

September: Back at the Rec!

Bicycle Safety Week

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the RVC P.T.A. will again offer the Cycle With Care program at the five elementary schools during September.

Anyone wishing to register a bicycle must see that it is equipped with strong brakes, a warning device (bell, horn, or whistle), front and rear reflectors at least 3-inches square, reflectors on pedals, and reflective tires or wheels with reflectors on the spokes.

The inspections will take place at Hewitt School on Monday, September 12; at Watson and Riverside schools on Tuesday, September 13; at Covert School on Wednesday, September 14; and at Wilson School on Thursday, September 15.

Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the week of September 19. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2005-2006 Recreation Center membership card.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

Part-time Positions Available

Part-time workers are needed for the swimming, gymnastics, and birthday programs. If you are over 16 or an adult looking for part-time employment and have good people skills, fill out an employment application at the Rec Center.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2006 or 2007.

Classes follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Call Peggy at 678-9338 for registration information.

Birthday Parties

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents from ages 2 on up. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room.

Parties are offered seven days a week in the afternoon or early evening. For information and reservations, visit the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.



Kids Fest

The Village's annual Kids Fest is Saturday, September 17 from Noon to 4 and features pony rides, give-aways, demonstrations by the fire and police departments, booths by Village organizations, and other hands-on exhibits.

Time to Order a Tree

Residents have until October 31 to order a curbside tree from the Rockville Centre Department of Public Works. Five varieties are available for \$175 each (a \$100 savings). Village contractors will plant a tree for you for \$275, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2005 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: October 31, 2005 • Planting date: April, 2006

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: ☐ Pin Oak ☐ Crimson King Norway Maple
☐ Japanese Lilac ☐ Little Leaf Linden ☐ Golden Rain

_____ Tree only: \$175 _____ Tree and Planting: \$275

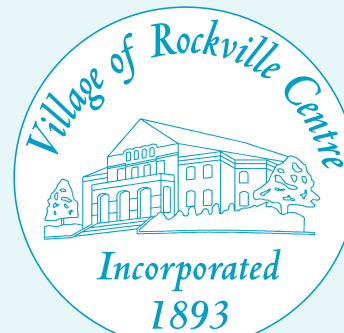
Mail to: 2005 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.
 Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



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 Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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Dates & Events

Monday, September 5
LABOR DAY

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, September 7, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, September 12, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Monday, September 26
MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING
 Call 678-9260

Wednesday, September 28, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Thursday, September 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

(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

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The Honorable Mayor Eugene J. Murray

WELCOMES YOU TO THE

ROCKVILLE CENTRE COMMUNITY FUND

Mayor's Annual Golf & Tennis Classic



The 2005 Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic will honor Mathew Kakis, standing with Mayor Eugene Murray, and committee co-chairs John Cameron and Jeffrey Greenfield by the hole-in-one prize from Karp Auto.

Mayor's Classic Coming Sept. 26

The Mayor's annual Golf and Tennis Tournament and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, is scheduled for Monday, September 26 at the Middle Bay Country Club in Oceanside.

The all-day event includes breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner as well as a round of golf for \$350. The donation for tennis, lunch and dinner is \$225. Dinner-only tickets are \$100.

This year's journal will honor longtime Community Fund supporter

Mathew Kakis of Mormile Florist. For information about placing a journal ad, call Monica Derr at (516) 678-9212.

A special attraction at this year's dinner will be a book-signing by George H. Ross, executive vice president of The Trump Organization and author of "Trump Strategies for Real Estate: Billionaire Lessons for the Small Investor."

Invitations to the outing and information about business sponsorships are available by calling (516) 678-9260.



Order Now!

The Village has received more than 2,200 orders for the Rockville Centre logo trash container personalized with your house address. Join your neighbors by using the order coupon on Page 2.



Village Hall Comments

By Mayor Eugene J. Murray



RVC Water: Pure and Plentiful



A major benefit of living in Rockville Centre is that we operate our own water department. Enjoying the benefits of local control and of low cost utilities was a primary reason that early residents decided to incorporate into a Village in 1893.

Since becoming mayor in 1987, successive boards of trustees and I have seen to it that Village government continues as careful stewards of our resources by developing master plans for our basic infrastructure. The first such master plan addressed our water system: our 10 wells drilled to an average depth of 540 feet, our four water storage tanks that together hold 4 million gallons of water, and the 70 miles of pipe that connect our distribution system.

