

Happy Holidays at the RVC Recreation Center

Crafts Fair and Flea Market

Shop for holiday gifts and decorations on Sunday, December 5 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Free admission and parking.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

An evening of song and fellowship officially opens the holiday season at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 9 on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to add to the festivities.

North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Tuesday, December 7 or Wednesday, December 8, fill out an information sheet at the Rec Center.

Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual breakfast on Sunday, December 12 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 10 for one of three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 A.M. Fee is \$5 per person and tickets are available at the Rec Center.

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 13 from 4 to 5:15 P.M.

There will be crafts, face painting, gifts, snacks and Chanukah music. Children are encouraged to donate a small, unwrapped gift.

Toys for Tots Square Dance

The annual Have-A-Heart Square Dance to benefit Toys for Tots is Saturday, December 18 from 8 to 11 P.M. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy.



It's not just pancakes at the breakfast with Santa's helpers. Sign up by December 10 for one of the three seatings.



Hot chocolate and a visit by Santa are part of the fun at the Village's annual Christmas tree lighting on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 P.M. on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues.



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Dates & Events

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

Wednesday, December 8, 6:15 P.M.
COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

Temple B'nai Sholom
Lakeview and Hempstead avenues

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

Thursday, December 9, 7:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues

Monday, December 13, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, December 21, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Friday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
Village Offices Closed

Friday, December 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 5, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, January 10, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, January 17
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, January 19, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Emergency Numbers

Fire **911**

Police **911**

Ambulance **911**

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Nights & Weekends 766-5800

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Marines, Lt. Winchester Honored



Members of the Rockville Centre Police Department join Police Commissioner Jack McKeon, Mayor Eugene Murray and Village resident Richard P. Torykian, Sr., the founding director of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, for a ceremony on Front Street on November 10, the 229th anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps flag flew over the area until sundown on Veterans Day in honor of Lt. Ronald Winchester, the first Marine officer, the first Annapolis graduate, and the first Rockville Centre resident to die in the Iraq war.

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By Trustee Gregory F. Rinn



Rockville Centre and the Holiday Season



At this time of year, as the days grow short and chilly, one cannot dismiss the frigid air and perhaps that initial dusting of snow as heralding the arrival of winter and, more importantly, the celebrations of Christmas and Chanukah and the welcoming of a New Year!

The holidays bring excitement and anticipation to young and old and serve as both religious and secular beacons for our society. It is the season to extend to each and every member of the Rockville Centre community the caring and kindness which have become hallmarks of our Village.

Preparations for and participation in the forthcoming celebrations will no doubt intrude on our already busy schedules and can be very stressful to say the least. One measure of relief would be to shop locally to save time and to support

those merchants who underwrite so many of our community events and activities throughout the year.

Once again this year, at the request of the Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce, the Village has established Saturday, December 18 as a day of free parking throughout the Village's central business district.

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Many of the events which celebrate the special season are organized by various religious denominations with Rockville Centre and by our Village government. They include:

- The Nutcracker

The South Shore Symphony/Leggz production is December 3, 4, and 5 at South Side High School.

The Maple Avenue Dance Studio production is December 4 at 4 a n d 7:30 P.M. at the South Side Middle School.

- The Community Menorah Lighting is Wednesday, December 8 at 6:15 P.M. at Temple B'nai Sholom, Hempstead and Lakeview avenues.
- The Village Christmas Tree

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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Ronald J. Wasson, Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9300

Lighting and Santa's visit is Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 on the Village Green with Christmas at the Captain's, at the Phillips House Museum, 28 Hempstead Avenue, immediately following.

- Breakfast with Santa's Helpers is Sunday, December 12 at 9:15, 10:30 and 11:30 A.M. at the Rec Center.

- The National Council of Jewish Women and Rec Center Chanukah party is Monday, December 13 at 4 P.M.

An event not directly related to the holidays is the Village's annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, December 7 at Mill River / Centennial Park.

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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.

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.

Community News

Tax Office Announcements

- Village real estate taxes for the second half of the year have been mailed and are payable no later than January 3, 2005. If you have not received your tax bill, 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 9 A.M. and 3 P.M.

- Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes must be filed at the Tax Office by January 3, 2005. If granted, exemptions become effective June 1, 2005.

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 volunteer firefighters with five years or more of certified service; and for veterans based on the date and type of military service. The tentative value of the exemption varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat (\$478), combat (\$797), or disability (\$1,593).

Application for exemption are also available from the Tax Office.

Blood Drive Dec. 6

The Friends of Etai will hold a blood drive at the Hewitt School, DeMott and Hempstead avenues on Saturday, December 4 from 8:45 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. A free bone marrow registry will also be available.

Call (516) 764-2778 for information.

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony Dec. 7
The Village will host a wreath-laying ceremony at Mill River Park at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, December 7.

Christmas at the Captain's

The Phillips House Museum of the RVC Historical Society invites residents to its annual celebration following the Village tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 9. The museum is located at 28 Hempstead Avenue.

Sanitation Department News

Residents are reminded that trash placed at the curb must be in covered containers with detachable lids or in sealed, black plastic bags. No filled container may exceed 50 pounds.

Residents are also reminded that bulky items of trash too large for regular garbage containers may only be placed at the curbside on designated Wednesdays and only after calling the Rockville Centre Sanitation Department at 678-9216.

Sandel Center Special Events

The Annual Holiday Party at the Milleridge Cottage is Friday, December 10 at 12 Noon and features a tantalizing meal, fabulous entertainment and great company. \$28 for members; \$30 for non-members.

The Center Stage performance and holiday luncheon are Wednesday, December 15 beginning at 11:30 A.M. Get in the Holiday mood at this annual luncheon featuring a delicious meal followed by a concert performed by Sandel's own Center Stage Performers. \$5 per person.

South Side Middle School students perform Friday, December 17 at 11 A.M.

Sandel seniors and students from South Side High School join together for the Intergenerational Sharing Party on Wednesday, December 22 featuring entertainment and refreshments.

Sandel seniors will ring in the New Year at their annual post-New Year's Eve bash on Wednesday, January 5 at 12 Noon with great music, dancing and refreshments. Free to paid-up members who show their red membership card at the door.

The Men's Club will sponsor a Ballroom Dance on Sunday, January 16 at 1 P.M. \$5 includes coffee and cake.

Veterans Day 2004



Trustee Greg Rinn announced on Veterans Day the Village's plans to add an Iraq war memorial to the existing monuments honoring Rockville Centre's war dead from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam in Veterans Memorial Park.

Rec Center Holiday Recess Events

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center is sponsoring the following events during the December school recess. Participants must have a valid recreation card.

Monday, December 27

11th 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 27 and wear sneakers.

Tuesday, December 28

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 24.

Wednesday, December 29

Ice Skating Trip to the Long Beach Recreation Complex for Grades 1 through 8. Fee of \$10 includes skate rental and transportation. Bus leaves at 2:15 and returns about 5:45 P.M.

Thursday, December 30

Trip to Fun Zone in Farmingdale for Grades 1 and up. Fee of \$20 includes 35 game tokens, unlimited rides, and transportation. Bus leaves at 12:30 and returns about 4:15 P.M.

Friday, 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 \$12.

Happy Chanukah
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

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

Mayor Eugene J. Murray

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