



# Praise for a Dedicated Staff

In the three years I have been a trustee, I have found much to celebrate about how our Village works, and how those who work for the Village provide much value. Over these last years, in this space and at Board meetings, I have been happy to highlight these real accomplishments, extolling how our Village managers, employees and



Trustee  
Jeanne Farnan Mulry

our volunteers, do everything from putting themselves in harm's way to picking up every item, no matter how bulky, that we put out on our curbs.

Residents are truly grateful for the dedication and accomplishments from all these Village departments: fire and police, public works, water, electric and engineering. And, since the appointment of our new building superintendent, Daniel Casella — who was just recently sworn in as the President of the New York State Building Officials Conference — I have heard much positive feedback about the improvements in the Building Department.

In addition, we have other Village departments that are truly "people service" departments: our Department of Senior Services, our Parks and Recreation Department, and our Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. Our residents should know that Senior Services and Parks and Recreation have been led for decades by two of the most talented people in their field. Thanks to Dr. Cyd Charrow of Senior Services and Tony Brunetta of Parks and Recreation, these departments have become the gold standard. And these three departments are consistently magnets for county, state, and federal grant funding.

Over the years that I have been a trustee, I have seen literally hundreds of thousands of dollars flow to our Village in the form of grant funding from our elected state representatives, Senator Skelos and Assemblyman Barra, and also from County

Legislator Joe Scannell. Hundreds of thousands more have come from the Community Development Block Grant program, a federally funded program administered through the County. Our dedicated Village employee, Anne Cohen, works diligently with community volunteers to obtain the funding and to ensure that it is properly

allocated and spent.

In the past year, the Village was able to make critical and much needed repairs at the MLK Center through such grants and the recent appointment of Robert A.U. Hogan as MLK director, bodes well for further improvements. My first two years, I was happy to be Board liaison to the Senior Center, the MLK Center and the Community Development Block Grant Committee, and saw firsthand what great work these employees, and volunteers, accomplish in our community.

I have been privileged to be the Board liaison to the Parks and Recreation Department, which is a jewel in the crown of what makes Rockville Centre great. Much of the credit for this goes to our own "Mr. B," Superintendent Tony Brunetta, whose literal 24/7 approach to the job, and his genius for selecting and nurturing talented staff, makes our parks and the Recreation Center a beacon for families in our community.

Seeing is believing: on what was just a regular day this past summer, Mr. B could be seen at 9 A.M. greeting parents and children on entry into the Rec Center summer playground program; at mid-day, checking on some of our far-flung playing fields; and again at 9 P.M., back at the Rec Center, as square dancers thronged the lobby and the children's basketball players pounded the courts upstairs.

That level of dedication from Mr. B, and his talented staff, gives residents of all ages in our Village the opportunity for good, clean, safe, healthy fun.



## Police Halloween Warning

Rockville Centre Police remind parents and teenagers that all state and local laws will be strictly enforced on Halloween night, Friday, 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.

## Lions Club Festival Oct. 4

The RVC Lions Club will host its 10th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, October 4 from Noon to 4 P.M. The highlight

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of the day is the rubber duck race along Mill River.

Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities, including the RVC Community Fund, St. Agnes Outreach, RVC Confide, the RVC Fire Department, the L.I. Lions Eye Bank, and the Empire Speech and Hearing Clinic.

## Golf and Tennis Classic Oct. 6

New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos of Rockville Centre is the honoree at the Mayor's annual Golf and Tennis Classic and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, on Monday, October 6 at the Seawane Club in Hewlett Harbor.

To make a reservation or for information about sponsorships, call Mary Rohrs at 516-678-9260.

## 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 15 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 Sunday, October 19 at North Woodmere Park, Branch Boulevard in North Woodmere.

Town residents may bring hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products to the collection point for proper disposal at no charge.

For information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200.

# Expanded Recycling Program

In addition to newspaper recycling, Village residents may now recycle virtually all clean paper and cardboard products — including food packaging— from the convenience of their curbside each Wednesday.

Because this program has the potential to reduce the cost of trash disposal by as much as 20 percent, Village officials are urging residents to think about how much household waste could be diverted into the Wednesday recycling program.

### In the kitchen:

**Recycle** all cardboard food and product packaging: cereal boxes, cookie and cracker boxes, dry food boxes, tissue boxes, other cardboard packaging.

