

Recycle Wednesdays!



It's more than newspapers!

Cardboard, product packaging, magazines, catalogs and junk mail can all be recycled on Wednesdays.

During holiday weeks, paper products may be deposited Wednesdays through Fridays at DPW headquarters, 10 Sunrise Highway, or in Municipal Parking Field #12, Sunrise Highway between North Forest Avenue and North Long Beach Road.

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Dates & Events

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY

Village Offices Closed

Monday, September 9, 7P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, September 25, 7:30 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.



26th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic

On Monday, September 30th, the Rockville Links Country Club will be hosting the 26th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic. For its 26th anniversary the Classic will be honoring Bob Schenone, a longtime resident of Rockville Centre and member of the Rockville Centre Conservancy Board.

"It is my great pleasure and privilege to honor one of Rockville Centre's best friends," said Mayor Francis X. Murray.

The Classic, and accompanying dinner, are the primary fundraiser for the Rockville Centre Community Fund. The Fund, dedicated 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 the Rockville Links Country Club is \$350. Dinner-only tickets 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 16th.

Residents Encouraged to be Prepared During Hurricane Season

In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, residents should take steps to ensure the safety of their loved ones this hurricane season. The Atlantic hurricane season began on June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30. Top forecasters predict an above-average 2013 Atlantic hurricane season, with 18 tropical storms forecast, of which nine will be hurricanes.

"I encourage all residents to be prepared by creating a family hurricane plan and assembling a hurricane supply kit," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "Being prepared is your best defense to safely weathering a storm, or any other disaster."

In an effort to provide more reliable communications within the Village, residents are encouraged to add your cell phone, work number, unlisted home phone number or email to the Village's automatic emergency notification system, Swift 911.

Residents can log on to the Villages website at www.rvcny.us or the Village facebook page for further details.



THE JOHN A. ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Fall 2013 - Nursery School Openings

There are a limited number of openings in the Fall 2013 Nursery school Classes at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road. These classes are for children entering kindergarten in September 2014 and 2015. Classes follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Openings are in the morning classes. There are also opportunities for extended day programs. Come by and see for yourself. In addition to our wonderful classrooms and gymnasiums, the new playground adjacent to the rec. center. Call 678-9339 for further information. Classes commence September 9, 2013.

Time to Register for Fall Programs

Applications for the Fall Program season are now available. The programs are scheduled to begin the week of September 22nd. All registrations are first-come first served and all participants must have valid Recreation Membership cards. Detailed flyers are available by calling 678-9338 or 9339 or on the Village website at WWW.RVCNY.US.

New programs being offered this year include: Happy Piano Baby Bounce & Jam-boree, Roll Around Fun Card, Bricks for Kids, Artful Adventures, Fencing, RVC Rec. Competition and Training Gymnastics Teams, Schoolhouse Chess and All 4 One Yoga.

Kids' Fest - Saturday, September 21st

The Annual Kids' Fest Open House celebration at the Rec. Center is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Representatives from all the village sports organizations will attend as well as the RVC Police and Fire Departments, Post Office, Library, Guild for the Arts, Lions Club, Leggz, and many others. This is a free event for the community to enjoy.



Kids can enjoy rides, face painting and a variety of activities at the September 21 Kids Fest.

Bicycle Safety Week

The RVC Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department, in cooperation with the RVC P.T.A., will again offer the Cycle with Care program at the five elementary schools during September.

The inspections will take place at Wilson and Riverside schools on Tuesday, September 10; at Covert and Watson schools on

Wednesday, Sept. 11 and at Hewitt school on Thursday, September 12.

Part Time Jobs Available

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

Time to Order a Tree

Residents have until September 30 to order from among the five varieties listed below. Trees are \$225 each. Village contractors will plant a tree for you for \$325, which includes a one-year guarantee: if the tree dies within a year, it will be replaced with a new one for free.

2013 Tree Planting Order Order deadline: September 30, 2013 • Planting date: Fall, 2013

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Variety: Pin Oak Crimson King Norway Maple Male Gianko Biloba
 Japanese Lilac Little Leaf Linden Kwanzan Oriental Cherry

_____ Tree only: \$225 _____ Tree and Planting: \$325

Mail to: 2013 Trees, Rockville Centre DPW, P.O. Box 950, RVC, NY 11571. Make check payable to Village of Rockville Centre.



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



RVC Moving Forward

Rockville Centre remains one of the most desirable communities to live and raise a family on Long Island. Our schools, recreation programs for our youth and seniors, safety, downtown area and overall quality of life is second to none. It has been an honor to serve as your Mayor for the last two years and I am proud of our accomplishments in this short time.

Like every government, we have been challenged by increasing health costs and retirement benefits for our workers. However, we have risen to the challenge by streamlining the way we do business and winning major grants and gifts to benefit the Village. In the last two years alone, my administration has secured nearly \$5 million dollars in federal, state and local grants and gifts to make improvements in our Village. Much of this money has been used to improve our ballfields and parks, provide transportation and assistance for seniors, equipment to repair our roadways, provide sophisticated tools for our police and fire departments and much more.

As your Mayor I have also looked for ways to negotiate public-private partnerships to cut costs while improving our Village. Most recently, we saved money by sharing services with Molloy College to further improve our athletic facilities at the Skelos Sports Complex. The College has funded extensive renovations to the Bob Klein Softball Field, giving the college an NCAA-regulation softball field. At the same time it provides the Village and school district with the cost-free use of a state-of-the-art stadium. For this effort, the Village was just presented First Place in the category of Public Works for Local Government



Mayor Francis X. Murray

Achievement Award from the New York State Conference of Mayors.

