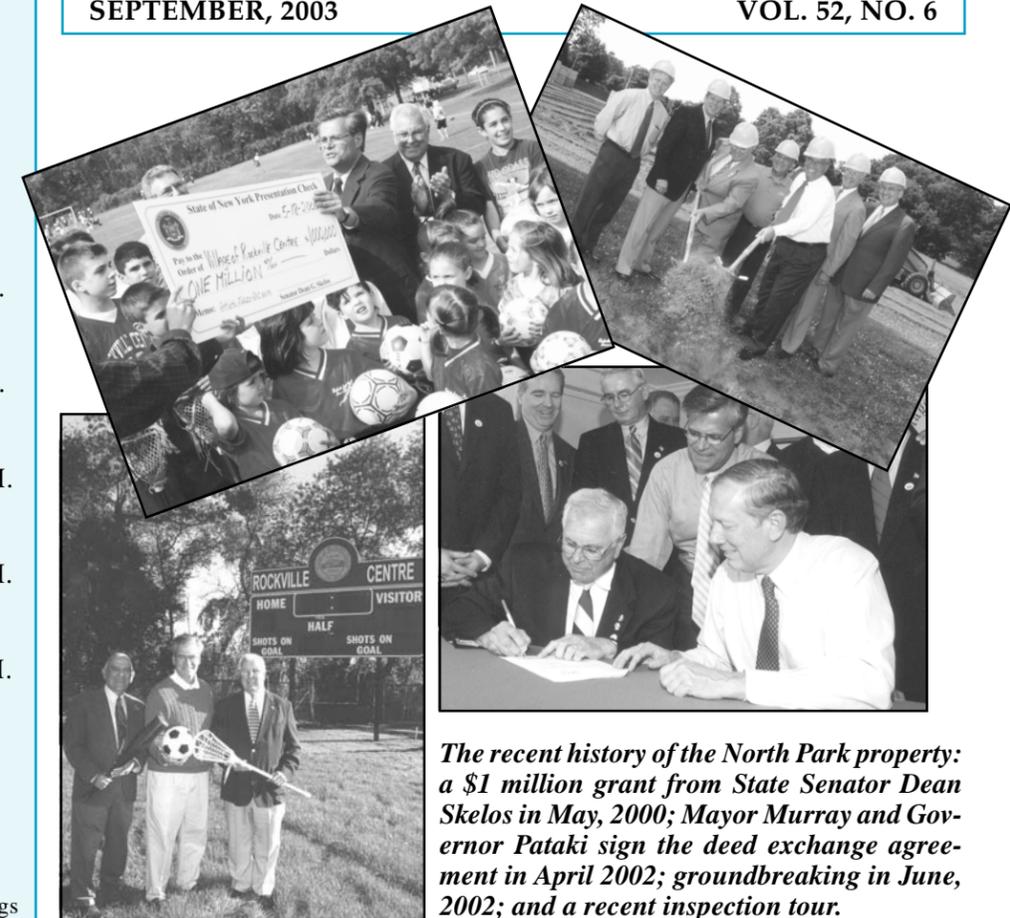
Nights & Weekends 766-5800

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The recent history of the North Park property: a \$1 million grant from State Senator Dean Skelos in May, 2000; Mayor Murray and Governor Pataki sign the deed exchange agreement in April 2002; groundbreaking in June, 2002; and a recent inspection tour.

North Park Dedication Sept. 5 Complex Named for Skelos, Field for Darcy

Rockville Centre's new sports complex on Peninsula Boulevard will be dedicated on Friday, September 5 and named for State Senator Dean G. Skelos who secured a \$1 million grant to help fund the project.

During the dedication ceremony, a field will be named in the memory of Village native John A. Darcy, a standout lacrosse player for Kellenberg Memorial High School who died unexpectedly in 1999. The Darcy family has donated an 11-foot bronze sculpture of a Native American lacrosse player that will be unveiled during the program.

The ceremony is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. between home games for South Side High School's boys and girls soccer teams.

The new complex provides fields for soccer, lacrosse, and baseball or softball, full field lighting for night games, scoreboards, bleachers, new concession and restroom facilities, landscaping, walking and jogging paths, and increased parking.

The 50-acre parcel was acquired from New York State last year in a parkland swap after more than 10 years of study and negotiation.



Village Hall Comments

By Mayor Eugene J. Murray



How Sports Enhance Our Community



Village residents can be proud this month about the opening of the new Dean G. Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard. It has been 10 years since we approached New York State to take over the 50 acres of what was an underutilized and underdeveloped property.

In just a few months we have transformed it into a premier sports facility that will enhance our community and make a difference in the lives of our children.

We have provided premier facilities for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and softball. Over the years, the Rockville Centre schools have done exceptionally well in these sports, winning 98 team championships in the past 20 years, capped by the 10 state championships captured by our girls soccer teams.

But championships are not the main reason to be proud of the sports programs this new facility supports.

Each year these programs attract thousands of children, from as young as 5 to as old as 18. In addition to playing in games, these children have attended clinics and have been coached by parents who themselves attended

clinics to prepare them for their important responsibilities as volunteer mentors. These organizations have been very successful, both in preparing players for later success and for nurturing a love of sports and sportsmanship.

Nearly two-thirds of our children will participate in middle school or high school athletics, due in part to the positive experiences they enjoyed in the Rockville Centre Soccer Club, the Rockville Centre Little League, the Rockville Centre Lacrosse Club, and the boys and girls Basketball League.

These young people learn first hand about the value of discipline and teamwork and the rewards of competition and effort. They learn self-esteem and self-confidence and respect for their opponents. They also have a lot of fun while feeling how much their community cares for them.

I commend our sports organizations for their many contributions to Village life: for the development of their players, for the preparation of their coaches, and for their guidance of parents. They were among the very first to respond with generosity to the needs of their neighbors in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy.

