



## THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

Shop for holiday gifts and decorations on Sunday, December 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Vendors feature jewelry, floral arrangements, ornaments, crafts and edibles. Free admission and parking.

### Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

An evening of song and fellowship officially opens the holiday season at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to add to the festivities.

### North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Tuesday, December 6 or Wednesday, December 7, fill out an information sheet at the Rec Center.

### Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual breakfast on Sunday, December 11 is one of the Rec Center's most popular events. All faiths are invited to join the elves who serve pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids may visit Santa or have a picture taken with Rudolph and Frosty.

Deadline for tickets is Friday, December 9 for one of three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$6 per person and tickets are available at the Rec Center.

### Chanukah Party

Children from pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade of all faiths are invited to the annual party sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Rec Center on Monday, December 19 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be crafts, face painting, gifts, snacks and Chanukah music. Children are encouraged to donate a small, unwrapped gift.

### Annual Mitten and Hat Tree

The Rockville Centre Parks and Recreation Department is again requesting residents to share their warm holiday feelings with those less fortunate by donating new hats and mittens of all sizes and colors beginning December 2.

The donations will be hung on the Mitten and Hat Tree in the Rec Center lounge.

### Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to



Bring the whole family to Breakfast with Santa's Helpers on December 11. the needy in our community. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by December 15.

### Winter Programs

The winter program season begins the week of January 3, 2011.

Gift Certificates

RVC Recreation Department gift certificates are available for gift giving.



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](http://www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html).

## THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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## Dates & Events

Monday, December 12, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, December 14, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, December 26  
**CHRISTMAS (Observed)**  
Village Offices Closed

Monday, January 2  
**NEW YEAR'S (Observed)**  
Village Offices Closed

Monday, January 9, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, January 11, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, January 16  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 25, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**



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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## Happy Holidays in RVC



The Village's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, includes a visit from Santa, hot chocolate and caroling, Thursday, December 8 starting at 7:30 p.m.



### Santa to Visit MLK Center

Santa will visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Friday, December 23 from 5 to 7 p.m.



## Happy Chanukah • Merry Christmas Happy New Year

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its best wishes to all of our residents for a healthy and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

*Mayor Francis X. Murray*

*Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard*

*Trustee Kevin Glynn*

*Trustee Edward Oppenheimer*

*Trustee Michael Sepe*

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# All Together Now

The Village Board has struggled over the last few years, as the entire community has, with severe economic hardship.

The Board struggled as a group with falling revenues and increasing costs for medical insurance and pensions. We asked our employees to sit down and discuss ways to continue to provide great service, but negotiations have been slow.



By Village Trustee Edward Oppenheimer

The previous Board worked hard to craft budgets with revenue sources other than real estate taxes so that there would be a firm base to build for the future. They also worked as a Board to reduce operating costs by doing things like changing the way we dispose of our trash, saving half a million dollars each year. One provision of the contract creates revenue from recycled newspaper and scrap metal. Residents can help by doing more recycling. The Village website has the details.

Economics were not the only thing we tackled. The zoning code was amended to limit "McMansions," homes too large for the property on which they sit. These changes were recommended by the Planning Board and adjusted with input from the community and the entire Board exchanging ideas. The Board did not take the attitude of my way or the highway, we listened and adjusted.

No organization can be allowed to stagnate by limiting the people allowed to participate, or closing one's mind to voices

with ideas and programs that may be different than the leader's. Change is inevitable and worthwhile. A good leader will take the time and effort to create a dialog and foster a good group dynamic in order to achieve the best results possible.

There are many ways to work out problems and create solutions. If we do not learn from our mistakes we are doomed to repeat them again and again. Going forward

alone without considering the ideas of others will not solve problems.

One might compare the Village Board to a marching band. During warm-ups all of the instruments are playing without direction and produce a strident and raucous sound. The drum major blows the whistle, waves his baton, calls out "all together now" and harmony ensues. It takes 76 trombones to lead the big parade, but just imagine what it would sound like if the one and only bass goes oompah up and down the square instead.