**Throw out** all waxed, foiled and cellophaned packaging: cereal box liners, juice and beverage containers, chip and cookie bags, frozen food boxes and bags. Paper towels and tissues.

### From the home office:

**Recycle** all photocopier and printer paper and wrappings; old files, letterhead and reports (even still stapled); used manila folders, binder dividers, index cards and envelopes (even windowed); writing paper, drawing paper, note paper. Telephone books. All shredded paper.

**Throw out** all adhesive labels, metal



fasteners, rubber bands, carbonized papers, cellophane.

### From the mail:

**Recycle** all magazines, catalogs, brochures; junk mail envelopes and advertising.

Cardboard boxes and packaging may either be collapsed and tied into bundles or stuffed inside of larger boxes, paper bags or clear plastic bags.

All paper products may be placed inside paper bags, clear plastic bags or cardboard boxes and closed up before being placed at the curbside.

Residents may visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html](http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html) to type in their address and have their sanitation schedule displayed. The link will show the day of the week for recycling glass, cans and plastics; the day for recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paper products and cardboard; as well as the regular trash pick-up days.

## Chamber Fundraiser Honors Mayor

The Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Taste of Elegance fundraiser on Tuesday, October 14 from 6 to 10 P.M. at Molloy College and will honor Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart.

Proceeds of the event, which features signature dishes from 25 restaurants

and a wine tasting, will benefit the Rockville Centre Community Fund, South Side High School scholarships, the Phillips House Museum, and other local charities.

Tickets for the event are \$25 and may be ordered from the Chamber's hotline, 766-0666.

## Golden Gathering October 24

State Senator Dean Skelos is sponsoring an informational exhibition for seniors at the Rec Center on Friday, October 24 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Free flu vaccine will be offered.



### Window Painting Contest

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 12 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 18 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 18 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.

Call 766-1029 for information.

### Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Rockville Centre's 18th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 26.

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



Creative costumes abound at the annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party on Sunday, October 26.

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.

### Goblin Calls

Fill out a Goblin Slip at the party after the Ragamuffin Parade and you may receive a Goblin Call and a Goblin Prize on Halloween evening, Friday, October 31.

### Operation Christmas Child

The Rec Center is collecting school supplies, toiletries and small games for distribution to needy children.

Bring your donations, in their original packaging, Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. by early November.



Get your crew together and sign up for the Halloween Window Painting Contest on Saturday, October 18.

### Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys or turkey coupons for distribution to the needy.

Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. before Thanksgiving.

### 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 4.

The evening open gym for grades 6 and up will begin Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4 from 7:30 to 10:15 P.M.

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## Dates & Events

Monday, October 6  
**MAYOR'S GOLF  
OUTING**  
Call 678-9260

Monday, October 13  
**COLUMBUS DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, October 15, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Saturday, October 18, 9 A.M.  
**WINDOW PAINTING**  
Downtown Stores

Sunday, October 19, 7 P.M.  
**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**  
Village Green

Tuesday, October 21, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Sunday, October 26, 2 P.M.  
**RAGAMUFFIN PARADE**  
Maple Avenue

Monday, October 27, 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

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## 9/11 Commemorative Vigil Oct. 19

Residents are invited to share the comfort of community at a brief candlelight prayer vigil commemorating the dedication of Rockville Centre's 9/11 Memorial on the Village Green at 7 P.M. on Sunday, October 19. Please bring candles.



## Sandel Garden Park Dedication

The Sandel Center Garden Park — built with grants from State Senator Dean Skelos and donations from the Friends of Senior Services, Inc. and many others — was dedicated on September 10. Attending the ribbon cutting were, in front: Sandel member Viola Chisholm, former Mayor Eugene Murray, Sandel member Mary Brennan, Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart, and Sandel Club President Herb Fox. In back: FOSSI Board member Charlotte Allen, Village Administrator Frank Quigley and Senior Services Director Cyd Charrow, D.S.W.



## Casella Elected Building Officials President

Rockville Center Building Department Superintendent Dan Casella was unanimously elected president of the New York State Building Officials Conference in September. The NYSBOC is a member of the International Code Council which promotes professional practices among "first preventers," those code enforcement officials who prevent faulty construction and promote professional building code development and training. Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart administered the oath of office.