

## Summer 2004 at the Sandel Center

### Special Events

The Creative Writing Luncheon celebrating the completion of the writing group's third volume of work is Wednesday, June 2. \$3.50 per person.

The Intergenerational Picnic with students from South Side High School and members of the Sandel Center is Thursday, June 3 from Noon to 3 P.M. \$3 per person.

Singers and dancers from Sandel's own Center Stage Performing Group present "The Best of Sinatra" on Wednesday, June 9 at 1 P.M.

The Dinner Theatre Fund Raiser on Sunday, June 13 features "Annie Get your Gun" at The Stage Theater in Merri-ck. \$25 includes lunch at the Center, transportation to the theater and tickets.

SPA's (Senior People in Action) 3rd annual kick-off day Monday, June 14 features a sampling of the exciting health-promoting activities that SPA will offer all summer. \$10 fee.

The annual installation luncheon is Friday, June 25 at 12 Noon at Temple Avodah. Members \$24 per person; non-members \$29.

Linda Ipanema gives a musical performance for Sandel Sunday on July 11.

### Arts and Leisure Activities

The Sunday Book Club with Barbara Petrilli meets June 6 at 3 P.M. to discuss *Sea Glass* by Anita Shreve.

Monthly duplicate bridge games with Marie Fiorillo continue on two Sundays, June 6 and 27 at 1 P.M. \$5 or \$7 per session. Register by calling 678-9245. A partner is not required.

Computer lessons are Saturdays, June 12 and 19. For his Eagle Scout project Alex Merola of Boy Scout Troop 214 has organized 25 fellow Boy Scouts to tutor members of the community. Call the Senior Center for information.

Dance to Harmony Music on Friday, June 18 at 1 P.M. and cool down with thick shakes and iced tea. \$3 per person.

An artist's reception for Grace Braithwaite is Tuesday, June 22 at 11 A.M.

The Book Club, led by Ellen Berman of the RVC Library meets on the last Wednesday of the month. Books may be borrowed from the

Sandel Center. On June 30 at 2 P.M. the club will discuss *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill.

Mah Jongg games are Thursdays at 2 P.M. There is room for experts, beginners and returnees. Light dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Donations of used Mah Jongg sets are appreciated. Call Kate at 678-9350 with any questions.

AARP Defensive Driving Course classes will be held on Thursday evenings in July and August at 6:30 P.M. The cost is \$10. Registration is in-person only at the Senior Center. Call 678-9350 for class availability.

### Summer Speakers

Historian Fred Stopsky of C.W. Post will present a workshop on how to write your own personal history Wednesday, June 2 at 6 P.M.

Anthony Vela of Dreyfus Investments presents "Tax Free Investing for Seniors and Living on a Fixed Income" on Thursday, June 17 at 7 P.M.

The Sandel Senior Men's Club meets twice monthly for a 10 A.M. breakfast followed by a guest speaker at 11. On Tuesday, June 1 Fred Meyers



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of Smith Barney discusses "Money Issues for Seniors" and on June 15 Village Trustee Greg Rinn, the liaison to the Senior Center, will visit.

Josephine Vaglio answers questions about Medicare coverage, the new Medicare prescription drug card and the new Medicare HMO (Medicare Advantage) on Wednesday, July 7 and Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30 P.M.

### Health and Wellness Activities

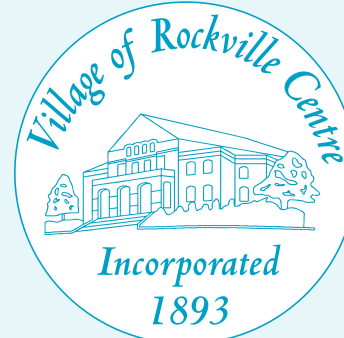
A Community Health Fair is the centerpiece of Wellness & Vitality Day Wednesday, June 16. Gerontologist Dr. Lawrence Rand is the guest speaker. The day's activities include a beach walk, a salad bar luncheon, and a wide array of health professionals and service providers who will answer questions. \$5 per person.



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### Dates & Events

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

Monday, June 14, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Sandel Senior Center

Tuesday, June 15, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, June 23, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, June 28, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Monday, July 5  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY (Observed)**  
Village Offices Closed

Saturday, July 10, 7:30 P.M.  
**VILLAGE's 111th BIRTHDAY**  
Centennial Park

Monday, July 12, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Monday, August 9, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, August 18, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Videotapes of Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on Cable Channel 18 on Wednesdays (8:15 p.m.) and Saturdays (1:30 p.m.) following each meeting.

