

May Events at the Recreation Center

Summer Programs

The Rec Center's 51st Summer Playground Program will be held at three sites: The Rec Center, Covert School, and Hewitt School, for children in grades 1 to 6 as of September, 2005. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events.

For the 10th year the Recreation Department will host a middle school program for those in the 7th and 8th grade as of September, 2005. Daily activities include athletics, games, special events, and trips. Participants register to meet at Covert or Hewitt school.

Both programs will be held June 29 through August 11 from 9 A.M. to Noon and cost \$280 per child, which includes a membership card and trip shirt.

The programs are open to all Rockville Centre residents and residents of the Rockville Centre School District.

Fall Nursery School

Registrations are being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2005 - 2006 school year. Classes begin September 12 and follow the holiday schedule of the public schools.

Five morning and three afternoon classes are offered for children entering kindergarten in September, 2006 and four mornings and two afternoons for those entering kindergarten in September, 2007. A new pre-K combo class will be offered five mornings a week.

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

Summer Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball, and boys and girls lacrosse schools during the summer 2004.

The 30th annual baseball school is open from June 27 to July 8 (no class July 4) for boys ages 6 to 13 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 basketball camp for girls grades 3 through 10 is offered August 15 to 19 at the Rec Center from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The fee is \$255.

A lacrosse camp for girls grades 1 through 8 is offered August 8 to 11 from 6 to 9 P.M. at the Skelos Sports Com-

plex on Peninsula Boulevard. The fee is \$175.

A lacrosse camp for boys ages 7 to 15 is July 11 to 15 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Skelos Sports Complex. The fee is \$285.

Annual Gymnastics Show

The annual gymnastics shows will be held Friday, May 20 at 7:30 P.M. and Saturday, May 21 at 3:30.

Participants include program members from the fall and winter sessions.

Defensive Driving Course

A defensive driving course good for a 10 percent discount on your car insurance for three years will be offered Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. at the Rec Center. Fee is \$40. Applications and information at the Rec Center.



Memorial Day Parade May 30

The annual Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 A.M. on Monday, May 30 and marches along Maple Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road where a service will be conducted at 11 A.M.



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Dates & Events

Monday, May 2, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 11, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Monday, May 23, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 25, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 30
MEMORIAL DAY
Village Offices Closed

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

(Note: **911** cellphone calls go to Nassau County Police)

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

This Month In Rockville Centre

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We'll take away your old cans . . .



. . . and replace them with new ones personalized with your house number.

Village Offers New Personalized Trash Containers

Village residents may order new trash containers with their house number stenciled on the lid and side along with the Rockville Centre Village seal. The 35-gallon, wheeled containers, made of heavy-duty green plastic, cost just \$20 each and will be delivered to your door at no cost.

The Village will even take away your old, worn-out containers when the new ones are delivered.

"We are asking the residents to help us by helping them," said Village Administrator Ron Wasson. Many residents have purchased

over-sized containers that hold far more than the 50-pound limit, he said. The heavier loads are a hazard to workers and also violate Village Code.

Providing attractive, inexpensive, easy-to-use wheeled containers will also make Village streets look neater on trash days, he said.

To order your personalized Village trash cans, fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check payable to the Village of Rockville Centre. Orders will normally be filled in about two weeks.

Official Rockville Centre Trash Containers

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Number of cans at \$20 each _____ Total enclosed _____

Mail to: RVC Trash Cans, Dept. of Public Works, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571

Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Gregory F. Rinn



Zoning, Library, Memorial Day



Several of the "Village Hall Comments" columns in the recent issues of This Month have focused on comparisons with other communities and on maintaining the residential character and quality of Rockville Centre. I feel that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees have been successful in achieving some of the goals we set out to accomplish four years ago.

However, like the changes in our everyday lives, we experience new challenges to our community's quality of life on a day-to-day basis. For this reason, I and the rest of the Board must not only continually look ahead to prevent any erosion in the high standards we currently enjoy, but also to continue to seek ways to better our Village.

Whether it be off-street parking requirements, minimum lot frontage or maximum lot coverage, all related to appropriate density controls, we must and will continue to work toward eliminating the unpleasant surprises which could threaten the Village's quality of life.

In addition, any decisions on the density control issues cannot be made in a vacuum, but must include the input of experts in the field of zoning who will benchmark and refer to best practices in zoning in communities similar to Rockville Centre.

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As trustee-liaison to the Rockville Centre Public Library, I encourage all our residents to take advantage of this outstanding institution. Headed by Library Director Gretchen Browne and with oversight provided by a five-member Board of Trustees, the facility, with over 175,000 volumes of fiction, non-fiction, and reference materials, also features a vibrant Children's Services Department, a large selection of books on tape, music CDs, and videos and DVDs of past and current popular movies and television series.

