



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Summer Nursery School Registration

Registration for summer nursery school begins March 9 for children entering kindergarten in 2009 or 2010. Classes meet 9 to 11:30 A.M. Monday through Thursday from June 29 through August 7.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2009 (birthdates from December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2004) are offered Monday through Thursday.

Pre-Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2010 (birthdates from December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2005) are offered Monday through Thursday. Please bring your child's birth certificate or other proof of age.

2009-10 Nursery School Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2009-2010 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2010 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 2011 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.

Spring Program Registration

Registration for Spring programs will begin on March 9 for residents and March 23 for non-residents.

Detailed flyers describe a wide array of activities offered by the Rec. Department for toddlers through senior citizens, including piano, Whole Lotta Fun, yoga for kids, guitar lessons and ice skating,

Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's annual Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, March 22 from 9:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. There will be a large assortment of merchandise and free parking.

Part-time Summer Jobs

Applications are now being accepted for paid summer playground positions. Residents who are at least 16 years old may apply to work as seasonal recreation leaders. Supervisors will interview qualified applicants in April. Pre-employment questionnaires are available at the Rec. office.

Summer Playground and Rec. Programs

Summer playground program for students in grades 1 to 6 and summer Rec. programs for students in grades 7 and 8 as of September 2009 will be offered at the Rec. Center and at Hewitt and Wilson schools.

The programs, staffed by trained recreation personnel, meet Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 12 Noon from July 1 through August 6.

Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events. Afternoon trips to places of interest are available, including a Mets game and Splish Splash for middle schoolers!



Looking ahead: Sign up now for the Rec. Center's annual summer playground programs

Sports Schools and Leagues

Flyers are available for the summer 2009 sports schools in baseball, basketball, gymnastics and lacrosse. Summer basketball league information is also now available.

Men's and Women's Softball

The Recreation Department currently has spring softball information available for men's teams. Games will tentatively commence the week of March 23. Information for summer softball for men and women will be available in mid-March.

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Dates & Events

Wednesday, March 11, 7 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Friday, March 13, 9:30 A.M.
IDA - AVALONBAY HEARING
RVC Public Library

Monday, March 16, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 17, 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, March 25, 7 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

Board of Trustees and Zoning Board meetings are shown on cable channels. A cablecast schedule and a complete Calendar of Events are available on the

Village's website

www.rvcny.us



Irish dancers in front of Village Hall at the 2008 St. Patrick's Parade.

RVC St. Patrick's Parade March 21

The 13th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade begins at Noon on Saturday, March 21, starting from Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road and proceeding to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral. This year's Grand Marshall is Rockville Centre resident Fran Murray, who has raised funds for a long list of local charities.

The parade is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to more than 30 charities since 1997.

This year's local charity is the De La Salle School of Freeport, which serves predominantly low-income

families while continuing to teach in the Christian Brothers tradition.

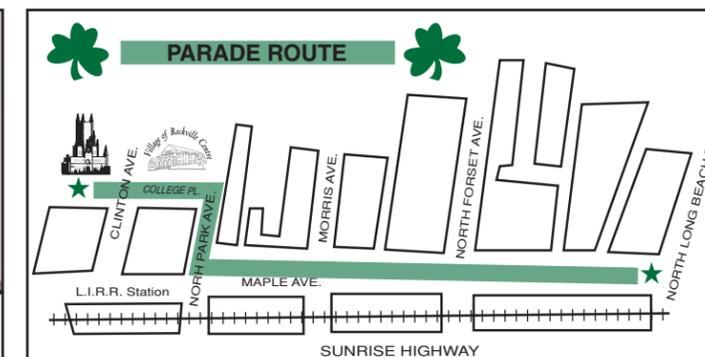
The national charity is Maureen's Hope Foundation, Inc., which provides support and assistance to over 400 people facing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis or other life altering disease.

The Irish charity is the newly-established Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College, a long-time supporter of the Parade. Molloy plans to use the funds either to establish an oral history archive or an endowed scholarship for Irish Studies.

For further information about fundraising events, visit the parade website at www.rvcstpatrick.com.



Parade Grand Marshall
Fran Murray





Some Challenges We've Met, Others We're Anticipating

When I last wrote this column I mentioned many items the Board of Trustees would have to deal with in the months ahead. Fortunately, many of them have been resolved:

The Signature Place/Avalon Bay environmental cleanup is progressing; the Molloy College application is being heard by the Planning Board and Board of Appeals; the daytime emergency medical response has been addressed with a contract with North Shore/LIJ to provide ambulance service weekdays from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.; the garbage disposal franchise will be finalized in the coming months; and the fire department infrastructure issues will be addressed at a joint Village Board and Fire Department meeting being scheduled in March.

