

September Events at the Recreation Center

Bicycle Safety Week

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department, in cooperation with the RVC P.T.A., will again offer the Cycle With Care program at the five elementary schools during September.

Anyone wishing to register a bicycle must see that it is equipped with strong brakes, a warning device (bell, horn, or whistle), front and rear reflectors at least 3-inches square, reflectors on pedals, and reflective tires or wheels with reflectors on the spokes.

The inspections will take place at Hewitt School on Monday, September 10; at Wilson and Riverside schools on Tuesday, September 11; and at Covert and Watson school on Wednesday, September 12.

Kids Fest September 15

The annual Kids Fest open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 from Noon to 4 P.M. As always, there will be refreshments, give-aways, pony rides and other attractions for Rockville Centre families to enjoy.

Representatives from all the Village's sports organizations will attend, as well as the Rockville Centre Police and Fire departments, the Post Office, the Library, the Guild for the Arts, the Lions Club, and many others.



The Civil War re-enactment camp is a highlight of the Kids Fest (and a good spot to catch a nap).

Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the week of September 17. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2007-2008 Recreation Center membership card.

New programs this year include the Kids Club, the Cartwheel Club, heart healthy cooking, yoga kids, driver safety and adult guitar.

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

Part-time Positions Available

Part-time workers are needed for the swimming, gymnastics, and birthday programs. If you are over 16 or an adult looking for part-time employment, fill out an employment application at the Rec Center.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2008 or 2009. Call Peggy at 678-9338.

Time to Order a Tree

Residents have until October 31 to order a curbside tree from the Rockville Centre Department of Public Works. Five varieties are available for \$200 each. Village contractors will plant a tree for you for \$300, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2007 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: October 31, 2007 • Planting date: April, 2008

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: Pin Oak Crimson King Norway Maple

Japanese Lilac Little Leaf Linden Kwanzan Oriental Cherry

_____ Tree only: \$200 _____ Tree and Planting: \$300

Mail to: 2007 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.

Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



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Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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Dates & Events

Monday, September 3

LABOR DAY

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, September 5, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, September 10, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Monday, September 24

MAYOR'S GOLF OUTING

Call 678-9260

Wednesday, September 26, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

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 Calender of Events, is available on the Village's website
www.rvcny.us

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Curbside Plastic Recycling Goes Village-wide

Due to the overwhelming success of its pilot program, Rockville Centre extended curbside plastic recycling throughout the Village in August. All residents are now able to add most plastics to their blue recycling bins, along with glass and cans, on their usual pick-up day. Any overflow may be placed at the curb in clear plastic bags.

Participation in the pilot, begun last June, was very high, according to Village Engineer Steve Kritsas. If all residents participate as they have in the pilot areas, the Village will be collecting an extra two tons of recyclable plastic every week, he said.

The Village's drop-off sites for plastics recycling are being phased out.



Residents who accumulate more glass, cans and plastic than will fit into their blue recycling bin may use an extra trash container instead. Call the Sanitation Department at 678-9216 for a recycling decal to place on the container.

Park Rangers Now Patrolling



Javier Duran is the first of two Park Rangers hired to patrol the Village's parks and to act as extra eyes and ears for the police.

The Rockville Centre Parks and Recreation Department has established a new Park Ranger program to patrol the Village's parks, footbridges and the Recreation Center.

The rangers will act as extra eyes and ears for the Police Department seven days a week from 6:30 P.M. to midnight from June 1 to December 1. The rangers will direct individuals to leave park areas, including the Village Green, during prohibited hours and stay in constant radio contact with police headquarters.

Javier Duran is the first to wear the distinctive Ranger uniform; a second Ranger, Thomas Brunetta, was recently hired.



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Village Hall Comments

By Village Engineer Steve Kritsas, P.E.

On and Below the Streets



As the Village Engineer, I oversee the superintendents of Rockville Centre's water and electric utilities and the Department of Public Works. I am also responsible for preparing and reviewing the detailed plans and specifications for our various construction projects and then for supervising the construction itself.

For this first column highlighting various Village departments, I'll concentrate on public works. DPW quietly and efficiently provides many basic services to residents who can feel confident that their trash and newspapers will be picked up, that the sewers are working, that the streets will be plowed after a snowstorm, and that public spaces are attractive and well-maintained. The department also plants hundreds of curbside trees each year, fills in thousands of potholes, waters flowers, pulls weeds, and cleans up after the Village's parades, celebrations, and public performances.

One of the services we are most proud of is our paving program. The Village has 52 miles of roads and in the past 20 years we have repaved 39 miles of them, almost three-quarters of the total.

This summer, residents may have noticed that the catch basins at the end of their streets are being outfitted with metal markers that say "NO DUMPING — ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN." It is very important for everyone to comply with this restriction, so we are installing these medallions on all 600 of our storm drains in compliance with Nassau County's storm water program.

