

## October Recreation Center Events

### Window Painting Contest

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 15 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 21 from 9 A.M. to Noon.

The Halloween artists are invited to paint on paper that is taped to store windows in downtown Rockville Centre. Plaques are awarded by a distinguished panel of judges.

In case of rain, the event is indoors at the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

### Fishing Clinic

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the RVC Recreation Department present the annual freshwater fishing clinic at Hempstead Lake State Park on Saturday, October 21 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There are exhibits, contests, and prizes. The fee is \$5 per person for anyone age 13 or older.

Take the first left inside Hempstead Lake State Park from the Peninsula Boulevard entrance.

### Ragamuffin Parade

Rockville Centre's 16th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 29.



*The annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 29. Register for the parade and / or party at the Rec Center for \$5 per family.*

Youngsters pre-K and up, their parents and families are invited to join the parade which starts from the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, at 2 P.M. and proceeds down Maple to the Rec Center. At the Center will be games, fun, and prizes for the costumed marchers.

Everyone must register for the parade and / or party at the Rec Center for \$5 per family.

In case of rain, the parade is canceled, but the party will begin at 3 P.M. at the Recreation Center.

### Goblin Calls

Fill out a Goblin Slip at the party after the Ragamuffin Parade and you may receive a Goblin Call and a Goblin Prize on Halloween evening, Tuesday, October 31.

### Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys or turkey 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.

### Open Gym Program

The main gymnasium of the Rec Center will be open for free play basketball for grades 4 and up on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 P.M. beginning October 7.

The evening open gym for grades 6 and up will begin Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7 from 7:30 to 10:15 P.M.

Admission is by valid Recreation Card.

### Pre-school Openings

There are a few openings left in the pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2007 or 2008.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 or 9339 for further information.

### Register for 10K Race, Family Fun Run

Runners wishing to enter Rockville Centre's annual 6.2-mile road race on Saturday, November 11 should call (516) 678-9339 for an application.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 A.M. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The 10K begins at 10 A.M. on Park Avenue in front of the Fantasy Theater.

### Golden Gathering

State Senator Dean Skelos is sponsoring an informational exhibition for seniors at the Rec Center on Friday, October 20 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Free flu vaccine will be offered.



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## Dates & Events

Monday, October 9  
**COLUMBUS DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, October 11, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, October 16, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Saturday, October 21, 9 A.M.  
**WINDOW PAINTING**  
Downtown Stores

Sunday, October 22, 7 P.M.  
**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**  
Village Green

Sunday, October 29, 2 P.M.  
**RAGAMUFFIN PARADE**  
Maple Avenue

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

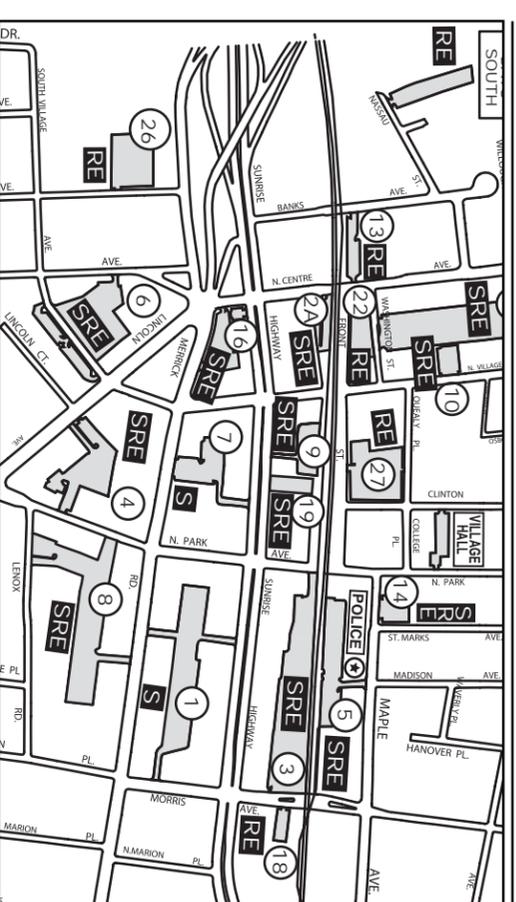
A complete Calendar of Events, is available on the Village's website  
[www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

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## Village to Simplify Parking System

### Pilot Program Merges Commuter, Employee Spaces

A six-month pilot program that will loosen restrictions in the Village's municipal parking fields will begin in October.

