

## Holiday Recess Events

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center is sponsoring the following events during the December school recess. Participants must have a valid recreation card.

### Tuesday, December 26

**13th Annual Holiday Games of** nok-hockey, basketball shooting, and alligator pit for kindergartners through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Participants organized into age groups. Wear sneakers. \$2 fee. Register by Friday, Dec. 22.

### Wednesday, December 27

**Holiday Craft Activity** for Grades K - 4 from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M. or 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. Different projects for K-1 and Grades 2-4. \$7 per person; must register by Friday, December 22.

### Wednesday, December 27

**Ice Skating Trip** to the Long Beach Recreation Complex for Grades 1 through 8. Fee of \$10 includes skate rental and transportation. Bus leaves at 2:15 and returns about 5:45 P.M.

### Thursday, December 28

**Trip to Fun Zone** in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$23 includes 35 game tokens, unlimited rides, and transportation. Bus leaves at 12:30 and returns about 4:15 P.M.

### Thursday, December 28

**Sports Day** of alligator pit / obstacle course, foam hockey and other activities. Bagels and beverages after gym time. Grades K to 2 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon or 12:30 to 2 P.M. Grades 3 to 5 from 10:30 to 12 Noon or 2:30 to 4. Fee \$8 per person.

### Friday, December 29

**Bowling at RVC Lanes** for grades 1 & 2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; for grades 3 to 8, 12:30 to 3 P.M. \$12 per person.

**Tuesday, December 26 - Saturday, December 30**

**Open Gym and Gammroom** for grades 4 to 12, 12:30 to 4:30 P.M.; for grades 6 to 12, 7:30 to 10:15 P.M.

## Happy Holidays at the Recreation Center

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

Shop for holiday gifts and decorations on Sunday, December 3 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Vendors feature jewelry, floral arrangements, ornaments, crafts and edibles. Free admission and parking.

### North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Tuesday, December 5 or Wednesday, December 6, fill out an information sheet at the Rec Center.

### Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual breakfast on Sunday, December 10 is one of the Rec Center's most popular events. All faiths are invited to join the elves who serve pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls, and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids may visit Santa or have a picture taken with Rudolph and Frosty.

Deadline for tickets is Friday, December 8 for one of three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 A.M. Fee is \$5 per person and tickets are available at the Rec Center.

### Chanukah Party

Children from pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade of all faiths are invited to the annual party sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Rec Center on Monday, December 18 from 4 to 5:15 P.M.



Enjoy the Village's annual Christmas tree lighting on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 P.M. on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues

There will be crafts, face painting, gifts, snacks and Chanukah music. Children are encouraged to donate a small, unwrapped gift.

### Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. by December 19.



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## Dates & Events

Monday, December 4, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 P.M.  
**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
Village Green, Maple and Lee Avenues

Wednesday, December 13, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, December 25  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Monday, January 1  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

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

Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, January 10, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, January 15  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, January 24, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, January 29, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Emergency Numbers**

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

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

# This Month in Rockville Centre

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## Holiday Greetings

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its best wishes to all of our residents for a healthy and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor Eugene J. Murray

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Trustee Andrew P. Karamouzis

Trustee Suzanne Murphy Sullivan

## New Beautification Committee Announced

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has announced the formation of the "Pride in Rockville Centre Beautification Committee." The Board is seeking volunteers who will help plan and/or participate in special beautification projects for both the residential and commercial areas of the Village.

"Our projects are meant to involve everyone who has a stake in and a love for the Village," said Dr. Cyd Charrow

who has been named a co-chair of the committee. "We are looking for residents, business people, contractors, Village employees and representatives from schools, clubs, houses of worship, and community organizations."

A steering committee for the new group will meet in January to name a second co-chair and to begin planning spring projects.

Interested people are encouraged to fill out and mail in the application form.

### APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PRIDE IN ROCKVILLE CENTRE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
RVC Resident \_\_\_\_\_ RVC Business \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Interest in Steering Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Interest in working on a project \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate relevant experience, if any \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mail to:

Dr. Cyd Charrow, Co-Chair, Pride in RVC Beautification Committee  
c/o Sandel Center, P.O. Box 950 Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
516-678-9268 • [drcharrow@optonline.net](mailto:drcharrow@optonline.net)

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## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Andrew P. Karamouzia

### Concern for the 'Quality of Life'



"quality of life."

Quality of life encompasses a wide variety of issues and means different things to different people. Restricting overdevelopment, better roads, more parking, stricter traffic enforcement, clean-up and beautification of downtown areas and tighter restrictions on underage drinking are just some of the more common themes, all of which merit our attention.

But many times, people believe that the solutions to "quality of life" problems are entirely within the control of Village government. For example, our Police Department is often criticized whenever there is an underage drinking problem (e.g., beer cans and garbage strewn on lawns on Sunday mornings) in a particular neighborhood. Or perhaps excessive speeding by motorists or blatant disregard of traffic signals or stop signs on residential streets. Or even the most recent parking change in downtown RVC, which has caused an outcry from the Chamber of Commerce.

But the fact of the matter is that our Police Department is the finest in Nassau County, if not all of the Long Island and New York State. Our force is second to none, which is due in no small measure to the many fine men and women of the department, but also because of the superb leadership of Commissioner Jack McKeon, a 35-year veteran of the RVC Police Department and a consummate professional in the truest sense of the word.

