

Recreation Center Summer 2006

Summer Playground Program

Registration is now being accepted for the 52nd consecutive summer playground program, held this year from June 28 through August 10.

The regular weekly program is conducted by trained staff at the Rec Center and at Hewitt and Covert schools. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, games, and special events, including field trips.

The program is open to residents of Rockville Centre or of the Rockville Centre School District in grades one through eight as of September, 2006.

Transportation is not provided and children must walk to or be dropped off at their playground sites. The program meets Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. The fee is \$300 per child.

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

Summer Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball and gymnastics, and boys and girls lacrosse schools during the summer 2006.

The 31st annual baseball school is



The Village's 113th birthday celebration on Saturday, July 8 includes a concert at 7:30 P.M. and a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9.

open from June 26 to July 7 (no class July 4) for boys ages 6 to 13 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Barasch Field. The school is coordinated by Bob Hirschfeld of New York Tech and costs \$305.

A basketball school for girls in grades 3 to 10 is offered August 14 to 18 at the Rec Center from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The fee is \$255.

A gymnastics school for girls in grades 2 through 8 will be held July 31 to August 4 from 1 to 4 P.M. with coordinator Ginger Creegan. Fee is \$175.

The Shooting Star lacrosse school is offered to girls and boys ages 7 to 17 from June 26 through 30 by Patrick McCabe and John DeTommaso at the Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard. The fee is \$260. The girls' school is 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and the boys' school is from 6 to 9 P.M.

Fall Nursery School

There are openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2007 are Monday through Friday 9:30 - 11 A.M. or Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:15 - 2:45 P.M.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2008 are Monday through Thursday mornings or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

A combo class of children entering kindergarten in 2007 and 2008 will meet Monday through Friday mornings.

Classes begin September 11 and

follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Call 678-9338 for further information.

Pre-School Summer Activities

Registration is underway for pre-school summer programs. Both the parent and child must purchase Rec Center membership cards.

Computer Tots is a six-week program for children 3 years old and up. Classes are offered for 40 minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Maximum four children per group. Call (516) 731-3766 for details.

A five-session program in creative art in different media begins June 27 from 1 to 2 P.M. for 3- and 4-year-olds and from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. for 4- and 5-year-olds. The fee is \$52.50. Instructor Maria Domanch.

Exploring the arts is a seven-session program in dance, music, puppetry and art, on Thursdays beginning June 29. Ages 3 to 4 meet from 1 to 2 P.M. and ages 4 to 5 meet from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. for. The fee is \$52.50.

A seven-session parent-toddler workshop in art, music, movement and playtime led by certified early childhood specialist Joan Schapiro for parents or caregivers and their 24- to 36-month-old children begins Wednesday, June 28 from 12:30 to 2 P.M. or Friday, June 30 from 9 to 10:30 A.M. or from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. Fee is \$77.



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Dates & Events

Monday, June 5, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 14, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, June 20, 7 A.M. - 9 P.M.
VILLAGE ELECTIONS
10 Locations

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

Monday, June 26, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Tuesday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Village Offices Closed

Saturday, July 8, 7:30 P.M.
VILLAGE'S 113th BIRTHDAY
Centennial Park

Monday, July 10, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Monday, August 7, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Emergency Numbers

(Note: **911** cellphone calls go to Nassau County Police)
Fire, Police, Ambulance **911**
Electric 766-5800
Water 678-9252
Nights & Weekends 766-5800

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Welcome to Summer!

Summer is an excellent time to enjoy the Village of Rockville Centre. In addition to the many programs at the Recreation Center, the Sandel Center, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, there are the concerts on the Village Green and the spectacular Grucci fireworks display at Mill River / Centennial Park. Bring your friends, family, blankets and chairs and come on down!

