

## Recreation Center March Events

### Spring Program Registration

Registration for the Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring program schedule begins the week of March 20. Programs begin the week of April 23. Call 678-9338 for information.

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, March 26 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There will be a large assortment of merchandise and plenty of free parking.

### Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days benefit to remind us that hope blooms is scheduled for March 21 and 22.

To place your order, call Pat Southard at 678-9339. The daffodils are sold in bunches of 10 for \$10.

### Part-time Summer Job Applications

Applications are now being accepted for paid summer playground positions. Applicants must be at least 16. Applications for leader-in-training volunteer positions are also available for applicants who will be entering 9th grade or more in September 2006.

### Summer Nursery School Registration

Registration begins at 9 A.M. on Monday, March 6 for the summer 2006 nursery school program beginning June 26.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2006 are offered five days a week from 9 to 11:30 A.M.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2007 are offered four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 to 11:30 A.M.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9339.



The Rockville Centre Police Department's new-look cruiser.

## New (Old) Look for RVC Police Cars

RVC Police Commissioner Jack McKeon is returning the Village's police cruisers to the no-nonsense black-and-white look they had when he joined the force in 1973.

"This new look will provide a more visible presence in the community," Commissioner McKeon said. "The black-and-whites tend to instill confidence in those who rely

on us and serve as a warning to those who might wish us ill.

"And they capture a piece of the Department's past that should not be forgotten," he said.

The first new cruiser, which also carries a new, more powerful light bar, was recently put into service. The complete change-over will take several years.

### 2006-07 Nursery School Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2006 - 2007 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2007 are offered five days a week from 9 to 11:30 A.M. or three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from

12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2008 are offered four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 to 11:30 A.M. or two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

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## Dates & Events

Monday, March 6, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, March 8, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, March 22, 7 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, March 27, 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

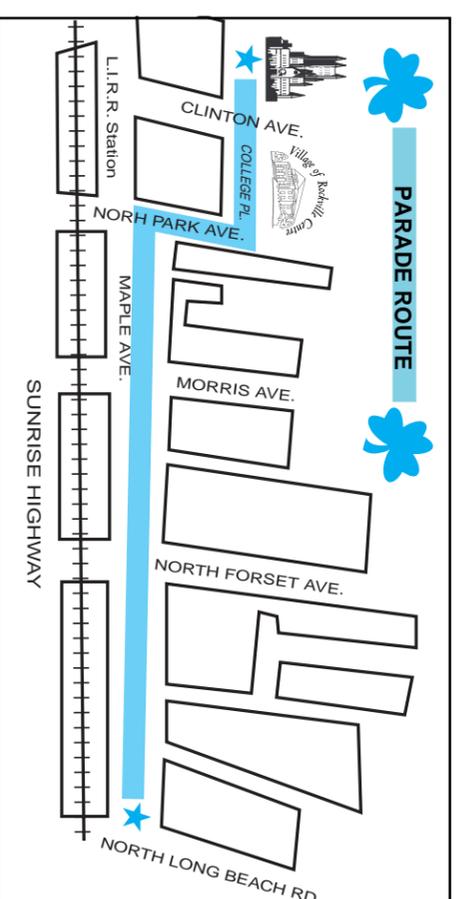
Fire **911**  
Police **911**  
Ambulance **911**  
Electric 766-5800  
Water 678-9252  
Nights & Weekends 766-5800

A complete Calendar of Events, is available on the Village's website  
[www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

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## St. Patrick's Parade March 25

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade steps off at Noon on Saturday, March 25 from North Long Beach Road and Maple Avenue with Grand Marshal David Crowe, the parade's founder.



Crowe, born in Ireland and now a Rockville Centre resident and businessman, proposed the parade in 1994 as a popular

celebration of Ireland and America. It is now an incorporated not-for-profit organization that has distributed more than \$330,000 to 27 worthy charities since 1997. Each year a national, a local, and an Irish charity are selected as equal beneficiaries of the Parade's fundraising activities.

This year's national charity beneficiary is The Michael Manzella



Foundation which supports cancer and medical research; the Irish charity is the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Limerick which provides services for children with intellectual disabilities; and the local charity is Bethany House which provides shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

The parade's marching contingents, including pipe bands and step dancers, will march down Maple Avenue from Long Beach Road, past Village Hall to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral. For information about fundraising events, call (516) 766-2582 or visit the parade website at [www.rvcspatrick.com](http://www.rvcspatrick.com).



## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Andrew P. Karamouzis



### Healthy Debate on the Board



Everyone in the Village knows about the wonderful services and benefits that we have here in Rockville Centre. A column can be devoted to each and every one of the Village departments and organizations that serve our residents and they all deserve our gratitude and appreciation. But in preparing my first column, I decided that right now, it's important to focus on several important, but controversial issues that are currently facing the Village.

Overdevelopment remains a legitimate concern. Based upon his recent State of the Village address, part of which was reprinted in last month's "This Month in Rockville Centre," I believe that Mayor Murray has made it clear that he supports the Signature Place project.

People should be aware that the Signature Place project has been re-filed and that the developer is seeking approval from the Planning Board for the re-filed project while simultaneously maintaining several lawsuits against the Village.

I respectfully disagree with the Mayor's view about this project and continue to do so. I do not believe that this project is in the Village's long-term best interests for many reasons not the least of which is that it will dramatically alter the character of our Village. Nevertheless, I invite residents to

attend and participate in upcoming Planning Board meetings, gather their own information and draw their own conclusions. That is the essence of our democratic form of government.

