



RVC Police: Help Us Help You

Place yourself in the shoes of a Rockville Centre Police Officer working a night shift.

Imagine yourself sitting in your radio car on a dark and stormy night when you receive a radio call for "baby not breathing" or "full cardiac arrest".

Because our patrol cars now carry defibrillators that will restore a normal heart beat if used early during a potentially fatal arrhythmia, you know that if you can get to the scene and begin CPR within four minutes or so, you have a reasonable chance of restarting a heart and saving a life.

Our response time remains second-to-none; we can usually put the first responding radio car on your block – equipped with all of the emergency life saving equipment you will normally find in a New York State Police road vehicle – within two minutes!

However, in this case, imagine yourself scanning the houses unable to find a house number, nothing painted on the curb nor displayed prominently on the front of the home. The clock is ticking, time is wasted. That four-minute window closes. What a tragedy.

Stand in front of your home on a dark night. Can YOU easily observe the house number? Try it again while sitting in your car; put yourself in our shoes. If you can't find the number, we probably can't either!

For the welfare of those you love, make sure there are several locations on the front of your home, including the curb, where highly reflective or highly contrastive (dark against light) house numbers can be found.

The life you save may be your own.



Another item to remember for the summer is that "alarms, lights and locks" really do work! Never believe the old saying "If they really want to break into



By Police Commissioner John P. McKeon

your home, they will." This is not true!

Burglaries are crimes of opportunity and if your home is a hard target, it will not be hit. Most burglaries are accomplished through opened or unlocked REAR windows, doors and screens. Many families will, without fail, lock the front door, yet leave the back door open for their offspring home from school who always

seem to forget the house key.

It makes no sense to lock the front door and leave the back one open. It makes no sense to lock the ground floor windows yet leave the second floor windows open, especially if you leave a ladder in your back yard.

Similarly, most car break-ins involve UNLOCKED cars parked either in front of the house or in the driveway. We are experiencing an increase in vehicle break-ins due to these very lucrative GPS and IPOD devices, often left inside the car in plain view.

A bad experience can be avoided just by exercising a little bit of care.

Have a great and safe summer.

Profile: Police Commissioner John P. McKeon

Jack McKeon has been a member of the Rockville Centre Police Department since February 1973 and has been commissioner since 1991. He is a graduate of the FBI Academy and holds several criminal justice and security degrees. He is a retired commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served overseas with the US Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) after 9/11.

This Month in Rockville Centre is not published in July and August. To keep current with Village events, visit the Village's website at www.rvcny.us and click on Calendar of Events.



Real Estate Tax News

Tax bills due June 1 have been mailed. The last day to pay without penalty is July 1 at the Cashier's Office in Village Hall. If you do not receive your tax bill by June 6, contact the Tax Office and another bill will be mailed to you.

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.

Contact the Tax Office by telephone at (516) 678-9242, by fax at (516) 678-9306, or by e-mail at nhall@rvcny.us. Applications for tax exemptions will be available starting September 2008. To place a name on the mailing list, call or e-mail the Tax Office.

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Summer Concert Calendar 2008



The South Shore Symphony plays a summer concert before and after the Grucci fireworks on July 12. Other concerts on the Village Green provide free family entertainment under the stars.

The Village's annual summer concert series includes three events on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, as well as the annual fireworks show with the South Shore Symphony at Mill River / Centennial Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

In case of rain, the Village Green concerts will move to the Recreation Centre on North Oceanside Road.

Thursday, June 19, 7:30 P.M. — The Rockville Centre Concert Band with director Dr. Raoul F. Camus.

Saturday, July 12, 7:30 P.M. — In honor of the Village's 115th birthday, the South Shore Symphony performs a concert of summertime favorites. The 1812 Overture will accompany a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9. The Symphony will resume after the fireworks. Rain date: Sunday, July 13.

Thursday, July 24, 7:30 P.M. — Irish music with the Black Velvet Band.

Thursday, August 21, 7:30 P.M. — Plaza Theatrical Productions presents G.I. Jukebox.

Observe Watering Laws

The Village Water Department is aggressively enforcing New York State's water conservation laws. After a one-time warning, residents who ignore the prohibitions will be subject to a summons and an escalating fine set by the Village Court.

The laws prohibit watering lawns between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. Residents may water only on the odd or even watering days that coincide with their house address.

Fire Parade and Drill June 27-28

The Rockville Centre Fire Department will host the Fourth Battalion Parade and Drill at the end of June.

The Drill, at Firemen's Field, begins at 7 P.M. on Friday, June 27. The Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at 6 P.M. along Maple Avenue and South Park.

