

October Recreation Center Events

New Open Gym Program

The main gymnasium of the Rec Center will be open for free play basketball for grades 4 and up on Thursday afternoons from 3:45 to 5 P.M. beginning October 2 and on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 P.M. beginning October 4.

The evening open gym for grades 6 and up will begin Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4 from 7:30 to 10:15 P.M. Admission is by valid Recreation Card.

Window Painting Contest

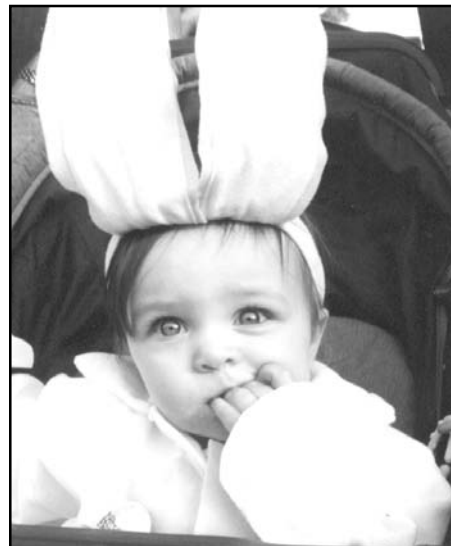
Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 11 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 18 from 9 A.M. to Noon.

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 Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

Fishing Clinic

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation presents its annual freshwater fishing clinic at Hempstead Lake State Park on Saturday, October 18 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There are exhibits, contests, and prizes.



RVC's 13th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party is Sunday, October 26.

Take the first left inside Hempstead Lake State Park from the Peninsula Boulevard entrance. Fee is \$3 per person plus \$6 parking fee per vehicle.

Ragamuffin Parade

Rockville Centre's 13th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party is Sunday, October 26.

Youngsters Pre-K and up, their parents and families are invited to join the parade which 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.

Pre-school Openings

There are a few openings left in the pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2004.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.

Goblin Calls

Fill out a Goblin Slip at the party after the Ragamuffin Parade and you may receive a Goblin Call and a Goblin Prize on Halloween evening, Friday, October 31.



Sign up by October 11 for the Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest on Saturday, October 18.

Register for 10K Race, Family Fun Run

Runners wishing to enter Rockville Centre's annual 6.2-mile road race on Saturday, November 8 should pre-register by October 13. Call (516) 678-9238 for an application.

The Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. 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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Dates & Events

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

Saturday, October 18, 9 A.M.
WINDOW PAINTING
Downtown Stores

Sunday, October 19, 7 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
Village Green

Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

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

Sunday, October 26, 2 P.M.
RAGAMUFFIN PARADE
Maple Avenue

Monday, October 27, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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Mayor Eugene Murray addresses the more than 1,000 residents who came out Friday, September 5 for a brief dedication ceremony for Rockville Centre's new Dean G. Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard.

Skelos Complex, Darcy Field Named

Rockville Centre's Dean G. Skelos Sports Complex was filled with happy families, excited young athletes, and cheering well-wishers last month for the inaugural soccer, lacrosse, and softball games at the impressive new facility.

Between South Side High School girls and boys soccer games, Mayor Eugene Murray unveiled the sign naming the complex for Senator Skelos; the Senator unveiled the sign naming the north field for former lacrosse star John Darcy; and John's mother Anne thanked one and all for the memorial tribute to her son who died in 1999.

In his remarks, Senator Skelos said that the dedication celebrated "the joy of youth, the joy of athletic competition and the joy of the human spirit."

Mayor Murray told the crowd to "Come back often, play hard, and have fun."

The statue of an Iroquois lacrosse player, a gift of the Anne and Frank Darcy family, is the centerpiece of the new sports complex.





Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart



The Blackout and RVC's Energy Future



The blackout of August 14 was a sobering experience. We realized, again, how dependent we are on the technology and electrical devices we use each day. We came through the experience well — never totally losing power. That was due to the foresight of earlier Village officials and residents, and today's skilled Village management — particularly the team at the Electric Department headed up by the Superintendent, Paul J. Pallas, and the Deputy Superintendent, Tom Cardile.

I personally got to watch the Electric Department in action that day. When I arrived at the plant, almost everyone was in the Control Room working to monitor and adjust the load. Some of the men stood in front of panels indicating distribution to different parts of the Village. The atmosphere was tense but professional.

Moments later the Number 7 engine exploded and went out of service. Everyone continued at their station, adjusting to each change in the power supply and the demand for electrical service. I have great admiration for the manner in which our Electric Department team performed and I am very proud of them and grateful to be a Rockville Centre resident.

There are a few things about how our Electric Department managed during the blackout that I would like to share with you.

First, we never totally shut down. When the power went out, we were still generating approximately 20 percent of our load with three engines. Once things stabilized, 70 percent of the Village could be provided with power at a time. This led to the rolling blackouts most of us experienced.

Obviously, decisions had to be made — based on the critical nature of some facilities and the way our distribution system is configured — as to

whose lights stayed on and whose did not.

Perhaps you wonder what a critical facility is. South Nassau Communities Hospital is one, as are our water and sewer pumps. The blood bank is another.

Early on, the decision was made that our downtown should be kept running. This gave people a place to go for a meal or a movie — with air conditioning, on a very hot evening. Rockville Centre was the only place you could buy gas for miles around.

The system of four hours on and four hours off that residents experienced was based on the fact that food will keep in a closed refrigerator for up to eight hours. Four hours meant we could all open the refrigerator occasionally. It also gave the Electric Department time to manage the load, distributing power to more residents on a gradual basis.

