



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Bicycle Safety Week

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department, in cooperation with the RVC P.T.A., will again offer the Cycle With Care program at the five elementary schools during September.

Anyone wishing to register a bicycle must see that it is equipped with strong brakes, a warning device (bell, horn, or whistle), front and rear reflectors at least 3-inches square, reflectors on pedals, and reflective tires or wheels with reflectors on the spokes.

The inspections will take place at Hewitt School on Monday, September 14; at Wilson and Riverside schools on Tuesday, September 15; and at Covert and Watson school on Wednesday, September 16.

Kids Fest September 12

The annual Kids Fest open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 from Noon to 4 P.M. As always, there will be refreshments, give-aways, pony rides and other attractions for Rockville Centre families to enjoy.

Representatives from all the Village's sports organizations will attend, as well as the Rockville Centre Police and Fire departments, the Post Office, the Library, the Guild for the Arts, the Lions Club, and many others.

Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the week of September 20. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2009-2010 Recreation Center membership card.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2010 or 2011.

Classes follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Call Peggy at 678-9338 for registration information.



The Rockville Centre Recreation Department's annual Kids Fest is Saturday, September 12 from Noon to 4 and features pony rides, give-aways, demonstrations and other hands-on exhibits.

Time to Order a Tree

The Rockville Centre Department of Public Works curbside tree planting program has moved to the fall. Residents have until September 30 to order from among the five varieties listed below. Trees are \$200 each. Village contractors will plant a tree for you for \$300, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2009 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: September 30, 2009 • Planting date: Fall, 2009

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: Pin Oak Crimson King Norway Maple

Japanese Lilac Little Leaf Linden Kwanzan Oriental Cherry

_____ Tree only: \$200 _____ Tree and Planting: \$300

Mail to: 2009 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.

Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.

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One College Place, P.O. Box 950
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Dates & Events

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, September 9, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, September 15, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, September 23, 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

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



Former Village Justice Frank Yannelli and Mayor Mary Bossart (right) pose with members of the 2009 Classic Committee and the golf outing hole-in-one prize, a new Infiniti provided by Lexus of Rockville Centre.

Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic Honors Frank Yannelli

The Mayor's annual Golf and Tennis Classic and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, will honor former Village Justice Frank Yannelli on Monday, October 5 at the Seawane Club in Hewlett Harbor.

Tickets and sponsorships for the all-day event, as well as journal ads are still available. The donation for lunch, cocktails and dinner as well as a round of golf is \$350. The donation for tennis, lunch and dinner is \$265. Dinner-only tickets are \$110.

DeVa Gantt, a writer of historical-romance fiction set in the antebellum

South, will sign her books during the tennis luncheon.

To make a reservation or for information about sponsorships, call Mary Rohrs at 516-678-9260. To place a journal ad, call Mary Beth Croutier at 516-606-8193 before September 25.

Each year the Community Fund provides confidential assistance to hundreds of people in emergency need. Unlike other non-profit charities, the Fund is directed exclusively to Rockville Centre residents, who have received more than \$950,000 since the Fund was founded in 1987.



Remember to Recycle!

Put all your paper recyclables: newspapers, magazines, catalogues, cardboard & office waste on the curb every Wednesday.

Lower your taxes & help the environment!



Always Busy at the RVC Rec. Center

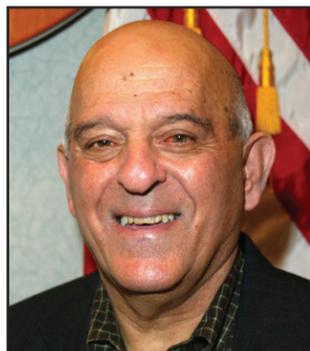
September brings the freshly painted walls and shiny floors that echo the laughter and reflect the smiles of the many residents who enter through the portals of the John A. Anderson Recreation Center! Our newly remodeled 2009-2010 brochure also reflects the hard work and creativity of our dedicated staff.

The Parks and Recreation Department provides services to residents of RVC through its own programming, in addition to activities conducted under the auspices of the RVC School District and the various village sports clubs.

Several times a year, representatives from the school district and from the sports organizations meet with me to mediate facility usage in order to accommodate the increased volume of participants in athletic programs. Even though this increase has placed a tremendous burden on our Parks Department crew, the fields are always prepared and ready for play. Cancellations due to poor field conditions are extremely rare, a credit to the professionalism and dedication of Parks Supervisor Charles Doughty and his assistant Patrick Murphy.

Skelos Park is the home of the South Side varsity and JV boys and girls lacrosse and soccer programs. Spectators at Lister and Tighe fields cheer for the JV and varsity soccer teams. The varsity and middle school baseball squads run the bases at Barasch and Bligh fields. The annual *FunDay Monday* brings an enjoyable day of athletic activities to district 5th graders at Veterans Park behind the Rec. Center.