Thursday, June 22, 7:30 P.M. — the **Rockville Centre Concert Band** under the direction of Dr. Raoul F. Camus. Saturday, July 8, 7:30 P.M. — In honor of the **Village's 113th Birthday**, the South Shore Symphony performs a concert of summertime favorites before and after the Grucci fireworks display at 9. Rain date: Sunday, July 9. Thursday, July 20, 7:30 P.M. — **Irish Music** with Michael O'Rourke and the Black Velvet Band. Thursday, August 17, 8 P.M. — **Plaza Theatrical Productions** presents Hot 'n' Cole, a concert of Broadway show tunes.

Special Village Election June 20

Village residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, June 20 from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. at 10 different locations to elect a trustee to fill the year remaining on the term of former Trustee James Sutton who resigned his office in March.

Any Village resident who is registered to vote in Nassau County may vote in the Village election. Unregistered newcomers, those who

have changed addresses since last November, and new voters must register with the County Board of Elections by June 9 in order to be eligible to vote in this election.

Residents planning to vote by absentee ballot must file an application at Village Hall no later than June 19. Absentee ballots must be received no later than June 20 at 5 P.M.

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Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Andrew P. Karamouzis

A Vote for Local Determination



For the last few years and ever since we were elected last year, Trustee Jeanne Mulry and I have been advocating a density restriction of 20 units per acre. But on March 27, 2006, we proposed a compromise number of 25 units per acre in an effort to move the legislation forward. On April 10, 2006, the Village Board of Trustees finally passed proposed legislation imposing density restrictions of 25 units per acre. Like all zoning legislation, that resolution was forwarded to the Nassau County Planning Commission for review and approval. Such approvals on local zoning restrictions are routinely granted. However, on May 11, 2006, in a blatant display of overreaching and in direct disregard of the NCCPC's own staff recommendation favoring the legislation, the NCCPC voted 5-1 *against* the Village's proposed density legislation. Those who voted against our legislation argued that our limit was too low.

One of the biggest problems with the multi-family law, which permits construction of residential housing anywhere in the 25 acres of the business district, is that it was passed without any meaningful study of potential impacts on the Village, its services and infrastructure.

Density controls would limit the number of units that could be built on specific parcels of property. For example, a density control of 20 units would mean that no more than 20 units could be built on a one-acre parcel of property. In our view, density controls are a vital tool in controlling overdevelopment, especially given that as of now, the Village has no density controls even though many other surrounding municipalities do.

Many critics say that we have *de facto* density controls in the form of parking restrictions and height restrictions. But as a practical matter, those simply don't work. For example, the two most recent projects in the Village, Cathedral Gardens on Clinton Avenue and Berkshire on Maple near Morris Avenue, both sought and received variances with respect to parking and height restrictions. In fact, Cathedral Gardens is at 49.5 units per acre and Berkshire on Maple is at 36 units per acre. Density restrictions would have limited the size of these projects.



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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

Real Estate Taxes Due

Tax bills due June 1 have been mailed. The last day to pay without penalty is July 3 at the Cashier's Office in Village Hall.

Homeowners are reminded to notify the Village Tax Office of any changes in the status of their mortgages, whether satisfying, refinancing, or when a mortgage is sold to another lending institution.

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 Tax Office by telephone at (516) 678-9242, by fax at (516) 678-9306, or by e-mail at nhall@rvcnj.us.

Summer Jobs with Village

The Village of Rockville Centre is now accepting applications for work on its summer "blitz crews" that do a variety of maintenance work, watering, tree removal and general cleaning and clearing.

Applicants must be at least 18 and have a valid New York State driver's license. Starting salary is \$7.66 per hour. Experienced leaders earn \$10.15 per hour. Apply at the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road.

This Special Election will give you, the residents of this Village, the opportunity to elect a new trustee. So I urge you all to take advantage of this opportunity, take a moment to become familiar with the issues and the candidates and exercise your right to participate in local government by casting a vote on June 20th.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer to everyone!

Emilio Grillo Candidate for Village Trustee



Emilio Grillo came to prominence in the Village in 1999 when he mobilized area residents who successfully defeated a bid by a local developer to construct an oversized home on the property next to his prior home on Muirfield Road.

