



## THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Kids Fest September 17

The annual Kids Fest free open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 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 all the Village's sports organizations will attend, as well as the Rockville Centre Police and Fire departments, the Post Office, 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 13; at Covert and Watson schools on Wednesday, September 14; and at Hewitt School on Thursday, September 15.

### Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the week of September 19. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2011-2012 Recreation Center membership card.

New programs offered this year include: Happy Piano, Junior Jam-



Kids can enjoy rides, face painting, and a variety of exhibits and demonstrations at the September 17 Kids Fest.

boree, Roll Around Fun Card, Brush Strokes, Fencing, and Training Gymnastics Teams, Schoolhouse Chess, All 4 One Yoga and Zumba.

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

### Fall Nursery School

There are a limited number of openings in the Fall 2011 Nursery school classes at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road for children entering kindergarten in September 2012 or 2013.

Classes follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Openings are in the morning and afternoon classes. There are also opportunities for extended day programs.

Classes begin September 12. Call 678-9339 for further information.

### 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. office.

## Still 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 guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

### 2011 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: September 30, 2011 • Planting date: Fall, 2011

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: 2011 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571. Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.

## THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

One College Place, P.O. Box 950  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571

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Permit No. 70



## Dates & Events

Monday, September 5

### LABOR DAY

Village Offices Closed

Monday, September 12, 8 P.M.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, September 14, 8 P.M.

### BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, September 20, 7 P.M.

### PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, September 28, 8 P.M.

### BOARD OF APPEALS

### Holiday Sanitation

◆ Mon., September 5 – Labor 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, September 7.



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.

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Former Mayor Eugene Murray swears in his son Francis X. Murray at the July Board meeting.

## Murray Administration Takes Charge

Immediately after being sworn into office on July 5 by his father, former Mayor Eugene J. Murray, Mayor Francis X. Murray announced that beginning that night parking in Rockville Centre after 6 p.m. was free.

"You don't have to jingle the change in your pockets tonight and worry about the parking meters," Mayor Murray said to the applause of a room full of supporters in the Village Hall courtroom.

The revised night time parking policy was the first of a number of initiatives introduced by the new Board members, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard and Trustee Michael Sepe, winners in the Village elections last June.

Mayor Murray later announced that

the Village had engaged two grant writers to search for alternate revenue sources and had established the Mayor's Youth Task Force to link committed teenagers to worthwhile community service projects, including cleaning up in the downtown business district on weekend mornings.

The Mayor said his administration would explore a number of ideas, including corporate sponsorships to beautify the Village entrances on Sunrise Highway and Peninsula Boulevard, a downtown parking structure and a revised plan to upgrade and consolidate the Village's firehouses after the defeat of a \$21 million bond issue referendum for that purpose in the June election.



## Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic to Honor Robert Williams

Former Village Justice Robert Williams is the honoree of the 24th Annual Mayor's Golf & Tennis Classic, the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund. Detailed information on Page 3.

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From the Rockville Centre Police Department  
**School Traffic Safety brochure**



# Greetings from the New Mayor Murray

Dear Residents:  
You cannot know how proud and happy I am to be your new mayor. For me, nothing could be more rewarding than carrying out the duties of this office.

My father was our mayor for 20 years and from him I learned how much people want an accessible mayor. I saw him meeting, visiting and greeting people nearly 24 hours a day, seven days a week — children, teenagers,

adults of all kinds, families, organizations, congregations — all of them wanted that contact with their mayor.

My father and I are both natives of Rockville Centre, both members of the Rockville Centre Fire Department, both had businesses in the Village that we passed on to our sons. Being your mayor, caring about and caring for Rockville Centre, is the ultimate way for me to give back to our community.



As I said during our election campaign, the new trustees and I — Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard and Trustee Michael Sepe, as well as current trustees Kevin Glynn and Ed Oppenheimer, we all hope to improve both the look and feel of Rockville Centre. We want our Village to have a friendlier reputation and a more welcoming appearance and we have already been



By Mayor Francis X. Murray

working toward those goals:

On my first day in office we made parking in the Village free after 6 p.m. so that our residents and visitors could enjoy a movie and a meal without worrying about getting a ticket.

We are working on ways to expand and improve our athletic fields.

We have initiatives to upgrade the Sunrise Highway and Peninsula Boulevard entrances to the Village.

The Mayor's Youth Task Force has been established and one of their projects is weekend clean-ups in the downtown business district and on our playing fields.

