

November Events at the Sandel Center

Special Events

The Annual Mayor's Luncheon Wednesday, November 5 features Mayor Murray and the Village Board serving lunch to the seniors. \$3 per person; please sign up.

Sandel Showtime: A Broadway Review features talented Senior Center members performing selections from Broadway's most popular musicals. Friday, November 7 at 1 P.M. Tickets \$3 per person

Sandel Showtime On Tour takes the Broadway Review to the Stage Theatre in Merrick for a one night only performance on Sunday, November 9 at 8 P.M. Children's tickets \$5; adult tickets \$10.

The annual Thanksgiving Meal with all the trimmings is Wednesday, November 19, 12 Noon. \$5 per person; sign-ups required.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Adventures in Aviation, a multimedia music program, is Friday, November 14 at 1 P.M. Refreshments; \$3 per person.

Sandel Sunday features the popular country music of Jan Slow on Sunday, November 16 from 2 to 4 P.M. Free and open to the public.

A reception for artist of the month Pearl Rotowsky is Tuesday, November 18 at 11 A.M.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday, November 26 at 2:30 P.M. with RVC librarian Ellen Berman to discuss *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells. Reserve a copy of the book selection by calling 678-9350.

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus at Hofstra University, offers a creative writing workshop on Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M. Newcomers get an individual orientation from Professor Sandel. Sign up at the front desk.

The monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sundays, November 9 and November 23 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.

Art classes with a professional instructor are Thursdays at 10 A.M.



FOSSI's (The Friends of Senior Services, Inc.) annual Monte Carlo Casino Night fundraiser on Saturday, November 1 transforms the Sandel Center into a glittering casino, complete with professional gaming action and entertainment. \$50 per person includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and complimentary gaming chips. All proceeds benefit health and wellness activities at the center. Cocktails begin at 7:30 P.M. The gaming tables open at 8:00.

Health and Wellness

A new group for people living with diabetes will meet monthly beginning Tuesday, November 4 at 7 P.M.

Pilates every Tuesdays at 10 A.M. Motivational and fun walking group meets Fridays at 9:30 A.M.

Call the Sandel Senior Center for the monthly schedule for Cardio Dance.

Travel and Dining

Dine Around for single seniors at Rudy's Seafood Restaurant is Wednesday, November 19 at 6 P.M. \$23.50 per person.

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.



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Dates & Events

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 11

VETERANS DAY

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, November 12, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY

Village Offices Closed

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

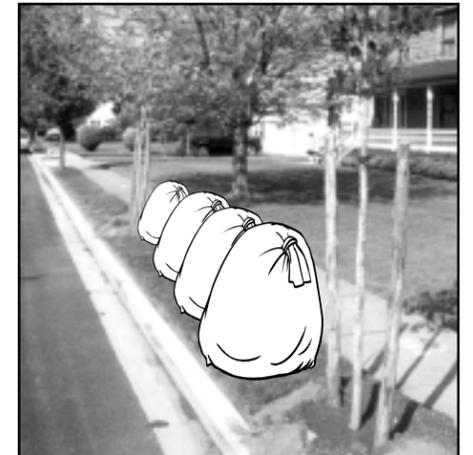
Nights & Weekends 766-5800

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This Fall, residents will no longer be raking their leaves into the street. Instead, leaves will be bagged for curbside pick-up.

Village Announces New Leaf Collection System

The Village of Rockville Centre is implementing a new system for collecting leaves from residences this Fall.

Instead of the old system of raking leaves into piles along the street, residents will be given free leaf bags which will be put on the curbstrip with the regular trash.

"The old system was very costly and inefficient," said Village Administrator Ron Wasson. "And we were damaging our roads and equipment," he said.

The leaf piles also created road hazards, blocked drainage, and clogged catch basins, according to a Village newsletter announcing the change that was mailed to residents in mid-October.

The newsletter also reminded residents that the Village Code requires gardeners and landscaping services that work in the Village to remove all yard waste that they handle.

Residents may pick up the free

leaf collections bags at the Rockville Centre Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Saturday or at the Department of Public Works, 10 Sunrise Highway from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Proof of residency is required.

Leaves will be collected from the curbstrip for six weeks, beginning November 3 and ending December 12, on alternate weeks in the two zones used in the past:

Residents who live north of Sunrise Highway and west of Long Beach Road will have their leaves collected during the weeks of November 3 and 17 and December 1.

Residents who live south of Sunrise Highway or north of Sunrise and east of Long Beach Road, will have their leaves collected during the weeks of November 10 and 24, and December 8.

For further information, residents may call (516) 678-3281.



Village Hall Comments

By Deputy Mayor Wayne H. Lipton



New Calendar on Website



Last week, County Executive Tom Suozzi visited the Village and told a group of around 200 attendees that Rockville Center has a vibrant downtown and a sense of community that is an example to the entire county, if not the state. As a resident and Village official, I agree wholeheartedly.

