



## THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

### Summer Program Registration

Applications for summer programs, including the baseball school, girls basketball school, boys and girls lacrosse (Shooting Stars), the Rec. Center gymnastics school, as well as various art, craft and other sports programs, are now available.

Registration for **softball leagues** for men and women and **basketball leagues** for boys and girls in grades 5 and up are being accepted by the Recreation Department during May.

The **58th Summer Playground Program** will be conducted from June 27 to August 9 for residents in grades 1-6 (effective September 2012) and grades 7 & 8 (effective September 2012). Registration is being accepted for these programs as well.

### Summer Nursery School

Summer classes begin Monday, June 25 and run through August 10, in coordination with the Summer Playground Program. This program is for children entering kindergarten in September 2012 and 2013.

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

### Gymnastic Show

The Recreation Department's Annual Gymnastic Show will be held June 1, 2 and 9.

The participants have been members of the gymnastic program for the fall and winter seasons.

Tickets are available to the public starting May 23.

### Summer Youth Programs

#### Art Adventure Camp

Grades 1-5 Mon-Fri p.m.

#### Cartoon-Time

Ages 8-14 Tues 7 p.m.

#### Tennis Lessons

Ages 6 & up Tues or Thurs p.m.

#### Gymnastics Sessions

Boys & Girls Tues p.m.

#### Computer Explorer

Call 515-731-3766

### Summer Instructional Sports Schools

#### Baseball School

Boys 6-13 June 27-July 8  
9:30-1:30

#### Basketball School

Girls 3-10 Aug 13-17

#### Shooting Stars Lacrosse camp

Boys 7-17 July 9-12  
9-1

Girls 7-17 July 9-12  
5-9

#### Rec Dept Gymnastics School

Girls Grades 2-9 June 25-29  
1-4  
July 30-Aug 3  
1-4

### Summer Pre-School Programs

#### Adventures in Art Camp

Ages 4-5 Mon-Fri p.m.

#### Creative Arts and Crafts

Ages 3-5 Tues p.m.

#### Exploring the Arts

Ages 3-5 Thurs p.m.

#### Tumble One, Two and Three

Ages 11/2-4 Tues & Thurs p.m.

#### Introduction to Gymnastics

Ages 4-5 Tues or Thurs p.m.

#### Computer Tots

Ages 3-5 Tues or Wed p.m.

#### Happy Piano

Ages 4-5 Mon-Fri p.m.

#### Happy Piano Baby Bounce

Ages 6-17 mos. Mon p.m.



The 58th Summer Playground Program runs June 27 to August 9 for children in grades 1 to 8.

#### Parent-Toddler Workshop

Ages 2-3 Fri a.m.

#### Just for Fun

Ages 4-6 Wed p.m.

#### Wacky Wednesday

Ages 4-5 Wed 11:30-2

For further information on Rec Center programs, schedules and fees, call 678-9338 or visit the Village web site [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

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## THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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## Dates & Events

Wednesday, May 9, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, May 14, 7 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, May 15, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Monday, May 28  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, May 30, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

### Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- ◆ **Monday, May 28 – 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, May 30.



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)

# THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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Mayor Fran Murray uses a credit card at the new parking meter console in parking field #1 in the downtown business district. The new consoles eliminate the old colored zone metering system and accept coins, dollar bills and credit cards. On hand are Public Works Superintendent Harry Weed, Trustee Kevin Glynn, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, Mayor Murray, Police Aide Supervisor Bob Nugent and Police Aide Joe Pizzillo.

## Village Upgrades Parking Meter System

New parking meter consoles became operational in the downtown business district this spring, promising to make paying for parking easier.

"We have done this for the convenience of our residents and visitors," Mayor Fran Murray said in inaugurating the new system.

The new consoles eliminate the

**The consoles are programmed to allow a 7-minute grace period.**

previous color-zone system where drivers had to make sure that the color on their spot corresponded to the correct console; drivers can now use any console in the lot. The new consoles also accept not only coins, but also dollar bills and credit cards.

