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Dates & Events

Wednesday, April 3, 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 16, 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 P.M.
ZONING BOARD

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 at the Village website.

www.rvcny.us

Emergency numbers

Fire 911

Police 911

Ambulance 911

Electric 766-5800

Water 678-9252

Nights & Weekends
766-5800



Many enjoy the glitter, gambling, fine fare and company of friends and neighbors at the annual Monte Carlo Night, while helping to raise funds that support programs and services for Rockville Centre's senior citizens.

Monte Carlo Night To Take Over Sandel Senior Center

Tickets are now available for the Sandel Senior Center's annual Monte Carlo Night. The major fundraising event of the year is sponsored by the Friends of Senior Services, Inc., (FOSSI), a not-for-profit community group that supports the RVC Department of Senior Services. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 for \$60 per person.

The 2013 Monte Carlo Night honoree is Dr. Cyd Charrow, DSW, Director of Senior Services. Under 28 years of dedicated leadership, Dr. Charrow has helped the RVC Senior Services to experience tremendous growth and success. Dr. Charrow's efforts were nationally recognized in 2001. The Sandel Center became the first Senior Center on Long Island, and the 85th in the country, to achieve the prestigious designation of Accreditation by the National Council on Aging and the National Institute of Senior Centers.

"Monte Carlo night is sure to be filled with great games, delicious food, plenty of laughs and great company," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "The night also pays tribute to our tremendous honoree, Dr. Cyd Charrow. Her dedication and commitment to the Sandel Senior Center is remarkable. Our community is lucky to have her with us."

Members of the community are

invited to participate in the elegant and fun-filled event as the Sandel Center is transformed into a glittering casino. The night will be filled with professional dealers, wheel spinners and croupiers, a variety of exciting games, lots of "betting" action, big prizes, a dinner buffet, open bar, a dessert bar sponsored by The Signature Group and a beer garden sponsored by Cannon's Blackthorn Irish American Restaurant and Bar. The Grand Pavilion for Rehab & Nursing at Rockville Centre is the event sponsor for the evening. Local businesses, professionals and community organizations are encouraged to contribute sponsorships and prizes to help the success of the night.

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.

For tickets to the Monte Carlo Night, send checks, made payable to FOSSI, to Friends of Senior Services, Inc., 50 South Park Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570, Attn: Monte Carlo Night. For more information or to pay by credit card, call (516) 678-9245.



THE JOHN A. ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Children's Marketplace

De-clutter and dispose of your unwanted or no-longer-needed children's items at the Recreation Center on April 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Are you a new parent or grandparent? Get some great items you'll need at discounted prices. Call the Recreation Center for more information at 678-9238.

Summer Playground and Recreation Programs

See the flyers at the Recreation Center for detailed information about the summer playground programs for students in grades 1-6 and summer Rec. programs for students in grades 7 and 8 as of September 2013.

The programs, staffed by trained recreation personnel, meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon from June 26th through August 8th.

Summer Nursery School Registration

Registration has begun for summer nursery school for children entering kindergarten in 2013 or 2014. Class-



The Recreation Center Pre School recently took a visit the RVC Public Library.

es meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. from June 24 through August 10th.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2013 (birthdates from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008) are offered Monday through Friday.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2014 (birthdates from December 1, 2008 through November, 30 2009) are offered Monday through Thursdays.

Please bring your child's birth certificate or other proof of age.

Get in Shape

The Summer season is right around the corner. What better way to get in shape for bathing suit season then exer-

cise classes at the Rec. Center. Square dancing, zumba, step classes and cardio classes are available to residents. A weight room fully equipped with a treadmill, recumbent bike, rowing machine, stairmaster and arc trainer, as well as free weights, are available to adults seven days a week. For further details, please call the Rec. Center at 678-9238.

Summer Sports Schools

Applications for summer programs, including the baseball school, girls basketball school, boys and girls lacrosse (Shooting Stars), the Rec. Center gymnastics school are now available.

Trained professionals are on site to provide children with sports instruction and a rewarding experience.



2013 honoree Dr. Cyd Charrow, DSW, and Mayor Francis X. Murray will be joining in the fun at the Monte Carlo Night to help Rockville Centre Senior Services on April 27th.



VILLAGE HALL COMMENTS

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

One of the greatest challenges an electric utility faces is preparation for and recovery from a major weather event such as a hurricane, ice storm or nor'easter. This Fall and Winter our utility faced several challenges, including Superstorm Sandy. With winds approaching 100 miles per hour the storm caused significant damage to utility and municipal infrastructure all across the tri-state region.



Electric Department Superintendent Paul Pallas

also in contact with LIPA to ensure any transmission lines that LIPA owns supplying our system that may experience damage would be repaired in a timely manner.