The cable TV franchise has been finalized with Verizon and we have had two public hearings with Cablevision and hopefully this should be finalized shortly. The Board also approved an agreement with Nassau County to provide much needed improvements in the Mill River/Centennial Park area, including the renovation of the Auxiliary Police building and public bathrooms that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

One area that is still of concern is the declining revenue coming into the Village because of the economic times. The challenge of maintaining services the residents want and expect while keeping the tax rate as low as possible will be especially difficult this year.

Another project involves an organization that I have been liaison to since February 2008. The Rockville Centre Community Council has been meeting every other week for most of the past year and has been led by co-chairs Beth Hammerman from Mercy Medical Center and Maureen Chiofalo, director



By Deputy Mayor Charles R. Joyce

of the Rockville Centre Public Library.

The Council has developed the Youth and Families Committee to address issues faced by our youth in the Village. This group is made up of students from Rockville Centre schools, Rockville Centre students who attend private schools, staff from the schools, Village officials, parents, clergy, service clubs, Confide, our local substance

abuse treatment program, the Nassau County District Attorney's Office and Nassau County Youth Board among many others.

We are presently looking at setting up a program for people who need a ride home. Under this program, people who realize they shouldn't be driving, people who realize they shouldn't get into a car with an impaired driver, people experiencing a bad dating or social situation can call for a free ride home with no questions asked.

In addition, we are co-sponsoring, along with the Drug and Alcohol Task Force, a program developed by the District Attorney's office called "Not My Child" on March 3 at 7:30 P.M. at the South Side Middle School. I encourage everyone to attend and hear first hand the dangers of heroin and what our youth can be exposed to.

With young people, parents, residents and Village officials working together, we can maintain Rockville Centre as the best place to live and raise a family.

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Community Notes

Zero Tolerance at St. Pat's Parade

The Rockville Centre Police Department has announced that it will once again pursue a "zero tolerance" enforcement policy on all alcohol-related offenses committed during and after the annual St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 21.

"We will be out in full force, before, during and after the parade," said Lt. Glenn Quinn, the department's operations officer. "Any drinking along the parade route or tailgate parties may result in arrest," Lieutenant Quinn said.

Bar and tavern owners have also been reminded that they are responsible for seeing that the patrons they serve are of drinking age, are not intoxicated and that they do not take drinks outside the premises.

"We want people to have a good time, but public drinking and intoxication are against the law and no fun for families and children who come here to enjoy the parade," said Police Commissioner Jack McKeon.

Village Election Coming

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre will hold a general Village election on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

The following offices with the following terms will be contested for: two trustees (four years) and Village Justice (four years).

Candidates may pick up election packets from the Deputy Village Clerk's Office on the second floor of Village Hall.

The Village is currently accepting applications for absentee ballots for the general election.

E-cycling March 8

The Town of Hempstead is sponsoring an e-cycling program to collect cast-off electronic equipment on Sunday, March 8 from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Town parking field on Division Avenue off of Hempstead Turnpike in Levittown.

The program will accept all computers, computer components, televisions, VCRs and DVD players, and other electronic equipment, which contain toxic materials that should not be thrown into the regular trash stream.

The program is open to Town of Hempstead residents only and proof of residency is required. The program will not accept business waste or service commercial vehicles.

The next e-cycling opportunity will be in October. For further information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200.



The Sandel Center, on the corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues, offers a wide variety of programs and classes, social work services, daily lunch, and transportation. Membership is available to Rockville Centre residents aged 60 and older. The Center is open daily from 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

Persons interested in membership, or any of the services offered by the Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services, are invited to call 678-9350 for information.



Sandel seniors watched and celebrated the inauguration of President Obama at a Village Hall luncheon on January 20.

St. Patrick's Party

Wear green, enjoy the talented dancers of the Jean Hagen School of Irish Dance, and sample some great Irish soda bread on Friday, March 13 at 1 P.M. \$3 per person. Please sign up in advance.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The members of Sandel pay tribute to the accomplishments of women with this annual event on Wednesday, March 18 at noon. \$5 per person. Please sign up in advance.

Arts & Leisure Activities

Mah Jongg lessons for beginners will be offered on Thursdays from March 5 through April 30 at 2 P.M. Beginners and "rusty" players welcome. Registration required.



Monte Carlo May 9

Save the date for FOSSI's annual fundraising event on Saturday, May 9. Monte Carlo Night is always a great party and a wonderful way to support senior services in Rockville Centre.

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@rvcny.us.

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

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: _____