



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Nursery School Openings

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2012-2013 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2013 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 2014 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 15. Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center for all activities or call 678-9339 or visit the Recreation Department link at www.rvcny.us.

Summer Playground and Rec Programs

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

Visit the Center, call 678-9339 or visit the Village website at www.rvcny.us and click on Department of Parks and Recreation.

Spring Recess Trips & Special Events

Visit the Center, call 678-9339 or visit the Village website at www.rvcny.us for information on events and activities from April 6 to 14.

All participants must be registered members of the Recreation Department for the 2011-2012 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.

Roll Around Play Days

The Roll Around gymnastics set-up will be available to parents and children ages 1 to 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 and Monday through Sunday, April 9-15.

Fee is \$12 per family per session or use your Roll Around Fun Card. Adults and children must wear sneakers; older siblings may not play on the equipment

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.

Tennis Courts Opening

The Har-Tru courts adjacent to the Rec Center are tentatively scheduled to open in early May.

Courts are available seven days a week from 8 a.m. until dark. All players must register and pay a fee.



Sign up for Roll Around gymnastics from April 6 to 15 for \$12 per family per session.

Children's Marketplace

De-clutter and dispose of your unwanted or no-longer-needed children's items at the Rec. Center on May 6.

Sell that pack-n-play or exerciser sitting in your basement or those almost-like-new clothing your older kids have outgrown.

Are you a new parent or a grandparent? Get some great items you'll need at discounted prices.

Call Maura at the Rec. for more information.

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Dates & Events

Tuesday, April 3, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 17, 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, April 25, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

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



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

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Mayor Fran Murray welcomes new Village Administrator Keith Spadaro and at the March 13 Board of Trustees meeting.

New Village Administrator Keith Spadaro

After an extensive search, the Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has chosen Keith M. Spadaro, a Village resident and former executive in New York City Police Department, as its new Village Administrator.

"Rockville Centre is truly fortunate to have a man of Keith Spadaro's quality, background and experience as its new Village Administrator," Mayor Fran Murray said at the March 13 Board meeting. "We conducted a very thorough search; his experience and abilities fit right in to our operations."

Most recently, Mr. Spadaro was in charge of communications and 911 operations for the New York City Police Department.

During his 21-year career in the department, he was the commanding officer of the 20th precinct on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with responsibility for the safety and security of some of New York City's most famous and important cultural landmarks, including Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Opera House and the American Museum of Natural History.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Spadaro was captain and executive officer of Manhattan's Midtown South Precinct, the largest precinct in New York City, responsible for overseeing special

events at high priority sites like Madison Square Garden, Times Square, Pennsylvania Station, Grand Central Station and the Empire State Building.

He also served as deputy commissioner in the New York City Office of Emergency Management where he was responsible for the multi-agency coordination of the 2004 Republican National Convention. Additionally, as deputy commissioner he was responsible for the training and deployment of emergency response teams for disasters throughout the state and the nation, including Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Mr. Spadaro has also worked as a registered stockbroker at several financial institutions. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business from the SUNY College at Buffalo and a Juris Doctor from the New York Law School, and is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

Even before officially starting his new job on March 19, Mr. Spadaro began touring Village facilities, meeting with managers and acquainting himself with the many departments and hundreds of employees that he now supervises.

"I am very excited to have been

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VILLAGE HALL COMMENTS

Senior Services: Huge Return on Investment

The 2010 US Census affirms that almost one in four residents of Rockville Centre is over the age of 60 and that 43 percent of households contain a person over age 60. Fortunately, the Village has long been a leader in providing services to older adults and their families.

Following its mission statement, Rockville Centre's Senior Services are high quality and highly cost-effective — just 1 percent of the Village budget. Our department supplements its programs and services with community partnerships, outside funding and volunteerism.

Aging is an inescapable fact of life, but aging well is within our control. The National Council on Aging has documented that involvement in a senior center produces higher levels of health, social interaction and life satisfaction. Multiple studies confirm that participation correlates with later onset of chronic disease and measurable improvements in physical, social, emotional and economic well-being.