Grillo, originally from West Haven, Connecticut, has resided in the Village since 1999. He is a cum laude graduate of the University of Connecticut and received his law degree from St. John's University School of Law. Grillo served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's office for six years, rising to the level of senior homicide trial attorney. He is a partner in the Manhattan office of Ahmady, Demers & McManus, and concentrates his practice in civil and criminal defense litigation.

Grillo currently serves as a Village prosecutor and is actively involved in Village fundraising, including the Rockville Centre Community Fund, serving on the annual Mayor's Golf and Tennis Tournament Committee.

Grillo has been married to his wife, Christine, for 11 years, and they have three children, Sophia 8, Isabelle 6, and Emilio, Jr. 3. Christine is currently employed as a Deputy Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau of the Brooklyn District Attorney's office.

The Grillo's live on Stratford Road, and their children attend the Hewitt Elementary School and Jacob's Ladder Nursery School. The Grillo's are members of the St. Agnes Parish and their daughters are active in the Rockville Centre Soccer Club, the Girl Scouts, and Leggz, Ltd. Dance School.

Suzanne Murphy Sullivan Candidate for Village Trustee



Suzanne Murphy Sullivan is a third generation lifelong resident of Rockville Centre. Her paternal grandparents moved to the Village in the late 1920s and her parents, Edward and Joan Murphy, have lived here since they married in 1963. Suzanne grew up on Heyward Lane with her five brothers. She attended Hewitt and St. Agnes Elementary schools and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy.

Suzanne has a B.A. in government, politics and urban affairs from Manhattan College. She worked extensively in the financial services industry at Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley and was a licensed securities broker. At her most recent position, Suzanne was an Assistant Vice President at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette. Subsequently, Suzanne left the corporate world to take her most important and satisfying job to date – raising her three children.

As president of the Residents' Voice Party, Suzanne has worked tirelessly to control over-development and to inform Village residents about related issues including density controls, increased traffic and their potential impact on Rockville Centre residents' quality of life.

Suzanne lives with her family on Rockville Avenue. Suzanne's husband, Rob is an electrical engineer and their children, Robert, Caitlin, and Patrick attend St. Agnes Cathedral School and United Nursery School. Rob is a St. Agnes Fathers' Club member and coaches RVC Soccer. Suzanne is a St. Agnes Mothers' Club member and coaches soccer and the St. Agnes CYO swim team. Robert also sings in the St. Agnes Childrens' Choir and Caitlin is looking forward to her Maple Avenue dance recital this June.

Sandel Center Highlights



The Sandel Center hosts its fifth Spa Kick-off Day on Monday, June 12. The award-winning program is designed to promote health, wellness and vitality in older adults. Call 678-9245 for further information.

Tai Chi Day is Friday June 16 at 1 P.M. with Master Teasley who will present a demonstration and introduction. This popular form of exercise increases flexibility, balance and stimulates the mind.

The Long Island Banjo Society visits the Sandel Center on Sunday, June 4 at 2 P.M. Admission is free and open to the public.

This Month in Rockville Centre is not published in July and August. To keep current with Village events, visit the Village's website at www.rvcny.us and click on Calendar of Events.

Voting Locations

Polls will be open for the Village special election at 10 locations on Tuesday, June 20 from 7 A.M. until 9 P.M. Residents will elect one trustee.

Hewitt School	Maple Avenue Firehouse
DeMott and Hempstead Districts 42, 43, 44, 45	Maple and Morris District 55
Wilson School	Recreation Center
DeMott and Buckingham Districts 46, 47, 48	North Oceanside Road Districts 52, 53, 56, 57, 59, 60
Watson School	Defender Firehouse
Lakeview and North Centre District 49	South Centre Avenue Districts 58, 62
South Side Middle School	Riverside School
Hillside and Burris Districts 50, 51	Riverside and South Park District 61
40 Maine Avenue	Woodland Firehouse
Community Room	Driscoll Avenue
District 54	District 63