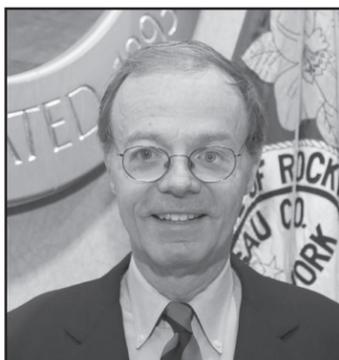




Meeting The Village's Challenges

As Village Administrator, my goals are to maintain the residential character of our Village, to support the business community and to harmonize the needs of both our residents and our business operators.

Our first priority, of course, is always public safety, which is provided by our outstanding police force and our dedicated volunteer firefighters.



By Village Administrator Frank Quigley

The Village is working to support the Fire Department's Floodlight Rescue Company as it responds to the rising demand for emergency ambulance service. We are actively developing a plan to provide paid emergency ambulance service during week days to alleviate the burden on our volunteer rescue crews. We will ensure that our community continues to enjoy the life-saving benefits of fast emergency response times.

Likewise, our Police Department has just undergone its second reaccreditation examination by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. This rigorous review assures that our police are fully trained and equipped to deal with the complexities of modern day law enforcement.

When the review is complete, I am confident that we will again be one of the few fully accredited police departments in New York State.

One of the most vexing challenges in the Village has been the rising demand for parking places. Working with the Traffic, Transportation and Parking Committee during the past year, the Village has made nearly 500 more spaces available to resident commuters and more than 800 additional spaces available to employees, on a first-come-first-served basis.

I believe that the Village can obtain the best and fairest use of our available

parking by a continuous reappraisal of conditions, by being receptive to suggestions from the public and by being open to modifying our parking requirements.

The Village will also continue to promote the highest goals for our environment. During the past year we reintroduced curbside plastic recycling and began curbside

corrugated cardboard recycling. We will continue to work with the Environmental and Beautification Committee, which held one clean-up and planting day last fall and has planned another for this spring.

We have also established our own in-house Green Task Force which is designed to make Village operations as green as possible.

Historically, the Village has run a very lean operation. But current economic conditions have resulted in a serious decline in revenue. Even relying on further efficiencies, we are going to need additional tax revenues in order to continue to provide our high level of services and to fund the maintenance of our infrastructure.

As we face these problems of rising costs and declining revenues, each Village employee is doing his or her utmost to follow our Mission Statement "to provide reliable, high-quality, cost-efficient services" to our taxpayers.

Ultimately, our Village can meet the challenges of difficult economic times by sharing responsibility for the solutions and continuing to be mindful that each of us is part of a much greater, wider community around us. This has always been Rockville Centre's greatest strength.

Rockville Centre's collective spirit of compassion, concern and common courtesy will remain our Village's most precious asset.

Community Notes

Tax News

Village tax bills are due June 1 and may be paid without penalty until Tuesday, July 1 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@rvcny.us.

Clean-up Day April 26

The Environmental and Beautification Committee is sponsoring a clean-up and tree planting day on Saturday, April 26. Volunteers will meet at the Recreation Center at 8 A.M.

Volunteers should sign up at www.rvcny.us.

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Concert April 5

The South Shore Symphony of the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts presents an evening celebrating the 100th birthday of American composer Leroy Anderson on Saturday, April 5 at 8 P.M. in the South Side High School auditorium.

The program features piano soloist Jeffrey Biegel playing Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and the "Concerto for Piano" by Leroy Anderson, as well as Copeland's "El Salón México."

Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call the Guild hotline at 516-616-3610 for reservations.

Dogs in the Village

Dog owners are reminded that Village Code requires that dogs be licensed, that they be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet when in any public place, and that they are permitted to defecate only in the street between the curblines. Licenses are available at Village Hall for \$4.50.

Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals immediately and may not allow them to defecate in any place other than the street.

Owners are also responsible for seeing that their dogs do not disturb the peace by howling, barking, or whining and are also responsible for any injury or damage caused by their animals.

Violations of these provisions of the Village Code are punishable by a fine of up to \$250, imprisonment of up to 15 days, or both for each offense.



FOSSI Casino Night May 3

The Sandel Center will be transformed into a glittering Monte Carlo casino on the night of Saturday, May 3 to honor former Village Trustee Bud Cosgrove. Enjoy the professional dealers, wheel spinners and croupiers, a variety of exciting games, and lots of "betting" action.

The \$50 ticket price includes an open bar, hors-d'oeuvres and complimentary gaming chips.

Additional chips may be purchased. All winnings will be tabulated at the end of the evening with valuable prizes being awarded to the "top-rollers".

The annual casino night is the major fundraising event sponsored by FOSSI, the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., a not-for-profit community group that raises funds to support the programs of the RVC Department of Senior Services and the Sandel Center.



Games of chance at the FOSSI Casino Night fundraiser at the Sandel Center include roulette, poker, and dice.

Monte Carlo Night is made possible by a team of volunteers headed by FOSSI President Kevin McDonough and sponsorship committee members Leslie Price, Rich McDonough and Kevin McDonough. They are actively seeking the financial support of RVC businesses, professionals and individuals.

For information about sponsorships or to purchase event tickets, please call the Sandel Center at 678-9350.

Defend Yourself From Burglaries

Although Rockville Centre is very well protected and the crime rate is very low, the onset of warmer weather, unfortunately, means that more criminals are once again looking for homes to enter, cars to steal, and cars to steal from.