The consoles are also programmed to allow a seven-minute grace period before a space becomes liable for a ticket.

"We're not lurking around waiting for violations," said Bob Nugent, the supervisor of the police aides who

write the parking tickets.

The Village has installed 14 of the new consoles: seven in parking field #1 (from Morris to Park Avenue between Sunrise and Merrick); three in parking field #7 (on the North side of Merrick Road, opposite the post office); and four in parking field #8 (south of Merrick Road, east of Park Avenue and north of Lenox).

The units not only communicate with each other, but also with a computer at the Department of Public Works which can be used to program the consoles from a central location.

Parking still costs a penny a minute and is free after 6 p.m.



The new pay-by-space parking console.

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Support the Rockville Centre Fireworks Celebration!



## VILLAGE HALL COMMENTS

### A New Approach



Trustee  
Michael Sepe

All members of the Board of Trustees were elected with a directive from the voters to improve the quality of life in this Village. We continue to face high unemployment, record foreclosures, a stagnant economy and a crushing tax burden imposed by our town, the school districts, the county, New York State and the Federal government.

With costs passed down to us from Albany, a tax increase in excess of 4 percent is required just to break even with our obligations to pay public health and pension benefits. This is before we even start to account for our increased labor costs and union contract issues.

As a Village, our revenue is primarily based upon on our property values. Last year declining property values alone caused a budget shortfall of over \$500,000.

In light of these conditions, we quickly realized that simply raising taxes to balance our budget won't work. Also, just waiting for things to "turn around" at the national level isn't realistic.

So, what can we do? The short answer is – everything we can to raise our property values and energize our local economy.



In the last few months, we've made several important changes:

◆ First, we've eliminated nighttime metered parking so that we can enjoy our downtown again and draw customers back to our businesses.

◆ Second, we've passed two new local laws making it easier to renovate our houses, build additions on our smaller properties and install central air conditioners.

◆ Third, we've obtained private funds and engaged with private entities such

as Molloy College and South Nassau Communities Hospital to an extent never seen before. The Mayor's initiative with Molloy alone will make our children's athletic fields among the best on Long Island.

◆ At the same time, we've tightened discretionary Village spending at every level, streamlined our government and reorganized our departments to make them more user-friendly and our Village an easier place to maintain a home or run a business.

The results are new infrastructure, a more inviting business district, and an increase in our property values. We are already beginning to see a rise in home renovations, new construction and business revenue.

These new measures, are all aimed at one goal – expanding our tax base as opposed to our tax rate, making this Village the place we expect it to be.



### Karp Kia Honored for Renovation

Mayor Murray and the Board of Trustees thanked the owners of Karp Automotive for their latest investment in the Village of Rockville Centre: the new \$680,000 Kia showroom at 372 Sunrise Highway. On hand for the proclamation were Mayor Fran Murray, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, Karp attorney Peter Rubin, showroom architect Matthew DeGiaino, Daniel and David Karp, Trustee Ed Oppenheimer, Trustee Kevin Glynn and Trustee Michael Sepe.

### Community Notes

#### Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1 will be mailed the week of May 28. Taxes may be paid without penalty until July 2 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.

#### Antiques Appraisals

The Museum of the Village of Rockville Centre at the Phillips House, 28 Hempstead Avenue, is hosting an antiques appraisal day on Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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678-9300

Appraisals will be conducted by Philip Weiss of Antiques Road Show and Rosario DiBenedetto, a local estate liquidator.

Appraisals are \$10 per item or three for \$25 which includes a membership to the Museum. All proceeds will benefit the Museum.

For information, call Frank Seipp at 516-764-7459.

#### Beethoven's Fifth May 20

The Diocesan Choir of St. Agnes will join the South Shore Symphony to perform Beethoven's Fifth Symphony in St. Agnes Cathedral on Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The program, under the direction of conductors Michael Wustrow and Scott Jackson Wiley, also includes works by Purcell, Mozart and Hayden.

