

## Holiday Season at the RVC Recreation Center

### Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

An evening of song and fellowship officially opens the holiday season at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 4 on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to add to the festivities.

### Toys for Tots Square Dance

The annual Have-A-Heart Square Dance to benefit Toys for Tots is Saturday, December 6 from 8 to 11 P.M. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy.

### North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Wednesday, December 10 or Thursday, December 11, fill out an information sheet at the Rec Center.

### Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual breakfast on Sunday, December 14 is one of the Rec Center's most popular events. All faiths are invited to join the elves who serve pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls, and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids may visit Santa or have a picture taken with Rudolph and Frosty.

Deadline for tickets is Friday, December 12 for one of three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 A.M. Fee is \$4 per person and tickets are available at the Rec Center.



The Village's annual Christmas tree lighting is Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 P.M. on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues.

### Chanukah Party

Children from pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade of all faiths are invited to the annual party sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Rec Center on Monday, December 15 from 4 to 5:15 P.M.

Children are encouraged to donate a small, unwrapped gift.

### Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is collecting canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### Annual Mitten and Hat Tree

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department is again requesting residents to share their warm holiday feelings with those less fortunate by donating new hats and mittens of all sizes and colors beginning December 6.

The donations will be hung on the Mitten and Hat Tree until December 20.

### Nursery School Registration

Registration for the 2004-2005 school year begins January 2, 2004 for residents only.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center.



Children of all faiths are invited to enjoy crafts, music, and games at the annual Chanukah Party co-sponsored by the Rec Center and the National Council of Jewish Women on Monday, December 15 from 4 to 5:15 P.M.



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### Dates & Events

Monday, December 1, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Thursday, December 4, 7:30 P.M.  
**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues

Wednesday, December 10, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, December 15, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Sunday, December 21, 5:45 P.M.  
**COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**  
Central Synagogue, DeMott Avenue

Thursday, December 25  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Thursday, January 1  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 7, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, January 12, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Monday, January 19  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted.

For general information:  
Call 678-9300

### Emergency Numbers

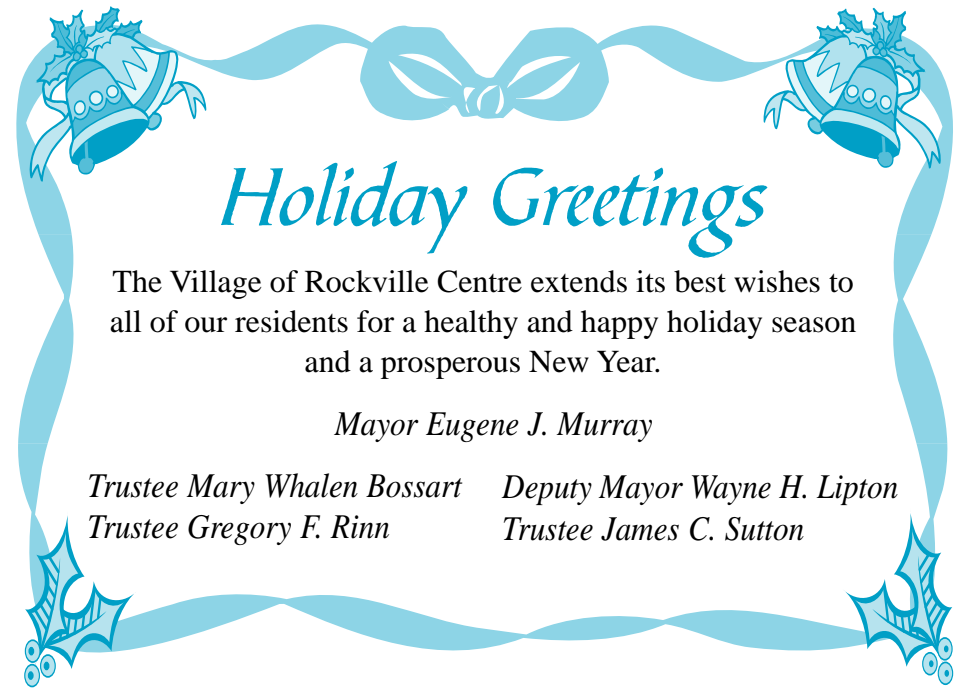
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## Holiday Greetings

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its best wishes to all of our residents for a healthy and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor Eugene J. Murray

Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart Deputy Mayor Wayne H. Lipton  
Trustee Gregory F. Rinn Trustee James C. Sutton

## Village to Assist Furniture Exchange

For the past six years, the volunteers of the Rockville Centre Furniture Exchange have been matching low-income families in need of furniture with residents who are replacing used furniture still in good condition.