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It is no secret that since Trustee Mulry and I took office, there has been friction on the Village Board due, in no small part, to the fact we are "outsiders" who have challenged conventional wisdom, questioned existing policies and sought to implement uniform procedures for Board meetings designed to permit debate on the issues, not simply lockstep adherence to the "way things have always been done."

I believe that debate is a healthy attribute of good government and should not be discouraged. Mere disagreement over policy issues should not be viewed as insubordination or rebellion. I stand by all of my actions on the Board to date and welcome any questions that anyone has.

The most striking example of necessary public debate involves the public announcement by Trustee Sutton at the February 13 Board meeting that he is leaving Rockville Centre and moving out of state and will not seek re-election. Although he declined to address the issue specifically in public, it seems that Trustee Sutton does not intend to complete his term of office.

I respect Trustee Sutton and wish him and his family well in whatever the future may hold for them. I applaud Trustee Sutton's many significant contributions to the Village. However, the fact that Trustee

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Sutton apparently does not intend to remain in Rockville Centre long-term and complete his term of office raises many legitimate questions about whether he remains eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees when it is clear that he does not have a "stake" in the future of the Village. That is neither a personal attack upon nor a criticism of Trustee Sutton – it is simply a fact. But merely raising such questions has been treated as treasonous or labeled as a "personal attack."

Every voter in this Village has the absolute right and obligation to question duly-elected public officials about their ability or capacity to serve their elected office in view of changed circumstances. Every voter in this Village has the right to choose their local government representatives in a free and democratic election rather than have them appointed by a single person.

Serving in elected office is a privilege — not an entitlement. An elected official owes his/her allegiance to the voters and no one else. Quite frankly, I'm disappointed that I even have to point out that fact or that anyone would be opposed to a free election in June 2006 should that prove to be necessary.

been issued. Solicitors are given a copy of the "no solicitation" list with their permit. If you are on the list and are solicited, the incident should be reported by

calling 678-9224. Organizations violating the law are subject to penalties including, but not limited to, revocation of their permit.

### NO SOLICITATION REQUEST

To: Village of Rockville Centre  
Please add my name to the list of addresses that should not be solicited.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### Boys Earn Community Service Award

The Rockville Centre Police Commissioner and the Village Board of Trustees honored Vincent Tyers, 10, and Steven Lanzillotta, 9, for their quick work in notifying police that six teens had broken into a newly-built house in their neighborhood. The police were able to arrest the six and their lookout. Presenting the awards were Trustee Andrew Karamouzis, Trustee Jim Sutton, Mayor Eugene Murray, Commissioner Jack McKeon, Trustee Jeanne Farnan Mulry, and Deputy Mayor Wayne Lipton. In front are Vincent and Steven. Vincent's father Doug Tyers is a veteran employee of the Rockville Centre power plant.

### See the World with the Sandel Center!

Traveling with a group can be a wonderful way to enjoy new places, have new experiences, and make new friends. The Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services invites area seniors to consider traveling with the Sandel Center Club to one or more of the following upcoming trips.

Sign up in person at the Sandel Center weekdays from 10:30 A.M. to noon and from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Call 678-9245 for further information.

Lady Luck could smile on you at the Tropicana casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, March 15. \$22 per person Luncheon and the entertainment of Johnny Fusco and his Orchestra are at Koenig's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 29. Luncheon includes appetizer, choice of three entrees, coffee, soda and dessert. \$38 per person.

The Best of Brooklyn trip on Wednesday, April 5 provides the breathtaking view of Manhattan from the Brooklyn Bridge, the nostalgia of Coney Island and Brighton Beach during a four-hour coach bus tour including lunch at Juniors restaurant. Moderate walking. \$72 per person.

Join the Broadway Theater Trip Wednesday, April 26 to see the smash

musical hit Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at the Imperial Theatre and enjoy a delicious luncheon at Sophia's. \$143.50 per person.

A cruise to Bermuda starts April 29 for seven nights aboard the Celebrity Zenith. Prices start at \$1,031 including port charges and taxes. Cruise Planners of Rockville Centre designed this trip for Sandel Seniors. Contact Sharon at 867-7215 for specific information and sign up now.

A trip to the Queens Theatre In the Park is Wednesday, May 17 to see Broadway Song and Dance, a dazzling, tune-filled tribute to Broadway. Lunch at the Parkside restaurant. Comfortable coach bus transportation. \$77 per person.

A trip to the Woodloch Pines resort starts May 30 for four days and three nights. Deluxe accommodations include the famous smorgasbord, nightly entertainment and days

## Community News

### Blood Drive March 4

The Rockville Centre Lions Club blood drive is Saturday, March 4 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Recreation Centre, North Oceanside Road.

### South Shore Symphony March 11

The South Shore Symphony under the direction of Scott Jackson Wiley will perform a program called From Vienna to Hollywood on Saturday, March 11 at 8 P.M. at the South Side Middle School with works by Korngold, Wagner and Holst; John Williams' *Star Wars Suite* and the theme from *Schindler's List*. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call 616-3620 for information.

### SNCH Parade April 30

South Nassau Communities Hospital is looking for community groups to participate in the grand opening of its new North Addition to the hospital on Sunday, April 30. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, a time capsule burial, a parade and a fair.

Interested color guards, marching bands, cheerleading squads, local businesses and others should call 377-5370 for information on participating in the events.

filled with games, tournaments and competition. All-inclusive prices are \$409 double and \$402 triple.



Selma Rohr, Carol Bonnich and Rose Beechina bake "Heart Healthy Cookies" at the Sandel Center.