We are also proud of the success of our revived curbside plastic recycling program, which has been made possible by new processes that allow glass, cans and plastics to be commingled instead of separated. The

response of our residents has been overwhelmingly positive and we are expecting to collect nearly two extra tons of recyclables every week as the program is extended throughout the Village. And we are almost finished phasing out the old, unsightly plastic recycling sites.

Villages employees at all levels are proud of their work in Rockville Centre. If you have questions or concerns about how we are doing our jobs, you may call DPW at 678-9288 or me at 678-9211.

Profile: Steve Kritsas, P.E.

Steve Kritsas has an engineering degree from CCNY and is a state-registered professional engineer. He worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and for the City of New York before coming to Rockville Centre in 1986. For the EPA, he worked on a number of projects, including a landfill clean-up in Niagara Falls, hazardous waste disposal programs in Puerto Rico, and water pollution control facilities in New Jersey. In Rockville Centre, he is the Deputy Village Administrator for Operations and the Village's emergency management officer. He supervises a workforce of 105 and oversees all the Village's construction projects. He is a member of the American Public Works Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Long Island Sanitation Officials Association.

This is the first in a series of columns from Village department heads that will appear from time to time as part of Village Hall Comments.

Trains & More Trains

The Phillips House Museum of the Rockville Centre Historical Society will hold an exhibit called Trains, Trains and More Trains from September 23 through November 4 from 1 to 4 P.M.

Trains from the 1930s to the present are all from the sets and collections of Caz Skrzypcak and John Challice who will answer questions on opening day. For information, call 516-764-7459.

The museum is located at 28 Hempstead Avenue. No admission charge.



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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Michael Schussheim, acting Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9300

Community News

Back-to-School Safety Brochure

This issue of This Month in Rockville Centre includes a brochure from the Rockville Centre Police Department on School Traffic Safety. Please review its contents and share the information with your children.

The RVC Police Department asks all residents to try to be courteous to each other in the congested traffic areas around schools during drop-off and pick-up times.

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, 2008.

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 with a 2006 gross income not exceeding \$35,400.

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@rvcnny.us.

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.

Community News

RVC Basketball Registration

The RVC Basketball League will register boys and girls in grades 3 through 12 for its 53rd season in the South Side Middle School lobby on the following schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 A.M. to Noon (and Noon to 4 P.M. at the RVC Kids' Fest at the Recreation Center).

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7 to 9 P.M.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 6 to 8 P.M.

The RVCBL guarantees playing time to players of all skill levels. For further information and to download a registration form, visit the league website at RVCBL.com.

Lions Club September Events

The Lions will host a custom car show Sunday, September 16 from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. in Parking Field 12, Sunrise Highway and Long Beach Road. For information, call 516-763-9632.

The Rockville Centre Lions Club will host its 9th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, September 29 from Noon to 4 P.M.

The highlight of the day is the rubber duck race along Mill River, but other attractions include inflatable rides, prizes, a magic show, a hay ride, pumpkin painting, seasonal arts and crafts, food, and music.

For information on the event, sponsorships, or donation opportunities, call the organization's past president, Michael Jordan, at 516-764-1775.

Transfer Station Open

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 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. through November 16 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic Sept. 24

The Mayor's annual Golf and Tennis Classic and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, is scheduled for Monday, September 24 at the Seawane Club in Hewlett Harbor.

The all-day event includes breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner as well as a round of golf for \$350. The donation for tennis, lunch and dinner is \$265. Dinner-only tickets are \$110.

This year's journal will honor former Rockville Centre Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri, now Vice President of Park Strategies, LLC. To make a reservation or for information about sponsorships, call Mary Rohrs at 516-678-9260. To place a journal ad, call Mary Beth Croutier at 516-606-8193.

Each year the Community Fund provides confidential assistance to hundreds of people in emergency



The 2007 Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic committee includes co-chair Jean Joyce, former mayor and RVC Community Fund founder Eugene Murray, Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart, and co-chair Greg Rinn.

need. Unlike other non-profit charities, the Fund is directed exclusively to Rockville Centre residents.



The grand opening of the new Garden Park honoring the 30th Anniversary of the Sandel Center is scheduled for Thursday, September 27. The new space will include a gazebo, places to sit and beautiful landscaping.

Sandel Center Upcoming Events

Trips and Dining

A tour of Palmer Vineyard, lunch at the Three Village Inn and a chance to purchase fresh produce at a local farm stand are part of the Long Island Vineyards Tour on Tuesday October 2. \$58 per person includes deluxe motor coach transportation. Advance signup required.

The Bright Lights of Broadway at Cabaret Lulu hosted by Verdis of Westbury on Thursday October 11

features great music and comedy and luncheon. \$44 per person. Advance signup required.

An eastern Caribbean Cruise is May 9 through May 17, 2008. Senior clubs from across Long Island will participate in this eight-night cruise on the Carnival Miracle. Private events, perks and extras, as well as transportation from Rockville Centre, \$1,025 per person. Call Sharon Viotto of Cruise Planners at 867-7215 for information.