We are looking at other ways to sustain our downtown with additional parking, by recruiting new retailers and by looking for grant support.

We are also working with the Rockville Centre School District on our cooperative agreement and with the Rockville Centre Fire Department on a revised renovation and consolidation plan.



I have lived all my life in Rockville Centre and I intend to give my all to this office. Nothing I have done in public life, volunteering on many non-profit boards and committees, could be as good as being your new mayor.



## James Rochford Steps Down

James Rochford, long-time counsel to the Rockville Centre Zoning Board of Appeals, was honored at Village Hall in July by former mayors Mary Bossart and Eugene Murray for his service to the Village.

## Community Notes

### Join the Mayor's Youth Task Force

Mayor Francis X. Murray and a group of parent volunteers are recruiting residents in the 7th through the 12th grades for a Youth Task Force to take on a variety of community service jobs around the Village.

Interested volunteers may e-mail their name, age, grade and contact information to youthtaskforce@rvcny.us or visit the Village website at www.rvcny.us to fill out an online sign-up form or call the Mayor's Office at 516-678-9260.

### Scofflaw Impound Program

On August 5, the Village of Rockville Centre impounded the vehicle of a scofflaw who had accumulated \$2,100 in unpaid parking tickets, the first such action in a new program aimed at collecting outstanding fines.

The program identifies scofflaws who are then notified by the Village Court

that their vehicles are subject to impound, giving the owners an opportunity to pay.

If the owner still refuses to satisfy the judgment, the Court declares the offender a scofflaw and suspends the vehicle's registration. Police then impound the vehicle.

Driving a vehicle with a suspended registration is a misdemeanor and subjects the operator to arrest.

The owner must return to court to deal with the fines before a suspension can be lifted and the vehicle returned.

The Village Court is currently owed \$1.5 million in outstanding fines.

### Paving Program on Web

Information about Rockville Centre's ongoing roadway paving program, including the August 2010 engineering study grading all Village streets, explanations of the restoration process, and copies of announcements to residents on the streets being paved are all available on the Village website at www.rvcny.us.

The 2011 roadway program includes all the remaining "F" graded streets and several "D" graded streets. The Board hopes to reconstruct all "D" graded streets in the Village by 2013.

### 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.

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**Mayor**  
Francis X. Murray

**Trustees**  
Nancy Howard  
Kevin R. Glynn  
Edward J. Oppenheimer  
Michael Sepe

**Village Administrator**  
Francis D. Quigley, Jr.  
678-9300



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 about how to become a member, call 678-9350.

### Special Events

A reception for September's guest artist Ray Simmons is Tuesday, September 20 at 11 a.m.

As the summer winds down, enjoy a lovely afternoon Garden Party in Sandel's lovely garden park on Friday, September 16 at 1 p.m. Music and ice cream sundaes for \$4 per person.

The Sandel Club Executive Committee hosts a Gala Inaugural Ball on Friday, September 23 at 1 p.m. in honor of Mayor Francis X. Murray and the Board of Trustees. Refreshments and music for \$8 per person. Call 678-9245 for reservations.



Art classes will be offered on Thursdays, September 8, 15, and 28 at 10 a.m. to teach the art of mixing colors and the technique of acrylic painting.

### Senior People in Action

Sign up for the SPA Dart Tournament on Wednesdays, September 21 and 28 at 1 p.m. Men's and women's teams.

Senior People in Action celebrates the completion of its 10th successful season with a walk on Tuesday, October 4 beginning at 1 p.m. from the Sandel Center to Village Hall where they will be greeted by Village officials and fellow Senior Center members. TD Bank will be acknowledged for their financial support.

For information about how to join SPA, call 678-9245.

## Golf and Tennis Classic September 26

The Mayor's annual Golf and Tennis Classic and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, will honor former Village Justice, the Hon. Robert Williams on Monday, September 26 at the Seawane Country Club in Hewlett Harbor.

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 \$125.

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 16.

Each year the Community Fund provides confidential assistance to hundreds of people in emergency need. Unlike other



Mayor Fran Murray (right) poses with Golf and Tennis Classic honoree Robert Williams and members of the 2011 Classic Committee and the golf outing hole-in-one prize, a new Infiniti provided by Legacy Infiniti of Lynbrook.

non-profit charities, the Fund is directed exclusively to Rockville Centre residents, who have received nearly \$1 million since the Fund was founded in 1987.