Under the new plan, which was approved by the Village's advisory Parking and Transportation Committee, long-term parking areas once divided between resident commuters and employees will now be combined. All resident commuter and employee spaces will now be available as long-term parking to holders of either kind of permit.

"This is the biggest parking change in this Village in 50 years," said Police Commissioner Jack McKeon who proposed the new system after consulting with current and former members of the Village administration.

Under the plan, resident commuters and full- and part-time employees would continue to buy "R" or "E" parking permits, but they will be able to park in any of the long-term parking fields.

New signs for the combined "R" and "E" fields are expected to be in place by mid-October.

The Village has about 600 on-street parking spaces and approximately 3,300 parking stalls in its 30 municipal parking fields.

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## RVC Parking Map & Parking Field Locator



## Village Hall Comments

By Mayor Eugene J. Murray



### Millions for Infrastructure Improvements



Over the past 20 years, we have repaved more than 33 miles of our 52 miles of roadway, an investment that has cost \$16.5 million.

This fall we are finishing repaving projects on two and half miles of roadway on 16 streets at a cost of about \$2.8 million.

Each year the Village's engineering department conducts a thorough survey of each street in Rockville Centre, carefully evaluating the condition of the roadways. From these annual evaluations a list of projects is drawn up by our operational staff. These are professional, engineering decisions and it is important to protect them from the influence of individual pleading and politics. The Village Board is a policy-making body; our successful operations must depend upon the judgments of our professional staff.

Work begins as soon as weather permits in the spring and continues until the projects are completed.

Roadway reconstruction begins several feet below the ground when we replace all the old 4-inch water mains with new 6- or 8-inch pipe that

increases the water flow to our customers and adds pressure for fire fighting.

Next the roadbed is prepared for paving and the drainage and concrete work is done, replacing curbs and driveway aprons.

The largest projects on our schedule this year included a half mile on Linden Street from Hempstead to Brower, almost a quarter mile on Vincent Street from North Forest to North Long Beach Road, two-tenths of a mile on Amherst Court from Hamilton to DeMott, on New York Avenue from North Oceanside Road to the Village line, and on Jefferson Avenue from Maple to Lakeview.

Smaller areas are being paved on Lehigh Court, State Street, North Kensington Avenue, Hawthorne Avenue, Beverly Road, Monroe Street, Wallace Court, Water Street, Latimer Court, Vernon Court, and Ongley Street. All the streets we worked on this summer were last paved between 1964 and 1970.

All these projects are currently in various stages of completion. All should be finished by November.

The residents of Rockville Centre can be proud of their Village for its care and stewardship of our extensive infrastructure and feel confident in the work of its professional departments.

### Good Financial News

Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's have assigned very high ratings to \$5 million of Rockville Centre general obligation bonds that will be used to finance road resurfacing, water main replacement, and a portion of the new electric substation.

Moody's assigned its Aa3 rating based on the Village's "solid financial management," including its general fund reserve levels and its low debt burden.

S&P assigned a AA rating also based on the Village's "solid" financial operations resulting from

"conservative and proactive management." S&P also cited the Village's stability, based on its "mature, residential nature, and modest development and redevelopment."

The Village also recently received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report covering the fiscal year ending May 31, 2005.

This is the 10th consecutive year that the Village has received the award from the non-profit Government Financial Officers Association.

