

Awesome October at the Recreation Center

Window Painting Contest

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 14 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 20 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 20 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There are exhibits, contests, and prizes. The fee is \$5 per person for anyone age 12 or older.

Take the first left inside Hempstead Lake State Park from the Peninsula Boulevard entrance. Call 766-1029 for further information.

Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Rockville Centre's 17th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 28.

Youngsters pre-K and up, their parents and families are invited to join



The whole family can enjoy the annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party on Sunday, October 28

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.

Operation Christmas Child

The Recreation Department is collecting school supplies and toiletries for needy children. Donations, which must be in their original packaging, may be made Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. at the Recreation Center.

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 6.

The evening open gym for grades 6 and up will begin Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6 from 7:30 to 10:15 P.M. Admission is by valid Recreation Card.



Get your crew together and sign up for the Halloween Window Painting Contest on Saturday, October 20.

Pre-school Openings

There are a few openings left in the pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2008 or 2009.

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 10 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.



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Dates & Events

Monday, October 8
COLUMBUS DAY
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, October 10, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, October 15, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

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

Saturday, October 20, 9 A.M.
WINDOW PAINTING
Downtown Stores

Sunday, October 21, 7 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
Village Green

Sunday, October 28, 2 P.M.
RAGAMUFFIN PARADE
Maple Avenue

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Board of Trustee and Zoning Board meetings are cablecast on Channel 18. Check the schedule on the Village's website www.rvcny.us

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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New Gazebo on the Green



The Village's recent beautification efforts include replacing the Village Green gazebo and pruning the surrounding shrubbery.

Moody's, S&P Give RVC High Ratings

Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's have assigned very high ratings to \$6.72 million of Rockville Centre general obligation bonds that will be used to finance road resurfacing, drainage improvements, equipment purchases and construction of the new electric substation.

Both agencies also reaffirmed their very high ratings for more than \$33 million of previously issued bond debt.

Moody's assigned its Aa3 rating based on the Village's "strong budgetary practices" and "a track record of solid fiscal management." Moody's cited the Village's tax collection rate of near 100 percent and the self-supporting municipal utilities among several factors contributing to Rockville Centre's financial stability.

S&P assigned a AA rating, also based on the Village's "solid" financial operations resulting from "conservative" management and budget practices. S&P also cited the Village's stability, based on its "mature, residential nature, and modest development and redevelopment" and the rapid repayment of debt.

Both Moody's and S&P also based their ratings on the Village's high wealth and income levels, both of which are nearly double the New York State averages.

The two credit ratings are among the very highest the agencies have assigned to Long Island municipalities and contributes toward producing a lower net interest charge on the current bond issue.

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By Trustee Jeanne Farnan Mulry

Applause for Two Excellent Performances



According to Wikipedia, "acting" comes from the Latin word meaning "to do." In English, acting means assuming a role, or temporarily assuming the duties or authority of another. Currently, Rockville Centre has two positions of great authority which have been filled, through two successive administrations, by officials who are temporarily assuming the duty and authority of another.

Michael Schussheim, who has worked for the Village for over 20 years, and who currently holds the position of Village Comptroller, has been "Acting Village Administrator" since last October. A. Thomas Levin, a life-long Village resident, and partner in the Garden City law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, has been the "Acting Village Attorney" for over a year.

The Board of Trustees relies heavily on these two positions to steer the ship of state through whatever gale force winds may be buffeting the Village at any time. Under our new Mayor, the Village Board is currently, actively engaged in a nationwide search to fill these positions permanently.

However, the Village residents should know how blessed we have been for these many months to have these two able and dedicated gentlemen, Mike and Tom, as our "acting" officials. Neither wants the job permanently, but they have put their hearts, souls and very great minds, into these duties that they have temporarily assumed.

As comptroller, Mike Schussheim's expertise has regularly helped Rockville Centre achieve one of the highest bond ratings for any Village in Nassau and Suffolk counties. As Acting Village Administrator, he has continued to keep a weather eye on the bottom line, while delving skillfully into the excessive variety of administrative issues to which we ask our Village Administrator to attend, from budget issues, to operations, to public safety.

Mike's efforts, counsel and direction over the past year have led to demonstrable improvements, including a reduction in crime, and an uptick in quality of life (curbside plastics recycling, day pass parking, the reconstituted Beautification Committee, among others). I am personally grateful for the strength and leadership that that Mike Schussheim provided during the entire Rapture situation.

