

October at the Sandel Senior Center

Special Events

Flutist and singer Bill Paul along with pianist Eric Spiller will play classic melodies from the movies, Broadway and the world of jazz on Friday, October 8 at 1 P.M.

The Sandel Senior Center Flea Market is Saturday, October 16 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Due to space limitations, no donations until October 11.

The annual Halloween Costume Party is Friday, October 29 at 1 P.M., complete with music, entertainment and ghostly fun. Prizes for the most unusual costumes. \$3 per person for witch's brew and ghostly treats.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue Sunday, October 10 and Sunday, October 31 beginning at 1 P.M. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The RVC Photo Study Group will be exhibiting their work at the Center during the month of October. The reception for group members is Tuesday, October 19 at 11 A.M.

The Sunday Book Club meets on

October 24 at 3 P.M. to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*, led by volunteer coordinator Barbara Petrilli. Books are available at the Center.

Dr. Lenore Sandel, Professor Emeritus at Hofstra University, offers a creative writing workshop on Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M. beginning October 7. All are welcome. For more information please call the Center at 678-9350.

Health and Wellness Activities

A blood pressure screening is Thursday, October 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M.

Flu shot pre-registration is Tuesday, October 19 and Wednesday, October 20 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. Bring insurance information. Flu shots will be administered to seniors 60 and over who pre-register on Thursday, October 28 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. For information, call Helene at 678-9245

The Sandel Center offers bereavement counseling for those who have suffered a recent loss every Thursday at 1 P.M. A special group for parents who have lost a child within the past year will meet the following Thursdays at 1 P.M.: October 7 and 21; November 4 and 18; December 1 and 16. Call Helene Locke, M.S.W. at 678-9255 for information.

Golden Gathering

State Senator Dean Skelos is sponsoring an informational exhibition for seniors at the Rec Center on Friday, October 29 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.



The Annual Mayor's Luncheon is Noon on Wednesday, October 13. Mayor Murray and the Village Board serve lunch to the seniors. Sign-up in advance. The fee is \$3 per person.

Travel and Dining

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

The Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gormé "One More for the Road — Encore!" trip to the Westbury Music Fair is Thursday November 18. The show and transportation are \$51 for members and \$55 for non-members.

Save the Date!

The FOSSI Monte Carlo Casino Night is Saturday, November 6 and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call the Sandel Center at 678-9245.

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9/11 Commemorative Vigil Oct. 24



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 24. Please bring candles.



Dates & Events

Saturday, October 2, Noon
LIONS' CLUB FAMILY DAY
Centennial / Mill River Park

Monday, October 4, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, October 6, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Saturday, October 23, 9 A.M.
WINDOW PAINTING
Downtown Stores

Sunday, October 24, 7 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
Village Green

Monday, October 25, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, October 27, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Sunday, October 31, 2 P.M.
RAGAMUFFIN PARADE
Maple Avenue

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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Awesome October!



October starts with the Lions Club Duck Race on the 2nd and ends with the Ragamuffin Parade on the 31st, with plenty to do in between.

Start with the Lions Club's 6th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival on October 2 and end with the annual Ragamuffin Parade on Halloween. In the middle, throw in the Rockville Centre Historical Society's Pumpkin Festival, the Halloween Window Painting Contest, and the Fresh Water Fishing Festival and you'll remember why October is one awesome month for family activities in Rockville Centre.

The Lions Club not only sponsors a good time, but donates the proceeds to good causes, supporting 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. So Centennial / Mill River Park is the place to be on Saturday, October 2 from Noon to 4 P.M. for the famous rubber duck race along Mill River, as well as for the rides, prizes, arts and crafts, food, and music.

The Phillips House Museum, 28 Hempstead Avenue, hosts the Historical Society's annual Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 16 from Noon to 4 P.M. The museum will be open all day for residents to browse the collections of Village memorabilia and Victorian-era furnishings.

Details of these and other October events will be found inside This Month.

Village to Install Radiation Detectors

A state grant secured by State Senator Dean Skelos is helping to pay for a new radiation detection system at the Rockville Centre Department of Public Works. Work is underway to install the system that can detect radioactivity from improperly disposed medical or industrial waste in the trash stream.

Garbage trucks entering the Village transfer station will have to

pass through the detection system before dumping their loads into tractor-trailers headed for the American Ref-Fuel incinerator in Westbury.

The Village has had three recent incidents of radioactive waste contaminating trash loads and putting Village equipment out of service. With the new system, workers will be able to trace the source of any contamination more easily.



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Mary Whalen Bossart



For a Safe and Happy Halloween



There are many wonderful fall events in Rockville Centre. But they are only fun if they are also safe.

