THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

32nd Annual 10K and Family Fun Run

The Annual 10K, 6.2-mile road race and the new 5K, 3.1-mile race both begin Saturday, November 7 at 10 a.m. on Park Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway opposite the Fantasy Theatre. Race day registration is at Village Hall, One College Place and Clinton Avenue and costs \$27 for the 10K and \$19 for the 5K.

The course is flat and fast. The race will be run rain or shine.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 a.m. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The entry fee is \$9. For information, call 678-9339.

Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys or coupons for distribution to the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. before Thanksgiving. Coupons may be mailed or dropped off at the Rec Center.

Nursery School Openings

There are limited openings remaining in the morning pre-kindergarten classes which meet five days a week from 9 to 11:30 a.m., the afternoon pre-kindergarten classes which meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m. and in the pre pre-kindergarten classes which meet Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Call Peggy at 678-9338 for further information.

Become Our Friend!

The Rockville Centre Parks and Recreation Department has joined Facebook. By becoming a friend of the department, you can access up-to-the-minute information on programs and special events and correspond with the staff.

Middle School Dance

The Recreation
Department is
sponsoring a
dance for 7th
and 8th graders
on Friday, November 20 from
7:30 to 10 p.m.

The dance is open to teenagers who live in Rockville Centre or who attend Rockville Centre schools.

Rockville Centre's 32nd Annual 10K race and the new 5K begin on Park Avenue Saturday, November 7 at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

A school ID is required for admission.

Operation Christmas Child

The Recreation Department is collecting school supplies and toiletries for needy children. Donations, which must be in their original packaging, may be made Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Recreation Center. For information, call 678-9339.

Winter Programs

The Recreation Department will start taking reservations for winter programs beginning November 9. Detailed fliers are available at the Rec Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

Birthday Parties and Rentals

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents for pre-school and elementary age children seven days a week. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room. Call 678-9338 or 9339 for available dates and the fee schedule.

Rooms at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center are available for rental to groups and organizations. Equipment rentals are also available. For information and reservations, visit the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.

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Dates & Events

Saturday, November 7, 9 A.M.

FAMILY FUN RUN

Front Street

Saturday, November 7, 10 A.M.

RVC 5K & 10K RACES

North Park Avenue

Wednesday, November 11

VETERANS DAY

Village Offices Closed

Monday, November 16, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, November 18, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Thursday, November 26

THANKSGIVING DAY

Village Offices Closed

Monday, November 30, 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

Meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Planning Boards and the Zoning Board are shown on cable channels. A cablecast schedule and a complete Calender of Events are available on the Village's website

www.rvcny.us



Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11

American Legion Post No. 303 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road on Wednesday, November 11 beginning at 10:30 A.M. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served at American Legion Hall, 197 Maple Avenue.



The Village Board presented Rockville Centre E.O.C. Director **Ernestine Small** with a proclamation celebrating her career at the October 6 trustees meeting: Trustee **David Krasula**, Deputy Mayor **Charles Joyce**, Ms. **Small**, Mayor **Mary W. Bossart**, Trustee **Ed Oppenheimer** and Trustee **Kevin Glynn**.

E.O.C. Director Retires

rnestine Small, a lifelong resident of Rockville Centre, recently retired from the Rockville Centre Economic Opportunity Council which she served in a variety of capacities for more than 40 years, finishing her career there as the organization's executive director.

She guided the Village Head Start program, served on the Rockville Centre Community Development Committee for 29 years and as the elected tenant representative on the Rockville Centre Housing Authority Board for 22 years.

She sits on the boards of the Hofstra University Liberty Partnership, the Rockville Centre Education Foundation and the Frank Robinson Foundation.

She is the president of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the St. Matthew A.M.E. Zion Church where she is a consecrated deaconess.



DPW at Work for You

The Rockville Centre
Department of Public
Works is working hard to
improve its service to the
residents of the Village while
saving money.

Whenever we can, we use in-house resources, both personnel and equipment, to provide services. We recently acquired a "hot box" that we use to make better, more long lasting pothole repairs.

We also acquired a log splitter last year which we

use to turn downed trees and branches from routine pruning into free firewood. This new program reduces the cost of disposing of debris and at the same time provides an extra benefit to residents.

Between now and March 30, as long as supplies last, residents can come to DPW headquarters at 10 Sunrise Highway from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and take 10 pieces of split firewood per week for home use. Just bring some proof of residency.

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Another way we serve residents while saving money is through our paper recycling program.

Rockville Centre has recycled newspaper, glass and cans for decades, but only recently have we added curbside plastic pick-up and our newest service, recycling virtually all clean paper products.

Removing these recyclables from the trash stream saves us literally tons of money a year. Disposing of recyclables is much cheaper than disposing of regular trash and, depending on the market for materials, it can even generate revenue.

If all residents took advantage of the Wednesday curbside recycling program, the volume, weight and cost of trash disposal could be reduced by as much as 20 percent. These savings, which can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, directly reduce Village expenses, which helps to keep your taxes low.



