### Please Help with Summer Police Challenges

Your Police Department has had a very successful year. There were many good, quality arrests that eliminated predators from our streets, including three major burglary arrests.

It is comforting to know that we are going into the summer season, usually a high time for burglaries because of vacations and breaks from normal routines, with these subjects behind bars. For tips on burglar proofing your homes visit the Police Department's Facebook page. Our website is currently under construction but will be online soon.

Besides burglaries, summer brings us the challenge of our youths and substance abuse. I am asking parents to be extra vigilant and attentive to the activities of our young people. There has been a systemic increase in substance abuse among our community as there has been throughout the country.

Our kids use an inordinate amount of alcohol and marijuana as anyone can attest from the early Saturday and Sunday morning clean-ups many residents must endure. Some of the areas frequented by our kids are the walk bridges into Hempstead Lake State Park and areas near those bridges, Nottingham Road and Virginia Avenue, school grounds and many



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.



RVC Police Commissioner Chuck Gennario

other places.

Please cooperate with the Police Department, the South Side Drug and Alcohol Task Force and the Rockville Centre Youth Council and participate in a program developed by us called In Plain Sight.

Please take a look at what your children do on a Friday or Saturday night. Know where they are and who they are with and what they are doing. When your child leaves home, why are they carrying a backpack? They are not taking school books with them; they are bringing them so they can obtain alcohol (or worse) and walk with it down the street and conceal it from the police.

Would it be wrong for you to call your child a couple of times this summer, ask where they are and actually take a ride to see if they are being truthful? Not only would it not be wrong, it is your obligation; it is called supervision.

Alcohol and marijuana, besides being illegal, are gateways to prescription drug and narcotic use. We all have an obligation to make sure our kids do not slip into this chasm.

Remember, it happens by accident. No one ever says "I want to be addicted." Kids are curious and there are people out there that benefit from the addiction of others; they are called drug dealers and they come in all shapes, sizes and colors. It starts out innocently and ends up devastating lives and families.

My officers will be out in full force this summer, but the truth is we have a busy community for the number of officers we have to police it. Having interested residents who care is a force multiplier and parents that care and are informed will help us win.

Many of your kids claim "there is nothing for us to do." The Youth Council has many things for them to do and I applaud their efforts. The Drug and Alcohol Task Force does great work but both those organizations, along with the police, need your help.

The life you protect may be your child's or the family you save may be your own. Your Police Department is here to help and protect you. If you see something, say something.

Have a happy and safe summer.

## THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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### **Dates & Events**

Tuesday, June 7, 8:15 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, June 15, 8 P.M. **BOARD OF APPEALS** 

Tuesday, June 21, 7 A.M. - 9 P.M.

#### **VILLAGE ELECTIONS**

Recreation Center

Wednesday, June 29, 8 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Tuesday, June 28, 7 P.M.

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Tuesday, June 28, 8:15 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Monday, July 4

#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 12, 8:15 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 8 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Wednesday, July 27, 8 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Wednesday, August 10, 8 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Wednesday, August 24, 8 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

#### **Holiday Sanitation**

Monday, July 4 –
 Independence Day
 No trash collection.

 Normal Monday / Thursday

Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on <u>Tuesday</u> and Thursday.

Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections on <u>Wednesday</u> and Friday.

No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products on Wednesday, July 6.

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# THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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## Reidy Named 'Cop of the Year'

Police Officer Stephen
Reidy has been selected
as the Rockville Centre
Police Department's 2010
Cop of the Year for his many
contributions to the safety
of the Village, including two
outstanding arrests.

On August 20, Officer Reidy pursued a speeding vehicle that struck a mailbox and a street sign at Milburn

Street before coming to rest on the front lawn of a residence on Muirfield Road.

The car had been stolen moments before in Rockville Centre and Officer Reidy was able to arrest the passenger and later assisted in arresting the driver who was located by the Nassau County Police Canine Unit in a nearby yard. The two men were charged with multiple felonies.

Then on November 22, Officer Reidy, responding to a burglar alarm at a



Rockville Centre Police Officer Stephen Reidy

career criminal who had attacked him and a fellow officer after he was seen leaving from the rear of the house.

