



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Summer Playground and Middle School Programs

The Rec Center's 57th Summer Playground Program will be held from June 29 through August 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at three sites: The Rec Center, Wilson School, and Hewitt School, for children in grades 1 to 6 as of September, 2011. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, recreational games and special events all conducted by trained recreation personnel. \$467 per person.

For the 16th summer the Recreation Department will host a middle school program at Wilson School for those in 7th and 8th grades as of September, 2011. Daily activities include athletics and games; weekly swimming and bowling trips. \$533 per person.

The programs are open to all Rockville Centre residents and those who attend Rockville Centre schools. Non-residents may register at Wilson or Hewitt sites only.

Summer Nursery School

Summer classes begin Monday, June 27 and run through August 12. This program is for children entering kindergarten in September 2011 and 2012.

Call the Rec Center office at 678-9339 to make an appointment to visit.

Summer Program Registration

Registration is underway for a variety of summer programs for young children, school aged youth and adults.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.

Flyers are also available for summer instructional sports schools in boys baseball, girls basketball, girls and boys lacrosse, and gymnastics.

Summer Birthday Parties

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents from ages 2 to 12. Parties are offered Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. or 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday parties beginning at 10 a.m. or 12, 2 or 4 p.m.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center office or call 678-9338 or 9339.

Zumba Classes

The Zumba fitness program with Ruth Karhu is offered Thursdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. with babysitting available for a fee and Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Pay as you go.

Annual Food Drive

The Recreation Dept. and the RVC Post Office will hold their annual Food Drive on May 14. Please leave non-perishable food by your mail box on May 14 or drop off items at the Recre-



The annual gymnastics shows will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 26 at 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available beginning May 23.

ation Center any time. For information, call the Rec at 678-9238 or the Post Office 766-5749.

Gymnastics Teams

Championships for the Ultimate and United gymnastics teams are May 22 and June 12. An informational meeting for those interested in trying out for the 2011-2012 teams will be held on May 18 at 6:15 p.m. at the Rec.



Dates & Events

Monday, May 9, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 11, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, May 17, 7 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, May 24, 8:15 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 25, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 30

MEMORIAL DAY

Village Offices Closed

Holiday Sanitation

◆ **Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day**

No trash collection.

Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on Tuesday and Thursday.

Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections on Wednesday and Friday.

No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products on Wednesday, June 1.



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

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

THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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Breakdown of the Average* Rockville Centre Residential Tax Bill



*Average residential property valued at \$601,628
Figures for tax dollars and percentages project an increase of 2% for School, Library, County, and Town taxes for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Board Passes \$38.9 Million Budget

The Village Board of Trustees recently approved a \$38.9 million budget for the 2012 fiscal year which runs from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.

The annual budget cycle includes close scrutiny of departmental requests by both the Village Comptroller and the Board members, as well as review by finance professionals on the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

The 2012 budget had to cope with extraordinary financial pressures, including:

- ◆ nearly a half million dollar increase in retirement system payments, up more than 20 percent in one year;
- ◆ nearly another half million dollars added to health insurance premiums, a 12 percent increase over last year;
- ◆ almost all expenses rising and revenues not keeping pace; and
- ◆ a decline in the tax base (the net assessed valuation of property) — which has been dropping by more than a million dollars a year — forcing tax increases just to replace the value lost to reassessments.

The new budget includes a 4.89 percent increase in the tax bill.

In order to keep the tax increase that small, the Board increased certain fees and reduced some expenditures:

- ◆ parking permit fees will increase by 15 percent;
- ◆ certain commercial and construction licensing and permit fees will increase;
- ◆ the cost of Senior Center memberships will increase;
- ◆ part-time employee funding and outside service contracts at the Senior Center will be reduced;
- ◆ the Village will cease funding life insurance policies for all managers and active and retired elected officials;
- ◆ it will require active elected officials to begin funding 20 percent of their health insurance premiums and newly-retired officials to contribute as well; and
- ◆ the Village will require managers to pay 10 percent of their health insurance premiums and will double the time it takes for them to be eligible for retiree health insurance.



Village Elections at Rec June 21

All voting in the June 21, 2011 Village elections will be conducted at the Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road.

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Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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Support the Rockville Centre Fireworks Celebration!



Lend a Helping Hand: Consider Volunteering

There is currently a statewide drive to interest residents in joining their community's local volunteer fire department. I can tell you from over 30 years' personal experience that it is a very rewarding endeavor. There are few things better than being able to help a neighbor..

The Rockville Centre Fire Department will give you all the equipment and training you need to do the work. The work is not hard, but it is challenging. You will also learn a lot about yourself in the process. Visit any firehouse in town and talk to the other volunteers and find out what they do.

