

September Recreation Center Events

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 13; at Watson and Riverside schools on Tuesday, September 14; at Covert School on Wednesday, September 15; and at Wilson School on Tuesday, September 21.

Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the week of September 19. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2004-2005 Recreation Center membership card.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

New Programs

The Recreation Department has added several new programs for the Fall:

The cheerleading program focuses on the fundamentals of competitive

cheerleading, including jumps, motion work, stunting and dance..

Cartoon Time on Saturday mornings is geared for middle school students interested in creating their own cartoon characters.

Driver safety courses are offered once a month at the Rec Center on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes

for children entering kindergarten in September 2005 or 2006.

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

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 15 to order a curbside tree from the Rockville Centre Department of Public Works. Five varieties are available for \$175 each (a \$100 savings). Village workers will plant a tree for you for \$275, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2005 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: October 15, 2004 • Planting date: April, 2005

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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

_____ Tree only: \$175 _____ Tree and Planting: \$275

Mail to: 2005 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.
 Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.

Kids Fest September 18



The Village's annual Kids Fest is Saturday, September 18 from Noon to 4 and features pony rides, give-aways, demonstrations by the fire and police departments, and other hands-on exhibits.



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Dates & Events

Wednesday, September 1, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY

Village Offices Closed

Monday, September 13, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 21, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, September 22, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, September 27

MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING

Call 678-9260

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

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.

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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Work was done on and beneath 12 streets this summer, improving two miles of roadway and the water system. A new drainage ring was installed on Whitby Court.

Summer Projects Improve the Village

The summer months are always busy ones in Rockville Centre. While residents may be enjoying vacations and time off, Village departments are hard at work on infrastructure projects, making Rockville Centre a better place in ways that we can't always see

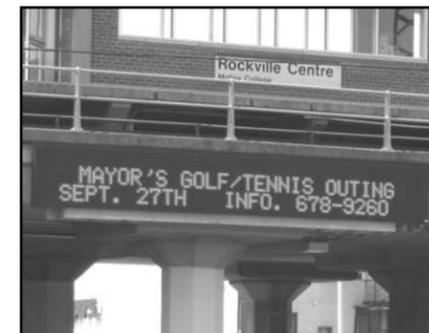
The Village repaved nearly two miles of roadway on 12 streets this summer, part of an on-going program that has upgraded more than 32 miles of roadway since 1990. In addition to the visible improvements to the road surface and the curb areas, the

work began underground, replacing aging 4-inch water mains with new 8-inch pipe and preparing new street subsurfaces before repaving. All work should be completed by mid-October.

On Front Street, the Village's new message board was installed at the Long Island Rail Road station this summer. The computer-controlled sign is more than 20 feet long and 3 feet high and can display one to three lines of text and scroll in four directions.

The Village's water, electric, and public works departments rely whenever possible on in-house design and engineering for their projects so that essential maintenance as well as necessary upgrades are brought in at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

The Village government also looks to mutually beneficial inter-municipal agreements to keep costs down. This summer the Board of Trustees approved a cooperative agreement to take trash from East Rockaway in exchange for on-going revenue and a one-time payment that will finance a new trash-hauling rig for Rockville Centre.



The Village's new message board was installed at the LIRR station on Front Street this summer.



Village Hall Comments

By Mayor Eugene J. Murray



The RVC Library Comes to You



The Village of Rockville Centre is well-known for taking care of its residents and the Rockville Centre Public Library has a reputation for taking care of its patrons. This summer the library started a program that has found a way to help make our homebound residents continue to feel connected to our community.

The "Library to Your Door" program brings library materials free of charge through the mail to the homes of those who cannot visit the library on their own. The program is designed for the homebound who are recovering from surgery or major illness, or who have physical or visual disabilities, or chronic illnesses.

Patrons may enroll in the program by filling out an application and a reading preferences questionnaire. Twice a month the Library will

send enrollees a package of up to three books through the mail.

Books are sent in a pre-metered nylon courier bag and may be kept up to 28 days. They can be returned by leaving the mailing bag for the letter carrier.

To have the enrollment materials sent to you and to apply for a library card if you do not yet have one, call Merrill Belson at the Library, (516) 766-6257 ext. 18 or e-mail her at mbelson@rvcp.org.

