



# Remembering the Past, Preparing for the Future

My family moved to Rockville Centre in April 1949. I lived with my parents and my nine brothers and sisters at 97 South Park Avenue on the corner of Park Place. I have a lot of memories of our neighbors and can remember a large flag being displayed across South Park Avenue on Memorial Day, July 4th and other holidays.



By Deputy Mayor Charles R. Joyce

And I remember the neighbors always looking out for one another.

There were no apartments on South Park except for 70 South Park at the corner of Lincoln Avenue. Across from the apartment was Doctor Bulson's house with the large magnolia tree and a large part of the Village would come for pictures when it was in bloom, especially if it was around First Communion or Confirmation time at St. Agnes.

Many people have said that 97 South Park was the first recreation center as there was always a group of people playing basketball. As a matter of fact, they would hang out lights so they could play at night.

Around 1960 we moved to Hendrickson Avenue and again the true spirit of Rockville Centre came out as we had a large fire in the house in June 1961. Our neighbors were there for us and I will never forget the volunteer fire department and their quick response. I later found out that they were at Lister Field for the Amputee Vets baseball game that used to be held in the Village on a regular basis.

Perhaps that is what led me to join Floodlight Company #1 of the Rockville Centre Fire Department in 1965. During my 43 years in the Department, I have had the privilege of making many friends and I continue to respond to calls from our neighbors. I am also proud my two sons have followed in my footsteps and joined

the Rockville Centre Fire Department.

I think the best part of being a Trustee is the additional people I have met. Whether Village employees or residents, I have enjoyed meeting so many people. When you talk to the residents, you realize that there is a special spirit in Rockville Centre and, fortunately, most residents have it and look out for their neighbors. There are

also many volunteers who contribute to the Village through committees, service clubs, houses of worship, the fire department, the auxiliary police and many others. They are what makes Rockville Centre so special.

There are many issues facing the Village in the year ahead. We have the Signature Place/Avalon Bay proposal, Molloy College's proposed expansion, declining revenue because of the economic times, the day time emergency medical response service in the Village, the expiring waste disposal contract with the Town of Hempstead, the parking study, the fire department infrastructure needs and the cable TV franchise, to name a few.

I am confident that working together the Village Board will come to consensus and maintain Rockville Centre as the best place to live and raise a family.

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## Community Notes

### Credit Card Collection Scam

A resident has reported being contacted by a collection agency claiming to represent the Village and threatening to have the customer's electricity shut off unless a credit card number were provided to satisfy an outstanding bill.

Please be advised that such calls are fraudulent, a scam designed to extract credit card account information. While the Village does use a collection agency, Allied Account Services, for some overdue bills, that agency does not have the authority to shut off electric service.

Police advise residents not to give out credit card information over the phone unless you initiate the call and know the company is legitimate.

### Transfer Station Reopening

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 5 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month until November to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

### 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, March 29 at Eisenhower Park, Parking Field #3, in East Meadow.

### Recreation Center Spring Recess Trips & Special Events

All participants must be registered members of the Recreation Department for the 2007-2008 year. A parental permission slip and appropriate fee for each event must be submitted to the recreation office prior to the day of the trip or activity.

**Thursday, March 20**

**Chess and Checker Challenge Day** also includes Connect Four and Twister. For grades K to 5. 10:30 A.M. to Noon or 12:15 to 1:45 P.M. Fee \$4.

**Friday, March 21, 10 - 11 A.M. or 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**Egg Coloring Contest** for grades K to 5. Participants must bring four hard-boiled eggs in a carton. Fee \$3.

**Friday, March 21**

**Bowling** at RVC Lanes. Grades 1-2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; grades 3-8, 12:30 - 3 P.M. Fee \$12. Bus transportation included.

**Monday, March 24, 10:30 to 12 Noon or 12:30 to 2 P.M.**

**Game / Sports Day** for grades K through 5. Fee \$10.

**Monday, March 24, 2 to 4:45 P.M.**

**IMAX Theatre Trip** for grades 1 to 8 to see The Spiderwick Chronicles (rated PG). Fee \$15.

### Roll Around Play Days

The Roll Around gymnastics set-up will be available to parents and children ages 1 to 4 from 9:15 to 10 A.M. Thurs-

## Time to Submit 'No Solicitation' Requests

Residents wishing to avoid door-to-door solicitors can take advantage of a Rockville Centre local law which establishes a "no solicitation" list.

At the present time, you must renew your request annually.

To be included on the list, fill out the coupon and drop it off at Village Hall or mail it to P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. You may also e-mail your information to [village@rcvny.us](mailto:village@rcvny.us).