As Acting Village Administrator, Mike has not lost focus on the Village's fiscal health: once again this year, Rockville Centre has been awarded a bond rating that is one of the highest for villages in the state. This translates into real dollar savings for the Village and our taxpayers for necessary infrastructure improvements: this past month, the Village's \$6.7 million of capital bond projects (road repair and electric service upgrades) were financed at an impressive 3.989 percent. This remarkable rate is a direct result of the reliability and strength of all aspects of our Village government, but much credit goes to Mike's able leadership over the past year.

Village resident Tom Levin, our Acting Village Attorney for more than a year, is a prime example of the wealth of talent and expertise among our Village residents, and how our residents are often so willing to give back their talents in service to the community. A former president of the Nassau County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and a nationally-known municipal attorney, Tom is a careful and accurate counsel, who provides swift and sure legal advice on all Village issues.

Tom is an expert legislative draftsman, who has carefully crafted the Village Board's most recent round of legislation to improve all aspects of life in Rockville Centre, from repeal of the multi-family law in the downtown Business A district, to nightclub and adult use control, and nuisance abatement legislation. Tom's legal skills and wise counsel, on legislative, litigation, and all municipal issues, provides real protection for all Village residents.

Thanks, Mike and Tom, for all your help and service to Rockville Centre.



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

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Police Halloween Warning

Rockville Centre Police remind parents and teenagers that all state and local laws will be strictly enforced on Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31. Crimes against people or property, impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and other violations will not be tolerated.

Enforcement will be especially heightened around Harvard Avenue and the footbridges across Peninsula Boulevard.

The Acting Village Attorney reminds parents and legal guardians that they are financially liable for the actions of their children and can be sued for as much as \$5,000 for the destruction of property.

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)

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678-9242 or by e-mail to nhall@rvcny.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.

Phillips House Festival

The Rockville Centre Historical Society will hold its annual Pumpkin Festival and Lawn Sale on Saturday, October 13 from Noon to 4 P.M. at the Phillips House Museum, 28 Hempstead Avenue.

RVC Beautification Day Nov. 3

The RVC Pride Beautification Committee has scheduled its first Beautification Day for Saturday, November 3.

Volunteer teams will report to the Senior Center between 8 and 9 A.M. for coffee and bagels and then be assigned to one of four sites for plantings and clean-up until Noon.

To volunteer, call Maureen Chiafalo at 516-766-6257 ext. 9 during business hours or click on the RVC Pride Beautification Committee or on the Pride banner on the Village website (www.rvcny.us) to leave your contact information.



RVC Seeks Police Volunteers

The Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department is looking for community-minded citizens willing to undergo training and perform at least 12 hours of volunteer duty a month.

Volunteers patrol Rockville Centre in marked cars and in police uniforms, extending the reach of the regular police force. Their efforts reduce crime and vandalism in the Village. Auxiliary police officers also help the regular police with traffic and crowd control during special events and at the scenes of fires, traffic accidents, and other emergencies.

Candidates must fill out an application, be interviewed



Gerald Chafetz, Chief of the Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department, and Lt. Edward Mussini, the Deputy Chief, in front of the department's new 2007 Dodge Charger, are always on the lookout for recruits.

and then pass a physical and a background check. They are trained at the Nassau County Police Academy one night a week for 18 weeks and receive field training with the Rockville Centre Police Department.

All residents over 18 interested in joining the Auxiliary Police should call 516-678-9334.

Sandel Senior Center October 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 sign up 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 sign up required.

A trip to the Villa Roma resort is Monday through Friday, October 22 to 26. \$475 per person double and \$595 single includes four nights with two meals daily, nightly music and show, deluxe motor coach and tips.

Golden Gathering

State Senator Dean Skelos is sponsoring an informational exhibition for seniors at the Rec Center on Friday, October 19 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Free flu vaccine will be offered.

9/11 Vigil Oct. 21

Residents are invited to share the comfort of community at a brief candlelight prayer vigil in front of Rockville Centre's 9/11 Memorial on the Village Green at 7 P.M. on Sunday, October 21.

Please bring candles.

Substation 'Topped Off'

The structural framework for the Village's new electric substation was recently completed and steelworkers promptly mounted an American flag to mark the occasion. The substation is about 70 percent complete. The flag in the background is flying from the Maple Avenue power plant.