This year Halloween will be on Sunday, October 31 which means that many residents will enjoy a weekend of pumpkin carving, parties, costumes and trick or treating. This is also the first weekend we will be back on Eastern Standard Time, so darkness will come much earlier than on prior October evenings. It is therefore a particularly good idea to review safety tips for children of all ages before the big day.

The National Safety Council recommends that all children under age 12 should be supervised by an adult when they go out trick or treating. Besides making sure your child has his/her dream costume, be particularly mindful of the costume's length. Falls are the number one cause of unintended injury on Halloween. For the same reason, make-up is recommended rather than masks, which can obscure a child's vision.

When accompanying young children on trick or treating rounds, parents can prepare them for the years

when they will have the chance to go unescorted by reinforcing common sense rules:

- be polite;
- do not damage a homeowner's decorations or property;
- never go inside anyone's home;
- wait to eat treats until you arrive back home (and after Mom or Dad can check all of them);
- walk on the sidewalk and be very careful crossing the street.

Talk to Older Kids Too

If you give your older children permission to attend a party or go trick or treating with friends, there are some additional considerations.

Check with your child (and the host family) about all of the particulars. Where and what kind of party is it? Will the parents be home to supervise during the whole time? How is your child getting there and coming home? When will the party be over?

Vague responses or even the usual "I'll be with (name of a friend who is always at your house)" may be too non-specific for Halloween weekend.

In Rockville Centre, it is no secret that on Halloweens past some unsupervised youths have trespassed on private property, destroyed homeowners' decorative displays, traveled in large, boisterous groups

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through quiet neighborhoods and in general, gotten out of hand.

Unfortunately, the Village police must deal with some of this behavior. Their job is to keep public order and safety. Underage drinking, fighting and destruction of public or private property may result in a permanent police record, particularly for young people age 16 or older.

Talking to your child before the event is the best way to prevent problems. Review with them the kinds of situations they might think they can handle themselves, but that actually require adult intervention.

Lastly, make sure your child knows that they can call you — or the Rockville Centre Police at 766-1500 — if they need help.

Safety is always a consideration at every event in the Village. The Village administration, the Recreation, Police and Fire departments work very hard to ensure that all residents and visitors can enjoy our community.

Let's all have a safe and Happy Halloween.



Ronald D. Winchester

April 18, 1979 - September 3, 2004

On September 2, Rockville Centre native and Marine 1st Lieutenant Ronald D. Winchester became the first service member from the Village to die in the Iraq War.

The Annapolis graduate was on his second tour of duty in Iraq. He said his service was his response to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The Winchester family has expressed its gratitude to the Rockville Centre community for its support during their time of grief.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees expressed their condolences at the September 13 Board meeting and observed a moment of silence in his honor.



Marine 1st Lt. Ronald D. Winchester

Community News

Lacrosse Registration

The Rockville Centre Lacrosse Club is registering boys and girls through October 15 for its Spring 2005 season.

All girls in grades 3 through 8 are eligible to play. All boys in grades 3 through 6 are eligible to play as well as boys in grades 7 and 8 who are not playing on a school team.

Registration is by mail. Information and forms are available on the Lacrosse Club website at rvclax.com and at the RVC Recreation Center. For further information, contact Clare Beck at rvclax@yahoo.com.

Tax Office Announcements

Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes are now available 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.

Halloween Decorating Contest

Register your house for the RVC Chamber of Commerce Halloween Decorating contest at the Rec Center by October 25. Prizes are worth \$100 and \$50.



RVC Kids Visit Jets

About 25 Village children were guests of the New York Jets at their Hofstra University practice facility in August. The children participated in football skill games as well as having close-up seats on the sidelines to watch the players practice. Rockville Centre Police youth officers, Det. Michael Norwood and P.O. Steve Christianson, chaperoned the visit and the Mayor's Community Fund provided the pizza and sodas afterward.

October Recreation Center Events

Open Gym Program

The main gymnasium of the Rec Center will be open for free play basketball for grades 4 and up on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 P.M. beginning October 9.

The evening open gym for grades 6 and up will begin Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 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 15 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 23 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 and the RVC Recreation Department present the annual freshwater fishing clinic at Hempstead Lake State Park on Saturday, October 23 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There are exhibits, contests, and prizes.

Take the first left inside Hempstead Lake State Park from the Peninsula Boulevard entrance.

Ragamuffin Parade

Rockville Centre's 14th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 31.

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.

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, Sunday, October 31.

Pre-school Openings

There are a few openings left in the pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2005.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.

Register for 10K Race

Runners wishing to enter Rockville Centre's annual 6.2-mile road race on Saturday, November 13 should pre-register by October 9. Call (516) 678-9239 for an application.