

Summer Program Registration Now at the Rec

Summer Playground and Middle School Programs

costs \$315.

The Game 7 basketball school for girls grades 3 through 10 is offered August 13 to 17 at the Rec Center from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The fee is \$255.

The Shooting Stars lacrosse school for boys and girls ages 7 to 17 will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 P.M. at the Skelton Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard. The boys school runs from June 24 to 28 and the girls school is July 8 to 12. The fee is \$260.

Tennis Courts Open

The Har-Tru courts adjacent to the Rec Center are open and ready for play. Courts are available seven days a week from 8 A.M. until dusk. Admission is by valid recreation card plus court fees.

Defensive Driving Course

A defensive driving course good for a 10 percent discount on your car insurance for three years and a 4-point reduction on your license will be offered Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22 at the Rec Center. The fee is \$45; attendance mandatory both evenings. Applications and information at the Rec Center or call 678-9339.

Aerobic Exercise Classes

Ongoing aerobic exercise classes are being offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7. Classes can be paid for by the session and are conducted in the air conditioned Rec Center gym.



The annual gymnastics shows will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 and 24 at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are available beginning May 16.



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Dates & Events

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

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

Monday, May 14, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Wednesday, May 23, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 28
MEMORIAL DAY
Village Offices Closed

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Videotapes of Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on Cable Channel 18 on Wednesdays (8:15 p.m.) and Saturdays (1:30 p.m.) following each meeting.

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

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Mayor Murray Stepping Down



Mayor Eugene J. Murray has announced that he will not seek re-election in June after 23 years in office, 20 as mayor. At the end of his term, he will become the longest-serving mayor in Rockville Centre history, exceeding Harry Lister by a few months.

The announcement came at the March 26 Board of Trustees meeting and was followed by statements from the trustees and residents praising his contributions to the Village.

During his time on the Board every department and municipal building in Rockville Centre has been improved, upgraded, or renovated. Mayor Murray is also the founder of the RVC Community Fund, which has raised more than \$1.8 million to help more than 1,400 Rockville Centre residents in need, including the families of the Village victims of the 9/11 attacks.

A "Salute to Mayor Murray" in honor of his retirement is planned for Thursday evening June 14 at the St. Agnes Parish Center. Additional information about this special event will be announced shortly.

Mayor Murray, a former chief of the RVC Fire Department, addresses the crowd at last year's Memorial Day services.



Memorial Day Parade May 28

The annual Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 A.M. on Monday, May 28. Contingents representing the Rockville Centre schools, service and sports organizations, as well as the police and fire departments, will march along Maple Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road where a service will be conducted at 11 A.M.



Village Hall Comments

By Trustee Suzanne Murphy Sullivan
Valuing RVCFD and Memorial Day



One may think that \$69 won't buy all that much these days, but according to the November 2005 Newsday series about Long Island fire departments, \$69 is

the average annual fire tax for Rockville Centre households. Compare that to the Long Island average of \$311 and one has to admit that we get a lot of bang for our buck.

Our all-volunteer fire department, comprised of five engine companies, a hook and ladder company, a rescue company, a fire police squad and a fire prevention office, answered close to 2,400 calls last year—an average of 6.5 a day.

These calls not only include fires, but also medical calls, car accidents, carbon monoxide alarms and mutual aide calls to assist neighboring fire departments. The department also provides assistance at favorite community events such as the 10K race, annual fireworks, and the various parades. One just needs to walk along the parade route and see the expression on a child's face as the fire trucks pass by to truly understand what an integral role they play in any parade.

We are incredibly fortunate in the caliber of volunteers that answer the call to serve. They are extremely well prepared, completing hours of training at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy (NCFSA), as well as EMS training and weekly training at the fire houses.

A probationary firefighter undergoes intense training, but be assured that training does not end once the probationary period does. Seasoned members attend classes at the NCFSA on a regular basis and those who train in emergency medical services undergo additional training ranging from 140-1,000 hours in order to become emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The department has over 300

members and is currently led by the Chief of Department Michael Lapkowski, 1st Assistant Chief Mark Murray and 2nd Assistant Chief John Busching, as well as seven company captains, seven first lieutenants and seven second lieutenants.