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 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 three days during the summer:

Sunday, June 22 at Bay Park in East Rockaway;

Saturday, July 19 at the Town Parking Field on Division Avenue off of Hempstead Turnpike in Levittown; and

Saturday, August 16 at the Hempstead Village DPW parking lot on Milburn Avenue.

RVC Earns 12th Consecutive Financial Reporting Award

Rockville Centre has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report covering the fiscal year ending May 31, 2007.

This is the 12th consecutive year that the Village has received the award from the non-profit Government Financial Officers Association.

The GFOA, a 17,000 member professional association of state, provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada, was founded in 1906. Its certificate program recognizes excellence in financial reporting by state and local governments. Recently, more than 70 percent of all cities, as well as 42 state governments participated in the program.



THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

Special Events

SPA (Senior People in Action) begins its 7th season with a walk on the boardwalk Monday, June 2. This award-winning program is designed to promote health, wellness and vitality in older adults. Call 678-9350 for further information.

Look for the Grand Opening of the Sandel Garden Park in early July. Details to be announced. Call 678-9350 for information.



Senior People in Action (SPA) begins its 7th season at the Sandel Center with a walk on the Long Beach boardwalk June 2. Call 678-9350 for information.



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Summer Playground Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the 54th consecutive summer playground program, held this year from July 1 through August 8.

The regular weekly program is conducted by trained Rec Center staff at the Rec Center and at Hewitt and Wilson schools. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, games, and special events, including some field trips.

The program is open to residents of Rockville Centre or of the Rockville Centre School District in grades one through nine as of September 2008.

Transportation is not provided and children must walk to or be dropped off at their playground sites. The program meets Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. The fee is \$385 per child in grades 1 to 5 and \$430 per child in grades 6 to 9 (including weekly bowling and swimming sessions).

Summer Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball and gymnastics, and boys and girls lacrosse schools during the summer 2008.

The 33rd annual baseball school will be conducted from June 30 to July 11 (no class July 4) for boys ages 6 to 13 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at

Barasch Field. The fee is \$315 per person for RVC residents.

A basketball camp for girls in grades 3 to 10 is offered August 13 to 17 at the Rec Center from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The fee is \$255 per person.

A gymnastics school for girls in grades 2 through 8 will be held July 28 to August 1 from 1 to 4 P.M. with coordinator Ginger Creegan. The fee is \$150 per person.

The Shooting Star lacrosse school is offered to girls and boys ages 7 to 17 at the Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard. The fee is \$275 per person. The boys' school is 5 to 9 P.M. from June 29 through July 2. The girls' school is 5 to 9 P.M. from July 13 through 16.

Fall Nursery School

There are openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2009 are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 11 A.M. or Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2010 are Monday through Thursday mornings 9 to 11:30 A.M. or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

Classes begin September 8 and follow the RVC public school holiday



Registration has begun for the Village's summer playground program.

schedule. Call 678-9338 for further information.

Summer Birthday Parties

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents from ages 2 on up. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room. Parties are offered Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 3 P.M. or 4 to 5:30 P.M. from July 1 through August 7.

The fee is \$170 for up to 10 children and \$8 for each additional guest (non-residents \$195 plus \$9). A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required when reserving a date.



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Dates & Events

Monday, June 2, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 11, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, June 17, 7 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Sandel Senior Center

Tuesday, June 17, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 25, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Friday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Village Offices Closed

Saturday, July 12, 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE'S BIRTHDAY

Centennial Park

Monday, July 7, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, August 4, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, August 13, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

www.rvcny.us



Spectacular Summer!

The Village's 115th birthday celebration on Saturday, July 12 includes a concert of summertime favorites by the South Shore Symphony at 7:30 P.M. and a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9. Bring a lawn chair and blanket to Centennial Park. Rain date, Sunday, July 13.



Village Curbside Recycling Expands

The Village of Rockville Centre's Wednesday curbside recycling program has been expanded to include magazines, glossy catalogues and telephone books. The program will also now accept all kinds of non-waxed cardboard for recycling, not just corrugated boxes.

"Curbside recycling of these materials saves us money both by removing them from the waste stream and by the income they generate," Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart said.

Cardboard packaging, including clean pizza boxes, gift boxes and dry food boxes with the waxed paper removed, may now be put out on the curb for Wednesday pick-up. Waxed cartons and packages, such as those used for juices and other drinks, cannot

be recycled and should be discarded with the regular trash.

Recyclable cardboard may either be collapsed and tied into bundles or stuffed inside larger boxes, Village Engineer Steve Kritsas said.

Magazines, catalogues and telephone books may be tied into bundles or collected inside cardboard boxes as well.

The Village has been recycling newspaper, cans and glass for many years. Curbside plastic recycling began last August and curbside corrugated cardboard recycling began in November.

"I encourage all residents to participate in these environmentally and fiscally responsible services," Mayor Bossart said.