The program has been so successful that the Village of Rockville Centre has agreed to help sustain its charitable work by handling the furniture pick-ups and deliveries, which the volunteers could no longer manage.

"We're very grateful for the generosity and cooperation of Village Administrator Ron Wasson and Superintendent of the Department of

Public Works Harry Weed in sustaining the exchange," said the program's founder Denise Festa.

The exchange will continue to publish a list of needed furniture every month in the Rockville Centre Herald and in This Month in Rockville Centre. Residents who have items to donate should call Denise Festa at 536-0187 or at (917) 304-2063. Weather permitting, pick-ups will be at 1 P.M. on the first Thursday of each month.

The exchange does not store furniture, but matches requests for specific items, which it puts on the monthly list, to donors who have those items.

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## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Gregory F. Rinn



### Celebrating the Holiday Season



As you read this edition of This Month in Rockville Centre, you have no doubt just celebrated Thanksgiving with families, friends and community.

And now, as 2003 draws to a close, we prepare for the season of giving, highlighted by the observance of Christmas and Chanukah.

While there is great anticipation associated with these holidays, which serve as both national and religious beacons in our society, there is a need to step back from the material pressure of the season and to extend ourselves through caring and kindness to each and every member of our community.

Preparations for and participation in the celebrations of the next few weeks can be stressful at times. For that reason, I urge our residents to consider shopping locally to save time and to frequent those establishments that support the Rockville Centre community throughout the year.

Many of the community events which celebrate this season are organized by individual religious denominations and by the Village government. They include:

- The Village Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit, Thursday, December 4, 7:30 P.M. on the Village Green.

- *The Nutcracker*  
The South Shore Symphony/

Leggz production is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 5, 6, and 7 at South Side High School.

The Maple Avenue Dance Studio production is Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 at Molloy College.

- Breakfast with Santa's Helpers, Sunday, December 14, 9:15, 10:30, or 11:30 A.M. at the Rec Center.

- The Chanukah Party, Monday, December 15, 4 P.M., at the Rec Center.

- The Community Menorah Lighting, Sunday, December 21, 5:45 P.M. at Central Synagogue.

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One additional note of preparation for this season is the need for

personal security and awareness of our surroundings, especially when we are away from home. I urge you to be vigilant and know the whereabouts of your keys, credit cards, wallets, purses, and holiday purchases at all times, no matter where you are.

Also, be sure to keep your home secure, with windows and doors locked and alarms on at night and when you are away from your residence. If you observe anything

suspicious in your neighborhood, immediately call the Rockville Centre Police at 911.

Remember, 911 is now Rockville Centre's emergency response number for all fire, police, and emergency needs.

Finally, on behalf of the Mayor, Trustees, and employees of the Village, I extend our best wishes for a blessed and happy Chanukah, Christmas, and New Year.



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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

- Village real estate taxes for the second half of the year were mailed the week of November 24 and are due no later than December 31. If you do not receive your tax bill by December 3, you may obtain a copy by visiting the Tax Office on the second floor of Village Hall, One College Place or by calling (516) 678-9242 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M.

- Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes must be filed at the Tax Office by December 31. If granted, exemptions become effective June 1, 2004.

Exemptions are available for seniors aged 65 and older with a gross income not exceeding \$32,400; for persons with disabilities with a gross income not exceeding \$32,400; for veterans based on the date and type of military service; and for volunteer firefighters with five years or more of certified service.

### Blood Drive Dec. 6

The Friends of Etai will hold a blood drive at the Hewitt School, DeMott and Hempstead avenues on Saturday, December 6 from 8:45 A.M. to 2:15 P.M.

