

April Events at the Sandel Center

Special Events

The annual Passover Luncheon is Wednesday, April 27 at 12 Noon. A traditional Seder meal is \$5.

Intergenerational Day at NYIT on Thursday, April 14 includes lectures, entertainment, dancing, refreshments and the music from Phil Coste's Big Band Sound. Transportation is \$2. Bring a bag lunch.

The Intergenerational Sharing Conference at South Side High School is Wednesday, April 20 from 10 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. Admission is a dessert to share. Registration is necessary.

Health & Wellness

A senior health seminar hosted by Assemblyman Robert Barra is Thursday, April 7 from 1 to 3 P.M. Dr. Matthew Woolley of Nassau Suffolk Urology Associates will present a forum on prostate cancer prevention and detection and Dr. Stanley Berke will discuss glaucoma and its symptoms, detection, and treatment. Refreshments will be served.

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

In honor of world Tai Chi month, the Sandel Center is hosting Tai Chi Day on Friday, April 29 beginning at 1 P.M. Kung Fu master J. Teasley and his performance team will teach participants some basic movements that promote internal and external balance. Preregister by calling 678-9350. \$1 donation.

The Sandel Center offers bereavement counseling for those who have suffered a recent loss every Thursday at 1 P.M. except April 7. Call Helene Locke, M.S.W. at 678-9255 for information.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue on two Sundays, April 3 & 17 at 1 P.M. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The Sunday Book Club will meet each Sunday at 3 P.M. to discuss *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons. Books are available to the Sandel Center and the Rockville Center library. Barbara Petrilli will lead the discussion.

Tuesday ceramics classes begin April 5 at the Artrageous studio in Rockville Centre. Bus will leave Sandel at 1 P.M. and return at 2:45. Pay for what you paint.



The Sandel Center is sponsoring two intergenerational days during April. Recently a Brownie troop visited with Rockville Centre seniors.

Sign up for Arlene Wood's 4-week quilting workshop on Thursdays, April 14, 21, & 28, and May 5 at 1 P.M.

Bingo is Friday, April 15 at 1 P.M. \$1 per person buys a bingo card, coffee and cake

April's monthly art reception with local artist Fred Charrow is Tuesday, April 19 at 11 A.M.

The Wednesday Book Club meets with Ellen Berman on April 27 at 2 P.M. to discuss *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck.

April Speakers

Lucy Ortiz, manager of the First National Bank of Long Island, will discuss identity theft on Tuesday, April 5 at 11 A.M.

Pat Huber, of Better Home Health Care, Long Island's largest woman-owned business, will speak on Tuesday, April 12 at 11 A.M.

The Sandel Senior Men's Club meets April 5 and 19 for a 10 A.M. breakfast followed by a guest speaker at 11.



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Dates & Events

Monday, April 11, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 13, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

A complete Calender of Events,
is available on the Village's website
www.rvcny.us

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The Sandel Center's workshop presenters at the annual convention of the National Council on Aging in March: Sandel volunteer Ellie Krut, Care Club coordinator Carol MacBride, volunteer Vera Fusco, Village Trustee and Senior Services liaison Greg Rinn, Senior Services Director Cyd Charrow, volunteer coordinator Wendy Weinstock, and volunteer Denise Hodara.

Sandel Volunteer Network Showcased

Staff, volunteers and the trustee liaison to Rockville Centre's Sandel Senior Center presented a workshop on its volunteer program at the annual convention of the National Council on Aging in Philadelphia last month.

The Sandel Volunteer Network harnesses the energy and talent of the senior center membership to work on community projects both inside and outside the center. The program promotes healthy, productive aging by matching individuals to worthwhile tasks and responsibilities.

"The Sandel system can be tailored to diverse environments across the country," said Senior Services

Director Cyd Charrow. "We were delighted to be invited to present a workshop on our model."

In the Sandel system, volunteers can sign up for dozens of activities whose skills, duties and expectations are specified. One senior group is maintaining the public areas around the Long Island Rail Road station; others act as hosts and hostesses at the Center; others work on intergenerational projects with local schools; and still others participate in clerical, artistic, and recreational activities.

In the last fiscal year, scores of seniors volunteered thousands of hours of service valued at \$175,000.

FY 2006 Budget \$30.1 Million

The Village has announced a tentative budget for fiscal year 2006 of \$30.1 million, an increase of 3.9 percent over last year.

Copies of the tentative budget are available for public inspection at Village Hall and are also on the Village's website at www.rvcny.us/mayor.html.

The proposed budget calls for a 3.96 percent increase in the tax rate, adding about \$80 to the average RVC tax bill. The proposed new tax rate is \$26.78 per \$100 NAV or \$2,062 for a home assessed at \$7,700.

The Board of Trustees must adopt a budget by May 1.



Village Hall Comments

By Deputy Mayor Wayne H. Lipton

Is there really 'Trouble right here in River City'?



These are the immortal words of Professor Harold Hill, the unscrupulous musical salesman in the Broadway Musical *The Music Man*. It is a song about deception.