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But what about the future?

As most residents are aware, it is less expensive to import power than to generate it at our electric plant. That is why, during the last year, a third transmission line (the Bellmore line) was added. This year we will seek permission from the Public Service Commission to build a new substation.

Rockville Centre's load growth (need for more power) hovers at about 1 percent per year. However, we are currently required by the NYS Independent System Operator (ISO) to purchase excess capacity as a reserve margin. This has cost the Village approximately \$40,000 per month this year. Therefore, the Board of Trustees anticipates that at some point in the future we will be asking the Public Service Commission for permission to add some new generating capacity. This will help us to meet demand and help to satisfy the ISO requirements.

Our electric plant is a unique part of what makes Rockville Centre a great place to live. Be assured that The Board of Trustees is following in the tradition of earlier village boards by actively working to see that Rockville Centre's electric plant is modernized and upgraded for the future in a cost effective manner.

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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

'Anything Goes'

The RVC Guild for the Arts' Fall production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" plays for two weekends at the South Side Middle School.

Performances are Saturdays, October 18 and 25 at 8 P.M., Sundays, October 19 and 26 at 2:30 P.M. and Friday, October 24 at 8.

Reserve tickets for \$10 to \$16 by calling 764-1558 or 764-3005.



9/11 Commemorative Vigil October 19

Residents are invited to share the comfort of community at a brief candlelight prayer vigil commemorating the dedication of Rockville Centre's 9/11 Memorial on the Village Green at 7 P.M. on Sunday, October 19. Please bring candles.

Community News

Lion's Club Festival Oct. 18

The RVC Lions Club's 5th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, October 18 from Noon to 4 P.M.

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

Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities, including the RVC Community Fund, St. Agnes Outreach, RVC Confide, the RVC Fire Department, the L.I. Lions Eye Bank, and the Empire Speech and Hearing Clinic.

For information on the event, sponsorships, or donation opportunities, call the organization's vice president, Michael Jordan, at 764-1775.

Mercy 90th Anniversary October 18

The Rockville Centre community is invited to Mercy Medical Center's 90th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 18 from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The event, held on Mercy's grounds, features a children's corner with rides and games, and areas for health programs, crafts and vendors, entertainment and refreshments.

Check Those Detectors

The Rockville Centre Fire Department reminds residents that the end of Daylight Savings Time is a good time to check the condition of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Change the batteries in these devices and check the owner's manual of CO detectors to see if there is an expiration date and for information on other routine testing.

Always call the RVC Fire Department at 911 if your CO detector goes off. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas whose ill effects can go unnoticed until it is too late.

October at the Sandel Center

Special Events

An interesting and relaxing birdwatching and nature walk with George Fisher at Hempstead Lake is Thursday, October 9 at 8:30 A.M.

The Long Island Bombers softball team for blind athletes plays "Beep Ball" against the RVC staff on Friday, October 17. Round trip transportation departs the Sandel Center 7 P.M. \$1 per person. Refreshments available for purchase at game.

The annual Halloween Costume Party is Friday, October 31 at 1 P.M., complete with music, entertainment and ghostly fun. Prizes for the most unusual costumes. \$3 per person for witches brew and treats.

Health and Wellness Activities

A blood pressure screening is Thursday, October 9 from 12:30 to 2 P.M.

Flu shot pre-registration is Tuesday, October 14 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. and Wednesday, October 15 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. Bring insurance information. Flu shots will be available on Thursday, October 23 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon to seniors 60 and over who pre-register. Call Helene at (516) 678-9245.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Karaoke interactive singing with entertainer Barry Becker is Friday, October 10, at 1 P.M.

The Sunday Book Club meets at 1 P.M. on October 26 at 3 P.M. to discuss Richard Russo's *Empire Falls*, led by volunteer coordinator Barbara Petrilli. Books are available at the Center.

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sunday, October 12 and Sunday, October 26 beginning at 5 P.M. after a light dinner at 4. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The Book Club, led by Ellen Berman of the RVC Library, meets Wednesday, October 29 to discuss *The Tortilla Curtain* by T. Coraghessan Boyle.

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus at Hofstra University, offers a



Save the Date: The Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI's) annual Monte Carlo Casino Party fundraiser is Saturday, November 1.

creative writing workshop on Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M. beginning October 7. All are welcome. The group's latest collection of writing, "Senior Lines Volume II", can be found in the Sandel Library.

Speakers and Classes

Delores DePaolis, a registered art therapist, will discuss art therapy on Wednesday, October 1 at 6 P.M.

Rob Cesternino from the hit TV series "Survivor, the Amazon" will speak on Tuesday, October 14 at 11 A.M. about his experiences on the show.

Sandel Senior Men's Club presents Nassau County Assistant District Attorney Frank Schroeder at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, October 7 after 10 A.M. breakfast and business meeting.

Optometrist Dr. Howard Fishman will discuss macular degeneration and eye pathology at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, October 21 after 10 A.M. breakfast and business meeting.

Travel and Dining

A Medieval Times tour is Friday, October 17 for \$59 per person by deluxe motor coach.

Take a trip to the Stage Theatre in Bellmore to see *Cabaret*, the musical, on Sunday, October 19. \$25 per person includes lunch at the Center and round trip transportation.

A trip to the Mohegan Sun casino is Friday, November 21 for \$20 per person, including deluxe motor coach transportation, \$10 food voucher, plus two \$5 betting coupons. Bus leaves at 8:15 A.M.