



# THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

## Kids Fest September 15

The annual Kids Fest free open house celebration at the Rec Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 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.

## Fall Nursery School

There are a limited number of openings in the Fall 2012 nursery school classes at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road for children entering kindergarten in September 2013 or 2014.

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 10. Call 678-9339 for further information.

## Fall Program Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the Fall programs that begin the

week of September 17. All registrations are first-come, first-served and all participants must have valid 2012-2013 Recreation Center membership card. New programs offered this year include: Happy Piano, Baby Bounce & Jamboree, Roll Around Fun Card, Bricks for Kids, Jr. Gourmet Cooking, Artful Adventures, Fencing, Schoolhouse Chess, All 4 One Yoga, as well as the Rec. Center's competition and training gymnastics teams.

Flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9338 or 9339.

## Gymnastics Tryouts

Tryouts for the Rec Center gymnastics teams will be held the week of September 10. Candidates must pre-register.

A parents meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 at 11 a.m. Call Ginger at 516-678-9238 for information.

## Part-time Jobs Available

Residents who are at least 16 years old may apply at the Rec. office to work part-time on programs, parties and special events.

## Time to Order a Curbside Tree

The Rockville Centre Department of Public Works curbside tree planting program has moved to the fall. Residents have until September 28 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.

### 2012 Tree Planting Order

Order deadline: September 28, 2012 • Planting date: Fall, 2012

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: 2012 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571.  
Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



Kids can enjoy rides, face painting and a variety of exhibits and demonstrations at the September 15 Kids Fest.

## THIS MONTH in Rockville Centre

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

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## Dates & Events

Monday, September 3  
**LABOR DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 4, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, September 18, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, September 19,  
7:30 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- ◆ Monday, September 3 – 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 5



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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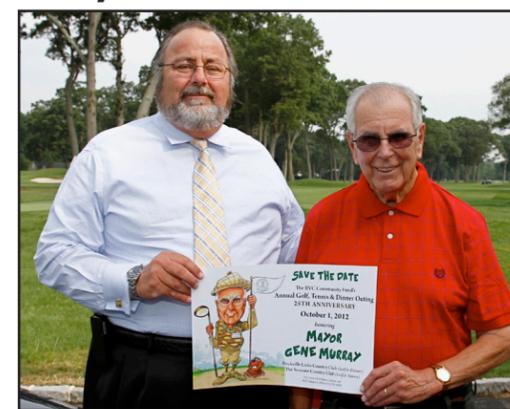
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Members of the 2012 Mayor's Classic Committee recently met at The Links with the golf outing hole-in-one prize, a new Infiniti provided by Legacy Infiniti of Lynbrook.

## Founding Mayor Eugene Murray to be Honored at 25th Annual Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic Oct. 1

For its 25th anniversary, the annual Mayor's Golf and Tennis Classic and Dinner, the primary fundraiser for the RVC Community Fund, will honor former Mayor Eugene J. Murray, the founder of the Fund.



Mayor Francis X. Murray with his father former Mayor Eugene J. Murray, founder of the Rockville Centre Community Fund and the 25th anniversary honoree.

"It is a very special honor and privilege for me to be able to salute and celebrate my father," Mayor Francis X. Murray said in urging residents to attend the anniversary celebration.

The Fund, directed exclusively to helping members of the Rockville Centre community, has provided nearly \$1.5 million in emergency assistance since 1987. In 2001, a special fund was established inside the Community Fund

that provided assistance to the Village families who lost loved ones on 9/11.

Tickets and sponsorships for the all-day event, as well as journal ads are still available. The donation for breakfast, lunch, cocktails and dinner as well as a round of golf at either

the Rockville Links Country Club or the Seawane Country Club is \$350. The donation for tennis and lunch at the Seawane is \$100; tennis, lunch and dinner, \$225. Dinner-only tickets at the Rockville Links are \$125.

For reservations or for information about sponsorships or journal ads, call Mary Rohrs at 516-678-9260. Journal ads must be placed by September 15.

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



# One Year in Office

It has been an eventful and rewarding first year for me. The Board of Trustees and I have made great strides in restoring a sense of friendliness and a positive community spirit in our Village and we will continue to pursue those goals in the coming year.

We have helped revitalize our downtown with a series of initiatives that began with making parking free after 6 p.m. We have upgraded our parking

meter system, beautified our sidewalks with flower plantings, added trees along Long Beach Road and supplemented our maintenance efforts with volunteers from the Mayor's Youth Task Force and business owners themselves.

These owners have reported a marked upswing in business and our business district occupancy rate has risen into the mid-90 percent range, up from the low 90s two years ago.

Others have invested millions of dollars in Rockville Centre, with improvements and renovations to the storefronts on South Village Avenue, Mr. Miceli, the Radio Shack building, Best Western, Taco Bell and Mercedes Benz in addition to the new Maple Avenue self-storage building and the new Karp Kia dealership, among other projects.

At the same time, we have made good use of our two new part-time grant writers who have so far brought in more than \$2 million to improve our Village without costing taxpayers anything. They continue to work on several other opportunities and I will continue to lobby our politicians.

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy has helped us with both grants: \$1.2 million to repave nearly a mile of roadway on Maple Avenue and \$865,000 for a four-year recruitment and retention program to attract volunteers to the Rockville Centre Fire Department.

We continue to work with the Rockville Centre School District on a number of cooperative agreements and with Molloy College on improvements to our athletic fields, though our original announced proposal with Molloy is being modified. As of this writing, both agreements are in the final stages of approval.