Police Commissioner

residence on Allen Road,

subdued and arrested a

Chuck Gennario commended
Officer Reidy as a
"knowledgeable, skilled and
valued member of the police

force" in naming him Cop of the Year and thanked him at a recent Village Board of Trustees meeting.

Officer Reidy also received a Town of Hempstead Police Service Award last year in recognition of outstanding police work in May 2009 that led to the arrest of two Rockville Centre men for 1st degree armed robbery.

In 2010, Officer Reidy led the patrol force with 20 arrests during the 12-month period.

## Village Elections at Rec Center on June 21

For the first time, Village residents will use just one polling place, the Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road, for the Village elections on Tuesday, June 21.

On Election Day, residents may vote from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for mayor, a Village justice and two trustees. All terms are for four years.

Also on the ballot is a resolution authorizing a \$21.1 million bond issue for construction and renovation of fire house facilities. For information, see the Village website.

Any Village resident who is registered to vote in Nassau County may vote in the Village election.
Unregistered newcomers, those who have changed addresses since last

November, and new voters must register with the County Board of Elections by June 11 in order to be eligible to vote in this election.



Any registered voter who will be away from Rockville Centre at the time of the election or who is unable to leave home because of illness is eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

Residents planning to vote by absentee ballot must file an application at Village Hall no later than Tuesday, June 14. Absentee ballots must be received no later than June 21 at 5 p.m.

See Candidate Biographies on Pages 4 and 5

#### **VILLAGE HALL COMMENTS**

## Recreational Bargains at the Rec

We are all aware of the incredible strain our wallets are going through these days, trying to stretch the dollar further than ever before. At the Recreation Center, we have been very pleased to see that residents have been determined to keep up their leisure activities, with our class offerings seeing an unprecedented growth and expansion.

The 2010-2011 fiscal year saw a tremendous increase in registration for

all-time favorite activity classes, including RollAround, Tumbles, Tae Kwon Do, aerobics and gymnastics. Our competitive gymnastics program has grown, fulfilling the need for higher levels of training, in additional to our recreational gymnastics classes.

Added to the wide array of class offerings this past year were Happy Piano music classes, fencing instruction, dodgeball, Mad Science experiences, Brush Strokes painting and drawing, All4One Yoga for special needs children and Zumba fitness sessions.

Even though the current fiscal crisis has forced us to raise our fees 10 percent, if you check with private recreational facilities in our area, you will find that our fees are still extremely reasonable and the quality of our product is exceptional. You won't find a more attentive, caring, experienced, knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff!

We can't stress enough how important "play" is for your child. It is the most fundamental way that children discover the impact they have on the world around them. Our programs provide a safe yet stimulating and nurturing environment in which kids can take the mental, physical and social risks for growth. Children get a great head start in our Nursery School program for 3and 4-year-olds, in our state-of-the-art preschool classrooms and indoor playground, which you won't find anywhere else in town.

With child obesity in the U.S. rising to 15 percent, a value that has tripled since the Rec. Center opened its doors in 1960, it is imperative that we give our kids a jump-start on the road to a healthy, active lifestyle.



**By Anthony Brunetta** Superintendent Parks & Recreation

We hope you will register soon for the summer programs, if you haven't done so already. The dynamite lineup includes the 57th annual Summer Playground program, sport schools for baseball, gymnastics, lacrosse and basketball, and weekly afternoon "schools" for science, art and music.

For those of you looking for a full-day of fun and learning for your youngster, you can combine the schools with Summer Playground or

tack on a Summer Playground trip for the afternoon. We also offer once-a-week classes in cartooning, tennis, fencing, gymnastics, Tumbles and Exploring the Arts programs.

You can't put a price tag on the social, emotional, physical and mental benefits of play and interaction with peers that you find in participating in recreational programs. As you tighten your belt, you've got to leave a notch open to include your child's attendance in one or more of our Recreation Department activities this summer.



#### Fireworks July 9!

The Village's 118th birthday celebration is Saturday, July 9 beginning with a concert of summertime favorites by the South Shore Symphony at 7:30 p.m. and a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9. Bring a lawn chair and blanket to Centennial Park. Rain date, Sunday, July 10.

#### THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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#### Mayor

Mary Whalen Bossart

#### **Trustees**

Charles R. Joyce David A. Krasula Kevin R. Glynn Edward J. Oppenheimer

#### **Village Administrator**

Francis D. Quigley, Jr. 678-9300

#### Community Notes

#### Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1 were 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.

#### Farmers Market Reopens

The Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, June 5 and continue every Sunday until November 20 from 7 a.m. to noon in Municipal Parking Field 12, along the north side of Sunrise Highway, between Long Beach Road and Forest Avenue.

#### Transfer Station Open

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 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through November 19 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

**Youth Summer Programs** Art Adventure Camp is a series of

week-long programs for grades 1 to 5. The camp meets from 12:30 to 4 p.m. with a different theme each week. The fee is \$230 per week.

Group tennis instruction will be offered on the Nancy Cottrell Memorial Tennis Courts for ages 6 and up on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 28, \$75 for five sessions.

Mad Science one-week interactive science activity schools are offered the weeks of July 5, 11, 18, 25 and August 1,8 and 15 with a different theme each week. Schools run Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. \$230 for each school. Register online only at www.rvccamps.org.

Cartoon-Time classes in cartooning with Dan O'Connor start June 28 from 7 to 8:15 p.m. for ages 8 to 14. The fee is \$83 for six sessions plus materials

Computer Explorer classes for kindergarten through grade 4 beginning July 7.\$100 for six Thursday afternoon sessions. Call (516) 731-3766 for

Happy Piano Jungle Adventure, with stories, games, crafts and rhythm activities for 1st and 2nd graders as of September 2010, runs Monday through Friday the week of July 12 to 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$135 for residents.

Gymnastic workouts featuring floor exercise, balance beam, vaults and uneven bars for boys and girls in kindergarten as of September 2011 are offered Tuesdays from 1 to 1:45 p.m. or Thursdays 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Six sessions for \$72 beginning June 29 or July 1. Boys and girls in grades 1 to 8 as of September 2011 are Tuesdays or Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. beginning June 29 or July 1. Five sessions for \$60.

#### **Gymnastics Clinics** for grades 6 and up and

Team Gymnasts are Tuesday and Thursday 4:45-6:15 PM. Fee: \$16 each clinic; \$30 for 2 clinics; \$112 for entire series of eight. Begins July 6.

#### Summer Instructional Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball, girls and boys lacrosse,

Fencing instruction is a new program available at the Rec.

and gymnastics schools during the summer 2010.

The 36th annual baseball school is open from June 27 to July 8 (no class July 5) for boys ages 6 to 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Barasch Field. The school is coordinated by Bob Hirschfield of New York Tech and costs

> \$315 for Rockville Centre residents.

A basketball school for girls grades 3 through 10 is offered August 15 to 19 at the Rec Center

Lacrosse school for boys and girls ages 7 to 17 will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Skelos Sports Complex on Peninsula Boulevard. The boys school runs from July 11 to 14 and the girls school is June 27 to 30. Fee \$290 per person.

The gymnastics school for girls grades 2 through 9 is offered at the Rec Center July 25 to 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Fee \$175 for five sessions for Rockville Centre residents.

### Time to Order a 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 quarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee \$255 per replaced with a new one for free.

į	2011 Tree Planting Order Order deadline: September 30, 2011 • Planting date: Fall, 2011
	Name Phone
	Address
į	Variety: Pin Oak Crimson King Norway Maple
	☐ Japanese Lilac ☐ Little Leaf Linden ☐ Kwanzan Oriental Cherry
į	Tree only: \$200 Tree and Planting: \$300
	Mail to: 2011 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571. Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



#### THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

#### MLK Summer Camp

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is now taking registrations for its annual summer camp program. Boys and girls 4 to 12 years of age participate in a variety of activities Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp runs from July 5 through August 18.

#### Special Class

The All 4 One yoga class is offered for children with special needs ages 3 to 13 on Saturdays 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. July 9 to 30. Call the Rec office for details.

#### Summer Nursery School

There are limited openings in the Pre-Pre-K and Pre-K Summer Nursery School programs that begin June 27 and run through August 12, for children entering kindergarten in September 2011 and 2012.

## 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.



Happy Piano is a popular new program at the Recreation Center.

