

10K, Food Donations on the November Calendar

28th Annual 10K and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K is Saturday, November 12 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.

Winter Programs

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 14. Detailed fliers are available at the Rec Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

Middle School Dances

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a dance for sixth graders on Friday, November 4 from 7:30 to 10 P.M. A dance for seventh and eighth graders is Friday, November 18 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.



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Nursery School Openings

There are limited openings remaining in the afternoon pre-kindergarten class for children entering kindergarten in September 2006 and for the morning pre-k combo class for children entering kindergarten in September 2006 and 2007.

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 or coupons for distribution to the needy 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.



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Dates & Events

Wednesday, November 9, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Friday, November 11
VETERANS DAY
Village Offices Closed

Saturday, November 12, 9 A.M.
FAMILY FUN RUN
Front Street

10 A.M.
RVC 10K RACE
North Park Avenue

Monday, November 14, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, November 24
THANKSGIVING 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 Calendar of Events, is available on the Village's website
www.rvcny.us

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The Village's Information Technology Director John Peters (seated) shows the capabilities of the new reverse-911 community notification system to Police Commissioner Jack McKeon, Village Administrator Ron Wasson, and Mayor Eugene Murray.

Reverse-911 System Operating

The Village of Rockville Centre has put in service a "reverse-911" community notification system that uses the telephone to alert residents to emergencies or other important information.

"We live in an uncertain world and it seems prudent to have this means of alerting our residents and businesses to emergency information," Mayor Eugene Murray said.

The \$40,000 system, which includes dedicated phone lines, a computer server and related software, was purchased through a state grant secured by State Senator Dean Skelos.

"This system can isolate areas and streets, make lists, dial numbers and tell us who got the message," said Village Administrator Ron Wasson. "During emergencies we can then go door-to-door if necessary for specific residents, like those who have notified us they are using medical life-support equipment."

The system can play up to a 30-second message and can be used to

notify residents of lost children or of street-closings due to construction or special events, or to make other public service announcements.

The system was first used just days after its installation to notify residents on the North Side of a September 25 water pressure test by the County Fire Marshall at Mercy Medical Center. "We made 3,400 calls in the two days before the test, alerting residents that there might be water pressure and discoloration problems," Wasson said. The test went off and no one called with questions or complaints, he said.

The system was used again September 29 during emergency repairs to a damaged electric transmission cable that had caused a brief blackout. Businesses and residents were asked to conserve power and the Village did not have to use its older, less efficient generators to meet the electricity demand.

"If we had this system during the 2003 regional blackout, we might have avoided rolling blackouts in Rockville Centre," Wasson said.



Village Hall Comments

An Open Letter to the Mayor



When I first moved to Rockville Centre a quarter of a century ago, I had no idea what really made this place such a special community. I also did not understand the local politics.

Frankly, I had little or no patience for politicians. To me, they all seemed to be driven by personal agendas. Then, I met someone who inspired me to serve this Village and to work for its benefit despite my lack of comfort in the political arena. That man is our Mayor Eugene Murray.

Gene is one of those exceptional individuals who works tirelessly for this Village because he loves his family, his home and his community.

Unlike many lawyers and consultants who can benefit personally from their government work and relationships, his benefit has been the respect and gratitude of his community. His motivation to serve comes from an inner goodness that is rarely found in people in public office.

I am not saying that he is perfect or that we do not disagree on occasion, but honestly, he has a "common sense" approach to managing our Village and it has paid off for all of us. The essence of that approach is to take balanced positions that help all of us, not just a few.

His work is not without its bumps in the road. While pleasing many people, you cannot help disappoint-

ing others unless all you do is "kiss babies," read proclamations and avoid making any decisions.

The breadth of his accomplishments is important to recognize. In the 90s, his leadership helped us move from a typical, inefficient local government to a remarkably efficient one. He led us through changes from a community with a lackluster downtown to one of the most successful communities not only in the county, but in the nation.

He enriched us with his charity and caring with the creation and successful management of the Community Fund. His compassion for all people made his constituency each and every person in the Village, not just a select few. We saw his leadership and compassion in the dark hours after 9/11. He has been dedicated to improving our infrastructure and building an excellent team of Village employees and managers.

Now that he has celebrated his 80th birthday, I want to publicly thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the love you have shown each and every one of us, for the endless hours you put into your "part-time job" of Mayor. You have virtually none of the motivations of a typical politician and all the motivations of a senior statesman.

Gene Murray, you have done so much for all of us, I just wanted to say "Happy Birthday" and thank you for your dedication to our community.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Lipton, Deputy Mayor



They're Coming!

We would like to apologize for the delay in delivering the official Rockville Centre trash containers that come with the Village seal and the owner's address. Residents ordered more than 3,000 containers and our supplier had some difficulties meeting the demand.

We expect to be delivering again soon.

Village Administrator Ron Wasson

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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

Transfer Station Closing

The Village Transfer Station at 10 Sunrise Highway 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. Proof of residency is required.

Saturday, November 19 is the last day the station will be open until April, 2006.

Biegel Returns to Symphony

Pianist Jeffrey Biegel returns to the South Shore Symphony Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 P.M. at the South Side Middle School as the featured soloist of Prokofiev's 3rd Piano Concerto. The Symphony, under the direction of Scott Jackson Wiley will also perform Schubert's famous "Unfinished Symphony" in B Minor.

Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call (516) 616-3610 for reservations.



Leaf Bags Available

Rockville Centre's curbside leaf collection will begin November 1. All leaves must be placed in the free Rockville Centre paper collection bags.

Residents may pick up their free bags from the Public Works Department, 10 Sunrise Highway, or from the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

Community News

Tax Office Announcements

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

Exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years or more 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 not exceeding \$32,400.

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 nhall@rvcny.us.

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) 571-2377 or 571-2364.

Homeowners are reminded to notify the tax office of any changes in the status of their mortgages.



RVC Police Have Thermal-Eye

Rockville Centre Police Sergeant Christopher Romance (holding camera) shows Mayor Eugene Murray, Police Commissioner Jack McKeon, and Village Administrator Ron Wasson the department's new Thermal-Eye video camera. The camera, which senses heat, not light, can provide officers with vision and video images even in total darkness. The camera and the training were provided free by the United States Army Electronic Proving Ground. The device allows officers to search in darkness and to observe potential criminal activity without giving away their location.

Health and Holidays at the Sandel Center

Flu Shot Registration

Flu shot pre-registration is Thursday, November 1 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Bring insurance information and you must be a resident of Rockville Centre.

Flu shots will be administered to pre-registered seniors 60 and over on Thursday, December 8 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. For information, call 678-9245.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The annual Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings is Wednesday, November 9.

This year's luncheon will give thanks to the Sandel Service Corps who have beautified the Rockville Centre LIRR station and the Center's grounds, the Sandel Circle who visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and the intergenerational committee.



The annual Holiday Crafts Fair is a popular event at the Sandel Center, Saturday, November 26 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Holiday Crafts Fair

The annual Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 26 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. provides an opportunity for holiday shopping plus lunch at the holiday shopping plus lunch at the holiday café.

Handmade scarves, sweaters, afghans, ponchos, handmade ornaments and wreaths, and baked goods will be on sale.

Showtime Performance Coming

The cast of "Bon Voyage" will perform original music at the Stage Theatre in Merrick on Sunday, December 11 at 7 P.M. Special \$10 tickets available through the Sandel Center.

For information, call 678-9245.

Save the Date

FOSSI's annual Monte Carlo Night has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 22, 2006. Save the date and consider a sponsorship to the Sandel Center's annual casino night fundraiser. Call Chris O'Leary at 678-9245 for further information.