May all of you have a happy and successful holiday and new year.

This Month in Rockville Centre is not published in January. To keep current with Village events and announcements, visit the Village website at [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)



## Tax Notice

Second installment tax bills have been mailed. Payment is due without penalty not later than January 3, 2012. If you have not received your tax bill by December 12, please contact the Tax Office at 678-9242 to obtain a copy.

Applications for partial exemption from Village real estate taxes are must be filed by January 3, 2012. If approved, exemptions take effect June 1, 2012.

The tax office, located on the second floor of Village Hall, is open between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## 'The Nutcracker' Dec. 2-4

The Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts' annual production of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet *The Nutcracker* with the full South Shore Symphony conducted by Scott Jackson Wiley and a 90-member corps de ballet under the direction of Joan MacNaughton will this year

feature former American Ballet Theatre soloist Anna Liceica, current ABT dancer Vitali Krauchenka and former Kirov Ballet soloist Slava Fadeyev.

Performances are Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 3 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. at South Side High School.

Tickets are \$24 for adults; \$22 for seniors and students under 18. Call 516-766-7171 for reservations.

## Christmas at the Captain's

The Phillips House Museum of the Rockville Centre Historical Society invites residents to the Captain's house at 28 Hempstead Avenue for mulled cider, cookies and Christmas carols with Greg Ryan following the Village tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 8.

## Community Fund Enchanted Winterland

The Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts presents "An All-American Concert" featuring Copeland's *Billy the Kid* at the Molloy College Madison Theatre followed by food and festivities on the Molloy Public Square, Sunday, January 29 beginning at 3 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the RVC Community Fund. Call the Mayor's Office at 678-9264 for ticket information.

## Menorah Lighting

The Village's Annual Menorah Lighting is Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. at Temple B'nai Shalom, Lakeview and Hempstead avenues.



## Youth Task Force Honored

Members of the Mayor's Youth Task Force, which has been cleaning up in the downtown on Saturday mornings, were honored at a recent Board of Trustees meeting. In honor of Veterans Day, the Task Force also organized a "Sweets and Supplies for Soldiers" drive that sent Halloween candy and basic personal supplies to soldiers overseas through the local American Legion Post #303.

## Leaf Collections End Dec. 23

Rockville Centre's curbside leaf collections will end Friday, December 23. 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 sanitation contractor.

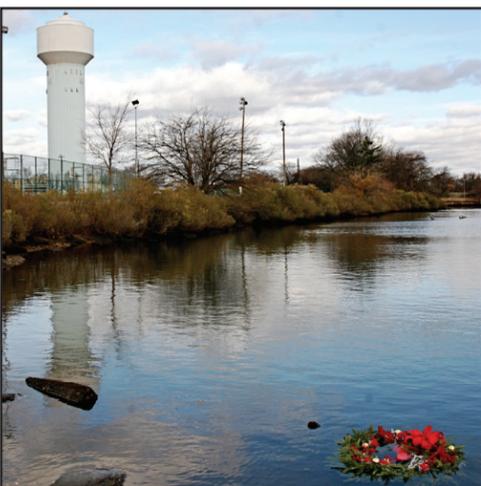
Bagged leaves will be collected from the curbstrip on the following schedule:

- ◆ 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 to DeMott
- ◆ Thursdays – North of Sunrise Highway and west of Hempstead Avenue

## January Tree Pick-ups

The Sanitation Department announces curbside pick up of discarded Christmas trees from January 3 through January 27.

The tree collection schedule is the same as the leaf collection schedule above. Please put trees at the curbside only on the designated day of the week for your neighborhood.



## Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7

The Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303 will host ceremonies, including laying a wreath on the water, at Mill River Park on Wednesday, December 7 beginning at 10:45 a.m., honoring the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941. Everyone is invited to the Post at 197 Maple Avenue for food and refreshments after the ceremony.

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## Annie Cohen Retires

**Annie Cohen**, the Director of Rockville Centre's Community Development Agency, retired recently after 23 years of Village service, first in the payroll department and then overseeing the approval and distribution of federal Block Grant funds.