



Nursery School Openings

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 Toddler, Pre-K Classes

Classes for toddlers and pre-K children begin the week of April 20, including roll-around gym class for children aged 12 to 36 months; tumblers gymnastics and time for toys for 18 months to 4 years; gym and jam, intro to ballet and tap for boys only ages 3 to 5; happy piano for ages 3 and 4; and yoga for kids age 4. Registration is first-come, first served.



The annual Pet Show is Wednesday, April 15 at 9:45 A.M.

Spring Recess Events

Thursday, April 9 Egg coloring for grades K to 5. Fee is \$7 and participants must bring four eggs.

Friday, April 10 Game / Sports Day for grades K through 5 includes bagel and juice snack. 10:45 - Noon or 12:30 - 1:45 P.M. Fee \$10.

Bowling trip for grades 1 to 8, 12 Noon - 2:30 P.M. Fee \$13.

Monday, April 13 Chess and checkers challenge day, for grades K to 5 from 10:45 A.M. to Noon. Fee \$5.

Michael's Amusements video arcade trip includes one game of laser tag and lunch. For grades 1 and up; from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M. Fee \$21.

Tuesday, April 14 Mad science show for grades K to 5; from 10:45 to Noon. Fee \$5.

Tag, you're it athletic activities and a snack, for grades K and 1; from Noon to 1:30 P.M. Fee \$10.

Trip to Adventureland for grades 2 and up. Unlimited use of rides, but some rides have height requirements. 12:15 to 5:15 P.M. Fee \$25.

Wednesday, April 15 Annual Spring Pet Show. Ribbons awarded in various categories. No fee, but pre-registration required. 9:45 A.M.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 A.M. in Veterans' Park next to the Rec Center.

Game / Sports Day II for grades K through 5 includes bagel and juice snack. 11:45 - 1 P.M. Fee \$10.

Artrageous ceramic studio trip for grades 1 to 8. 1:15 to 2:45 P.M. Fee \$26.

Thursday, April 16 Ice Skating Trip to Freeport arena for grades 1 to 8 from 9:30 A.M. to Noon. Fee \$13, includes skate rental and transportation.

Spring has sprung craft activity for grades K to 5; 9:30 - 10:45 A.M. or 12:15 - 1:30 P.M. Fee is \$8.

Friday, April 17 Spring Training Day: hit, throw, run the bases. Grades K to 2, 10:45 - Noon; grades 3 to 5, 10:45 - Noon. Fee \$5.

Bowling at RVC Lanes. Grades 1 to 8, 12 Noon - 2:30 P.M. Fee \$13.

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Dates & Events

Monday, April 6, 8:15 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 8, 8 P.M. BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 P.M. PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, April 22, 8 P.M. BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, April 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

Board of Trustees and Zoning Board meetings are shown on cable channels.

A cablecast schedule and a complete Calender of Events are available on the Village's website

www.rvcny.us



RVC 'Tree City'

Rockville Centre has been named a 2008 Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the 21st consecutive year it has earned the honor. The award recognizes the Village's ongoing commitment to improving and renewing its stock of trees.

Since 1986, more than 3,800 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.

Board Imposes Hiring Freeze

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has imposed a freeze on all non-police hiring and has prohibited the purchase of new supplies and equipment through the end of the 2009 fiscal year, which ends May 31.

The Village has imposed additional restrictions on its departments, including the elimination of most overtime and conference travel without prior approval and the canceling of many annualized purchase orders for goods and materials.

The 2009 sanitation schedule has also been revised to eliminate Saturday overtime during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The new schedule is inside this issue of This Month.

"These decisions are prudent and are a necessary response to the deepening economic difficulties being experienced at all levels," said Village Comptroller Michael Schussheim.

The emergency measures came after news that the latest quarterly payment to the Village from mortgage tax collections was just \$81,000, down 47 percent from the same time last year and

down 65 percent from two years ago.

"Our expenses are growing and overall revenue is weak. We're now projecting revenue of \$560,000 from the mortgage tax this year when we had budgeted for \$800,000," Schussheim said. Last year \$981,000 was raised from the mortgage tax; two years ago the mortgage tax income was \$1.3 million.