The library has announced its program to the churches, temples, hospitals, and social service agencies in the area and Better Home Health Care has partnered with the Library to make the Library to Your Door program part of its intake and reassessment visits. If you know of a homebound neighbor, friend or loved one who might be interested, tell them about this service.

The Library's program is another way that the Rockville Centre community cares for its residents.

Bone Marrow Donor P.O. Chris O'Connor



Rockville Centre Police Officer Chris O'Connor was named "Cop of the Month" in June when he underwent a painful and hazardous surgical procedure to donate his bone marrow to a critically ill 12-year-old boy. O'Connor, who has worked for the Village less than two years, volunteered for the donor program during his seven-year career with the New York City Police Department. In his citation, Rockville Center Police Commissioner Jack McKeon commended Officer O'Connor for his "selfless and courageous action in providing potentially life-saving efforts for the benefit of a complete stranger."

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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 will be available October 1 and must be filed by December 31. If approved, exemptions take effect June 1, 2005.

Exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years of certified service and to veterans based on the date and type of military service. Exemptions are available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2003 gross income of \$32,400 or less.

Applications are available by visiting the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M., by calling (516) 678-9242 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.

RVC Basketball Registration

The Rockville Centre Basketball League will register boys and girls in grades 3 through 12 for its 50th anniversary season on the following schedule:

- Tuesday, September 14, 7 to 9 P.M., South Side Middle School

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- Saturday, September 18, 10 A.M. to Noon, South Side Middle School; Noon to 4 P.M., RVC Rec Center Kids Fest

- Monday, September 20, 6 to 8 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.

Lion's Club Festival Oct. 2

The RVC Lions Club, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary, will host its 6th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, October 2 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 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.

Annual Golf Outing Sept. 27

The Mayor's annual Golf and Tennis Tournament and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, is scheduled for Monday, September 27 at the Middle Bay Country Club in Oceanside.

The all-day event includes breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner as well as a round of golf for \$350. The donation for tennis, lunch and dinner is \$225. Dinner-only tickets are \$100.

Invitations to the outing, business sponsorships and information about placing a journal ad are available by calling Mary Rohrs at (516) 678-9260.



In honor of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, RVC seniors staged their own Torch Walk through the Village. Mayor Murray greeted them at Village Hall before the group returned to the Senior Center for a full day of Olympic events.

September at the Sandel Senior Center

Special Events

The Senior Unity Committee presents a Fall Festival Luncheon with a performance by United We Sing on Wednesday, September 22 at noon. \$5 per person.

The Sandel Center's 28th Anniversary Party is Friday, September 10 from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. at Temple Avodah. A full luncheon, music and dancing for \$24 per person; \$29 for non-members.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sundays, September 12 and 26 beginning at 1 P.M. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

A Mah-Jongg Tournament is Sunday September 19 from 1 to 6 P.M. with prizes awarded for winners at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. \$5 for members; \$7 for non-member residents. Refreshments served. Pre-registration is required. For information, call Kate at 678-9245.

Mah-Jongg instruction for beginners, games for experts are Thursdays at 3 P.M. followed by a light dinner from 5:30 to 6:30. The Center would appreciate donations of used Mah Jongg sets. Please call Kate at (516) 678-9350 with any questions.

The Artist of the Month is D. Maxwell whose exhibit Nature of

Nature will be on display throughout the month of September. A reception will held in her honor on Tuesday, September 21 at 11 A.M.

September Speakers

South Nassau Communities Hospital audiologist Jennifer Lazzaro will speak Tuesday, September 14 at 11 A.M.

Health and Wellness Activities

A health assessment and blood pressure screening is Thursday September 9 from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M.

The Care Club for the frail elderly meets twice weekly for a program of music, crafts, exercise, nutrition and social opportunities. Call Care Club Coordinator Carol MacBride at 678-9245 for membership information.

The Sandel Center offers a grief share group for those who have suffered a recent loss. Please call Helene Locke, M.S.W. at 678-9255 for information.

Flu shots will be administered on October 28 and pre-registration is required. Register in person on October 19 or 20 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Travel and Dining

Tickets are still available for Broadway theater trip to see *Bombay Dreams* on Wednesday, October 27. Motor coach transportation and lunch included for \$133 for members, \$146 for non-members. Call 678-9245 for information.