All solicitors asking for money or contributions must register with the Village and are required to display



### Special Presentation

Safety Tips for Seniors, a discussion of the Village's emergency services with Deputy Mayor Chuck Joyce and Chief John Busching of the Rockville Centre Fire Department, is Friday, March 7 at 2:15 P.M.

immediately following the General Meeting. Topics include when to call an ambulance and how to help them help you.

### Sandel Certificate Series

Government and Law, a five-session course with a different guest instructor

day, March 20 through Saturday, March 22 and Monday, March 24. Fee is \$7 per family per session.

Adults and children must wear sneakers; older siblings may not play on the equipment.

### Recess Gym and Gameroom Schedule

The open gym and game activities in-



Enthusiastic marchers from the Sandel Center participate in the annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade.

every week, including Village Justice Frank Yannelli, Village Justice William J. Croutier, Jr., former Village Attorney Martha Krisel, and Village Administrator Frank Quigley, is 3 to 4 P.M. on March 19, April 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Pre register by calling the Sandel Center at 678-9350.

clude basketball, Xbox, and ping pong under the supervision of the recreation staff. All participants must have a valid rec card and wear sneakers.

The program runs Thursday, March 20 through Saturday, March 22 and Monday, March 24 from 12:30 to 4:30 P.M. for grades 4 and up; and from 7:30 to 10:15 P.M. for grades 6 and up.

identification which indicates that a permit has been issued. Solicitors are given a copy of the "no solicitation" list with their permit.

If you are on the list and are solic-

ited, the incident should be reported by calling 678-9224. Organizations violating the law are subject to penalties including, but not limited to, revocation of their permit.

### NO SOLICITATION REQUEST

**To: Village of Rockville Centre**  
Please add my name to the list of addresses that should not be solicited.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Spring Program Registration

Registration for the Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring programs is currently taking place. Programs begin the week of March 25. Call 678-9338 for information.

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's annual Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, March 9 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There will be a large assortment of merchandise and free parking.

### Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days, reminding us that hope blooms, is scheduled for March 10 and 11.

To place your order, call Pat Southard at 678-9338. The daffodils are sold in bunches of 10 for \$10.

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt is 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 15 at Veterans' Park next to the Rec Center for children through grade 4. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held Sunday, March 16 at 2 P.M.

### Part-time Summer Jobs

Applications are now being accepted for paid summer playground positions. Applicants must be at least 16. Applications for leader-in-training volunteer positions are also available for applicants who will be in 9th grade or older in September 2008.



Game and Sports Day for grades K through 5 is Monday, March 24. The spring recess calendar is on page 3.

### Summer Nursery School Registration

Registration for summer nursery school begins March 10 for children entering kindergarten in 2008 or 2009.

### 2008-09 Nursery School Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2008-2009 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2009 are offered five days a week from 9 to 11:30 A.M. or three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2010 are offered four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 to 11:30 A.M. or two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9339.

### RVC Rookie Baseball League

The new Rookie League is open to children who are 5 or 6 as of April 30, 2008. Participants learn the fundamentals playing tee ball at the Rec. Practices and games on Tuesday and



The RVC Easter Bunny leads children to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 15 at 9:30 A.M. in Veterans' Park next to the Rec Center.

Thursday nights beginning in May. For information, contact game7sports.com.

### Summer Sports Schools and Leagues

Flyers are available for the summer 2008 sports schools in baseball, basketball, gymnastics and lacrosse. Summer basketball league information is also now available.

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One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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## Dates & Events

Monday, March 3, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, March 11, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, March 12, 7 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Wednesday, March 26, 7 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, March 31, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

### Emergency Numbers

Fire 911

Police 911

Ambulance 911

Electric 766-5800

Water 678-9252

Nights & Weekends

766-5800

Board of Trustees and Zoning Board meetings are shown on Channel 18. A cablecast schedule and a complete Calendar of Events are available on the Village's website [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

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Ladder trucks from the Rockville Centre and Lynbrook fire departments create a flag arch over Maple Avenue for last year's St. Patrick's Parade.

## RVC St. Patrick's Parade March 29

The 12th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade begins at Noon on Saturday, March 29, starting from Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road and proceeding to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral. This year's Grand Marshal is Rockville Centre resident Frank Darcy, a nationally known commercial real estate developer and Long Island philanthropist.

The parade is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to more than 30 charities since 1997. Each year a national, a local, and

an Irish charity are selected as equal beneficiaries of the Parade's many fundraising activities.

This year's local charity is the Lynbrook-based organization Long Island Sled Hockey, Inc. that sponsors competition for handicapped athletes. The national charity is the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. The Irish charity is the Ards Friary and Retreat Centre in County Donegal which promotes a number of worthy causes.

For further information about fundraising events, visit the parade website at [www.rvcstpatrick.com](http://www.rvcstpatrick.com).



Parade Grand Marshall  
Francis E. Darcy

