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 flyers 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 to 10 P.M.

The dates are open to teenagers who live in Rockville Centre or who attend Rockville Centre schools. A school ID is required for admission.

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.

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Video tapes 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
Night & Weekends 766-5800

A complete Calendar of Events is available on the Village’s website www.rvcny.us

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 Department. Residents were asked to conserve water and the Village did not have to use its older, less efficient generator 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
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 disappointings 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 90’s, 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 work 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

This Month
In Rockville Centre

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 on 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.

Flu Shot Registration
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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.

Health and Holidays at the Sandel Center

Thanksgiving Luncheon
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