

## Recreation Center November Programs

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 15. 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 13 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 \$7. For information, call 678-9339.

### Middle School Dances

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a dance for sixth graders on Friday, November 5 from 7:30 to 10 P.M. A dance for seventh and eighth graders is Friday, November 19 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 morning pre-kindergarten class for children entering kindergarten in September 2005 and for the morning pre-k combo class for children entering kindergarten in September 2005 and 2006.

Both classes meet 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 and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy



*The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. Saturday, November 13 on Front Street.*

in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. before Thanksgiving.

### Birthday Parties and Rentals

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents for pre-school and elementary age children seven days a week. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room. Call 678-9338 or 9339 for available dates and the fee schedule.

Rooms at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center are available for rental to groups and organizations. Equipment rentals are also available. For information and reservations, visit the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.



*RVC's Annual 10K race is Saturday, November 13 beginning at 10 A.M.*



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### Dates & Events

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

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

Thursday, November 11  
**VETERANS DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Saturday, November 13, 9 A.M.  
**FAMILY FUN RUN**  
Front Street

Saturday, November 13, 10 A.M.  
**RVC 10K RACE**  
North Park Avenue

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

Thursday, November 25  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Monday, November 29, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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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## Community Fund Grows

The generous contributions of businesses and residents made the 18th Annual Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic a fund raising success. The outing is the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund, the charitable organization founded by Mayor Eugene Murray in 1987.

To date the Fund has raised nearly \$700,000, almost all of which has gone directly to aid needy residents of Rockville Centre.

The Fund is used for such purposes as buying clothing and lodging for fire victims, paying the fuel and utility bills of senior citizens whose Social Security checks have been lost or delayed, providing medicine and food to laid-off workers awaiting unemployment payments, and buying books for needy students.

This year's outing honored one



*Mayor Eugene Murray (right) presents a Rockville Centre Community Fund plaque to Harold Reese, Jr., honoree at the Mayor's 2004 Golf and Tennis Classic.*

of the founding business supporters of the Community Fund and Rockville Centre resident Harold Reese, Jr. of Reese Dodge, formerly of Lynbrook and now in Merrick.



## Greenfield Honored by Trustees

*The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees recently honored Jeff Greenfield for his years of service as a member and chairman of the RVC Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Greenfield resigned from the ZBA to become the chairman of the Nassau County Planning Commission. Presenting the plaque are Village Trustee James Sutton, Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, Mayor Eugene Murray, Mr. Greenfield, Trustee Mary Bossart and Trustee Greg Rinn.*



## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Wayne Lipton

### Zoning and Our Community



we consider to be overdevelopment.

About 15 years ago, the Village Board changed the minimum frontage for a home from 60 feet to 80 feet and moved the minimum lot size from 6,000 to 8,000 square feet. This was a monumental change.

As part of an effort to limit broad commercial expansion last year, the Village Board voted to decrease maximum building heights in commercial districts from 60 feet to 48. This year, we further reduced heights in two new commercial zones in the vicinity of Maple Avenue to 36 feet. We also limited the type of commercial activity allowed in that area in order to reduce the negative impact on our residents.

These changes are in reaction to our current level of development and represent some of the most dramatic changes in our zoning history. They were created in coordination with residents and professionals, a process that took years to develop and execute properly. Our hope is that these changes have a positive effect on our community.

The re-zoning process is ongoing. Fortunately, the current code has served us well in most instances. The best way to gauge its impact is to look at our home values. RVC homes are in high demand and command some of the highest prices in the region. Next, the Village Board plans to review the zoning around Long Beach Road.

Our increased home values have had both positive and negative effects. One negative effect is the increased pressure to subdivide large individual home properties into multiple smaller ones. Even with the minimum lot size and frontage changes made over a decade ago, it may not be enough.

In addition, our residents are

allowed to build on up to 33 percent of their property in "Residence A" zoning. At our next briefing meeting, I will propose that the Village Board change the minimum lot size for "Residence A" (the single family housing zone) to 9,600 sq. ft. from its current 8,000. This change will not affect existing lots which would be "grandfathered" in, but it would make subdivision more difficult.

I will also propose that we reduce the maximum coverage of a property from 33 percent to 30 or 28 percent, depending on the size of the property. The goal is to discourage overdevelopment in a balanced, fair way. This is not a prohibition, just a tightening of the requirements, which, like the previous changes, will have a strong positive impact on the Village.

I hope these recommendations will stimulate discussion and action on these important issues.

