



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

33rd 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 13 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 \$28 for the 10K and \$22 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.

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 8. Detailed fliers are available at the Rec Center, 111 North Oceanside Road.

Nursery School Openings

There are limited openings remaining in the morning pre-pre-kindergarten classes which meet four days a week from 9 to 11:30 a.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.

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



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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.

Upcoming events

The Recreation Department's **Annual Holiday Crafts Fair and Flea Market** is Sunday, December 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 678-9339 for information.



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/recycle/recycle.html.

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Dates & Events

Thursday, November 11
VETERANS DAY
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 16, 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, November 17, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, November 22, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, November 25
THANKSGIVING DAY
Village Offices Closed

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

November Holidays Sanitation Schedule

- ◆ Thursday, November 11, Veterans' Day: No trash collection.
- ◆ Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on Monday and Wednesday.
- ◆ Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections unchanged.
- ◆ No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products on Wednesday, November 10.
- ◆ Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day: No trash collection.
- ◆ Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on Monday and Wednesday.
- ◆ Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections unchanged.
- ◆ No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products on Wednesday, November 24.

Emergency Numbers
Fire, Police, Ambulance 911
Electric 766-5800
Water 678-9252



The Village Board honored lifeguard and Village resident Kristen Caulfield at the October 5 trustees meeting: Trustee David Krasula, Deputy Mayor Charles Joyce, Mayor Mary W. Bossart, Ms. Caulfield, Trustee Kevin Glynn and Trustee Ed Oppenheimer.

Board Honors Hero Lifeguard

It was about 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, long after her shift as a lifeguard at Atlantic Beach had ended, when Kristen Caulfield of Rockville Centre spotted a swimmer caught in the rip currents from heavy surf caused by Hurricane Earl advancing up the coast.

Caulfield plunged into the water carrying a harness attached to a 600-foot tow rope, swam to the 58-year-old man —also a Rockville Centre resident

— and managed to attach the rescue harness. Both were then pulled to shore by 15 people, saving them from the treacherous waters.

Caulfield, 18, was praised for her bravery and heroism at the October 5 Village Board meeting by the Mayor, the Trustees and Anthony Brunetta, the superintendent of Parks and Recreation where Caulfield also works as a part-time tennis and swimming instructor.



Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11

Inclement weather moved last year's Veterans Day ceremonies indoors, but American Legion Post No. 303 is scheduled to hold the 2010 ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road on Thursday, November 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served at American Legion Hall, 197 Maple Avenue.



Advice From Your Police Department

The Police Department has been undergoing a restructuring the last 10 months in an effort to meet the challenges of the Village in the new decade. Rockville Centre is changing and the challenges we face today are different from what we faced in the last two decades.

Our first responsibility is responding to emergencies. Please keep this in mind if you call us and there is a slight delay. We take great pride in our response time, but some calls have priority. It is possible that an officer dispatched to a routine call has been diverted to an emergency.

Residents must team up with the Police Department to make us the most effective we can be. Vigilance is crucial. The police know the neighborhoods better than anyone, except maybe the residents. If you see something that does not belong, let us know. Recently a resident called about a suspicious automobile that led to a substantial narcotics arrest.

Locks, alarms and lights really help. Although our crime rate is lower than in surrounding communities, we are a target of opportunity to many criminals. The police cannot be everywhere, so we need your help. Lock your homes, light up the inside and outside as best you can and activate your alarms. These are the best deterrents to criminal behavior.

Parents, look after your children. They are facing challenges that are new to the community. Substance abuse among our children is growing and marijuana use supports one of the most violent gangs in our nation, MS-13, some of whose members live in our midst.

Children also need supervision on the internet. Young people do not always use good judgment and are often unconcerned with the consequences of their actions. Our generation did not



By Police Commissioner Charles A. Gennario

know the term "sexting" and we never had to deal with postings to social networking sites that may jeopardize a future school or job application.

As we enter the holiday season. Be extra mindful of your surroundings. When shopping, be extra vigilant. Park in well-lit spaces and shop with a friend; there is safety in numbers. Keep your purchases out of sight: use your trunk when traveling and at home, do not leave them visible from the outside.

The last item of cooperation is critical: If there happens to be a helicopter over the Village or police activity in your neighborhood, please do not call the Police Department.

Answering the phone for informational purposes is the last thing a dispatcher needs to do under these circumstances. The dispatcher is likely fielding requests for resources and making duty officer notifications; the last thing we need is multiple phone calls looking for information.

If there is a need, you will be notified by the police in the street through their P.A. systems.

Please have a safe and healthy holiday season and remember your Police Department is there for you.

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Community Notes

Tax Office Announcements

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. Based on the current equalization rate, the maximum value of the veterans' exemption varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat and Cold War \$670; combat \$1,116; and disabled \$2,232 as determined by the percentage of disability.

Exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2009 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications are available by visiting the Tax Office on the second floor of Village Hall at One College Place weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by calling 516-678-9242.

New property owners and those who have mortgages that have been satisfied, refinanced or sold to another lending institution are reminded to notify the Tax Office as soon as possible.

Symphony Concert Nov. 20

The South Shore Symphony will perform in concert on Saturday, November 20 at 8 p.m. at the South Side Middle School, Hillside and North Park avenues.

The program includes Mozart's Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*; *Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet* with

principal trumpeter Walter Fremer; and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony #5*; all under the baton of guest conductor Miriam Burns, music director of the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra in Wisconsin and the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra in Florida.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and students; children under 18 free. Call 616-3610 for reservations and additional information.

Transfer Station Closing Nov. 20

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 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

Saturday, November 20 is the last day the station will be open until April 2, 2011.

Check CO and Smoke Detectors

The Rockville Centre Fire Department reminds residents that the end of Daylight Savings Time, which this year falls on Sunday, November 7, is a good time to check the condition of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Change the batteries in these devices and check the owner's manual of CO detectors to see if there is an expiration date and for information on other routine testing.

Call the RVC Fire Department at 766-0400 if your CO detector goes off. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas whose ill effects can go unnoticed until it is too late.



Veterans Day Luncheon

The Veterans Day luncheon on Wednesday, November 10 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.

Holiday Crafts Fair

The Senior Center's annual Holiday Crafts Fair fundraiser is Friday, November 19 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.



Sandel members are busy making items for the Holiday Craft fair on November 19.

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

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The annual Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings is Monday, November 22 at 12 noon. \$5 per person; reservations required. Call 678-9350.

For information about membership at the Sandel Center or for information about any programs or activities, please contact the Senior Center at 678-9245.

Leaf Collections Begin Nov. 1

Rockville Centre's curbside leaf collections will begin Monday, November 1 and end Friday, December 16.

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 Thursday, November 11, Veterans Day, will be rescheduled to Friday November 12.

Pick-up for Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day, will be rescheduled to Friday November 26.

Free Firewood at RVC DPW

The Rockville Centre Department of Public Works is making available a limited supply of free firewood.

Residents must supply proof of residency and then they will be able to take 10 pieces of split firewood per week from DPW headquarters at

10 Sunrise Highway.

The program will run through March 30, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays as long as supplies last.

The wood comes from downed trees cleared by DPW from Village streets.