News of the mortgage tax decline followed news of Nassau County's proposal to eliminate more than \$68,000 in sales tax revenue sharing with the Village.

"The decline in revenue is a real problem," said Mayor Mary Bossart. "The Board has acted swiftly to contain expenditures for the rest of this fiscal year."

The hiring freeze applies to all part-time and seasonal employees and to all full-time employees, except for police officers. The Village has budgeted for 54 police officers, but there are only 50 currently employed. The Village hires police officers from a list of certified applicants that is only made available by Nassau County every few years.

INSIDE: Replacement 2009 Sanitation Schedule



Warm Weather Warnings, Reminders

Now that daylight savings time is in effect and we begin to enjoy the return to warmer weather, it is time to remember that these pleasant changes also bring an increase in criminal activity and anti-social behavior.

First, protect yourself from would-be burglars by remembering that "alarms, lights and locks" really do work! 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. Most families will lock the front door, yet they will often leave the back door open. This is an open invitation to burglars.

Similarly, most car break-ins involve unlocked cars parked either in front of the house or in the driveway. Thieves are scouting for vehicles to break into, looking for those very lucrative GPS and iPod devices, often left inside the car in plain view.

To avoid becoming the victim of a burglary, larceny or car theft: lock all your doors and windows at night; roll up car windows and lock the doors; if you have car or home alarms, be sure to arm them; and do not leave valuables in plain sight inside homes or vehicles.

It is also a good idea to cut back shrubs and tree branches that may block windows and to illuminate areas around doors and windows.

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

Another kind of bad experience can be avoided by taking advantage of the Rockville Centre Police Department's "Safe at Home" program. The department has always provided patrol visits to houses temporarily unoccupied because their owners are away. Last year, responding to community-wide concern over the



By Police Commissioner John P. McKeon

use of homes for underage drinking parties, this service became available to residents when teenage children are left behind in the house.

The service is there to help families who want their homes to remain free of this kind of activity in their absence. If we come across a house party at a listed address, we proceed exactly as we do now with

any such youth gathering.

To participate in the program, residents should call 766-1500 a few days before they leave and provide their address, the days they will be away, and a contact number during their absence.

As a final reminder, the 2007 Social Host Law makes it an offense to allow underage drinking in your home. Underage drinking is not only against the law, it is also associated with a number of other offenses and crimes and should not be allowed.

The law applies to anyone over 18 who allows underage drinking. Penalties range from a \$250 fine for a first offense to a \$1,000 fine and 15 days in jail for a third offense in a 12-month period. Police have been instructed to make arrests when these underage drinking parties are found.

If you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, immediately call 911.

Please enjoy the spring and summer and do your part to make them free of unwanted incidents.

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Community Notes

Tax News

Village real estate tax bills are due June 1 and may be paid without penalty until Wednesday, July 1 at the cashier's office on the first floor of Village Hall. The bills will be mailed the week of May 26.

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 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. You may contact the office by calling 516-678-9242, by faxing 516-678-9306, or by e-mailing taxoffice@rvcny.us.

Late Utility Payments

Account holders are reminded that the Village is legally obligated to impose late payment fees whenever an electric bill payment or water bill payment is received after the deadline.

There is no grace period allowed; accordingly, account holders are urged to make their utility payments as soon as possible after they receive their bills.

Transfer Station

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 4 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.

Mailing Regulation

Residents may have noticed that Village mailings now contain "or current resident" on the address label. No disrespect is intended, but adding that line saves the Village money on every mailing.

New postal regulations require all mailing lists to be run through a postal service database every 90 days to verify the addresses. The Village saves the fee required to use this database by adding "or current resident" to the mailing label.

Lions Club Crafts Fair

The Rockville Centre Lions Club is hosting a crafts fair in Parking Field 12 on the north side of Sunrise Highway between Forest Avenue and Long Beach Road on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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 and urinate only in the street between the curblines. Licenses are available at Village Hall for \$4.50.