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On a slightly different note, one of the negative impacts of increasing home values is something we cannot correct through legislation. Our strong sense of community comes from a long tradition of participation and volunteerism in the myriad of organizations in our community. No amount of money, earned or donated, can substitute for an active, involved community.

Our residents have made important contributions through youth sports groups, cultural organizations, scouting, religious groups, organizations for special groups, the Fire and Auxiliary Police departments, social action groups, local philanthropies and Village government.

For those of you who have moved here recently, the variety and depth of our organizations can be overwhelming. Unfortunately, work and family responsibilities often make it difficult to participate. Above all else, it is the people who live here and their involvement in their community that make Rockville Centre a great place to live.

Hundreds of your neighbors will tell you that living in Rockville Centre is not a spectator sport - get involved as much as you can!



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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

Second half **Village tax bills** will be mailed to homeowners at the end of November and are due no later than December 31 in order to avoid penalties. If you wish to receive your bill earlier, visit the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall or call (516) 678-9242 between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. or e-mail to rvctax01@optonline.net.

Applications for **partial exemption** from Village real estate taxes are now available from the tax office 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.

**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.

### 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.

## Community News

### Symphony Concert Nov. 7

The South Shore Symphony of the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts will open its 21st season on Sunday, November 7 with a concert starring legendary clarinetist Stanley Drucker, long the principal clarinetist of the New York Philharmonic.

Mr. Drucker will perform Mozart's *Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra* with the Symphony under the direction of Scott Jackson Wiley.

Also on the program are Bruch's *Kol Nidre* featuring the Symphony's principal cellist Wayne Lipton and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4 in F minor*.

The concert begins at 3 P.M. in the South Side Middle School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. For information and reservations, call (516) 616-3610 or 764-1558.

### Irish Theatre Nov. 6

The Cill Cais Players will perform two one-act comedies on Saturday, November 6 at 8:15 P.M. in the St. Agnes Parish Center, 99 North Village Avenue.

The suggested donation for the event, sponsored by the St. Agnes Gaelic Society, is \$15. For information, call (516) 678-1008, 766-0205, or (917) 846-3779.

### Transfer Station Closes Nov. 20

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 20 is the last day the station will be open until April, 2005.

### 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 Saturday, November 6 at the Baldwin Park Garage, Grand Avenue, Baldwin.

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

## November Events at the Sandel Center

### Monte Carlo Night

The Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI's) annual Monte Carlo Casino Party fundraiser on Saturday, November 6 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 beginning at 7 P.M. The gaming tables open at 7:30.

### Special Events

A bus tour to the Phillips House Museum with Frank Seipp, president of the Rockville Centre Historical Society, is Thursday, November 4. Sign up at the Center. \$1 per person.

Celebrate Patriot Day Friday, November 12 at 1 P.M. with a patriotic sing-along with Betty Bergbuchler at the piano and American apple pie, coffee and tea. \$3 per person.

Sandel Sunday on November 14 features the big band sounds of the Danny Vincent Orchestra from 1 to 3 P.M.

The annual Thanksgiving Meal with all the trimmings is Wednesday, Novem-



FOSSI's annual Monte Carlo Casino Party fundraiser is Saturday, November 6.

ber 17. \$5 per person. Sign-ups required.

A mock trial re-enactment with lawyers from Nassau County District Attorney Dennis Dillon's office and Sandel members serving as jurors is Friday, November 19 at 1 P.M. \$3 per person.

The Holiday Crafts Fair is Saturday, November 27 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Handmade scarves, sweaters, afghans, ponchos, handmade ornaments and wreaths, and baked goods.

### Old Cell Phones Wanted

The Men's Club, in cooperation with the Lupus Alliance of America, is sponsoring an old cell phone donation program. Phones can be dropped off at the Center.

## Fall Hydrant Flushing Scheduled

The annual Fall hydrant flushing will begin Wednesday, November 3 and will end Tuesday, November 9.

The flushing of hydrants may cause some fluctuations in water pressure and may produce discolored water. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it could stain laundry. Residents are advised not to schedule projects requiring clear water during the entire flushing period.

The following schedule applies:  
Wednesday, November 3, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue and east of North Village Avenue.

Thursday, November 4, 8 A.M.

to 4 P.M.: The area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Long Beach Road.

Friday, November 5, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The area of the Village lying between Sunrise Highway and DeMott Avenue east of Long Beach Road.

Monday, November 8, 12 Midnight to 8 A.M.: The area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, November 9, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

All questions regarding the flushing may be directed to the RVC Water Department at 678-9252.