For general information  
Call 678-9300

### Emergency Numbers

Fire **911**

Police **911**

Ambulance **911**

Electric 766-5800

Water 678-9252

Nights & Weekends 766-5800

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## Arbor Day in Rockville Centre

*The RVC Association of Girls Scouts organized its annual Arbor Day tree and flower planting on the Village Green in May. A new Bradford Pear replaces a downed tree. Enjoying the occasion with the scouts are Trustees Mary Bossart and Jim Sutton and Scout leaders Jackie Stetson and Marianne Jonas. The Village's tree planting and replacement program is one of the reasons it was recently named a Tree City USA for the 15th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation.*

### From the Village Administrator

Dear Residents:

Summer in Rockville Centre is a wonderful time of year. As we spend more time out of doors in our neighborhoods, it becomes more important to think about how what we do affects our neighbors. Rockville Centre is well-known for its beautiful, well-maintained residential areas, but that beauty can be blighted by inattention to how we take care of our trash.

As the days get longer, please remember not to put trash items on the curbstrip earlier than one hour before sundown and bring them in as soon as you can after pick-up. Also, we have found that the thicker, black plastic trashbags hold up better than the white ones, which often break and are easy targets for birds and other animals who scatter their contents.

And while I have you thinking about trash, please remember that our workers lift and carry tons of your trash every day. Do not overpack your trash containers or buy the new supersized ones with attached hinged lids, which are not designed for easy use with our trash trucks. Any containers that exceed the 50 pound limit are a danger to our workers, causing slowdowns and injuries.

Please enjoy our neighborhoods this summer and think about your neighbors!

**Ronald J. Wasson**

**Department of Senior Services Survey Inside**





## Village Hall Comments

By Trustee James C. Sutton

### The Warm Sun Brings Fun



The summer wind came blowing in from across the sea.

So begins a popular tune by a relatively unknown artist named Frank Sinatra. And so also begins the summer months in Rockville Centre.

Soon places such as Point Lookout, Ocean and ABC will be annexed as remote sites of our fair Village. Many residents will begin their annual pilgrimage to the East End or Upstate. But that does not mean that there are no activities in RVC proper during the dog days — far from it. In fact, the Village continues to bustle (did I just write that?) with activity.

The premier event of the summer is the annual July Village birthday celebration, complete with fireworks, rides, and a concert featuring the South Shore Symphony. This festival takes place Saturday, July 10.

Our Recreation Department runs summer camp programs continuously during the summer months for children ranging from pre-school through elementary grades, providing athletic, cultural and arts and crafts activities.

Our Sandel Center is extremely busy throughout the summer. In June there are picnics, fitness programs, a dine-around, and the Sandel's own performing group will present tunes by the

forementioned artist Mr. Sinatra.

July brings more of the same, plus trips to Belmont Racetrack and Atlantic City. August continues all the regular programs, plus adds events such as a Broadway show and a "Hot Mexican Party".

The summer presents the ideal opportunity for our DPW — that's the Department of Public Works — to hit full stride on a number of their programs. They will oversee the reconstruction of 12 roads, the planting of over 100 new trees, and the rehabilitation of the Firemen's Field grandstand. And DPW also works for weeks with other Village departments to assure the success of the fireworks show.

Over the summer I will also continue to push forward the discussions and efforts to bring synthetic turf fields into our Village. I believe, in both the short-term and over the long-term, a conversion to artificial turf makes a great deal of sense for us, especially given our overall field constraints.

Let's face it, there is no more free land available to create playing fields. Artificial turf would provide significantly increased field availability and would eliminate weather-related field closures.

I'll keep everyone informed on our progress with reports at our Village Board meetings.

So sit back relax, and if you happen to be in the Village and not in one of its many annexes, enjoy all RVC has to offer this summer.



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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Ronald J. Wasson, Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9300

## Community News

### Real Estate Tax Notice

Tax bills were mailed the week of May 24. The first half payment is due now and may be paid without penalty until July 1 at the Cashier's Office in Village Hall, One College Place.

If you have not received your bill, you may obtain one from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Tax Office on the second floor of Village Hall or by calling 678-9242.

Homeowners are reminded to notify the Village Tax Office of any change in their mortgage, whether satisfying or refinancing, or when their mortgage is sold from one lending institution to another.

### New Village Web Address www.rvcny.us

This Month in Rockville Centre is not published in July and August. To keep current with Village events, visit the Village's website and click on Calendar of Events.



## Summer 2004 Concert Calendar

The Village's annual summer concert series includes three events on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, as well as the annual fireworks show with the South Shore Symphony at Mill River / Centennial Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

In case of rain, the Village Green concerts will move to the auditorium of the South Side Middle School, Hillside Avenue.