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.

#### Pre-School Summer Activities

Registration is underway for pre-school summer programs.

A six-session program in **Creative Arts and Crafts** in different media begins June 28 for ages 3 to 5. Fee is \$75.

**Exploring the Arts** is a six-session program in dance, music and art, on Thursdays beginning June 30. For ages

3 to 5. The fee is \$75.

Computer Tots is a six-week program for children 3 to 5 years old. Classes are offered for 45 minutes for six weeks beginning either Tuesday, July 5 or Wednesday, July 6. Two sessions each day, either 1:15 to 2 p.m. or 2:05 to 2:50. Call 516-731-3766.

Adventures in Art is a series of week-long programs for children ages 4 and 5. The school meets from 12:30 to 3 p.m. with a different theme each week. The fee is \$150 per week.

A parent-toddler workshop in art, music, movement and playtime led by certified early childhood specialist Joan Schapiro for parents or caregivers and their 24- to 36-month-old children begins Wednesday, June 29 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. or Friday, July 1 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Six sessions for \$87.

Tumble One, Two and Three for children 18 months to 3 years old and Introduction to Gymnastics for boys and girls ages 4 and 5 (as of July 1, 2011). The fee is \$75 for six 45-minute sessions. Call 678-9339 for details.

Happy Piano Jungle Adventure, with stories, games, crafts and rhythm activities for children ages 4 and 5, runs Monday through Friday the week of July 18 to 22 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$149 for residents.

#### Lawn Sprinkling Hours

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has adopted a stringent water conservation plan, as mandated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

This plan includes universal water metering as well as mandatory fines for watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Watering of lawns must coincide with the house address for odd and even days.

#### E-cycling Collection Day

The Town of Hempstead's next e-cycling collection day is Saturday, August 13 at the Division Avenue Parking Field in Levittown 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 is open to Town residents only and does not accept drop-offs from businesses or commercial vehicles.

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

This Month in Rockville Centre is not published in July and August. To keep current with Village events, visit the Village's website at www.rvcny.us and click on Calendar of Events.

#### THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER



## SPA Reaches 10-year Milestone

This summer the Sandel Center's award winning SPA (Senior People in Action) program will celebrate its 10th successful season.

This ground breaking program is designed to promote health, wellness and vitality in older adults. Throughout the months of June, July, August and September, SPA members enjoy a wide variety of fitness classes and programs designed just for them. The congenial atmosphere emphasizes fun and friendship. Additionally there will be guest speakers, special trips, recognitions and other perks for SPA members to enjoy.

Last years SPA program had 100 registrants. Past survey respondents

reported increased fitness levels, lower blood pressure, better sleep patterns and significant weight loss. They were introduced to new forms of exercise, built healthier habits, and received the support and encouragement that comes from pursuing a shared goal with like minded people.

The 2011 SPA season promises to be exciting and successful. Many new aspects will be introduced and a grant from TD Bank will expand program options and subsidize the "SPA-tacular" final event.

For information about how to join SPA, or about any of the classes and programs offered at the Sandel Center please call 678-9245.



## World War I Monument Repaired

Korean War veteran James Traidor, who lives near Village Hall, suggested that the Village refurbish the World War I monument on the corner of North Park Avenue and College Place. Village Administrator Frank Quigley took up the challenge and the monument, installed in 1920 and featuring the names of 19 Rockville Centre residents killed in the war, is looking grand once again behind the spring flowers.

## West End Community Day Aug. 20 The Annual



West End
Community Day
will be held on
North Centre
Avenue in front
of the Martin
Luther King,
Jr. Community
Center on
Saturday,
August 20 from
noon to 4 p.m.

#### Mary Whalen Bossart Candidate for Mayor



Mary Whalen Bossart is the first woman elected Mayor in the Village's history. She is also the second woman ever elected as a Trustee in 1997 and again in 2001.

Mary Whalen Bossart moved to Rockville Centre in 1960 and attended both St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary and High School. She is a graduate of SUNY at Farmingdale (AAS), Cornell University (BS), NYU (MA), and St. John's University School of Law (JD). Following

college and marriage, Mary and her husband Rob returned to the Village to raise their four children - Robert, Kate, Anne Marie and Christopher.

