

November at the Rec Center: 10K, 5K Food Donations

30th Annual 10K and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K, 6.2-mile road race and the new 5K, 3.1-mile race both begin Saturday, November 10 at 10 A.M. 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 \$22 for the 10K and \$17 for the 5K.

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 \$8. 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.

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. For information, call 678-9339.

Winter Programs

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 12. Detailed fliers are available at the Rec Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

Middle School Dances

The Department is sponsoring a dance for sixth graders on Friday, November 16 from 7:30 to 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 morning and afternoon pre-pre-kindergarten classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2009. Morning classes meet Monday through Thursday; afternoon classes meet Tuesday and Thursday.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.



Rockville Centre's Annual 10K and new 5K races begin on Park Avenue Saturday, November 10 at 10 A.M.

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 refreshments 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.



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Dates & Events

Monday, November 5, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saturday, November 10, 9 A.M.
FAMILY FUN RUN
Front Street

Saturday, November 10, 10 A.M.
RVC 10K RACE
North Park Avenue

Monday, November 12
VETERANS DAY (observed)
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, November 14, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Thursday, November 22
THANKSGIVING DAY
Village Offices Closed

Monday, November 26, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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10K and Fun Run + 5K = More Fun!

10K RACE (6.2 MILES)
5K RACE (3.1 MILES)
FAMILY FUN RUN (1 MILE)



The Recreation Department is adding a 5K (3.1-mile) race to the 30th Annual 10K race and Family Fun Run on Saturday, November 10. See Page 4 for details.

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From the Rockville Centre Fire Department

Make The Right Call in an Emergency



Village Hall Comments



By Chief Michael F. Lapkowski, Sr.,
Rockville Centre Fire Department

Help The Fire Department Help You



Your smoke alarm sounds at three in the morning. Who do you call?

Your spouse is having chest pains. Who do you call?

You smell something burning when you walk outside your house. Who do you call?

The answer is quite simple. You call us. We're the Rockville Centre Fire Department.

As Chief of Department, I oversee the entire operations of the fire department from Emergency Medical Services to the handling of fires. I am pleased to be able to write this column to inform the residents about your volunteers.

The Rockville Centre Fire Department is comprised of seven companies. Five of them are engine (pumper) companies, one is a hook and ladder company and the last is a rescue company. Each of these units performs a specific duty at the scene of an emergency incident. Each company is commanded by a company captain, who is assisted by two lieutenants. The entire department is led by myself, as well as two assistant chiefs.

The department answers more than 2,100 calls for assistance a year. These calls can range from an actual fire, to an auto accident with personal injury or a fuel spill, to an investigation for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding in a home, to a call for medical assistance and everything in between.

You will also see us at numerous events throughout the Village including the annual 10K Race and the summer fireworks display marking Rockville Centre's founding.

The department also provides fire prevention services to the Village. Our fire inspectors conduct public

education classes and drills for our schools and community groups, as well as performing fire safety inspections in the business district.

But the majority of the calls we answer are for medical assistance. In an effort to help decrease the number of those calls, enclosed with this newsletter is an informative brochure on when to "Make the Right Call" for an ambulance.

The all-volunteer Rockville Centre Fire Department is comprised of more than 300 members. These members are your neighbors; they come from all walks of life. Among them are financial executives, teachers, cooks, carpenters, police officers, plumbers, lawyers and reporters. Members range in age from 18 to 80.

There are two categories of membership. You can join as an actual fire fighter (Yes, going into burning buildings!) or as a fire-medic. A fire-medic is someone who doesn't fight fires but wants to provide emergency medical service to the community. We can use all the help we can get.

If you are interested in joining our ranks, please call 678-9320 or come down to any firehouse on a Sunday morning for more information. We will provide you with all the necessary training and make you part of the team. When you can help someone in need, there's no feeling like it in the world.

Profile: Michael F. Lapkowski, Sr.

Chief Lapkowski has served in the Rockville Centre Fire Department as a member of Woodland Engine Company #4 for more than 39 years. A Rockville Centre native, Chief Lapkowski retired from the Village's Electric Department in 2005 after working there more than 31 years, most recently as an underground cable supervisor.

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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

Operatic Concert Nov. 17

The South Shore Symphony concert on Saturday, November 17 features soprano Michelle Pretto and tenor Adam Russel singing from Puccini's La Bohème and Strauss's Rosenkavalier Suite. The concert is at the South Side Middle School, Hillside and North Park avenues. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call (516) 616-3610 for reservations and additional information.

Transfer Station Closing Nov. 17

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 17 is the last day the station will be open until April, 2008.

The Nutcracker Begins Nov. 30

The Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts annual production of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet 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, November 30 at 8 P.M., Saturday, December 1 at 4 P.M. and Sunday, December 2 at 4 P.M. at South Side High School. Tickets are \$18 to \$22. Call 766-7171 for reservations and additional information.

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, 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. The value of the veterans' exemptions varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat: \$745; combat: \$1,242 and up to \$2,790 based on the percent of disability.

Exemptions are also 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@rvcnj.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..

Beautification Day Nov. 3

RVC Beautification Day is Saturday, November 3. Volunteers will gather at 8 A.M. for refreshments at the Sandel Center, South Park and Lincoln avenues, before reporting to one of the designated sites for plantings or clean-ups or both.

Check CO and Smoke Detectors

The Rockville Centre Fire Department reminds residents that the end of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 4, is a good time to check the condition of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Always call the RVC Fire Department at 766-0400 if your CO detector goes off.

Cancellieri Honored

Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart presented the Community Fund award to former Village Administrator Anthony Cancellieri at the Annual Golf and Tennis Classic dinner in September. The Fund provides confidential assistance to hundreds of Rockville Centre residents in emergency need each year. More than \$900,000 have been raised since the Fund was founded in 1987. To contribute to the Fund, call 678-9260.



Mayor Protests LIRR Clearing Project

Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart has written to the Long Island Rail Road protesting the manner in which it carried out its recent tree- and brush-clearing project along the railroad tracks in Rockville Centre.

The Mayor has asked the railroad to restore the clear-cut areas with appropriate plantings, as the LIRR does for private property owners. "I see no reason for the Long Island Rail

Road to distinguish between private and public property," the Mayor wrote. "If anything, you have a higher obligation to restore the public areas because they impact far more people."

Residents wishing to join the Mayor in asking for new plantings along the railroad embankment should write to Helena E. Williams, President, MTA/LIRR at Jamaica Station, Jamaica, New York 11435-4380.

Special Events 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 specifically designed to meet the needs and wants of seniors.

For information on all that Sandel has to offer, call 678-9350.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Former Mayor Eugene Murray will

be honored at the annual Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings on Friday, November 16.

Holiday Crafts Fair

The annual Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 24 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 ornaments and wreaths, baby items, and home-baked goods will be on sale.

Hard at Work

Rockville Centre Electric Department employees work beneath Lincoln Avenue to restore service on underground cables during the night of the October 11 rainstorm. Floods in two manholes short-circuited equipment causing outages lasting several hours.