No reservations are required. A donation of \$15 is suggested.

#### Building Safety Month

The RVC 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; and checking the batteries and the life-span of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Residents are reminded that permits and inspections are required for all new construction and renovations, including electrical and plumbing work. Permits are also required for fences, pools and central air conditioning.

Visit the Department at 110 Maple Avenue or consult the Village's website [www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us).



## THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

### May is 'Older Americans Month'

The Sandel Center, on the corner of South Park and Lincoln avenues, in addition to its wide variety of programs and classes, social work services, daily lunch, and transportation, will offer a number of special activities in honor of older adults during the month of May.

#### Special Events

The annual **Intergenerational Picnic** with Senior Center members and South Side students is a fun-filled day of games, songs and good food on Wednesday, May 23.

The Sandel Center's **Volunteer Luncheon** on May 16 honors the more than 100 active volunteers who have participated in a wide variety of service activities this year. The formal luncheon at Chateau Briand is sponsored by FOSSI and is by invitation only.

#### Free Health Screening

The St. Francis Hospital Community Outreach Bus will provide free health screenings on Friday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure test and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes.

#### Arts & Leisure Activities

The artwork of Sandel Center members will be on display throughout the month of May. A reception will be held Tuesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. to hear them discuss their work.



Sandel seniors and South Side High School students enjoy last year's Intergenerational Picnic.



### Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony May 28

Join your neighbors for the annual Memorial Day Parade down Maple Avenue beginning at 10 a.m. 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 RVC police and fire departments, the schools, service and sports organizations will be marching.



## Saturday Night July 7 at Centennial Park

### A Tradition in Rockville Centre

Rockville Centre residents have come together for almost 20 years in Centennial Park along Mill River to celebrate the Village's Incorporation with musical tributes and firework displays. This gala event has become a treasured Village tradition, and this year the fireworks organizers have once again joined forces with the Guild for the Arts to continue this cherished event.

Together we can create a celebration in which residents and visitors will enjoy a concert by the South Shore Symphony, performances by young Village dancers, a spectacular fireworks display by GRUCCI FIREWORKS, and more! This year, vendors will be on site to sell a selection of delicious dishes for those wishing to come earlier and experience the festivities more fully.

### We Need Your Help and Support

The Village of Rockville Centre will, as always, provide critical support staff and services without which this celebration could not be held. However, your support is crucial to the success of this spectacular event. Almost 500 residents and businesses contributed to the fireworks celebration last year, and we hope you will join their ranks by making a tax-deductible donation to the RVC Guild for the Arts in support of this great event.

Make checks payable to the **RVC Guild for the Arts**, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and mail to:

RVC Guild for the Arts

Fireworks Celebration

P.O. Box 662 • Rockville Centre, NY 11571-0662

Join us at Centennial Park for a concert by the South Shore Symphony and the Fireworks!

6:00 PM FOOD BEGINS w/entertainment

7:45PM SOUTH SHORE SYMPHONY Concert

9:15 PM GRUCCI Fireworks

The rain date is Sunday, July 8.

Visit our Facebook pages for Rockville Centre Fireworks and RVC Guild for the Arts!

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Yes! I believe the annual fireworks celebration in Rockville Centre should continue!

I have enclosed my tax deductible contribution, made payable to "RVC Guild for the Arts"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual RVC Fireworks Commemorative T-Shirt



T-Shirts can be picked-up on July 5 and July 6 at 25 Canterbury Road (RVC) from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Please email [rvcfireworks@gmail.com](mailto:rvcfireworks@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

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Please place my order for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirts commemorating the 19th Annual RVC Fireworks Celebration.

I have enclosed \$12 for each T-shirt I have ordered.

Make checks payable to the RVC Guild for the Arts.

Please reserve T-shirts in the following sizes for me:

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Medium

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult X Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Small

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult XX Large

*Please make sure you have completed the contact information on the other side of this form so we can make sure you receive your shirts!*