

## April at the Rec Summer Playground Registration

Registration begins April 3 for the Rec Center's 52<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Summer Playground Program, which will be held this year from June 28 through August 10 from 9 A.M. to Noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Covert School, and Hewitt School. There is no program Tuesday, July 4.

Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events.

The program is open to Rockville Centre residents or those who attend Rockville Centre schools in grades 1 to 6, effective September 2006. A middle school program for those in grades 7 and 8 will also be offered this year.

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

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt is 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 8 at Veterans' Park next to the Rec Center. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held Sunday, April 9 at 2 P.M.

### Spring Programs Begin

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring program schedule begins the week of April 24. Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center for all activities or call 678-9339.



The annual Pet Show is Thursday, April 20 at 10 A.M.

## Spring Recess Trips & Events

**Thursday, April 13, 10 or 11:45 A.M.**  
*Game / Sports Day* for grades K through 5 and up. Fee of \$8.

**Friday, April 14, 10 – 11 A.M. or 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

*Egg Coloring Contest* for grades K to 5. Fee \$3.

**Monday, April 17**

*Spring Craft Activity* for grades K to 5; 10 – 11:15 A.M. or 11:45 A.M. – 1 P.M. Fee is \$7.

**Tuesday, April 18, 12:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

*Trip to Fun Zone* for grades 1 – 8 and up. Fee of \$22.

**Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 – 12 Noon or 12:15 – 1:45 P.M.**

*Sportstack* activity for grades 1 – 8 and up. Fee of \$22.

**Thursday, April 20, 10 A.M.**

*Annual Spring Pet Show.* No fee, but pre-registration required.

**Thursday, April 20, 12:30 – 5:15 P.M.**

*Trip to Adventureland* in Farmingdale for grades 2 and up. Fee of \$22.

**Friday, April 21, Noon to 2:30 P.M.**

*Bowling at RVC Lanes* for grades 1 to 8. Fee \$12.

## Recess Gym and Gammoroom Schedule

The open gym and game activities include basketball, Xbox, and ping pong under the supervision of the recreation staff. All participants must have a valid rec card and wear sneakers.

The program runs Thursday, April 13 through Saturday, April 15 and Monday, April 17 through Saturday, April 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 P.M. for grades 4 and up; and from 7:30 to 10:15 P.M. for grades 6 and up.

### Roll Around Play Days

The Roll Around gymnastics set-up will be available to parents and children ages 1 to 4 from 9:15 to 10 A.M. Thursday, April 13 through Saturday, April 15 and Monday, April 17 through Saturday, April 22. Fee is \$5 per family per session.

Adults and children must wear sneakers; older siblings may not play on the equipment.

### Nursery School Openings

Registrations are still being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs the 2006-07 school year.

Morning or afternoon programs are offered for those entering kindergarten in September 2007 and 2008.

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

Summer 2006 pre-K classes are still open for those entering kindergarten in September 2006 and 2007. Call 678-9338 for information.



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Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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## Dates & Events

Monday, April 10, 8:15 P.M.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, April 26, 8 P.M.

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Videotapes of Board of Trustees meetings are aired on Cable Channel 18  
Monday - Friday at 8:15 P.M.  
Saturday at 1:15 P.M.  
and Sunday at 10 A.M.

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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If your trash cans look like this . . .



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



## Just in Time for Spring Cleaning!

### Village Trash Containers Available

The Village of Rockville Centre is again offering residents attractive, appropriately-sized trash containers for the same price as last year when 3,000 were delivered.

Residents may order the new containers with their house number on the lid and the side along with the Rockville Centre Village seal. The 35-gallon, wheeled containers, made of heavy-duty brown plastic, cost \$20 each and will be delivered free to your door. The Village will even take away your old, worn-out containers when the new ones are delivered.

"We would like to make trash day a little less unsightly," said Village

Administrator Ron Wasson, "and we also want to protect our workers." Many residents have purchased oversized containers that hold far more than the 50-pound limit specified in the Village Code.

He also asks residents who put out plastic bags instead of containers to use only heavy-duty dark plastic bags. "We find that the flimsy white plastic bags tear easily and attract animals," he said. To order Village trash cans personalized with your street address, fill out the coupon below and mail it in with a 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 Deputy Mayor Wayne H. Lipton



## The Responsibilities of Trustees

**What is the most important function of the Village Board?**

Today, the greatest challenge to our quality of life in Rockville Centre and throughout most of Long Island is the ever-increasing tax burden. High real estate taxes take away from the value of our homes and make staying here for our seniors more and more difficult.

Our greatest challenge is to deliver high quality services while managing our tax increases. This is no small challenge as the Village has had to deal with skyrocketing medical benefit costs and pension payments. In addition, our fuel costs have hit us as they have hit every business and home owner. We operate vehicles, heat and air-condition buildings and pay electric costs just like every other business.