As the storm approached the Electric Department activated our call center. Within this call center we have our outage analysis system. This system uses a GIS mapping system where we plot outage calls as they come in. Based on information

generated from this system we were able to dispatch line crews to the hardest hit areas and also dispatch survey crews to areas where the information was less clear.

Although overhead utility lines and poles will always be susceptible to damage from these storms we have been aggressive in building a system that is as resilient as it can be. In addition, we have a rolling tree trim program that ensures that all trees near power lines have been trimmed at least once every three years. We work continually with Verizon for pole replacements. We perform inspections and testing on our transmission and distribution system to locate any major trouble areas that need immediate attention and perform any necessary repairs.

I am proud of the professionalism and dedication of the Village electric department personnel and the preparatory efforts undertaken before the storm. Due to proper planning and execution, we were able to restore the majority of customers within 7 days after the storm subsided.

Fortunately, there was ample warning for this storm which allowed us to properly prepare.

The first major step in the preparation effort was to activate our mutual aid process. We reached out to other municipal utilities throughout New York to arrange for electric line crews to arrive either just prior or just after the storm arrived. Due to the predicted size of the storm many of our normal responders were unable to commit to assist the Village until after the storm passed. Rather than wait for what seemed a certainty, we then reached out through our national association, the American Public Power Association (APPA), for additional assistance to ensure that crews would be available.

In addition to the line crews we notified three local tree trim companies that the Village maintains contracts with to arrive on site the morning after the storm subsided. We also communicated with Verizon to arrange for multiple pole setting crews to be available as soon after the storm as practicable. Verizon was able to provide two separate pole setting crews during the restoration effort. We were



Sandel Senior Center

The Sandel Senior Center has a host of activities this month for all to enjoy. Activities include a seal-watching cruise, a Spring luncheon and a trip to Molloy College's Madison Theatre for a performance of Fiddler on the Roof. A intergenerational sharing conference will be held at South Side High School.

Residents are encouraged to call Sandel for further details about events and any questions at 678-9350.

Social Work Services

Supervisor Wendy Weinstock, MSW, is available for private consultation on a range of social work services such as housing and transportation, as well as individual counseling at the Sandel Senior Center. Residents interested are urged to call Wendy at 536-1162.

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.

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 an 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.

The Village of Rockville Centre Enters the Digital Age

On March 1st the Village of Rockville Centre entered the digital age by launching its social media efforts on Facebook and Twitter.

Through the use of the social media platforms Facebook and Twitter, the Village is seeking to increase its reach into the community. "The goal is to communicate



events and information to the people of Rockville Centre and beyond," said Rockville Centre Mayor Francis Murray. "We do that to a certain extent through our website and newsletters, but I believe that we can engage more people through the use of these tools. We're no longer tethered to newspapers, televisions or radios for information; many of us rely on smartphones as our main source of information."

The Village of Rockville Centre also hopes to use these platforms as a way to "hear" what its citizens have to say. Recognizing the power these social media sites have, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard stated that, "I'll always love face to face communication, but more and more of our communication is done

electronically; whether it be texting, tweeting, or e-mailing. As public officials we have to keep up with the times."

The social media sites won't be all fun and games, however. The Village also plans to use these outlets as a way to communicate emergency information on a real time basis. This will be especially helpful in the event of severe weather. With the press of a button, vital information regarding storm preparedness, road conditions, etc. can be sent out to the residents of the Village. Conversely the Village can listen to what its residents are saying as they post on the Facebook page or tweet us on Twitter.

The Village invites you to like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/villageofrockvillecentre>. and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/villagervc



Sandel Senior Center Celebrates Women's History Month



In honor of Women's History Month, the Sandel Senior Center held a luncheon where local women of significance, who have contributed to the history of the Rockville Centre community, are recognized. Pictured are **Dr. Cyd Charrow**, DSW, Director of Senior Services, honoree Professor **Charlotte Allen**, Mayor **Francis X. Murray** and Deputy Mayor **Nancy Howard**. Professor Allen was honored for her continued dedication to the Rockville Centre community.

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Mary Rohrs Named Village Employee of the Month



Mary Rohrs has been a dedicated employee for the Village of Rockville Centre for the past 27 years. Serving as the secretary to the Mayor, Mary has worked tirelessly performing her duties, often working nights and weekends.

Rohrs has been praised for being extremely reliable, diligent and putting the needs of the Village over her own. Despite her personal home devastation due to Superstorm Sandy, Mary continued to spend endless hours at the Village.

Because of her strong work ethic, dedication and a commitment to excellence, Mary has been named the Village's Employee of the Month for April 2013.

"Mary is the glue that holds this office together," commented Mayor Murray. "Her commitment to this Village is unwavering and I am personally thankful to have her here."