By Harry Weed Department of Public Works

Help us help you by putting your recyclable glass, cans and plastics on the curb in your blue bin on the designated day. On Wednesdays, put out your newspapers, magazines, old telephone books, glossy catalogues, cardboard boxes, cardboard packaging, office waste, old files and folders, and any shredded paper.

If you have any questions about your pick up days or what to recycle and what to

throw out, visit the Village website at www. rvcny.us/recycle.

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The new sanitation contract signed this summer makes it easier for residents to dispose of the leaves that fall on their property. Residents no longer need to use special leaf bags supplied by the Village. Our new contractor will accept leaves in any paper or plastic bags.

The Fall 2009 leaf collections begin on November 2. The 2009 pick-up schedule is printed on page 3.

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A reminder of the pick-up schedule for the November holidays is also printed on page 3.

The annual sanitation schedule for holiday weeks in 2010 will be included in next month's issue of This Month along with the Sanitation Department regulations.

Also coming in the December This Month is the annual Snow Newsletter which reminds residents of how to deal with snowstorms and how to cooperate in cleaning the streets and sidewalks.

Have an enjoyable holiday season.



The "hot box" pothole repair machine.

Community

Tax Office Announcements

Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes are now available and must be filed by December 31. If approved, exemptions take effect June 1, 2010.

Exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years or more of certified service and to veterans based on the date and type of military service. The maximum value of the veterans' exemptions varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat: \$670; combat: \$1,116; up to \$2,232 based on the percent of disability; Cold War: \$149.

Exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2008 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications are available by visiting the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., by calling (516) 678-9242.

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Symphony Concert Nov. 14

The South Shore Symphony will perform in concert on Saturday, November 14 at 8 p.m. at the South Side Middle School, Hillside and North Park avenues.

On the program: Wagner's Overture to *Die Meistersinger*, Strauss's *Four Last Songs*, and Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony*. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students at the door. Call (516) 616-3610 for reservations and additional information.

Transfer Station Closing Nov. 21

Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. is the last day the Village transfer station will be open to receive large items of trash, until April 2010.

Avoid Identity Theft

Security experts advise everyone to shred all junk mail and old papers that contain your birth date, signature, account numbers, passwords, PINs, Social Security numbers or other personal information prior to putting them in the trash.

Other items to shred that may contain information useful to thieves include: credit card receipts (after reviewing your monthly statement), used airline tickets, old medical bills, expired IDs, canceled checks not needed for tax purposes, and pre-approved credit card applications.

The Federal Trade Commission website contains a special section on identity theft, www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft, that provides further information about deterring and detecting identity theft and what to do if you suspect a problem.



THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

Veterans Day Luncheon

The Veterans Day luncheon on Wednesday, November 4 at 12 noon celebrates the many contributions of veterans. All veterans in the community are welcome. Call 678-9350 to reserve a space. \$5 per person.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The annual Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings is Wednesday, November 18. \$5 per person; reservations required. Call 678-9350.

Holiday Crafts Fair

The Senior Center's annual Holiday Crafts Fair fundraiser is Friday,



Barbara Milano, Kathe Hardenburgh, Liz Daguano, Ann Milano, Terry Egan and Lee Naro work on the handmade quilt that will be raffled off at the Holiday Craft Fair on Friday, November 20.

November 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop for handmade scarves, sweaters, afghans, ponchos, baby items, handmade ornaments and seasonal wreaths, home-baked goods, designer jewelry and home décor items.

Returning this year is the Sandel Cookie Walk: Choose a container and fill it with your choice of delicious treats. Refreshments are available for purchase in the café.

Fall Leaf Collections Begin November 2

Rockville Centre's curbside leaf collections will begin Monday, November 2 and end Friday, December 17.

Leaves no longer have to be placed in special leaf bags. They may now be collected into ordinary plastics bags and put at the curb on pick-up days for recycling by the Village's new sanitation contractor, Omni.

Bagged leaves will be collected from the curbstrip on the following schedule:

Mondays – South of Sunrise Highway Tuesdays – North of Sunrise Highway and east of Long Beach Road **Wednesdays** – North of Sunrise Highway, west of Long Beach Road, east of Hempstead Avenue

Thursdays – North of Sunrise Highway and west of Hempstead Avenue

Please note the following holiday exceptions:

Pick-up for Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day, will be rescheduled to Friday November 13.

Pick-up for Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, will be rescheduled to Friday November 27.

November Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day No collection of bulk items, recyclable paper products or leaves.

Normal Monday / Thursday and Tuesday / Friday trash collections.

Leaf collection north of Sunrise Highway, west of Long Beach Road, east of Hempstead Avenue on Friday, November 13. Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on Monday and Wednesday.

Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections on Tuesday and Friday.

No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products on Wednesday, November 25. Leaf collection north of Sunrise, west of Hempstead Avenue on Friday, November 27.