In addition, research in every conceivable subject area is available free to Rockville Centre library cardholders from more than 25 on-line databases conveniently found on the library's website: www.nassaulibrary.org/rvc. These superior research tools cover news, health, business, literature, art, music, and other topics of more general interest.

Visit the library and take advantage of its newest specialized databases.

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Finally, in memory of those who have served our country and made the supreme sacrifice, I wish to remind our residents of Rockville Centre's annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30.

The parade will start at 10 A.M. at Quealy Place and North Village Avenue and proceed to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road via College Place, Maple Avenue, and Long Beach Road.

Please attend the event to honor our fallen heroes.

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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

Summer Jobs with Village

The Village of Rockville Centre is now accepting applications for work on its summer "blitz crews" that do a variety of maintenance work, including painting, weeding, trimming, and mowing, watering, tree removal and general cleaning and clearing.

Applicants must be at least 18 and have a valid NYS driver's license. Apply at the Department of Public Works, 10 Sunrise Highway or call (516) 678-9267

Concert May 22

The South Shore Symphony joins the Orchestra for Talented Youth under the direction of Symphony cellist Frances Dial and students from Rockville Centre for a celebration of the string orchestra.

The concert is Sunday, May 22 at 3 P.M. in the auditorium of the South Side Middle School. Tickets are \$10 to \$15.

For information and reservations, call (516) 764-1558 or 616-3610, or visit the website RockvilleCentreGuildForTheArts.org.

Tax News

Village taxes are due June 1 and December 1.

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.

Community Service Award for Brandi, Glynn

The Village Board of Trustees present Tom Glynn of Glynn's Funeral Home and Korean War veteran Dan Brandi with Community Service Awards last month for arranging the funeral of Rockville Centre resident Mortimer Murphy, an 88-year-old World War II veteran who died in February with no living relatives. About 60 people, including neighbors, veterans and RVC police officers, attended the memorial service for Murphy. Presenting the awards were Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton, Mayor Eugene Murray, Tom Glynn, Dan Brandi, Trustee Mary Bossart, and Trustee Greg Rinn.



May is Older Americans Month

Special Events

The Sandel Center's annual open house Friday, May 6 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. offers community members a chance to sample the Center's classes, programs, activities and services. Complimentary coffee and pastries.

Decision-Making Day Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Section is Thursday, May 12 at 7 P.M. Guest speaker Gregg D. Weinstock, Esq. will present an overview of legal documents every New Yorker should be aware of and information about health care decision-making, financial decision-making, guardianship issues, and wills and probate.

Arts and Leisure Activities

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue on two Sundays, May 1 and 15 beginning at 1 P.M. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

The Long Island Harmonica Club with John Savas performs Friday, May 13 at 1 P.M. \$3 per person.

The work of Sandel member artists will be on display throughout the month of May. Meet the artists at a reception on Tuesday, May 17 at 11 A.M.

A book and author luncheon on Wednesday, May 25 at Noon celebrates the 4th anthology of verse from the Sandel writing group under the direction of Dr. Lenore Sandel. Registration \$3.50.

May Speakers

The Wednesday Book Club, led by Ellen Berman of the RVC Library meets May 25 at 2 P.M. Books may be borrowed from the Sandel Center by calling 678-9250. This month's book is *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns.

The Sunday Book Club with Barbara Petrilli will meet each Sunday at 3 P.M. to discuss *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers.

Ceramics class at the new Artrageous pottery studio meets every Tuesday. A bus will leave the Sandel Center at 1 P.M. and pick up at 2:45. Pay for what you paint.

Health & Wellness

Dr. Steven Goldstein discusses whether prayer really does aid healing on Tuesday, May 3 at 11 A.M.

Nadine Gross discusses feng shui, how to decorate for peace and harmony on Tuesday, May 10 at 11 A.M.

The Sandel Senior Men's Club meets twice monthly for a 10 A.M. breakfast followed by a guest speaker at 11. On Tuesday, May 3 Thomas Glynn from Thomas Gynn Funeral Home will visit and on May 17 Det. Michael Norwood from the Rockville Centre Police Department will speak about crime detection.

Health & Wellness

The Sandel Center offers bereavement counseling for those who have suffered a recent loss every Thursday at 1 P.M. Call Helene Locke, M.S.W. at 536-1162 for more information.

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

Defensive Driving Course

The Sandel Center offers a defensive driving course for residents aged 60 and older on Thursdays May 19 and 26 from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. Register in person at the Center by presenting a valid driver's license and a check for \$10 made out to AARP.

Completion of the course qualifies drivers for a 10 percent discount on car insurance for three years. Call 678-9350 for information.

35-year Vet Retires

Ronald Sokol of the Rockville Centre Police Department is retiring after a 35-year career. Commissioner Jack McKeon commended Officer Sokol for "diligence, dedication to duty, and highly professional conduct" in pursuing investigations and arrests over the years and for "compassion for those in need of assistance."