Mary has a long history of community service including the Zoning Board of Appeals, Environmental & Beautification Committee, FOSSI, Hispanic Brotherhood, St. Agnes Mothers Club, CONFIDE, Mercy League, South Side Civic Association, RVC St. Patrick's Parade Committee and others. She was the Co-Chair for Fundraising of the RVC Centennial Commission and was named as one of the RVC Herald's "People of the Year."

Her work experience includes 20+ years as a college educator, research chemist and corporate consultant in the field of nutrition. Before becoming mayor, she was Co-Director of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

As mayor, Mary has served on the New York Conference of Mayors Nominations Committee and the Mayoral Task Force on Mandate Relief. She was recently elected as president of the Nassau County Village Officials Association which represents the 64 villages in Nassau County.

#### Nancy Howard Candidate for Village Trustee



Nancy Howard graduated from Parsons School of Design, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She and her husband Dave have been residents of Rockville Centre for 18 years.

Nancy has worked as a free-lance illustrator as well as a human resources executive. She began her HR career at Macys as an employment manager and a management-training executive. She then joined the Wall Street investment bank

Salomon Brothers where she was responsible for recruiting MBAs as well as management, communication skills, and conflict resolution skills training.

Upon becoming a stay-at-home parent, Nancy began to volunteer her time in the community and school system. She joined the Mercy League and Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts. She became an active member of the PTA first at Wilson School and later at the middle and high schools. She served two years as the Wilson School PTA co-president, served as PTA council member and has organized many fundraising efforts in each of her children's schools.

Nancy is currently a member of the Rockville Centre Education Foundation board and the District Compact Committee. She is copresident of the South Side High School Booster Club and a board member of the high school PTA.

## Michael J. Leboff Candidate for Mayor



I was born at Mercy Hospital and raised in Rockville Centre. My parents and family have lived in the village for over a quarter century, except for a short tour in Connecticut, for business reasons. My family loved Rockville Centre so much that we returned to live here after this one year leave of absence. I have four siblings, three brothers and one sister and a very large extended family some of whom also live in the village.

I am completing my junior year with a major in media studies at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. In 2004, I graduated from St Agnes Cathedral Elementary School and from Chaminade High School in 2008. My local employment experience includes working at St Agnes Cathedral in various capacities. Currently, I write sports and entertainment news for a Connecticut based website and am an advisor to the vice president of the Senate at Sacred Heart University.

Public service is an important aspect of life for my family and me. I have consistently volunteered my time at St Agnes, in youth sports programs and within the community. Most recently, I helped organize and manage a co-ed soccer team that competes in the World Soccer Project League, a program that benefits inner-city children.

#### David A. Krasula Candidate for Village Trustee



David Krasula has been a Village Trustee since 2007. Previously he served the Village as an alternate-member of the Planning Board, co-chair of the Environmental and Beautification Committee, and as a member of the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee and the Community Development Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Krasula holds degrees from DePaul University (BA) and Adelphi University (MBA).

He has 40+ years of investigative, supervisory, and managerial experience in federal law-enforcement conducting and leading major criminal investigations. His work included analyzing governmental, business, and labor related programs, identifying and correcting systemic weaknesses and abuses. He operates an investigative consulting firm assisting members of the federal bar and is the investigator for the ethics officer of an international labor union.

In 1996, Krasula was committee chair of the RVC School District Bond Committee which funded repairs and improvements to schools and programs. He was named one of the Herald's "People of the Year" for his work. Krasula was also a coach, commissioner, and board member of the Rockville Centre Soccer Club. While on the Soccer Board, he coordinated the use of playing fields and gyms with Little League, Lacrosse, RVC School District, and Department of Parks and Recreation. In this role, he served as the Soccer Club's contact person for facilities scheduling and was twice named RVC Soccer's "Volunteer of the Year" by the Long Island Junior Soccer League

David and his wife, Alice, have been Village residents for 35 years and have two daughters, Meghan, 28, and Deirdre, 23.

## Francis X. Murray Candidate for Mayor



Francis X. Murray is a life-long RVC resident. He and his wife Barbara are the proud parents of five and grandparents of three. He is a graduate of St. Agnes Grammar School and Cardinal Farley Military Academy and attended the University of Dayton.