By Mayor Francis X. Murray

Like myself, many in our community are looking for solutions to the apparent escalation in anti-social behavior by some of our youth. The Roxen Road incident highlighted the need to look carefully at this issue.

As I said in my open letter to the community shortly after this incident, we cannot tolerate such behavior from our young people. But neither can we

ignore our responsibility as adults to provide guidance and modeling for our children.

In addressing anti-social behavior and the risky activities that often precede it, nothing can replace engaged parents who provide a loving home with good communication and appropriate consequences for poor decisions. But as your Mayor, I intend to do what I can.

I have talked with many residents and engaged parents; I have met with officials from our public and private schools, and leaders from our youth athletic clubs. We discussed the opportunity coaches and teachers have to mentor our young adults. I have consulted with the police commissioner.

One of the things we are doing is to encourage our residents, both young and adult, to become more engaged in our community by taking advantage of one of the many available and socially useful volunteer activities our Village provides and supports.

Look on the next page for a list of these activities. They include the Mayor's Youth Task Force, the Rockville Centre Youth Council, the Police Explorers, the Junior Firefighters, the police auxiliary and the Neighborhood Block Watch program.

In addition, our schools and other organizations provide many opportunities for young people to engage in athletics, dance, drama, music and video production. The Sandel Senior Center has a Homework Helpers program at the Rockville Centre Public Library. All of these are opportunities for adults and young people to interact in productive, rather than destructive, ways.

I look forward to working with you to continue to keep Rockville Centre the wonderful community it is.

## Community Notes

### RVC Receives High Bond Ratings

Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's have affirmed their very high ratings for \$8.2 million of Rockville Centre general obligation bonds that will be used to finance improvements to the electric and water utilities, road resurfacing and drainage projects, and the purchase of vehicles for the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department.

Moody's affirmed its Aa2 rating and Standard & Poor's its AA+ rating. S&P cited the Village's "very strong" wealth and income levels, its historically solid financial management, its adequate to good reserves, and its rapid amortization of debt.

The two credit ratings are among the very highest the agencies have assigned to Long Island municipalities and produced a net interest charge of 2.08 percent on the bond issue.

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### Neighborhood Watch Program Meeting

The Rockville Centre Police Department will hold a meeting at Village Hall on Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m. to explain its Neighborhood Watch Program to interested residents.

The program organizes neighbors to be extra eyes and ears for the police to help prevent and reduce crime on their block.

### Live Oak Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

Live Oak Engine Co. No. 1 of the Rockville Centre Fire Department will celebrate its 75th anniversary on the Village Green on Sunday, September 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As part of the celebration, the department will hold a 75th anniversary dedication of the company's classic 1937 Ahrens-Fox pumper, which is still officially in service. Antique apparatus from neighboring departments are expected to join in the event.

Lee Avenue from Maple to Grand and Maple Avenue from Morris to Lee will be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### 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 17 to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.



## Wendy Weinstock, M.S.W.

Wendy Weinstock, a social worker and supervisor for the Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services, is the Village's current Employee of the Month. According to Dr. Cyd Charrow, the director of both employee development and the Senior Services Department, Ms. Weinstock has for many years made significant contributions to the Village beyond performing superbly in her regular job title.



created the innovative "Senior Center Without Walls" program which brings social work services to those unable to travel to the Center.

She has also played a major role in training Village personnel on various employee policies and has consulted on

and conducted sensitive employment investigations as the Village's deputy Equal Employment Officer (EEO).

Ms. Weinstock has been employed by the Village since 1998 and became social work supervisor in 2007. She is a regular presenter at professional conferences.

In addition to her social work activities at the Sandel Senior Center, Ms. Weinstock

## Community Volunteer Opportunities

Mayor Francis X. Murray is urging Rockville Centre residents to connect themselves to the Village community by participating in one of many available volunteer activities.

"It is very important to have as many responsible adults as possible in the lives of our children," Mayor Murray said.

Young people and adults are being urged to consider the following volunteer programs:

◆ **The Mayor's Youth Task Force** performs a variety of community service jobs around the Village. Interested youth and adult 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.

◆ **The RVC Youth Council** partners youth and adults for planning community social events and awareness programs as well as volunteering for community outreach programs. To join, contact the Council on its website, www.rvcyouthcouncil.org/contact-us.html.

◆ **The RVC Police Explorer Post 1100** offers career education, training in 12 areas of law enforcement and

the opportunity to assist police. Open to young men and women 15 to 20. For information, visit the department website, www.rockvillecentrepolice.us or call Detective Norwood at 516-766-1577.

◆ **The RVC Junior Fire Department** offers firematic training and the opportunity to assist at fire calls and to participate in parades and tournaments. Open to young men and women 13 to 18. Call the Chiefs Office at 516-678-9254.

◆ **Neighborhood Watch** is a RVC Police Department crime prevention program that enlists residents to watch out for each other and their community in cooperation with the police. Program meeting September 10 at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Call Lieutenant Romance at 516-766-1500.

◆ **The RVC Auxiliary Police** receive basic police training, serve as the "eyes and ears" of the police department and assist at accidents, emergencies and special events. Candidates must be 18 and meet other requirements. Call Chief Chafetz at 516-678-9333 for information.

◆ **Homework Helpers** is a program of the Sandel Senior Center at the RVC Public Library to provide assistance to students. Volunteers must be Sandel members. Call 516-678-9245 for information.