



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Summer Playground and Middle School Programs

The Rec Center's 55th Summer Playground Program will be held from July 1 through August 6 from 9 A.M. to Noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Wilson School, and Hewitt School, for children in grades 1 to 6 as of September, 2009. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events all conducted by trained recreation personnel. \$395 per person.

For the 14th summer the Recreation Department will host a middle school program at Wilson School for those in 7th and 8th grades as of September, 2009. Daily activities include athletics, games, and special events. Weekly swimming trips on Mondays and bowling trips on Fridays. \$440 per person.

The programs are open to all Rockville Centre residents and residents of the Rockville Centre School District. Non-residents may register at Wilson or Hewitt.

Fall Nursery School

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



Help the Village and yourself by recycling all your paper products —magazines, catalogs, newspapers, junk mail, cardboard and most product packaging — from the convenience of your curb on Wednesdays.

Recycling can save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, lowering the cost of government and lowering your Village real estate taxes!

Visit the webpage www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html for more information.

school year. Classes begin September 14 and follow the holiday schedule of the public schools.

Five morning and three afternoon classes are offered for children entering kindergarten in September, 2010 and four mornings and two afternoons for those entering kindergarten in September, 2011.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9339.

Summer Pre-School Activities

Registration is underway for pre-school summer programs. Both the parent and child must purchase Rec Center membership cards.

Programs include: Computer Tots, a six-session program in creative arts and crafts, a six-session program in dance, music and art, a parent-toddler workshop in art, music, movement and playtime, introductory gymnastics classes and Happy Piano Jungle Adventure, with stories, games, crafts and rhythm activities.

Youth Summer Programs

Flyers are available and registration is underway for the following programs during the summer 2009: group tennis instruction, mad science, cartooning classes and computer classes. Call (516) 731-3766 for details.



It's time to register for the Recreation Center's summer programs.

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 June 29 through August 14. And new this year, Saturday parties beginning at 10:30 A.M., 12:30, 2:30 or 4:30 P.M.

Detailed flyers are available.

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Dates & Events

Wednesday, May 6, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 18, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, May 19, 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, May 20, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 25
MEMORIAL DAY
Village Offices Closed

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

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Memorial Day May 25



Join your neighbors for the annual Memorial Day Parade down Maple Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road where a service will be conducted at 11 A.M. Contingents representing the Rockville Centre police and fire departments, the schools, service and sports organizations will join the march.

The Changing Face of Aging

Just looking around Rockville Centre you can see that the face of aging has changed. Scores of vital older Americans are holding jobs, volunteering in and about the community and actively engaged at the Sandel Center and in other organizations.

In 2006, the first Baby Boomers turned 60 and as they move through the decades, this generation, that has transformed so many other areas of national life, will also transform old notions of what it means to be an older American.

If you are 50 to 65 right now, you can help the Village plan for this



**Dr. Cyd Charrow, D.S.W.,
Director of Senior Services**

future by completing the questionnaire included in this issue of This Month.

Rockville Centre has always responded to the needs of its older residents with quality services. In today's economic climate, it is imperative that the services provided are the ones you want and need.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the Rockville Centre Community Survey and return it to Mayor Bossart at Village Hall, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre 11571.

With your help, the Village will continue to offer the right senior services, now and into the future.

INSIDE: Take the Rockville Centre Community Survey



What are your ideas?

As you read this, the Village Board has passed the budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2009. We did so while being well aware that many of our friends and neighbors are experiencing difficult times. The process has been the most difficult in the memory of the Village's Comptroller Michael Schussheim, who has seen 22 budget cycles.



By Trustee David A. Krasula

While we implemented many cost-savings measures and we reduced the Village's full-time work force by 10 positions to 169, expenses continue to rise as revenues from all non-property tax related sources have decreased, some rather precipitously. If the nation's economic picture does not improve in short order, we will be faced with further serious questions about how to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in this unique community we call home.

Do we still need two trash collections a week? Can we continue all of the programs and events offered through the Recreation Center? Can we afford to celebrate the Village anniversary with fireworks? And, most important, how can we continue to fund our own police department?

One of the few positives in the upcoming budget is a significantly reduced cost to dispose of the solid waste we generate. For 18 months, Village Engineer Steve Kritsas, Superintendent of Public Works Harry Weed and I joined six neighboring villages in studying how best to proceed following the expiration of our current trash disposal contracts with the Town of Hempstead.

