



## THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Nursery School Openings

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2011-2012 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2012 are offered five days a week from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2013 are offered four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

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

### Spring Programs Begin

The Rockville Centre Recreation Department Spring program schedule begins the week of April 3. Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center for all activities or call 678-9339.

### Summer Playground and Rec Programs

Detailed flyers are available describing the Rec Center's summer playground program, summer recreation programs, and summer nursery school.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. on the soccer field behind the Rec Center. Special prize eggs! No fee, no registration.

Visit the Center, call 678-9339 or visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us) and click on Department of Parks and Recreation.

### New 'Zumba' Classes

Zumba fitness classes will meet at the Rec Center Thursdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. \$5 per session, pay as you go.

### Tennis Courts Opening

The Har-Tru courts adjacent to the Rec Center are scheduled to open in late April from 8 a.m. until dark. All players must register and pay a fee.

### Spring Recess Trips & Special Events, April 18 - 21 & 25

All participants must be registered members of the Recreation Department for the 2010-2011 year. A parental permission slip and appropriate fee for each event must be submitted to the recreation office prior to the day of the trip or activity.

For a complete listing of events and activities, visit the Center, call 678-9339 or visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us).

### Roll Around Play Days

Roll Around gymnastics will be available to parents and children ages 1 to 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday, April 18 to 23 and Monday,



Happy Piano is among the new programs being offered this spring at the Rec Center.

April 25. Fee is \$8 per family per session. Adults must wear sneakers.

### Recess Gym and Gameroom Schedule

The open gym and game activities include basketball, Xbox, and ping pong under the supervision of the recreation staff. All participants must have a valid rec card and wear sneakers.

The program runs Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23 and Monday, April 25, 12:45 to 4:30 p.m. for grades 4 to 12 and 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. for grades 6 to 12.

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## Dates & Events

Monday, April 11, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, April 12, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, April 13, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Tuesday, April 26, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, April 27, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.



To add your cell, work, unlisted phone number or email to the Village's automatic emergency notification system visit the Village website [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

Board agendas, pending legislation, a cablecast schedule of board meetings and a complete calendar of events are available on the Village website.

Emergency Numbers  
Fire 911  
Police 911  
Ambulance 911  
Electric 766-5800  
Water 678-9252  
Nights & Weekends  
766-5800

# THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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## FOSSI Monte Carlo Night April 30

Tickets are now available for the Sandel Senior Center's annual Monte Carlo Night, the major fundraising event of the year, sponsored by FOSSI, the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., a not-for-profit community group that raises funds to support the RVC Department of Senior Services.

The annual event transforms the Sandel Center into a glittering casino, complete with professional dealers, wheel spinners and croupiers, a variety of exciting games, lots of "betting" action, big prizes, a dinner buffet provided by Maple Pointe Assisted Living and an open bar.

The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the 2003 price of \$50 per person.

The 2011 Monte Carlo Night guest of honor is Pat Huber, founder, president and CEO of Better Home Health Care, who has been an effective and active advocate for senior citizens.

Funds raised at past Monte Carlo

Nights have made possible the construction of new bathroom facilities, a handicap-accessible bus, interior safety upgrades to the Senior Center and the Center's garden park.

Sponsors for 2011 include many local businesses, professionals and community organizations who underwrite food, cocktails and prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and gift donations are most welcome.

For information about sponsorships or to purchase event tickets, please call the Sandel Center at 678-9245.

Please join us for  
**Monte Carlo Casino Night**

Honoree Patricia Huber

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
Cocktails 7:30 p.m. - Buffet 8:30 p.m.

The evening includes:  
Complimentary Gaming Chips,  
Open Bar, Buffet Dinner, Dessert  
Entertainment & Prizes

Sandel Senior Center  
50 South Park Ave., Rockville Centre  
(516) 678-9350

Tickets \$50.00pp  
Sponsored by (FOSSI)  
(Friends of Senior Services Inc.)



### INSIDE

From the Rockville Centre Fire Department  
Volunteer NY Open House April 9



# A Tentative Budget and Future Recovery

With large deficits looming over numerous government entities throughout our nation, the usually dry and seemingly arcane topic of municipal budgeting has recently generated increased public interest. Expenditures of all types and sizes are under greater public scrutiny with certain individuals boldly posing the agonizing question of whether local government as presently structured is truly sustainable.



By Village Comptroller Michael Schusheim

Taxes of any type – income-related, sales-generated or property-based – are all roundly abhorred and are increasingly cited as a primary factor in limiting the pace of recent economic recovery. Given the current public sentiment, a variety of municipal colleagues have inquired as to whether I believe it is even possible to prepare a fair and financially sound tentative budget for fiscal year 2012.

I have responded unequivocally that despite the difficult economic circumstances and many formidable obstacles placed in our path, the Village of Rockville Centre will construct an FY2012 Tentative Budget that maintains our desire to continue providing excellent municipal services while enhancing our very healthy financial condition.

I'm pleased to inform everyone that the FY2012 Tentative Budget accomplishes each of these goals. Critical Village services such as police and fire protection, sanitation collection and street maintenance are all well-funded. The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to provide a wide array of programs benefiting every segment of the community. Administrative functions throughout Village government will be adequately staffed in order to ensure that all mandates are met. The information technology department will continue to upgrade various Village computer systems and communications equipment enabling enhanced and increasingly efficient service.