The Professor scares the residents of River City, a peaceful Midwest town, warning of the evils about to befall them from a Pool Hall. He is trying to convince them that they need a Boy's Band.

As a musician and a Village Trustee, I find the idea of a band just fine. I also think that as we go into the Village election season (I am not up for re-election this time), our residents will have to decide for themselves if the "evils" that are waved at them are real or just Harold Hill-type deception.

Truthfully, the sky is not falling — in fact it seems quite blue to most of the residents of Rockville Centre.

If the desirability of a community can be measured by single family home prices, the strength of its schools, the growth and quality of its hospitals, and its local social and cultural activities, then Rockville Centre is at the top of the scale. If community success can be measured by the high quality and low cost of its police, fire, sanitation and recreation services, then again, Rockville Centre is tops. If it is measured by reduced crime rates, again, RVC wins the prize.



When Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz visited Israel recently, he presented this plaque to an elite corps of Israeli border police south of Jerusalem. "They were honored to receive it," said Rabbi Schwartz of Temple B'nai Sholom who is the chaplain of the Rockville Centre Police Department.



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lum lot frontage of homes by 20 percent and reduce their maximum lot coverage by 10-15 percent. These changes are designed to keep builders from making our residential area denser.

The award-winning regulations to allow residential building in our commercial district (Business A) are designed to keep our downtown vital and successful. Although it takes years to have any real impact on these areas, the Board voted unanimously for these changes and looks forward to their positive impact.

We all recognize that there is a growing need for housing for our older residents who wish to stay in the Village but cannot handle the cost and responsibilities of single-family houses, and for our children who wish to become a part of our community but cannot afford the high price of home ownership.

So, as we go into the election season, please remember Harold Hill as you hear criticism of the Village. Get the facts, not the fiction. No doubt, there is always room for improvement, but really, is there "Trouble right here in River City"?

Community News

Basketball League's 50th Anniversary

The RVC Basketball League will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, April 16 at the St. Agnes Parish Center from 7 to 11 P.M.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include a buffet, dessert, an open bar, and dancing. Order forms are available at the RVC Recreation Center or on the league website: rvcl.com.

Community News

Soccer Registration

Registration for the 2005-2006 soccer intramural season will take place at the RVC Recreation Center on Oceanside Road from 7 – 9 P.M. on Tuesday, April 12; Thursday, April 21; and Wednesday, May 11.

First-time players must be 5 years old by December 1, 2005 and must bring a copy of their birth certificate. The fee is \$100 per child with a family maximum of \$400. Late registrants will be charged a \$20 fee.

The league offers clinics throughout the year for volunteer coaches and assistants.

For information, call 536-2422 or visit the league website at www.rvcsooccer.net.

Tax News

Homeowners are reminded to notify the Village Tax Office of any changes in the status of their mortgages, whether satisfying, refinancing, or when a mortgage is sold to another lending institution.

The Tax Office is located on the second floor of Village Hall, One College Place at Clinton Avenue, and is open from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Village taxes are due June 1 and December 1.

Transfer Station Reopening

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 2 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month through November 20 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

Village Hall Accessible

Village Hall is accessible to all individuals.

If you would like to attend a meeting at Village Hall or if you have Village business to conduct, please call 678-9212 in advance to insure that the elevator is available when you arrive.



Village and school sports teams and organizations are eagerly waiting for the final installation of the artificial turf at the Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard.

April at the Recreation Center

Spring Programs Begin

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring program schedule began on March 29. Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center for all activities.

Nursery School Openings

Registrations are still being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs the 2005 - 2006 school year.

Morning or afternoon programs are offered for those entering kindergarten in September 2006 and 2007.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9338.

Summer Playground Registration

Registration begins April 4 for the Rec Center's 51st Summer Playground Program, which runs June 29 through August 11 from 9 A.M. to Noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Covert School, and Hewitt School. There is no program Monday, July 4.

Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events. The fee of \$280 per child includes membership card and trip shirt. There is a \$10 deduction for each additional child.

The program is open to all Rockville Centre residents and residents of the Rockville Centre School District in grades 1 through 6 as of September 2005.

A program for 7th, 8th and 9th graders will also be offered this year. Call 678-9339 or consult the detailed flyer for information.

Summer Instructional Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball, and boys and girls lacrosse schools during the summer 2005.

The 30th annual baseball school is open from June 27 to July 8 for boys ages 6 to 14 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Barasch Field. The school is coordinated by Bob Hirschfield of New York Tech and costs \$290.

A Nike basketball camp for girls ages 8 to 17 is offered August 15 to 19 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Rec Center.

A Rec Center lacrosse camp for boys ages 7 to 17 will be offered July 11 to 16 at the Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard for \$285 for residents.

Summer Leagues

Applications are now available for summer league basketball and softball.

There are basketball leagues for elementary school, middle school, and high school age boys and girls as well as for adults. The softball leagues are for men aged 18 and older and for women aged 16 and older.