### Home Decorating Contest

The RVC Chamber of Commerce is holding a Home Holiday Decorating Contest. Prizes will be awarded for visual appeal, originality, and creativity. Judging will be held on December 17. To enter, register with the Chamber by calling 766-0666 by December 12.

## Holiday Happenings at the Sandel Senior Center

Seasonal events and activities are underway at Rockville Centre's Sandel Senior Center located at the northwest corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues. Call 678-9245 for information.

### Special Events

The RVC Post Office will hold its annual holiday stamp sale at the Sandel Center December 2, 5, 9, and 16 from 10:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M.

The Holiday Crafts Fair is Saturday, December 6 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. featuring fine hand-sewn Oriental silk scarves, hats, sweaters and afghans; decorative pillows made of imported fine fabrics; fresh decorated wreaths and handmade ornaments; many vendors with jewelry, holiday crafts and handbags; home baked goods and lunch at the holiday café.

The annual Chanukah Luncheon is Wednesday, December 10 at Noon. \$5 per person.

The annual holiday party will be held at the Milleridge Cottage on Friday, December 12. \$28 for members. Call 678-9350 for information.

The Center Stage Performance and Christmas Luncheon is Wednesday, December 17 at 12 Noon. \$5 per person; sign-up at the Sandel Center. The Intergenerational Holiday Celebration is Friday, December 19. The Middle School performance is at 11 A.M. and the High School performances is at 12:45 P.M.

The annual post-New Year's Eve bash is Friday, January 9 at 1 P.M. with dancing, professional entertainment and hors d'oeuvres.

### Arts and Leisure Activities

The monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sunday, December 14 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.

December's artist Kay Ray will speak at a reception on Tuesday, December 16 at 11 A.M.

The Book Club, led by Ellen Berman of the RVC Library, meets Tuesday, December 16 at 2:30 P.M. to discuss *A Murder is Announced* by Agatha Christie.



*If you have enjoyed the clean-up of the planters under the railroad station on Front Street, you should thank these volunteers from the Sandel Senior Center. After cleaning the debris out of the flower beds, the volunteers devised a year-long maintenance plan and planted bulbs last spring and evergreens and cabbages this fall. Look for more next growing season.*

### Travel and Dining

A tribute to Frank Sinatra on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 starts with lunch at the Palace of Wong, then on to the Broadhollow Theater

Company's Centre Stage at Molloy College for a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. The bus departs from the Sandel Center at 11 A.M. and from the Rec. Center at 11:15. \$30 per person.

## Rec Center Holiday Recess Events

**Monday, December 22**

**Holiday Craft Activity** for Grades K - 4 from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M. or 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. Different projects for K-1 and Grades 2-4. \$7 per person; must register by Friday, December 19.

**Tuesday, December 23**

**Bowling at RVC Lanes** for Grades 1 & 2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; for Grades 3 to 8, 12:30 to 3 P.M. Fee of \$11.

**Friday, December 26**

**10th Annual Holiday Games** of nok-hockey, basketball shooting, and alligator pit. Grades 1 & 2 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. Grades 3 to 5 from 12 Noon to 1:30 P.M. No fee, but register by Monday, December 22.

**Monday, December 29, 12:30 - 4:15 P.M.**

**Trip to Fun Zone** in Farmingdale for

Grades 1 and up. Fee of \$20 includes 35 game tokens, unlimited rides, and transportation.

**Tuesday, December 30, 2:15 - 5:45 P.M.**

**Ice Skating Trip** to the Long Beach Recreation Complex for Grades 1 through 8. Fee of \$10 includes skate rental and transportation.

**Wednesday, December 31**

**Bowling at RVC Lanes** for Grades 1 & 2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; for Grades 3 to 8, 12:30 to 3 P.M. Fee of \$11.

**Friday, January 2**

**New Year's Sports Day** of alligator pit/obstacle court, kickball, and dodgeball. Pizza snack and juice. Grades 1 & 2 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon or 2:30 to 4 P.M. Grades 3 to 5 from 12:30 to 2 P.M. or 4:30 to 6 P.M. \$8 per person.

Participants must have a valid recreation card.