Fran, president of FX Murray Maintenance, has a long record of public service to the RVC Community in the following ways: an active member of the RVC Fire Department since

1972 including serving as an EMT; co-chair, RVC Environmental and Beautification Committee; VP RVC Conservancy; board member Friends of Senior Services (FOSSI); co-chair RVC Community Fund Golf Outing; president Mercy Medical Center Foundation; president Friends of Mercy; Mercy Medical Center Board of Trustees; St. Agnes Cathedral School board member; Knight of the Holy Sepulchre; member Knights of Columbus; member, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick LI; member RVC Chamber of Commerce; 2009 Grand Marshal RVC St. Patrick's Parade; two-time chair St. Agnes Parish Celebration; Mercy Medical Center Planning Board; Mercy Doctor's Executive Board; Long Island Hospitality Group (working with children with diabetes); and a member of the committee responsible for moving the LI Children's Museum to a larger facility.

#### Michael Sepe Candidate for Village Trustee



Michael Sepe, 40, is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Fordham School of Law. He lives in Rockville Centre with his wife and two sons.

Michael served as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney under the Hon. Denis Dillon from 1996-2003. After working for regional law firms, he founded his law practice, Michael Sepe LLC, in Rockville Centre in 2007.

Specializing in federal and state litigation, Michael also serves as counsel to St. Mark's Nursery School, is a past guest commentator for Court-TV and a former faculty member of the National College of District Attorneys.

A member of the parish of Saint Agnes, Michael is active in fundraising efforts for the Saint Baldrick's Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

## William J. Croutier, Jr. Candidate for Village Justice



Village Justice William J. Croutier, Jr. and his wife, Marybeth, have been Village residents for over 30 years and are raising their three daughters in the village. He holds degrees from Iona College (B.A.) and St. John's University School of Law (J.D.).

Mr. Croutier began practicing law in 1979 and is a senior partner with the firm of Hammill, O'Brien, Croutier, Dempsey, and Pender, P.C. He is a member of numerous

professional associations. In addition, Mr. Croutier has participated or led a variety of pro bono activities. He has been a lecturer for the Nassau County and New York State Bar Associations. He has also been a moot court judge for St. John's University School of Law and a judge for National Civil Rights Competition.

Mr. Croutier's most active involvement has been in Rockville Centre. Bill is a former president of the St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary School Board. For over 20 years he has been a member of the Rockville Centre Planning Board and a CYO basketball coach for boys and girls.

Mr. Croutier also served as the chairman of both the Rockville Centre We Care September 11th Committee and the Rockville Centre September 11 Memorial Committee. For these efforts, he was named "Person of the Year" by the RVC Herald in 2002 and presented the Molloy College Caritas Medal for Service to the Community in 2003.

Before being elected Village Justice in 2007 Mr. Croutier served as a special prosecutor for Rockville Centre and as a deputy Village Attorney.

## Michelle Sewell Candidate for Village Trustee



Michelle Sewell holds an MBA in finance from Pace University and a BA from Stony Brook University. Her background includes 20 years in corporate finance and investment banking, the last 10 years serving as managing director for the Investment Banking Group at Cushman and Wakefield Securities.

Michelle left the corporate world three years ago to raise her family. She currently works part-time as an adjunct professor at

Hofstra University and Molloy College teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in finance and business. She is also a substitute teaching assistant in the RVC School District.

Michelle is a member of the Executive Board of the Watson PTA and Watson's representative to the RVC Board of Education. This year, she co-chaired the PTA's largest fundraiser, which raised the most revenue in 21 years.

Michelle's other community involvements include being a member of the Village's Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee, a board member of the RVC League for Mercy Medical Center, a member of the RVC Newcomers Club and a coach in the RVC Soccer Club.

Michelle is also active with the Girl Scouts and is a co-leader for two troops, a Daisy and a Brownie. She is also responsible for organizing new troops at Watson. Michelle was also president of the South Shore Club of NYS Women, Inc.

Michelle and her husband, Paul, have lived in Rockville Centre for eight years and are proud parents of two daughters, Kailey, 8, and Ashley, 5. They are parishioners of St. Agnes Church.