Soccertots, travel teams and intramural programs get a kick out of the grassy expanses of our superbly maintained soccer and lacrosse fields. Hickey Field and Skelos Park's Bob Klein field are both a homerun for the Little League baseball



By Anthony Brunetta
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and softball programs. During the winter months, girls and boys BBL basketball players can be found running and shooting in the Rec. Center gymnasiums.

Speaking of running, don't forget to lace up your running shoes for the Rec.'s annual 10K, 5K and Family Fun Run in November. This family favorite is one of our most popular special events, in addition to Kids'Fest, the

Ragamuffin Parade, and Breakfast with Santa's Helpers.

You can rent the Rec. Center auditorium for family celebrations, as well as chairs and tables for parties hosted at your own home. The Rec. Center continues to host the most festive birthday parties, with RollAround, Games & Sports, Gymble, Crafts and our newest addition - Mad Science themed parties.

Other new programs on the Fall schedule are *Time 4 Toys*, *Happy Piano*, *Kinder-Crafts*, *Mad Science*, and sports classes such as *Whole Lotta Fun*, *Ice Skating and Dodgeball for Kids*.

The Rec. is also the new home of the former RVC Gymnastics Team, adding a competition team to our renowned recreational gymnastics program.

The resurgence of the Gym & Game Room program on Friday and Saturday evenings gives teens a fun place to meet their friends for a friendly game of hoops, Xbox or Wii. Middle schoolers also enjoy monthly dances held at the Rec.

Don't forget to renew your recreation membership cards and please consult the office staff for any questions or concerns regarding programs, facilities or fields.

We are always open to suggestions for new programs and activities. Browse through your brochure and perhaps try something new or resurrect an old interest.

Our motto is to include, not exclude; to encourage, not discourage; and to pick out, not pick on.



Tax News

Homeowners are reminded that they must 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, to make sure that tax bills are sent to the correct address. After a mortgage is paid off, the homeowner becomes directly responsible for the tax bill.

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.

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 21 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

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New Trash Contract

The Village of Rockville Centre began a new sanitation contract in late August that promises to save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in disposal fees.

The Village's onerous 25-year sanitation contract with the Town of Hempstead expired on August 19 and a new five-year contract with Omni of Babylon began the next day. Under the expiring Town contract, the Village paid a blended rate of \$100 per ton to dispose of its trash; the new fee, including hauling, will be \$74.75 per ton. The Village disposes of more than 15,000 tons of solid waste a year.

Residents and businesses have experienced no changes at the street level where Village crews continue to service all routes as usual under the new contract.

Omni trucks now transport trash to West Babylon for final disposal. Under the old contract, Village drivers and Village vehicles transported trash to the Covanta plant in Old Westbury where they often waited in line for hours.

The Village will continue all its curbside recycling programs, will continue to pick up bulky items on Wednesdays and will also continue its Fall leaf pick-ups. However, because Omni will accept any paper or plastic bags, the Village will no longer need to provide special leaf bags.



Omni Recycling now transports the Village's solid waste.

THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

Fall is a great time to try new activities. Membership at the Sandel Center is available to Rockville Centre residents age 60 and older. The Center is open Monday through Friday. Classes and programs offered there include fitness, (yoga, aerobics, tai chi, line dance, stretch and balance, etc) entertainment, movies, parties, guest speakers, show time performance groups, the arts, games and much more. Lunchtime meals, transportation and social work services are available in addition to a wide array of classes and programs.

For information about how to become a member, please call 678-9350.



John and Claire Kirkwood, members of the Sandel Center's plants and grounds committee, help spruce up the Garden Park for the Fall. (Can you find Claire?)



Rockville Centre line supervisor Jesus DelValle shows the new streetlight "head" with two LED panels that is replacing the old "head" and its high pressure sodium bulb.

Village tests LED street lights

The Rockville Centre Electric Department is conducting a three-month trial of innovative light-emitting diode (LED) street light arrays on Varick Court between Hempstead and Harvard avenues.

The LED lights use about 70 percent less energy and are expected to last five to six times longer than the bulbs currently in use, while producing the same level of illumination.

Residents of Varick Court have received a questionnaire asking for their evaluation of the new technology. "We are testing public acceptance of these new lights which, from an

economic standpoint, seem to be the way to go," Village Engineer Paul Pallas said.

If the trial is successful, a bid would be prepared to supply the entire Village with LED street lighting.

Rockville Centre has about 2,500 street lights. Replacing them all would be a multi-million dollar project taking several years. The project, if approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, would be funded through a small surcharge on electric bills.

The LED arrays for the three-month trial are on loan from Greenhouse Strategies, a Rockville Centre company.