- Thursday, June 24, 7:30 P.M. — Irish music with the Black Velvet Band.
- Saturday, July 10, 7:30 P.M. — In honor

of the Village's 111th birthday, the South Shore Symphony performs a concert of summertime favorites. The 1812 Overture will accompany a Grucci fireworks display over Mill River beginning about 9:15. The Symphony will resume after the fireworks. Rain date: Sunday, July 11.

- Thursday, July 22, 7:30 P.M. — Salute to Bennie Goodman with Sol Yaged.
- Thursday, August 12, 7:30 P.M. — A tribute to Frank Sinatra by Plaza Theatrical Productions.

## Community News

### Summer S.T.O.P. Collections

The Town of Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program will hold hazardous waste collections from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Sunday, June 13 at Bay Park in East Rockaway; on Saturday, July 17 at the Town parking field on Division Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike in Levittown; and on Saturday, August 14 at Greenfield Cemetery, Milburn Avenue, Uniondale.

Town residents may bring hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products to the collection point for proper disposal at no charge. The program accepts such items as paints, solvents, varnish, waste oil, antifreeze, batteries, car tires (off the rim), and photography and pool chemicals.

The program will not accept commercial or medical waste, ammunition, explosives, propane tanks, or unlabeled materials.

For information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200.

### RVC Seeks Police Volunteers

The Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department is looking for community-minded citizens willing to undergo training and perform at least 12 hours of volunteer duty a month.

Volunteers patrol Rockville Centre in marked cars and in police uniforms, extending the reach of the regular police force. Their efforts reduce crime and vandalism in the Village. Auxiliary police officers also help the regular police with traffic and crowd control during special events and at the scenes of fires, traffic accidents, and other emergencies.

Candidates are trained at the Nassau County Police Academy one night a week for 18 weeks and receive field training with the Rockville Centre Police.

All residents over 18 are invited to join by calling the Rockville Centre Auxiliary Police Department at 678-9333.

## Summer 2004 at the Recreation Center

### Summer Playground Program

Registration is now being accepted for the 50th consecutive summer playground program, held this year from June 29 through August 5.

The regular weekly program is conducted by trained Rec Center staff at the Rec Center and at Hewitt and Wilson schools. Daily activities include athletics, arts and crafts, games, and special events, including some field trips.

The program is open to residents of Rockville Centre or of the Rockville Centre School District in grades one through eight as of September, 2004.

Transportation is not provided and children must walk to or be dropped off at their playground sites. The program meets Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. The fee is \$230 per child.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center or by calling 678-9339.

### Pre-School Summer Activities

Registration is underway for pre-school summer programs. Both the parent and child must purchase Rec Center membership cards.

**Computer Tots** is a six-week program for children 3 years old and up. Classes are offered for 40 minutes on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 1 P.M. beginning June 30 or July 2. Call 731-3766 for further information.

A six-session program in **creative art** in different media begins on Tuesday, June 29 from 1 to 2 P.M. for 3- and 4-year-olds and from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. for 4- and 5-year-olds. The fee is \$59.50.

**Exploring the arts** is a six-session program of dance, music, puppetry and art that begins Thursday, July 1 from 1 to 2 P.M. for ages 3 to 4 and from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. for ages 4 to 5. The fee is \$59.50.

A six-session **parent-toddler workshop** in art, music, and movement

led by a certified early childhood specialist for parents or caregivers and their 24- to 36-month-old children begins Wednesday, June 30 from 12:30 to 2 P.M. or Friday, July 2 from 9 to 10:30 A.M. or from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. Fee is \$65.

### Summer Birthday Parties

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties to Village residents from ages 2 on up. All parties include an organized activity followed by refreshment and celebration time in the party room. Parties are offered Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 3 P.M. or 4

to 5:30 P.M. from June 28 through August 13.

For information and reservations, call 678-9338 or 9339.

### Gymnastics

Gymnastics workouts for girls in grades 1 to 8, using various apparatus, are offered Tuesdays or Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 P.M. Fee is \$48 for six sessions.

### Dancing

Square dancing sessions for various levels with Lee

Kopman are \$6 per session on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights beginning July 6, 7, and 12.

Country line dancing with Debi Oestreicher meets Tuesdays from 7 to 9:30 P.M. beginning July 6. Pay as you go for \$7 per session.

### Fall Nursery School

There are limited openings remaining in some fall nursery school classes.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2005 are Monday through Friday mornings or Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

Classes for children entering kindergarten in September 2006 are Monday through Thursday mornings or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Classes begin September 13 and follow the RVC public school holiday schedule. Call 678-9338 for information.



There are programs for residents of all ages at the Rec Center this summer.