Our activity as a community has reached new heights. Sometimes, weekends become overloaded with activity, a problem that other communities wish they had.

At the Village Board Meeting on September 22, I asked the Village Administrator, Ron Wasson, to see what he could do about creating an on-line community calendar for the purpose of informing residents of community activities and giving community organizations a clearinghouse for information about each other's events

far into the future.

Our IT Department did a great job and has implemented this calendar which is now available on the Rockville Center Website. Organizations can now submit information by e-mailing Ron Wasson, Village Administrator, at wassonr@optonline.net.

There is no way to eliminate all the overlapping events, but with this information readily available for years in the future, we should be able to lessen it.

I am sure that the calendar will fill up rapidly and will become a "favorite site" on many of our computers. The site is located at <http://www.ci.rockville-centre.ny.us/viewcalendar>. Take a look and help spread the word.

Many thanks to John Peters and Eric Theodore for creating the calendar and to the administration for its rapid implementation.

By the way, the meeting that Mr. Suozzi conducted had to be rescheduled because of a calendar conflict. Just goes to show you.

Chafetz Named Auxiliary Police Chief

After more than 20 years of service during which he earned numerous commendations and awards, Gerald Chafetz was recently named Chief of the Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department.

Chief Chafetz, who has lived in the Village for 35 years with his wife Alice, a teacher at Hewitt School, most recently served for eight years as the deputy chief of the department. He replaces former Chief Gregg Spaulding who will continue his 24-year association with the department as a special advisor.

All residents over 18 willing to perform at least 12 hours of volunteer duty a month are welcome to join the Auxiliary Police. 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 and receive field training with the Rockville Centre Police.

Residents interested in joining the Auxiliary Police should call Gerald Chafetz at 678-9334 or e-mail him at RCAUXPD@optonline.net.



Mayor Eugene Murray congratulates Gerald Chafetz just after he was sworn in as Chief of the Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police.

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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

Tax Office Announcements

Applications for **partial exemption** from Village real estate taxes must be filed by December 31.

Exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years of certified service and to disabled homeowners and senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2002 gross income of \$29,900 or less.

Qualifications for alternative veterans' exemptions are based on the date and type of military service. The value of the exemption varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat (\$597), combat (\$995), or disability (\$1,989).

If granted, exemptions become effective June 1, 2004. Direct all questions to the tax office, (516) 678-9242 between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. or by e-mail to rvctax01@optonline.net.

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.

Homeowners are reminded to notify the tax office of any changes in the status of their mortgages, whether satisfying, refinancing, or when a mortgage is sold to another lending institution.

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.

Community News

Fortnightly is 105

The Fortnightly Club of Rockville Centre will celebrate its 105th birthday on November 18 with a history program chaired by Dorothea von Brook.

The Club, which promotes study and cultural interests, was founded in 1898 by Mary B. Haight and seven other women. It now meets in the parlor of St. Mark's Church.

Village Hall Accessible

Village Hall is accessible to all individuals.

If you would like to attend a meeting or need to conduct business in Village Hall, you may arrange in advance to ensure that the outside elevator is available by calling Monica Derr at 678-9212.

Transfer Station Closes Nov. 15

The Village Transfer Station on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

Saturday, November 15 is the last day the station will be open until April, 2004.

Nov. S.T.O.P. Collection

The Town of Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program will hold hazardous waste collections from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Sunday, November 9 at the Baldwin Park Garage, Grand Avenue, Baldwin.

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), but not commercial or medical waste, ammunition, explosives, propane tanks, or unlabeled materials.

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

Rec Center Programs for November

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 17. Detailed fliers are available at the Rec Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

27th Annual 10K and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K is Saturday, November 8 at 10 A.M. and begins on Park Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway opposite the Fantasy Theatre.

Race day registration is at Village Hall, One College Place and Clinton Avenue and costs \$20.

The course is flat and fast. The race will be run rain or shine.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The entry fee is \$6. For information, call 678-9339.

Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's Annual Holiday Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, November 30 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Call 678-9339 for information.



Rockville Centre's Annual 10K race is Saturday, November 8 beginning at 10 A.M.



The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. Saturday, November 8 on Front Street.

Middle School Dances

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a dance for eighth graders on Friday, November 14 from 7:30 to 10. A dance for sixth and seventh graders is Friday, November 21 from 7:30 - 10 P.M.

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

Nursery School Openings

There are limited openings remaining in the pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2003 and 2004. Classes begin January 5 and meet Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11 A.M. and Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 A.M. Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.

Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned, dry goods and frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. before Thanksgiving.

Upcoming events

The Village's **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, is Thursday, December 4 starting at 7:30 P.M.

The **Annual Chanukah Party** co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women is Monday, December 15 from 4 to 5:15 P.M. All faiths are invited.