In this village there are many organizations that welcome volunteers. Just a few that come to mind include the Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and youth athletic programs. Additionally, there are also many opportunities with the local houses of worship. Great service organizations such as the Lions Club are also active in the Village.

There are opportunities for both adults and teens to volunteer at the Recreation Center. Summer playground for children, as well as adult program volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. Feel free to call Mr. Brunetta at the Rec Center at 678-9238 for more information.

In Rockville Centre there are people of all ages that have special skills, education and or experiences that if shared with others could be both enriching to the volunteer and the people who attend the program.

For example: there are many opportunities at the Senior Center for both younger and older volunteers. Current programs include teaching computer skills to the seniors as well as members of the Senior Center tutoring students in conjunction with a program at the Library.

Maybe you have culinary skills that can be taught to the seniors, or you would like to help seniors shop for groceries. The only thing that is necessary is a willingness to spend time and share yourself with a wonderful group of people. Call Dr. Cyd Charrow at 678-9350 at Senior Services. She will be happy to help you get started.



By Village Trustee
Edward J. Oppenheimer

If you are so inclined you may also want to get involved with fund-raising organizations such as the Rockville Centre Community Fund, the Rockville Centre Education Foundation or the Friends of Senior Services, Inc. (FOSSI). All three charities raise funds that are used to help fund programs and services that directly support the residents of Rockville Centre.

If you have a little or a lot of time, please consider

lending a helping hand to your neighbors. The rewards include meeting new people, and the immense satisfaction that your small effort helped a neighbor.

RVCPD Starts Explorer Post

The Police Department is starting an Explorer Post to acquaint young people with the nature and complexity of police service and to encourage careers in law enforcement.

The program is open to males and females between 14 and 21 who have completed the eighth grade and have no serious police involvements. Applicants must be Nassau County residents, pass a criminal background check, express an interest in law enforcement and have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Interested teens and their parents should attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the second floor courtroom of Village Hall or contact Det. Michael Norwood at 516-766-1577 for further information.

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Community Notes

Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1 will be mailed the week of May 23. Taxes may be paid without penalty until July 1 at the cashier's office on the first floor of Village Hall.

Homeowners are reminded to 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.

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. Contact the office by calling 516-678-9242, by faxing 516-678-9306, or by e-mailing to taxoffice@rvcny.us.

E-cycling Collection Day

The Town of Hempstead's next e-cycling collection day is Sunday, May 15 at the transfer station at 3737 Long Beach Road in Oceanside from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The program accepts old computers, computer components, televisions, DVD players, cell phones and other outdated electronic equipment in order to remove toxic materials, such as lead, mercury and arsenic, from the waste stream.

The program also accepts outdated pharmaceuticals and will shred old documents while you watch.

The program does not accept drop-offs from businesses or commercial vehicles.

For information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200.

May is Building Safety Month

The Rockville Centre Building Department reminds residents that Building Safety Month is a good time to think about spring cleaning chores: Remove potentially combustible clutter and debris from attics, basements and garages. Check the batteries and the life-span of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Permits and inspections are required for all new construction and renovations, including electrical and plumbing work. They are also required for fences, pools and central air conditioning units.

For detailed information, visit the Building Department at 110 Maple Avenue or consult the Village's website www.rvcny.us.

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 easy to see from the street, both during the day and at night. Consider reflective material for the numerals.

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

Memorial Day Observances May 30



Join your neighbors for the annual Memorial Day Parade down Maple Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road where a service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Contingents representing the Rockville Centre police and fire departments, the schools, service and sports organizations will join the march and ceremony.

Single Polling Place for 2011 Village Elections



All voting in the June 21, 2011 Village elections will be conducted at the Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Election Day, residents will vote for mayor, a Village justice and two trustees. For the first time, all voting will be conducted at the Rec Center. The Board of Trustees voted in January to consolidate the Village's 10 polling places into one, saving money on voting machine rentals and election inspectors.

The change affects only the odd-year Village elections, not the even-year general elections for county, state and federal offices.

'Tree City' for 23 Years

Rockville Centre has been named a 2010 Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the 23rd consecutive year it has earned the honor. The award recognizes the Village's ongoing commitment to improving and renewing its stock of trees.

Each year, the Village plants more than 100 new trees, most as part of its residential tree-planting program.

Since 1986, more than 3,800 trees have been planted as part of the program, in addition to the many trees planted on Village property and in commercial areas by the Village. To become a Tree City, a community must have a department that attends to trees, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.



Michael Shenker, president of the new RVC Conservancy, Deputy Mayor Chuck Joyce, Mayor Mary Bossart, Trustees Edward Oppenheimer and David Krasula, and Harry Weed of the Department of Public Works take part in the 2010 tree planting on Ketler Field, where several mature trees were uprooted in the March 2010 nor'easter.