The Rockville Centre Police Department reminds residents to be vigilant about their homes and possessions. Police have noticed a rise in larcenies from vehicles of electronic equipment like iPods, portable GPS systems, computers and phones.

Thieves also target home computers, which often contain personal information, to aid them in identity theft crimes.

To reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a larceny, burglary or car theft, the police recommend the following:

- ◆ If you have an alarm system, arm it at night.
- ◆ Lock your doors and windows at night, especially on the first floor.
- ◆ Illuminate areas around doors and windows.
- ◆ Do not leave gifts, money, wallets, pocketbooks, and keys in plain sight.
- ◆ Do not leave valuables in plain sight inside vehicles.
- ◆ Roll up car windows and lock the doors.
- ◆ If you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, immediately call the Rockville Centre Police using 911. (911 calls from cell phones are answered by Nassau County before being forwarded to Rockville Centre.)



THE ANDERSON 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.

Monday, April 21

Spring Craft Activity for grades K to 5; 10 - 11:15 A.M. or 11:45 A.M. - 1 P.M. Fee is \$7.

Tuesday, April 22

Game / Sports Day for grades K through 5 includes bagel and juice snack. 10:30 - Noon or 12:30 - 2 P.M. Fee \$10.

Tuesday, April 22, 12:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Trip to Fun Zone for grades 1 - 8. Unlimited rides and 35 game tokens. Fee \$23.

Wednesday, April 23

Spring Training Day: hit, throw, run the bases. Grades K - 2, 10:30 - Noon or 12:30 - 2 P.M.; grades 3 - 5, 10:30 - Noon. Fee \$5. Dress in your favorite team jersey or hat.

Wednesday, April 23, 12:30 - 5:15

Trip to Adventureland in Farmingdale for grades 2 and up. Unlimited use of rides, but some rides have height requirements. Rain date April 24. Fee \$23.



The Game and Sports Day party is Tuesday, April 22 during spring recess.

Thursday, April 24, 10 - 11:15 A.M.

Annual Spring Pet Show. Ribbons awarded in various categories. No fee, but pre-registration required.

Friday, April 25

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

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. Monday through Saturday, April 21 to 26. Fee is \$7 per family per session.

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

Summer Playground Registration

Register for the Rec Center's 54th consecutive Summer Playground Program, July 1 through August 8 from 9 A.M. to Noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Covert/Wilson School, and Hewitt School. There is no program Friday, July 4.

Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events.

The program is open to Village residents or those who attend Rockville Centre schools in grades 1 to 6, effective September 2008. A middle school program will also be offered

this year for those in grades 7 or 8, effective September 2008.

Tennis Courts Opening

The Har-Tru courts adjacent to the Rec Center are tentatively scheduled to open the week of April 28.

Courts are available seven days a week from 8 A.M. until dark. All players must register and pay a fee.

Summer Instructional Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball, and boys and girls lacrosse, and girls gymnastics schools.

The 33rd annual baseball school is open from June 30 to July 11 for boys ages 6 to 13 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Barasch Field, South Park Avenue. The school is coordinated by Bob Hirschfield of New York Tech and costs \$315 per person with a \$25 reduction for each additional family member.

A basketball camp sponsored by Game 7 and the Rec Center for girls grades 3-10 is offered August 11 to 15 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Rec Center.

The Shooting Stars lacrosse camp will be offered for boys June 29 to July 2, and for girls July 13 to 16, from 5 - 9 P.M.

A girls gymnastics school for grades 2 - 8 will be offered July 28 to August 1 from 1 to 4 P.M. at the Rec Center with Ginger Creegan.

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Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, April 23, 8 P.M.
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Monday, April 28, 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

New Electric Substation Activated



The Mayor and the Village Trustees recently toured Rockville Centre's newly activated, \$7 million electric substation, which increases the Village's import capacity by about 50 percent. The new capacity assures customers of a reliable supply of electricity; concurrent upgrades to the distribution system have improved reliability. Electric Department Deputy Superintendent **Tom Cardile** explains the equipment to Mayor **Mary Whalen Bossart**, Deputy Mayor **Charles Joyce**, and Trustees **David Krasula**, **Jeanne Farnan Mulry**, and **Andrew Karamouzis**.

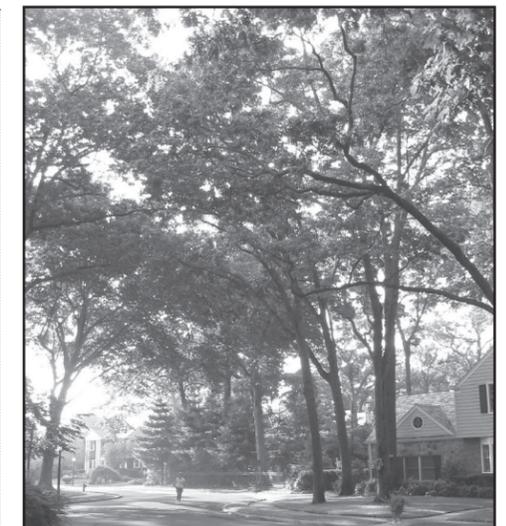
Tree City 20 Years In A Row

Rockville Centre has been named a 2007 Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the 20th consecutive year it has earned the honor. The award recognizes the Village's ongoing commitment to improving and renewing its stock of trees.

Each year, the Village plants about 100 new trees, most as part of its residential tree-planting program.

Since 1986, about 3,700 trees have been planted as part of the program, in addition to the many trees planted on Village property and in commercial areas by the Village.

Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.



The beauty of many Rockville Centre neighborhoods includes the canopy formed by mature trees.