



## THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Kids Fest September 11

The annual Kids Fest open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 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 Village's sports organizations will attend, as well as the RVC Police and Fire departments, the Library, the Guild for the Arts, the Lions Club, and many others.

### 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.

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

### Part-time Jobs Available

Residents who are at least 16 years old may apply to work part-time on weekday and weekend programs, parties and special events. Applications are available at the Rec. Center office.



Firefighters demonstrate emergency extrication techniques used at accident scenes during last year's Kids Fest.

## Order a Curbside 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.

### 2010 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: September 30, 2010 • Planting date: Fall, 2010

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: 2010 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.  
Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



### Don't Throw Money Away! Please Recycle!

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!

For information, visit the webpage [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us).

## THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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## Dates & Events

Monday, September 6  
**LABOR DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 7, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, September 8, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Tuesday, September 21, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, September 22, 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 and Planning Board meetings are shown on cable channels.

A cablecast schedule and a complete Calendar of Events are available on the Village website

[www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

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## Time to Prepare!



In addition to the high winds that could damage property and cause extensive electrical outages, the storm surge from a major hurricane could bring flooding all the way to Rockville Centre.

The Village of Rockville Centre is joining with the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management in urging residents to take seriously the warnings of an active hurricane season this Fall.

The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting between eight and 12 hurricanes that could come up the Atlantic Coast this year, destroying property, causing power outages and forcing evacuations.

Weather prediction is not, of course, an exact science. But Long Island is overdue for at least a Category 1 hurricane; no storm that strong has struck land since Gloria in 1985. In

addition to the 25-year gap, there is the exceptionally warm Summer of 2010 which has increased nearby ocean water temperatures, a key ingredient in sustaining hurricane forces.

In light of these warnings, local governments are urging residents to prepare themselves and their families for the possibility of extended electrical outages and the need for evacuation and sheltering.

Detailed information on preparing a family emergency plan, packing an emergency "go-kit" and the location of emergency shelters and evacuation routes is available on the Village website [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us).



## Golf & Tennis Classic Honors Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz

Rabbi Emeritus Barry Dov Schwartz of Temple B'nai Shalom is the honoree of the 23rd Annual Mayor's Golf & Tennis Classic, the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund. Detailed information on Page 3.

### Inside This Issue

From the RVC Police Department  
**School Traffic Safety brochure**







# Time to Prepare for an Emergency

Building officials are known in our industry as “First Preventers”; we enforce various life safety codes that protect the public by preventing dangerous conditions from occurring. Because of my background in prevention, the Mayor, Board and Village Administrator of Rockville Centre have appointed me the Emergency Management Officer.



By Dan Casella, Superintendent, Building Department

The lessons learned from the March 2010 nor’easter made clear that the public needs to understand the extent and limits of government responsibility in a crisis. Most of all, the public — that’s YOU — needs to appreciate that emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility.

The Village government is preparing for future emergencies by following the doctrine, procedures and models of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) created by the federal government in response to the 9/11 attacks. NIMS is an adaptive system that provides an organizational framework to coordinate the efforts of all jurisdictions and agencies that may become involved in an emergency response.

At the direction of the Mayor, the Board and the Village Administrator, all Village managers and deputies, all members of the Rockville Centre Police Department and all active members of the Rockville Centre Fire Department have completed the NIMS training, which is overseen by the Deputy Emergency Manager Gary Kondor.

The Village has drafted its own Emergency Management Plan to prepare us for widespread power outages lasting five to seven days. We have investigated obtaining a generator that would support the use of the Recreation Center as a shelter during an extended emergency. We are preparing additional mutual aid agreements with surrounding municipalities and we are upgrading our emergency phone lines.

When the next emergency strikes, your Village government will be better prepared than ever to provide a timely, professional and well-coordinated response.

But how about you?

### What Will You Do?

The Village can provide multiple means for collecting and disseminating information during an emergency, but what will you

do with the information?

Village residents must prepare themselves and their families now to meet the conditions that will prevail during a disaster, from whatever source. Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility.

To prepare for an emergency, go to the Village website ([www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)):

- ◆ Click on the “Emergency Preparedness” icon to link with the American Red Cross.
- ◆ Make your own “Evacuation Go-Bag” following the Red Cross instructions.
- ◆ Make your own family emergency response plan following the Red Cross guidelines.
- ◆ Click on the “Swift 911” icon to register your cell phone for emergency notifications.

In an emergency, Village government will coordinate with all the responding agencies; but we will be facilitators of the organized emergency response. We cannot guarantee that you will survive a disaster without hardship or dislocation. You must become a self-reliant partner in any emergency response.

Please take the time now to use the resources that have been provided for you.

*Superintendent Dan Casella is president of the New York State Building Officials Conference and has been a state-certified code enforcement officer for more than 20 years. A third-generation Rockville Centre native, he has been the Building Department superintendent since 2007.*



### Village Wins AAA Gold Award

Rockville Centre was one of 30 communities to receive the AAA New York Gold Award in its annual Community Traffic Safety Awards Program, signifying a superior effort in making the region’s roads safer.

### Ovarian Cancer Awareness

Rockville Centre is participating in the 2010 Turn the Towns Teal campaign to promote awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms during National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Volunteers will be displaying teal ribbons and distributing symptom cards.

### Transfer Station Open

The Village Transfer Station on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through November 20 to receive large items of trash. Proof of residency is required.

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Rabbi Emeritus Barry Dov Schwartz and Mayor Mary Bossart pose with members of the 2010 Classic Committee and the golf outing hole-in-one prize, a new Infiniti provided by Legacy Infiniti of Lynbrook.

## Mayor’s Golf and Tennis Classic September 27

The Mayor’s annual Golf and Tennis Classic and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, will honor Rabbi Emeritus Barry Dov Schwartz on Monday, September 27 at the Hempstead Golf and Country Club.

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 \$225. Dinner-only tickets are \$110.

To make a reservation or for information about sponsorships or journal ads, call Mary Rohrs at 516-678-9260. Journal ads must be placed by September 15.

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



Membership at the Sandel Center is available to Rockville Centre residents age 60 and older. The Center is open Monday through Friday offering classes and programs in fitness and the arts as well as a variety of guest speakers, performance groups, games and much more. Lunchtime meals, transportation and social work services are also available. For information, call 678-9350.

### Special Events

A reception for September’s guest artist Pamela Smith is Tuesday, September 21 at 11 a.m.

### Senior People in Action

The Sandel Center’s award winning SPA program continues with a variety of classes, programs and special events designed to increase fitness, well being and good health. SPA programs include beach walks, aerobics, range of motion, mind aerobics, yoga, pilates, stretch and balance, core workout, tai chi, line dance and more. For information about how to join SPA, call 678-9245.

### Evening Programs

The Sandel Center is now open on Thursday evenings for classes and a light bite: tai-chi is at 4:15 and yoga at 5:30. A series of six mah jongg classes from 6 to 7:30 begins September 16. Class is limited to 10 people.



Mah jongg on Thursday evenings at the Sandel Center.

## 2010 Tree Planting

The Village’s annual tree planting took place at the corner of Park Avenue and River Road by Ketler Field this year. Michael Shenker, president of the new RVC Conservancy, was joined by Deputy Mayor Chuck Joyce, Mayor Mary Bossart, Trustees Edward Oppenheimer and David Krasula, and Harry Weed of the Department of Public Works. The Village’s vigorous tree planting program for both public and private spaces has helped it to earn Tree City awards from the National Arbor Day Foundation for 22 consecutive years.