

November at the Rec Center: 10K, Food Donations

29th Annual 10K and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K, 6.2 mile road race is Saturday, November 11 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.

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. Coupons may be mailed or dropped off at the Rec Center.

Winter Programs

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 13. Detailed fliers 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 17 from 7:30 - 10 P.M.

The dances 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 classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2007 and 2008. Afternoon classes for pre-kindergartners meet three days a week; pre-pre-K classes meet two days a week.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.

Birthday Parties and Rentals

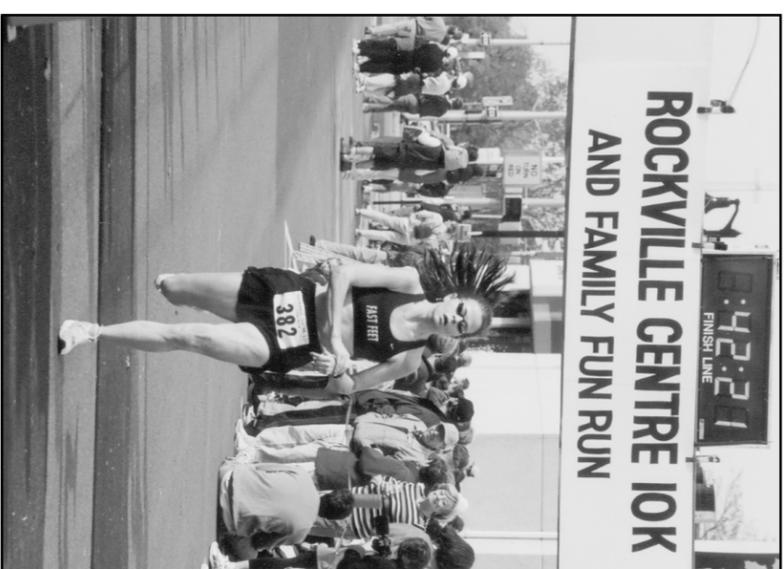
The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents for pre-school and elementary age children seven days a week. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room. Call 678-9338 or 9339 for available dates and the fee schedule.

Rooms at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center are available for rental to groups and organizations. Equipment rentals are also available. For information and reservations, visit the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.

Upcoming events

The Recreation Department's Annual Holiday Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, December 3 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Call 678-9339 for information.

The Village's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on the



Rockville Centre's Annual 10K race is Saturday, November 11.

Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, is Thursday, December 7 starting at 7:30 P.M.

The Annual Chanukah Party co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women is Monday, December 18 from 4 to 5:15 P.M. All faiths are invited.



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Dates & Events

Monday, November 6, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, November 8, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Friday, November 10

VETERANS DAY (observed)

Village Offices Closed

Saturday, November 11, 9 A.M.

FAMILY FUN RUN

Front Street

Saturday, November 11, 10 A.M.

RVC 10K RACE

North Park Avenue

Saturday, November 11, 10:30 A.M.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Recreation Center Auditorium

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Monday, November 20, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

Village Offices Closed

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.

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

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McKeon Given Confide Award

Rockville Centre Police Commissioner Jack McKeon receives the Confide Criminal Justice Partnership Award last month from Executive Director Art Rosenthal. Confide is a confidential, not-for-profit substance abuse counseling and treatment center and the commissioner was honored for his leadership of the police department and for the department's support of the agency's programs.

\$400K Skelos Grant to RVC

State Senator Dean Skelos has arranged for a \$400,000 state grant that will be used to fund street resurfacing in Rockville Centre during 2007, acting Village Administrator Michael Schussheim announced recently.

The grant is from the state's "multi-modal" capital fund that is earmarked for transportation projects, the senator's office said.

The Village is planning to restore almost four miles of roadway during 2007, including: one mile on Brower Avenue between Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road; one mile on Morris Avenue between Grand Avenue and DeMott Avenue; nine-tenths of a mile on Burtis Avenue between Grand

Avenue and Hamilton Street; a half mile on Forest Avenue between Lakeview Avenue and Lincoln Avenue; and a half mile on South Centre Avenue between Shellbank Place and Merrick Road.

Since 1986 the Village has paved more than 33 miles of its 52 miles of roadway.

A summary of the Village's roadway program over the past 20 years is available at <http://www.rvcny.us/rvcagenda/VillageDrainageUpdate07-090106.pdf>. A map showing the status of the paving program is available at <http://www.rvcny.us/rvcagenda/PAVING.pdf>.



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Jeanne Farnan Mulry
Departments Should Report to the Board



Rockville Centre residents don't need to think twice about many of our great services, because the garbage always gets picked up, the electricity and water flows and the Recreation Department and the Senior Center are run like clockwork.

In addition to these more visible providers of Village services, are the behind-the-scenes Village departments which keep our Village running smoothly. Our Information Technology department handles Village phones and computers for all employees, and also runs our Village cable Channel 18, which many residents feel needs some upgrading. Residents are right, our camera equipment is from 1994 and our cable station equipment resembles dorm room electronic equipment circa 1980.

In response, Department Chief John Peters has investigated and priced the necessary technology and has found a Village budget line to cover the costs and has demonstrated how this new equipment will free up employee time, saving the Village money and increase the quality of services. But Mr. Peters can't even get his request to the Board of Trustees, because Mr. Peters doesn't report to the Board directly. He should, because the Board would support his request to enhance Village services.