Owners are also responsible for seeing that their dogs do not disturb the peace 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.



The Sandel Senior Center, at the corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues, is open to all Rockville Centre residents who are 60 and older for a wide variety of services and programs. Call the Center at 678-9350 for more information.

Special Events

An Easter / Passover Luncheon featuring the tastes and traditions of both holidays is Wednesday, April 8. Sign up in advance; \$5 per person.

The Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is Saturday, April 18 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Hands-on activities, demonstrations and displays will be presented by local healthcare professionals.

The Intergenerational Sharing Conference is Friday, April 24 at South Side High School.

The Intergenerational Art Show featuring the artwork of South Side High School students will be on display at the Sandel Center throughout the

month of April. At the reception on Tuesday, April 21 at 11 A.M. students will meet the seniors to discuss their work.

The Sandel Center Open House on Monday, May 1 from 10 A.M. to Noon showcases programs, events and services.

Monte Carlo Night May 9

Tickets are now available for the Sandel Center's annual Monte Carlo night, 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.

The \$50 ticket price includes cocktails, hors-d'oeuvres and complimentary gaming chips. All winnings will be tabulated at the end of the evening with valuable prizes being awarded to the "top-rollers".

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

License Plate Reader Comes Through

The Rockville Centre Police Department's mobile license plate reader recently alerted police to a stolen car and to a vehicle with a suspended registration, leading to two arrests on multiple charges.

The reader can recognize hundreds of plates a minute as a patrol car moves through traffic. The plates are recorded and the information is sent to an onboard computer which matches the plates against a police database that is updated daily.

When the system records a "hit," an alarm sounds in the patrol car



Sgt. Christopher Romance, the head of the RVC Police Department's traffic unit, in a patrol car equipped with the mobile license plate reader.

and the officer is immediately notified of what infractions are involved.

The system was purchased in 2008 through a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services' Operation IMPACT program.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

(Residential Areas Only)

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SECTION



Monday*
Wednesday
Thursday*

Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics
Bulk Items & Recyclable Paper Products
Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics



Tuesday*
Wednesday
Friday*

Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics
Bulk Items & Recyclable Paper Products
Solid Waste & Recyclable Glass, Cans, Plastics

*Enter your street address on the Village website <http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html> to check which is your day to recycle glass, cans, and plastics.

Collections will be made from the curb in front of all houses in accordance with the following regulations:

TIMES and PLACEMENT

Solid waste and bulk items must be placed on the curbstrip (not the roadway) no later than 7:30 A.M. on collection days. Items may be placed on the curbstrip the evening before pick-up. Materials put out late for collection will not be picked up. Empty containers must be removed from the curb area as soon as possible after pick-up and no later than 6 P.M.

CONTAINERS

Solid waste should be placed in metal or plastic containers with handles, non-attached covers, and with no holes or rips; or in sealed black plastic bags; or in sealed moisture-proof paper bags. Filled containers may weigh no more than 50 pounds.

SOLID WASTE

Includes: food waste; soiled or otherwise unrecyclable paper products; waxed cartons and packages, such as those used for beverages and frozen foods; plastic toys, utensils and tableware; discarded clothing.

Does NOT include: leaves (which are collected in special bags in the Fall); broken glass; concrete; construction debris; propane tanks; hazardous materials (paints, solvents, batteries, which may be disposed of through the Town of Hempstead's S.T.O.P. program – call 378-2200).

BULK ITEMS

Call 678-9216 before Noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pick-up of waste items too large for insertion into trash containers: branches and wood debris in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and weighing no more than 50 pounds; furniture; mattresses; rugs; household appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators (with doors off), stoves).

RECYCLABLES – Glass, Cans, Plastics

Glass, metal and plastic containers should be rinsed out and placed in a blue Rockville Centre recycling bin, a designated container with an RVC recycling sticker attached, or in a clear plastic bag. Call 678-9216 for a replacement bin or a recycling sticker.

Includes: all plastic supermarket food containers (catsup, mayonnaise); plastic deli and take-out containers; all plastic beverage containers (water, milk, juice); and plastic containers for detergents and other cleaning products.