The Board and I are happy to have provided such magnificent fields for current and future generations of our young people.

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

Community News

Back-to-School Reminders

School is back in session and residents are reminded to look out for children crossing streets in the mornings and afternoons.

Parents dropping off their children are reminded that double parking is prohibited.

The RVC Police Department asks all residents to try to be courteous to each other in the congested traffic around schools during drop-off and pick-up times.

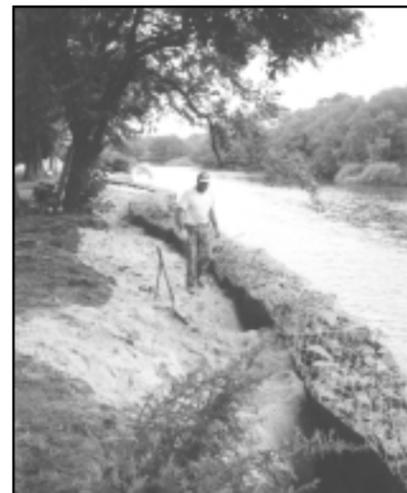
New Village Court Hours

The Village Court counter at Village Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. All over-the-counter court transactions will end each business day at 4 P.M.

The court office can still be reached for information until 4:30 P.M. by calling 678-9233.

Retaining Wall Installed on Mill River

The Village completed an erosion project along Mill River from Rodney Place to Shellbank Place this summer. Stones held in formation by wire cages called gabions were embedded along the riverbank for about 100 yards.



Community News

Lacrosse Club Registration

The RVC Lacrosse Club is currently registering children for the spring 2004 season. All girls, grades 3-8 are eligible and all boys grades 3-6 as well as any 7th or 8th grade boy who is not playing lacrosse on a school team. Registration forms can be printed from the website: rvclax.com or picked up at the Recreation Center.

Clinics will be scheduled for all children who would like to learn the basics of the game or brush up on their skills.

For further information on the spring league or the clinics, visit the website or call Clare Beck at 764-4991.

RVC Basketball Registration

The Rockville Centre Basketball League will register boys and girls in grades 3 through 12 for its 49th season on the following schedule:

Wednesday, September 10, 6 to 8 P.M., South Side Middle School

Saturday, September 13, 10 A.M. to Noon, South Side Middle School; Noon to 4 P.M., RVC Rec Center Kids Fest

Thursday, September 18, 7 to 9 P.M., South Side Middle School

The program guarantees that each child plays half of each game. For further information, to confirm the dates, and to download a registration form, visit the league website at RVCBL.com.

Mercy Baby Registry

As part of its 90th Anniversary Celebration, Mercy Medical Center is creating a registry of the 150,000 babies born at the hospital since 1913.

If you were a Mercy baby and wish to participate in Mercy Babies Day on October 18, call (516) 705-2585 or write the Mercy Medical Center Foundation at 1000 North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre 11570.

September at the Sandel Center

Special Events

The Sandel Center's 27th Anniversary Party is Friday, September 12 from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. at Temple Avodah. A full luncheon, music and dancing for \$24 per person.

Arts and Leisure Activities

The new Develop Your Spirit course with philosopher Stefan Deutsch begins Monday, September 8 at 11 A.M. for a three-month exploration of the image and role of older adults in society. Sign up in person at the Center.

Fall Senioriversity, a cooperative venture between the Sandel Center and RVC Community Education begins September 8 with Tai Chi. Golf is September 25. Participants pay a \$5 fee.

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sunday, September 14. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The Sunday Book Club meets September 21 at 4 P.M. led by Sandel member Barbara Petrilli to discuss *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo.

The Book Club, led by Ellen Berman of the RVC Library, meets Wednesday, September 24 to discuss *A Place in the Country* by Laura Cunningham.

September Speakers

Marie Elana Gambale of Mercy Medical Center will speak on accident prevention on Tuesday, September 9 at 11 A.M.



Seniors can always find fun and companionship at the Sandel Center.

Warren Kelly will share the experience of his 600-mile bicycle journey through the Blue Ridge Mountains with the Men's Club on Tuesday, September 16 at 11 A.M. after a 10 A.M. breakfast and business meeting.

Health and Wellness Activities

Swim at Eisenhower Park on Mondays The bus leaves the Center at 9:15 A.M. and picks up at pool at 11 Need 10 participants minimum. Sign up with Helene. Transportation \$2, pool admission \$2.50, and a Nassau County Department of Recreation Lifetime leisure Pass \$15.00.

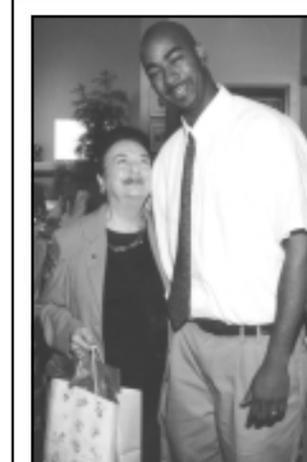
The complete list of Senior Center events is available on the Village's website: www.ci.rockville-centre.ny.us.

Employees Recognized

The Mayor and Trustees recently honored more than 20 employees for their service to the Village.

Marion Lynch of the Comptroller's Office and Thomas Stebner of the Water Department were winners of the 4th Annual Jim Heaney Award for going "above and beyond" their regular excellent performance as Village employees. Others were recognized for 10, 20, 25, and 30 years of exemplary service.

Information and photographs of the event are posted on the Village's website: www.ci.rockville-centre.ny.us.



Patrick Morris, director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, presents a special award to George Anne Feldt for her "dedication to the children of Rockville Centre" during a 38-year part time career, first as a pre-school teacher at the Rec Center and then at the MLK Center.