Many of the solutions to "quality of life" issues have to start with each and every one of us. For example, beautification, underage drinking and



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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Michael Schussheim, acting Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9330

### Community News

#### 'The Nutcracker'

The Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts annual production of *The Nutcracker* with the full South Shore Symphony conducted by Scott Jackson Wiley, a 90-member corps de ballet under the direction of Joan MacNaughton, and performers from the American Ballet Theater will be performed Friday, December 1 at 8 P.M., Saturday, December 2 at 4 P.M. and Sunday, December 3 at 4 P.M. at South Side High School. Call 766-7171 for tickets.

But rest assured that your Village government is working hard to address "quality of life" issues. A new Pilot Parking Program was recently put into effect in an effort to address the always challenging parking problem in our Village. That program, which is being spearheaded by Commissioner McKeon, is a first step and is being adjusted as necessary. We will continue to work on the parking problem on a long-term basis.

Likewise, as you will see in this issue, the Village Board is implementing a new beautification program – "Pride in RVC" – to address some of the many concerns we have heard about certain areas of the Village. We are looking for ideas and volunteers, so please consider joining this effort. And of course, the Board continues to focus on issues of overdevelopment, critical roadway projects, and related issues.

Finally, given the upcoming holiday season, I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. And I would also like to urge everyone to consider helping those less fortunate by contributing to local charities, such as Toys for Tots (at the Rec Center), Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center and the Giving Tree (at St. Agnes). Happy Chanukah and a very Merry Christmas to all!

## Pilot Parking Program Adjusted

The Rockville Centre Police Department is making two adjustments to the Village's pilot parking program that began in October. The new program simplified the parking rules by creating "first-come, first-served" long-term parking fields shared by resident / commuters and employees.

The adjusted plan restores certain "employee-only" parking spaces in two of the Village's 30 parking fields.

Beginning December 4, about 45 spaces in Field 5 and seven spaces in Field 2A will again be designated as "employee-only." Field 5 is north of the railroad tracks and south of Maple Avenue behind Rockville Centre Police headquarters; Field 2A is south of the railroad tracks behind the Best Western motel.

"This adjustment, affecting about 50 of the 2,500 spaces available to resident/commuters and employees, will provide a better balance between these two categories of permit holder," Police Commissioner Jack McKeon said. The program remains under continuing review and police aides are regularly surveying usage patterns in the fields near the railroad station and in the downtown business district.

The surveys indicate that at around 9 A.M. there are usually long-term spaces available in the following fields: Lot 2 (between Randall and Washington, between North Centre and North Village); Lot 20 (between Wilson and Randall, between North Centre and North Village); Lot 8 (behind 7-Eleven on Merrick Road); and Lot 6 (west of Frank's Steaks on Lincoln Avenue and South Village).

Residents are reminded that trash placed at the curb must be in covered containers with detachable lids or in sealed, black plastic bags. No filled container may exceed 50 pounds.

#### Sanitation Department News

The Sanitation Schedule for holiday weeks in 2007 is enclosed. Please keep a copy for easy reference.

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## Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7

The Village of Rockville Centre and the Chosin Few, survivors of the Korean War battle, will host ceremonies at Mill River Park at 11 A.M. on Thursday, December 7, honoring the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941.



## Sandel Center Calendar of Events

### Join the Sandel Center in 2007!

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 specifically designed to meet the needs and wants of seniors.

For information on all that Sandel has to offer, call 678-9330.

#### Special Events

The Annual Holiday Party at the Millenidge Inn is Friday, December 8 at 12 P.M. The special 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary holiday event is black tie optional. \$28 for members and \$30 for non-members.

A fabulous musical program presented by talented and enthusiastic South Side Middle School students is Monday, December 18 at 11 A.M.

Sandel's own Center Stage players led by music director Frank Scaturri will perform Wednesday, December 20 at 12 P.M. The event includes a holiday meal will all the trimmings for \$5 per person. Reservations are required.

The Intergenerational Holiday Party with South Side High School students presenting entertainment and holiday cheer is Thursday, December 21 from 12 to 2 P.M.

The Annual Post-New Year's Bash

rings in the New Year with live entertainment and a light meal on Friday, January 5 at 1 P.M. This party is free to all Sandel members who show their current red membership card at the door. Reservations are required.

#### SNCH Speaker Series

On Tuesday, December 5 at 1 P.M., John Goodwin, the program administrator of the Center for Sleep Medicine at South Nassau Communities Hospital, will speak about sleep apnea and the Director of Community Education, Robin Grass, R.N., will speak on sleep disorders.

On Wednesday, January 10 at 11 A.M., Robin Grass, R.N. will discuss first aid, home safety and CPR.

#### AARP Defensive Driving

AARP is offering a defensive driving course at the Sandel Center on Thursdays, December 7 and 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. To register you must be a member of the Center or a resident of Rockville Centre. \$10 fee. For further information, call 678-9330.

#### Artist Reception

The beautiful landscapes of Evelyn Carlin will be on display at the Sandel Center throughout the month of December. A reception for the artist is Tuesday, December 19 at 11 A.M.