Aggregate Village real estate tax revenue growth is limited to 3.14 percent while the outstanding real estate tax collection rate of nearly 100 percent is anticipated to continue. A variety of

miscellaneous revenue sources ranging from mortgage taxes to parks and recreation fees will help maintain the Village's relatively modest average residential real estate bill. At an average of \$3,063, annual residential real estate tax payments will continue to be lower – in certain instances significantly lower – than the average residential real estate taxes paid in nearly every surrounding village community.

During my nearly 24 years with the Village, there have been three different periods of national economic downturn, though the current one has been particularly severe. During each one, some cast doubt on whether future economic recovery was ever possible.

In particular, I recall during the early 1990s a local automobile dealer stood up at a Board of Trustees meeting and declared that he hadn't sold a vehicle in over a month and that the national economy was in the midst of depression rather than a recession. He questioned whether there was any legitimate prospect for economic recovery.

His remarks were greeted with nods and applause from many of those assembled in the audience that evening. But the national economy did experience complete recovery, as it had before. Likewise, I'm very optimistic that the national economy will experience a complete recovery after this exceedingly painful period.

Let's try to keep the positive aftermath of recent national economic travails in mind as we continue to discuss the Village's FY2012 Tentative Budget.

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## Community Notes

### Transfer Station Reopening

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public the first and third Saturdays of the month until November to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

### Spring Hydrant Flushing

The Rockville Centre Water Department has scheduled the spring hydrant flushings for Wednesday, April 6 through Tuesday, April 12. The flushing of hydrants may cause some fluctuation in water pressure and may cause discolored water to flow into homes and businesses.

Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, the discoloration could stain laundry. Consumers are advised not to schedule projects which require clear water during the entire flushing period.

**Wednesday, April 6** (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): The entire area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue from North Village Avenue to the eastern border.

**Thursday, April 7** (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Long Beach Road.

**Friday, April 8** (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): The entire area of the Village between Sunrise Highway and DeMott Avenue and east of Long Beach Road.

**Monday, April 11** (Midnight to 8 a.m.): The entire area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

**Tuesday, April 12** (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

All questions regarding the flushing may be directed to the RVC Water Department at 678-9301.

### Check Your House Numbers!

How easily and quickly could your house be found in an emergency?

If you want the Fire Department, the Police Department, or an ambulance crew to be able to find you as quickly as possible, help them by taking the time to check your house numbers.

Make sure your numbers are prominently displayed. Make sure the numbers are easy to see from the street, both during the day and at night. Consider reflective material for the numerals.

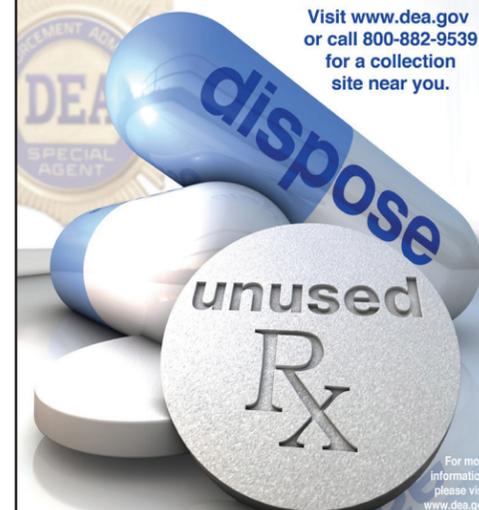
In case of an emergency, make sure your porch light is on if it's night time or mark your house with a bright cloth. If you have called for ambulance or rescue assistance, have someone outside your home to direct emergency personnel whenever possible.

If you have an automatic fire detection and alarm system, consider installing an outside indicator to assist the department in locating your residence.

## Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, April 30th

Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)  
or call 800-882-9539  
for a collection site near you.



For more information, please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)

## Village Crews Battle Potholes

Since mid-February and through the end of March, Village crews were out daily (weather permitting) filling in the potholes left after a particularly snowy winter season. But, believe it or not, the highway department reports that this year has been a normal one for the number of potholes.

This time of year, the highway department superintendent drives around the Village a few hours each day looking at road conditions and putting various locations on a list for pothole repairs. The list also comes from reports phoned in to Village Hall and to the Department of Public Works.

Once a crew visits a street, they look over the whole block and fill in everything they find. Large, deep holes are targeted when they're seen or reported, but the crews look for and fill the small ones, too, before they grow into large ones.

Residents wanting to report potholes are encouraged to call the Department of Public Works at 678-9288.



Since mid-February, DPW crews have been filling in potholes using the Village's "hot box" apparatus which carries four tons of asphalt, enough for a day's work. Residents wanting to report potholes should call 678-9288.

## DEA Drug Take-Back Day April 30

The Rockville Centre Police Department, in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will participate in a nationwide drug take-back day on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rockville Centre Police Headquarters, 34 Maple Avenue.

The event provides members of the community with an environmentally safe way to dispose of expired and/or unused prescription drugs. Old drugs present both a household hazard and a hazard to the environment; they should not be kept where they might be abused, nor should they be thrown in the trash or flushed down the toilet.

This safe disposal program is free and those participating in the event will remain anonymous.

All medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) will be accepted.