Remarkably, for the past 15 years, the average tax increase (including this year's increase of 5.6 percent) is lower than any other 15-year period since 1940. I am proud to have served on the Board of Trustees with the Mayor for about half of this period. How have we managed? The Board has to be mindful of managing costs (sometimes you just have to say "no"); keeping our infrastructure in good shape (maintaining facilities, buildings and equipment); and managing revenues (setting appropriate fees and fines, and maintaining our tax base). We receive fees from permits like Building Department fees, parking fees, and recreation. We also get revenue from parking meters and from fines from our courts. Our largest revenue source is the Village taxes.

Village Board members, including the Mayor, work on a part-time basis. We serve terms that last four years. Every two years, two or three of the Board members are up for re-election. Unlike the School District, the Village Board presents a budget and votes on that budget. The public participates in hearings on the budget, but those hearings are usually poorly attended. Why? Because the Village has a history under the leadership of Mayor Eugene J. Murray of excellent, efficient services with some of the lowest tax rates and increases in our region.

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Eugene J. Murray, Mayor

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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

### Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1 are scheduled to be mailed the week of May 29. Payment may be made without penalty until July 3 at the cashier's office on the first floor of Village Hall.

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

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. You may contact the office by calling 516-678-9242, by faxing 516-678-9306, or by e-mailing to [nhall@rvcnj.us](mailto:nhall@rvcnj.us).

### Transfer Station Reopening

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 1 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month through November 18 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

The greatest challenge that our Village faces is an economic one. We are facing the possibility of tremendous tax increases or seriously reduced services as our operating costs increase, our legal costs rise exponentially and our revenues stagnate.

When Village Board members lose sight of this management responsibility and focus on politics, we are all the victims.

As residents, we should not take the effectiveness of our Village government for granted. To keep doing right for our residents, our Village Board needs statesmen (and women) who look to our future generations and not politicians who are looking at the next election.

## Police: Defend Yourself From Burglaries

Although Rockville Centre's crime rate is very low, the onset of warmer weather, unfortunately, means that more criminals are once again looking for homes to enter and cars to steal.

The Rockville Centre Police Department reminds residents to be vigilant about their homes and possessions. Police have noticed a rise in larcenies from vehicles of electronic equipment like iPods, portable GPS systems, computers and phones.

Thieves have also begun to target home computers, which often contain extensive personal information, to aid them in identity theft crimes.

To reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a larceny, burglary or car theft, the police recommend the following:

- If you have an alarm system, arm it at night.
- Lock your doors and windows at night, especially on the first floor.
- Illuminate areas around doors and windows.
- Do not leave gifts, money, wallets, pocketbooks, and keys in plain sight.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight inside vehicles.
- Roll up car windows and lock the doors.
- If you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, immediately call the Rockville Centre Police using 911. (911 calls from cell phones are answered by Nassau County before being forwarded to Rockville Centre.)

## FOSSI Casino Night April 29

The Sandel Center will be transformed into a glittering Monte Carlo casino on the night of April 29. Enjoy the professional dealers, wheel spinners and croupiers, a variety of exciting games, lots of "betting" action, big prizes, delicious appetizers and an open bar.

The annual casino night is the major fundraising event sponsored by FOSSI, the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., a not-for-profit community group that raises funds to support the programs of the RVC Department of Senior Services and the Sandel Center. In the past funds raised by FOSSI have made possible a huge building expansion, a handicapped accessible bus, support for the

nutritional program, volunteer recognition events, among other projects.

Monte Carlo Night is made possible by a team of volunteers headed by acting President Kevin Akner, sponsorship chairmen Rich McDonough and Kevin McDonough, as well as journal chairperson Lucy Ortiz who are actively seeking the financial support of RVC businesses, professionals and individuals.

Sandel members Dorothy Allen and Josephine Piccinini have found generous businesses to provide gifts and prizes, which will be given away the night of the event.



## RVC PBA Aids Foundation

The Rockville Centre Police Benevolent Association recently donated \$5,000 raised by the PBA's annual golf outing to the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation. The Foundation aids the children of Marines and federal law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty. The donation was made in the name of Marine 1st Lt. Ronald D. Winchester, a Rockville Centre resident who died in the Iraq war. Rockville Centre resident Richard Torytkan, Sr., a vice chairman of the Foundation, accepts the check from PBA Vice-President Sgt. James Vagstad. Also on hand were Lt. Charles Genmarino and golf outing co-chairs Officer James Lauth and Officer Paul Pope.

## FY 2007 Budget \$31.6 Million

The Village Board of Trustees adopted a \$31.6 million budget for fiscal year 2007 after a public hearing on March 23.

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at Village Hall and are also on the Village's website at [www.rvcny.us/mayor.html](http://www.rvcny.us/mayor.html).

The proposed budget calls for a 5.6 percent increase in the tax rate, adding about \$115 to the average Rockville Centre tax bill. The proposed new tax rate is \$28.28 per \$100 NAV or \$2,178 for a home assessed at \$7,700.

The adopted budget will go into effect June 1, 2006.



Tickets are \$50 each and will be available for purchase at the Sandel Center in early April. For information about sponsorships, or to purchase journal ads or event tickets, or to donate a prize, please call the Sandel Center at 678-9245.