Our water program is related to the roadway improvements you see every summer. You may have noticed that when the Village comes to repave a street, we begin beneath the surface, replacing old 4-inch water mains with 6- and 8-inch pipe. When we work on dead end streets, we replace the old one-way mains with loops that keep clear water running freely.

We all rely every day on our water

supply, which is why our water quality is constantly monitored and tested to assure its purity. In addition, during my 18 years as mayor, we have improved and upgraded every aspect of our water system:

- In 1990 we demolished a small tank on the grounds of the public works department and reconstructed Tank #3 on Sunrise Highway, doubling its storage capacity. In 1995 a new Tank #4 was put into service just north of Reeve Road.

- We have performed major maintenance and repainting on Tank #1 near South Side High School, Tank #2 on Maple Avenue, and this year Tank #3.

- In addition to the annual water main replacement program, we annually replace older water meters and test all hydrants and replace them as needed.

- We have required the installation of back-flow prevention devices to protect the water supply and we have installed new well-starters and blow-off devices to improve water quality.

- We installed and are continually upgrading a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) management system. The SCADA employs a computerized hydraulic model so that we can remotely operate, control and troubleshoot our distribution network.

- We have on-going programs for employee safety and operational training, including certifications to operate our

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



Workmen on the exterior of Water Tank #3 on Sunrise Highway this summer. The 180-foot high hydropillar stores 750,000 gallons of water pumped from two nearby wells.

system and our filtration plant. We have developed new operations manuals and department rules and regulations.

- Rockville Centre used to have a problem with constantly rusty water in certain areas due to the high iron content of most South Shore water. In 1992 we began using iron "sequestering" agents that chemically prevent the iron from discoloring the water. Though the situation had improved Village-wide, the areas serviced by Tank #1 remained a problem. In 2001 the Village installed a \$2.7 million, state-of-the-art filtration plant that now removes virtually all of the iron content from those wells on our eastern border.

Our conscientious management of our water supply is just one of the many reasons to feel confident in the quality of this basic resource and to be proud of living in Rockville Centre.

Community News

Tax Office Announcements

Applications for **partial exemption** from Village real estate taxes are available now and must be filed by January 3. If approved, exemptions take effect June 1, 2006.

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 2004 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 a new lending institution.

RVC Basketball Registration

The Rockville Centre Basketball League will register boys and girls in grades 3 through 12 for its 51st season on the following schedule:

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 13 & 14, 7 to 9 P.M., South Side Middle School lobby;

Saturday, September 17, 10 A.M. to Noon, South Side Middle School lobby; and Noon to 4 P.M., RVC Rec Center Kids Fest

The RVCBL is a recreational and instructional league that guarantees playing time to players of all skill levels. For further information and to download a registration form, visit the league website at RVCBL.com.

September's for Learning at the Sandel Center



Sandel members participate in the weekly jewelry making class with instructor Samantha Schwartz, just one of the many programs the Center offers.

September means a new year for school children, but in Rockville Centre older adults can also take advantage of new learning opportunities.

The Sandel Center offers a wide variety of programs and classes to RVC residents over the age of 60. Interested persons are invited to sample a class to decide whether membership in the Sandel Center is right for them. Why not try one or more of the following:

- Physical fitness classes include: aerobics, beledi, bocce, cardio dance, line dance, pilates, ping pong, range of motion, shuffleboard, stretch and balance, tai-chi, yoga and more.

- If the arts appeal, try: drawing and painting, crafts, jewelry-making, quilting, knitting, creative writing, photography and excursions in music.

- Intellectual activities include:

book clubs, computer instruction, current events discussions, meditation, and mind aerobics.

- And each month there are special events: guest speakers, gardening, bridge, Mah-Jongg, canasta, defensive driving, trips, travel and dining out.

For information about any of the above classes and programs, call 678-9245.

A full list of Sandel Center events for September is available on the Village's website at www.rvcny.us

Monte Carlo Night Nov. 5

Save the date and consider a sponsorship to the Sandel Center's annual FOSSI casino night fundraiser on Saturday, November 5. Call Chris O'Leary for further information at 678-9245.

Lion's Club Festival Oct. 1

The RVC Lions Club will host its 7th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, October 1 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The highlight of the day is the rubber duck race along Mill River, but other attractions include inflatable rides, prizes, a magic show, a hay ride, pumpkin painting, seasonal arts and crafts, food, and music.

Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities, including 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.

For information on the event, sponsorships, or donation opportuni-

ties, call the organization's president, Michael Jordan, at 764-1775.



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 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 brown plastic, cost just \$20 each and will be delivered to your door at no cost.