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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Ronald J. Wasson, Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9500

## Community News

### Tax Office Announcements

Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes are now available and must be filed by December 31. If approved, exemptions take effect June 1, 2007.

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.

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, whether satisfying refinancing, or when a mortgage is sold to another lending institution.

### Phillips House Events

The Rockville Centre Historical Society will hold its annual Pumpkin Festival and Lawn Sale on Saturday, October 14 from Noon to 4 P.M. at the Phillips House Museum, 28 Hempstead Avenue.

There will be activities for children, fall mums for sale, cider and cookies, and the museum will be open all day.

## Community News

### The King and I

The RVC Guild for the Arts presents the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical made famous 50 years ago by Yul Brenner as the King of Siam and Deborah Kerr as the tutor to his wife and children.

Performances are Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28 at 8 P.M. and Sunday, October 29 at 2 P.M. at the South Side Middle School, Hillside and North Park Avenue. Call (516) 616-3610 to reserve tickets for \$12 to \$20.

### Check CO and Smoke Detectors

The Rockville Centre Fire Department reminds residents that the end of Daylight Savings Time, which this year falls on Sunday, October 29, is a good time to check the condition of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Change the batteries in these devices and check the owner's manual of CO detectors to see if there is an expiration date and for information on other routine testing.

Always call the RVC Fire Department at 766-0400 if your CO detector goes off. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas whose ill effects can go unnoticed until it is too late.

### S.T.O.P. Collections

The Town of Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program will hold hazardous waste collections from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Sunday, October 15 at Valley Stream State Park in Valley Stream.

Town residents may bring hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products to the collection point for proper disposal at no charge.

The program will not accept commercial or medical waste, ammunition, explosives, propane tanks, or unlabeled materials.

For information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200.

## Traveling with the Senior 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 1:30-3:30 P.M. Call 678-9245 for further information.

The Sandel Senior Center is open to all Rockville Centre residents who are 60 and older. Call the Sandel Senior Center at 678-9350 for information about the wide variety of programs available.

The Best of Chinatown excursion includes a delicious family style luncheon featuring a traditional musical concert and a Chinese acrobatic act.

The guided tour of Chinatown's vibrant culture, including a fortune teller reading at a Buddhist Temple and shopping at landmark Pearl River department store, is Wednesday, October 25. The trip involves a lot of walking; \$73 per person.

### 9/11 Commemorative Vigil Oct. 22



Residents are invited to share the comfort of community at a brief candlelight prayer vigil commemorating the dedication of Rockville Centre's 9/11 Memorial on the Village Green at 7 P.M. on Sunday, October 22. Please bring candles.



The Sandel Center will provide blood pressure screenings and health assessments on Thursdays, October 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M.

A visit to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City is Wednesday, November 15. \$27 per person package.

A trip to the Cradle of Aviation Museum is Friday, November 17. The museum houses flying machines spanning Long Island's aviation history and is home to the 78-foot dome screen in the IMAX theatre. \$13.50 per person includes admission, theater and transportation.

Just in time to ease you into the holiday spirit, enjoy spectacular Christmas trees, lavish decorations, holiday music, dancing fountains, and 420,000 twinkling lights at Longwood Gardens. The trip is Wednesday, December 13 and includes an early dinner at the Terrace Café, a self-guided tour of Byer's Choice and shopping in the Christmas Gallery. \$69 per person.

### Special Events

The general meeting is Friday October 6 at 1 P.M.

Authentic German lunch and beer will be served for Oktoberfest on Friday, October 13. Come polka to the accordion music of Lillian Smith. Hosted by the Sandel Center Care Club. \$5 per person.

A Unity Gathering and Luncheon is Wednesday, October 18 at 12 noon with United We Sing; \$5 per person

The annual Halloween Costume Party is Friday, October 27 at 1 P.M., complete with music, entertainment and ghostly fun. Prizes for the most unusual costumes. \$3 per person for witch's brew and ghostly treats.