Also looking out for the residents is Harry Weed, Chief of Public Works, who routinely responds to resident complaints about potholes and road surface problems. Mr. Weed works for solutions: last year Mr. Weed presented a demonstration involving a paver, roller, dump truck and milling machine, which could be used for immediate street surface repairs on some of our worst roadways.

Our roadway program for next year has been carefully and thoughtfully designed by our Village engineers to

tackle the highly traveled north south concrete roadways. Burtis, Forest, Morris, and South Centre, but the smaller or side roadways, which also require attention, are put off year after year.

Mr. Weed had the solution, but because he does not report directly to the Board of Trustees, this Board member was not even informed about Mr. Weed's proposal until months after it had been mixed. Too bad he didn't report to the Board directly, because if he had, the Board would have supported him.

Public Works road crews could be doing more than just filling potholes — they could do a complete overlay of some of the worst road surfaces, and the dump truck could be used for snow removal in the winter.

But the full Board of Trustees has also worked together to inform the public, and has voted to put the roadway program, including a map detailing the status of all roadway in the Village, on the Village website at <http://www.ci.rockville-center.ny.us/VillageDocuments.html>. The era of open government is beginning: the Village website now contains the Board of Trustees procedural rules, the Parking Committee by-laws (guaranteeing full public participation in the parking committee) and even Village parking studies.

The Board respects and appreciates when recreation chief Tony Brunetta advised the whole Board about his legitimate concerns over the proposed placement of an 80 foot high cell tower next to the playing fields at the Recreation Center. The Board knows Mr. B has our children's safety in mind and he has the Board's full support.

The Police Department is always grappling with equipment and staffing issues, but these requests are never made directly to the Board. Police Commissioner Jack McKeon has demonstrated time and again that he runs a tight ship and the needs of his department should be respected. But oftentimes significant requests are killed before they get to the Board of Trustees because of bureaucratic red tape. Every day, members of the Board

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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Michael Schussheim, acting Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-93300

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. The value of alternate veterans exemptions is based on the status of the claimant. The tentative values are: \$837 for non-combatants; \$1,395 for combatants; and up to \$2,790 based on the percent of a disability.

Exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with limited incomes. A hearing before the Village Board is scheduled for November 6 concerning a proposal to increase the income limit from \$32,400 to \$34,400.

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.

of Trustees hear residents' concerns about quality of life, directly from the residents. The department heads should have the same opportunity to report their quality of life solutions directly to the Board. Let's take a moment to listen and make a change for the better.

Community News

Transfer Station Closing Nov. 18

The Village Transfer Station on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building 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, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

Saturday, November 18 is the last day the station will be open until April, 2007.

Symphony Concert Nov. 11

The South Shore Symphony's first concert of the season features the music of Siegfried Idyll, Richard Wagner and Gustav Mahler and includes the world premier of A Concerto for Cello and Orchestra by Symphony cellist Scott Zarchy.

The concert is Saturday, November 11 at 8 P.M. at the South Side Middle School, Hillside and North Park avenues. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call (516) 616-3610 for reservations.

Leaf Collections Begin Nov. 6

Rockville Centre's curbside leaf collections will begin November 6 and end December 15.

All leaves must be placed in the Village's free paper collection bags, which are available from the Public Works Department, 10 Sunrise Highway, or from the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road. Bagged leaves will be collected from the curbstrip on the following schedule:

Mondays – South of Sunrise Highway

Tuesdays – North of Sunrise Highway and east of Long Beach Road

Wednesdays – North of Sunrise Highway, west of Long Beach Road, east of Hempstead Avenue
Thursdays – North of Sunrise Highway and west of Hempstead Avenue

Health and Holidays at the Sandel Center

The Sandel Center offers a wide variety of programs and classes to RVC residents over the age of 60. From current events to computers, meditation to mind aerobics, professional instructors teach in an atmosphere designed to meet the needs and wants of seniors.

For information on all that Sandel has to offer, call 678-93350.



Flu Shot Registration
Flu shot pre-registration is Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2 from 10 A.M. to Noon. Bring insurance information; residents of Rockville Centre will be given priority.

Flu shots will be administered to pre-registered seniors 60 and over on Thursday, November 30 from 10 A.M. to 12. For information, call 678-9245.

Holiday Crafts Fair

The annual Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 25 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. provides an opportunity for holiday shopping plus lunch at the holiday café. Handmade scarves, sweaters, afghans, ponchos, handmade

Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Village water mains will be given their annual Fall flushing from Wednesday, November 1 through Tuesday, November 7.

The hydrant flushing may cause some fluctuation in water pressure and some rusty colored water. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it could stain laundry. Residents are advised not to schedule projects requiring clear water during the entire flushing period.

The following schedule applies:
Wednesday, November 1, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue and east of North Village Avenue.

Thursday, November 2, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Long Beach Road.

Friday, November 3, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The area of the Village lying between Sunrise Highway and DeMott Avenue east of Long Beach Road.

Monday, November 6, 12 Midnight to 8 A.M.: The area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, November 7, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.: The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

All questions regarding the flushing may be directed to the RVC Water Department at 678-9252.