When the contracts were signed 25 years ago, no one envisioned the subsequent changes in the waste and recycling fields. In FY 2008 we paid the Town nearly \$1.6 million to dispose of our "garbage." This does not include the costs to collect and transport it

to the Covanta plant in Westbury, or to dispose of the bulky items collected on Wednesdays and the leaves collected in the fall. The new contract proffered by the Town would only have made matters worse.

Under the contract being finalized with a carting and recycling firm, the Village should save more than \$340,000 in FY 2010, the

budget just passed. These savings will be realized without any changes in service.

However, Village workers will no longer be driving 53-foot-long semi-trailers to Westbury. That work will be done by the contractor to facilities under its control.

There will be greater incentives to increase recycling because the disposal costs of recyclables are far less than the costs of waste removal. In a better economic climate, the Village even stands to realize some income from the recyclables.

One of the reasons I asked the earlier question about the need for two-a-week residential trash collections is the decrease in the tonnage of the garbage we are generating. Between 2006 and 2008 our solid waste has gone from 17,592 to 15,851 tons a year, a 9.9 percent decrease. During the same period, the total tonnage of recyclables has increased markedly, especially after we began curbside collections for plastic, paper and cardboard.

Might it make more sense to have only one collection for trash and recyclables per week?

When I ran for office two years ago, I tried to make it clear that I didn't have all of the answers. But I've always asked questions and tried to learn as much as I can about the issue or problem at hand. I believe most of us are like that.

So I ask again: How can we continue to afford all of the amenities which make Rockville Centre such a special place? Maybe you have other questions, or some answers. I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail me at DKrasula@rvcny.us.



Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1 will be mailed the week of May 25. Taxes may be paid without penalty until 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 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Contact the office by calling 516-678-9242, by faxing 516-678-9306, or by e-mailing to taxoffice@rvcny.us.

'Pooper Scooper'

Dog owners are reminded that they are responsible for immediately cleaning up after their animals and may not allow them to defecate or urinate in any place other than the street between the curblines.

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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.

DA Honors RVC MLK

The Nassau County District Attorney's Office recently honored the Rockville Centre Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center for its participation in a community service program that diverts teenagers from the criminal justice system for non-violent, quality of life offenses.

The Center has provided community service work, mostly cleaning up and painting in and around the community center building, for 22 youthful offenders since last summer.

Building Safety Week May 3 - 9

The Rockville Centre Building Department reminds residents that Building Safety Week is a good time to think about spring cleaning chores: Remove potentially combustible clutter and debris from attics, basements and garages. Check the batteries and the life-span of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Building officials are known in their industry as "first preventers," keeping up with the latest efforts to assure the public safety.

Residents are reminded that permits and inspections are required for all new construction and renovation work, including electrical and plumbing work. Permits are also required for fences, pools and central air conditioning units.

For detailed information, visit the Building Department at 110 Maple Avenue or consult the Village's website www.rvcny.us.



May is Older Americans Month!

The public is invited to the annual Open House showcase of Sandel Center classes, programs and activities on Friday, May 1 from 10 A.M. to Noon. Meet members and staff and learn if membership is right for you.



Walking trips to the Long Beach boardwalk are part of the nationally recognized and award winning Sandel SPA program. Registration begins May 18.

FOSSI Monte Carlo Night May 9



The annual Friends of Senior Services, Inc.'s Casino Night fundraiser for senior services, featuring roulette, poker, and dice, is Saturday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 P.M. The 2009 Monte Carlo honoree is former Mayor Eugene Murray. Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the Sandel Center, South Park and Lincoln avenues or by calling 678-9350.

Two Longtime Employees Retire

The Village said good-bye and thank you to two important managers this spring: Deputy Clerk / Treasurer Carol Kramer, who worked in Village Hall for almost 38 years,



Dep. Clerk/Treasurer Carol Kramer

and Village Engineer and Deputy Village Administrator Steve Kritsas, who worked for the Village for 23 years.

Kramer began as an account clerk in the tax office and worked her way up through utility accounts to become manager of the payroll office in 1990 and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer in 1996.

She was responsible for the Village's payroll and personnel, dealing with Civil Service issues, supervised the cashier's



Village Engineer Steve Kritsas

office and oversaw Village elections, among other duties.

Steve Kritsas, who has an engineering degree from CCNY and is a state-registered professional engineer,

worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and for the City of New York before coming to Rockville Centre in 1986.

He supervised a workforce of 105, oversaw all the Village's construction projects and, as Deputy Village Administrator for Operations, was responsible for the Village's electric and water utilities and for its sanitation and public works departments.