These benefits are demonstrated by members of Sandel Center on a daily basis and their gratitude to the Village for providing the Center cannot be overstated. Rockville Centre has been acknowledged for having one of the best centers in the country, winning many awards and being one of the few in New York State to earn accreditation by the National Council on Aging.

As a "full service" center, Sandel provides a wide range of fitness programs, volunteer opportunities, social, educational and recreational programs, trips, guest speakers, daily meals, transportation services and more. In addition, our Social Work Department offers confidential assistance in gaining government benefits



Cyd Charrow, DSW
Director,
RVC Senior Services

and in dealing with personal issues.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. Transportation: *I would love to join the Center, but don't drive and live way across town.*

Our drivers pick up members at their homes and bring them back and forth to the Center. We also provide weekly grocery shopping trips and non-emergency transport to doctors in the Village.

Q. Exercise: *The doctor tells me I should exercise. Will your classes work for me?*

Multiple daily exercise offerings range from seated yoga, pilates and range of motion all the way up to highly energetic classes like zumba and cardio-dance. All are led by certified instructors trained in working with older adults.

Q. Men: *As a gentleman, will I feel comfortable at the Senior Center?*

While women do outnumber men, men participate in all aspects of programming. Sandel also has an active Men's Club.

Q. Social Services: *Can you help me understand Medicare? Must I join the Center to talk to a social worker?*

There is no membership requirement for social work services. They are free to all Rockville Centre seniors and their family.

Q. Concerns: *My elderly neighbor is not managing well since his wife died.*

Call 536-1162 and a Senior Services social worker will follow up.

Q. How can I help support your work?
FOSSI (the Friends of Senior Services Inc.) is a tax-exempt organization that supports RVC Senior Services. Tax deductible donations are always welcome. For more information, call 678-9350. Better yet, come in to see first-hand the outstanding services that Rockville Centre provides for its senior residents and family members.

a family."

Mr. Spadaro, originally from Brooklyn, has been married to his wife Stacy, a special education teacher, for 23 years. They have three children: Katie, a sophomore at York College of Pennsylvania; Keith, a junior and Caroline a freshman at South Side High School.



Transfer Station Reopening

The Village Transfer Station resumes service Saturday, April 7 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 17 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

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.

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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.

Dogs in the Village

Dog owners are reminded that Village Code requires that dogs be licensed, that they be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet when in any public place, and that they are permitted to defecate and urinate only in the street between the curblines.

Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals immediately and may not allow them to defecate or urinate in any place other than the street.

Owners are also responsible for seeing that their dogs do not disturb the peace by howling, barking, or whining and are also responsible for any injury or damage caused by their animals.

Violations of these provisions of the Village Code are punishable by a fine of up to \$250, imprisonment of up to 15 days, or both, for each offense.



THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

FOSSI Monte Carlo Night April 28

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 sponsored by Links Realty Group and South Nassau Communities Hospital. Many other local businesses, professionals and community organizations have contributed sponsorships and prizes.

The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 for \$60 per person.

The 2012 Monte Carlo Night guest of honor is Joseph A. Quagliata, president and CEO of South Nassau Communities Hospital.

Funds raised support programs and services for the Department of Senior Services. Past Monte Carlo Nights have made possible the purchase of a handicap-accessible bus and the construction of new bathroom facilities, interior safety upgrades to the Senior Center and the Center's garden park.



Join the fun at Monte Carlo Night and help Rockville Centre Senior Services.



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

Recognition for Downtown Renovations



The Village Board of Trustees showed its appreciation for the improved streetscape along South Village Avenue and Merrick Road with a proclamation at its February meeting: Trustee Ed Oppenheimer, contractor Steve Fontana, Mayor Fran Murray with the proclamation, Ronald Rettner holding a rendering of the new commercial façades with his son and partner Matthew Rettner and architect Gary Bruno, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard and Trustee Michael Sepe.

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chosen as Village Administrator by Mayor Murray and the Board of Trustees," Mr. Spadaro said. "I am looking forward to the new challenges that the position brings and hope to make the Village of Rockville Centre an even better place to work, live and raise