The downtown business district is key to our future. Unlike other communities where main street is littered with vacant stores and "For Rent" signs, Rockville Centre enjoys a thriving downtown, with new businesses coming in every week. The occupancy rate in our business district has risen to more than 95% with more shops and restaurants coming. Many of the businesses that have been

in the Village have also expanded to offer residents more.

Our roadways continue to be a top priority for me. We are in the process of improving nearly a mile of roadway on Maple Avenue thanks to a grant. In the past we have been improving one-mile of roadway per year. However, I will be increasing that to four-miles this year. In addition, the Village lost a number of trees due to Superstorm Sandy. I have devised a tree replacement plan that will allow the Village to plant 50 new trees per year.

The Village offers a wealth of activities and volunteer opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in throughout the year. I urge all residents to connect themselves to the Village by participating in one of the many activities including: The Mayors Youth Task Force, RVC Youth Council, RVC Police Explorers, Neighborhood Watch, Homework Helpers, RVC Fire Department, RVC Junior Fire Department, and much more.

I was born and raised in Rockville Centre, as was my father, who was mayor for twenty years. The Murray family has a deep love for Rockville Centre and I am committed to preserving our terrific way of life.

Village Employee of the Month

From December 2004 through June 2008, Nancy Altamore was a valuable asset to the Public Works Department. She did her job and assisted with extra items along the way. Although she has since been employed at the Police Department, when the Public Works department was shorthanded Nancy stepped up and asked if she could help. During September 2012 through July 2013, Nancy efficiently performed the most vital functions in one or two days per week. She helped



out with payroll, employee leave, attendance, sanitation weights and billing, purchase order processing, vehicle incidents, etc. Her assistance has especially been welcomed in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and a crash of the computer system at DPW. It is for these reasons that the Village would like to thank Nancy for her invaluable assistance to the Public Works Department and dedication to the Village and has named Nancy Altamore the Employee of the Month for August 2013.

Community Notes

Tax Office Announcements

Exemptions are available to volunteer firefighters with five years or more of certified service and to veterans based on the date and type of military service. The maximum assessed value that may be exempted varies with the status of the veteran claimant: non-combat and Cold War \$799; combat \$1,332; and disabled up to \$2,664 based on the percent of disability.

Exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2012 gross income not exceeding \$37,400.

Applications for the 2014/15 tax year are available by visiting the Tax Office on the second floor of Village Hall at One College Place weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by calling 516-678-9242.

New property owners and those who have mortgages that have been satisfied, refinanced or sold to another lending institution are reminded to notify the Tax Office as soon as possible.

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

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Staying Active with Sandel Senior Center



32 members of Sandel Senior Center recently enjoyed a senior walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. The Sandel Center offers a wide variety of classes and programs for Rockville Centre residents age 60 and over. "There is something for everyone," says Chris O'Leary, Director of Senior Services. Residents are encouraged to get involved in some of the numerous activities including:

- Physical fitness classes, taught by certified instructors, include Range of Motion, Aerobics, Pilates, Tai-Chi, Stretch and Balance, Yoga, Cardio Dance, Line Dance and more. Brand new this fall: Chair Dance.
- For arts lovers, Drawing and Painting, Cardmaking, Knitting, Crochet and more. Performance arts include Center Stage Chorus, Showtime and sing-a-long.

• Intellectual activities include Mind Aerobics, Current Events discussions, Book Club, Guest Speakers on a variety of topics.

- Mah Jongg, Canasta, Dominos/Mexican Train, Bingo and RummiKub games are popular.
- Social Events include trips, dining out, musical entertainment, parties and more.

Transportation to and from the Center, to area supermarkets, and local, non-emergency medical visits can be arranged through the transportation office. A complete calendar of events is available on the Rockville Centre Village Website at www.rvcny.us or call 678-9245.

Back-To-School Safety

Nationally, being struck by a vehicle while walking is a leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14. The back-to-school season is a good time to teach kids how to be safe when going to and from school.

Walking to School:

- Be a good role model. Children imitate their parents and model their behavior. You need to tell them and show them how to be safe pedestrians.
- CROSS AT THE CROSSWALK!**

- Choose the safest route and walk it with your children. Look for the most direct route with the fewest street crossings. Try to choose routes where school crossing guards are present to cross children. Children under age 10 should walk with an adult or older child every day because they do not have the necessary skills to judge the speed or distance of oncoming traffic. Also, their peripheral (side) vision is 1/3 less than that of adults.

- Teach children to obey all traffic signals and markings. Children should be taught the meaning of all traffic markers (for example, a flashing "walk" sign is not an automatic "go" signal.)

- Make sure children look to the left, to the right and to the left again for moving vehicles before crossing the street.

- Teach children not to enter the street from between parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs. Darting into the street accounts for a significant number of pedestrian injuries among children ages 9 and under.

- Because drivers have a more difficult time seeing pedestrians, warn children to be extra alert in bad weather.

School Bus Safety:

- Teach your children about the 10-foot danger zone around the school bus, where the driver can't see

children on the ground. They should take eight giant steps away from the bus to be sure the bus driver can see them. Older kids who must cross the street should look to the bus driver for an "OK" sign before crossing, and always cross in front of the bus.

- Kids tend to run toward the bus — don't let them. Kids should stand on the grass or sidewalk while waiting for the bus and not enter the street until the driver has opened the door of the bus.

Teach children:

- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up yourself!
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic. When you get on or off the bus, look left, right, left before you enter or cross the street.