They are always looking for additional volunteers, so stop by any firehouse to apply or to find out more information. There is no greater way to help your neighbors and community.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the hard work and dedication of our volunteer firefighters. While the annual cost of our fire department has remained low, much of the infrastructure has deteriorated with age and the Board is addressing the concerns expressed by the department. This year's capital budget includes funding for much needed architectural work at the fire houses as well as the replacement of the heavy rescue truck and important life saving equipment.

And this is only the beginning. The Board will be sitting down with the Fire Council this month to listen to their expert opinions on what is the best course for the future of the department.

But as we look toward the future, we must not forget those who have served us in the past and continue to serve us today. On June 19, in addition to voting for Mayor, two Trustees and a Village Justice, there will also be a referendum on the ballot to amend the Fire Service Award Program to include eligible volunteer firefighters over the age of 65. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the resolution to put this referendum on the ballot and I ask that you support our volunteer fire department and vote in favor of it.

This year, Memorial Day will be observed on May 28. It seems that many only see the last Monday in May as the unofficial start of summer and have forgotten the main purpose of the day, which is to remember those who have died in the service of our nation.

When I was growing up, the Memorial Day Parade was a major event

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— you either marched or you came and watched. Unfortunately, participation and attendance have dwindled these past years as people have lost sight as to what the day is truly about.

Perhaps this year people can head to the beach or start their barbecues a little later and take the time to either march in or watch the parade and attend the ceremonies at the Rec Center. It's the least that we can do for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Community News

Tax News

Village tax bills are due June 1 and may be paid without penalty until July 2 at the cashier's office on the first floor of 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 office by calling 516-678-9242, by faxing 516-678-9306, or by e-mailing to nhall@rvny.us.

Life Coaching seminar

A new seminar, designed for baby boomers (those between the ages of 45-60) or any adults contemplating life change, will be held Thursday, May 17 from 7:15 to 9:15 P.M. at the Sandel Center, South Park and Lincoln avenues.

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The seminar, led by professional life coach Cyd Charrow, D.S.W., will teach participants to identify life dreams and goals and how to turn them into reality.

The fee is \$10. To register or for more information, call 678-9350

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, including painting, weeding, trimming, and mowing, 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 \$7.91 per hour. Experienced leaders earn \$10.48 per hour. Apply at the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road.

Symphony at St. Agnes May 20

The South Shore Symphony under the direction of Scott Jackson Wiley joins organ soloist Michael Bower of St. Agnes Cathedral to perform Samuel Barber's "Toccata Festiva for Organ and Orchestra," the centerpiece of a program that includes Joaquin Turina's "Canto a España" featuring soprano Michele Pretto and Ottorino Respighi's "Pini di Roma" on Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 P.M. in the Cathedral.

There are no tickets or reservations for this event. A \$15 donation is suggested.

For further information, call (516) 616-3610, or visit the website RockvilleCentreGuildForTheArts.org.

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 Saturday, May 19 at Newbridge Park, 2600 Newbridge Road in South Bellmore.

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

FOSSI Casino Night May 5



The Sandel Center's annual FOSSI Casino Night fundraiser, featuring roulette, poker, and dice, is Saturday, May 5 beginning at 7:30 P.M. Money raised from this year's event will support the Center's new Garden Park, a 2,500 square-foot expansion of usable outdoor space. The 2007 Monte Carlo honorees are Michael and Mary Robustello, longtime Village residents and supporters of the senior center. Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the Sandel Center, South Park and Lincoln avenues or by calling 678-9245.

May is Older Americans' Month

Special Events

A community information session about the RVC Department of Senior Services for family members and friends of Rockville Centre seniors is Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 P.M. All questions will be addressed. Refreshments will be served.

The Sandel Center welcomes students from South Side High School for an end-of-year barbecue and celebration at the Intergenerational Picnic Thursday, May 2. \$3 per person. Reservations required.

The Sandel Center's annual open house on Friday, May 18 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon offers community members over 60 a chance to sample the Center's classes, programs, activities and services. Refreshments will be served.

Arts & Leisure

The Long Island Harmonica Club will perform Friday, May 11 at 1 P.M.

For over 30 years, the group has been entertaining audiences with their folksy, toe-tapping music ranging from contemporary to country, Americana to ethnic, from the 20s to the 90s. Refreshments will be served. Reservations required.



Members of the Sandel Men's Club participate in the Build-A-Boat workshop, which resumes in May. Call 678-9245 for information.