Does NOT include: other types of plastic, such as those used in toys, utensils and tableware, which will contaminate the recycling stream and should be discarded as regular trash.

RECYCLABLES – Paper Products

Includes: newspapers; magazines; brochures and catalogs (including glossy catalogs); telephone books; cardboard boxes and cardboard packaging, gift boxes and food packaging (with any waxed or plastic paper inserts removed); photocopy and printer paper and packaging; writing paper, drawing paper, note paper, wrapping paper; junk mail postcards and envelopes (including windowed envelopes); index cards; manila folders, binder dividers; old files and reports; computer printouts; and register tapes. Stapled paper can be recycled; remove all other fasteners. Shredded paper should be placed in paper bags or clear plastic bags.

Magazines, catalogues, telephone books, as well as other paper products listed and collapsed cardboard may be tied into bundles, collected inside cardboard boxes whose flaps can be closed, or put into paper bags or clear plastic bags.

Does NOT include: carbon paper and self-carbonized paper; typewriter ribbons; cellophane, sticky tapes and adhesive labels; rubber bands and metal fasteners and clips; facial tissue and paper towels; food wrappers, foil wrappers, waxed cartons and packages, such as those used for beverages and some frozen foods.

SPECIAL ITEMS

The following items should be separately contained and the containers prominently marked: broken glass, fluorescent bulbs, sharp instruments, discarded medical supplies.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Call the Town of Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program at 378-2200 for monthly drop-off locations for hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products such as paints, solvents, varnish, waste oil, antifreeze, batteries, car tires (off the rim), and photography and pool chemicals.

EXCLUDED ITEMS

Neither Rockville Centre nor the Town of Hempstead will accept contractor or medical waste, ammunition, explosives, propane tanks, broken concrete, or unlabeled materials.

VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE REVISED SANITATION SCHEDULE HOLIDAY WEEKS 2009

POST FOR EASY REFERENCE

- = NORMAL MONDAY AND THURSDAY PICK-UP ROUTE*
- = NORMAL TUESDAY AND FRIDAY PICK-UP ROUTE*
- ✘ = HOLIDAY – NO SANITATION COLLECTION

NOTE: FOR EASY REFERENCE, PLEASE COLOR CODE EITHER SQUARES OR CIRCLES, WHICHEVER REPRESENTS YOUR NORMAL PICK-UP DAYS

*Enter your street address on the Village website <http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html> to check your pick-up days.

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
JANUARY 2009							
M.L. KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY	18	19 ✘	20 ○	21 □	22 ○	23 □	
FEBRUARY 2009							
PRESIDENTS' DAY	15	16 ✘	17 ○	18 □	19 ○	20 □	
MAY 2009							
MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)	24	25 ✘	26 ○	27 □	28 ○	29 □	
JULY 2009							
FOURTH OF JULY	JUNE 28	JUNE 29 ○	JUNE 30 □	JULY 1 ○	JULY 2 □	JULY 3 ✘	JULY 4
SEPTEMBER 2009							
LABOR DAY	6	7 ✘	8 ○	9 □	10 ○	11 □	
OCTOBER 2009							
COLUMBUS DAY (OBSERVED)	11	12 ✘	13 ○	14 □	15 ○	16 □	
NOVEMBER 2009							
VETERANS' DAY	8	9 ○	10 □	11 ✘	12 ○	13 □	
NOVEMBER 2009							
THANKSGIVING	22	23 ○	24 □	25 ○	26 ✘	27 □	
DECEMBER 2009							
CHRISTMAS	20	21 ○	22 □	23 ○	24 □	25 ✘	
JANUARY 2010							
NEW YEAR'S	DECEMBER 27	DECEMBER 28 ○	DECEMBER 29 □	DECEMBER 30 ○	DECEMBER 31 □	JANUARY 1 ✘	

NOTE: DURING HOLIDAY WEEKS, **NO** COLLECTION OF BULK ITEMS OR PAPER PRODUCTS ON WEDNESDAYS

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SANITATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS