

## March Recreation Center Events

### Crafts Fair and Flea Market

The Recreation Department's Spring Crafts Fair and Flea Market is Sunday, March 18 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There will be a large assortment of merchandise and plenty of free parking.

### Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days benefit to remind us that hope blooms is scheduled for March 20 and 21.

To place your order, call Pat Southard at 678-9338. The daffodils are sold in bunches of 10 for \$10.

### Part-time Summer Job

#### Applications

Applications are now being accepted for paid summer playground positions. Applicants must be at least 16.

### 2007-08 Nursery School

#### Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for the RVC Recreation Center's nursery school programs for the 2007 - 2008 school year.

Pre-K classes for those entering kindergarten in September 2008 are offered five days a week from 9 to 11:30 A.M. or three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

Pre-Pre-K for those entering kindergarten in September 2009 are

offered four days a week (Monday through Thursday) from 9 to 11:30 A.M. or two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) from 12:15 to 2:45 P.M.

To schedule an appointment to visit the school, call the Recreation Office at 678-9339.

### Spring Recess Trips & Special Events

All participants must be registered members of the Recreation Department for the 2006-2007 year. A parental permission slip and appropriate fee for each event must be submitted to the recreation office prior to the day of the trip or activity.

#### Monday, April 2

**Spring Craft Activity** for grades K to 5; 10 – 11:15 A.M. or 11:45 A.M. – 1 P.M. Fee is \$7.

#### Tuesday, April 3, 12:30 – 5:15 P.M.

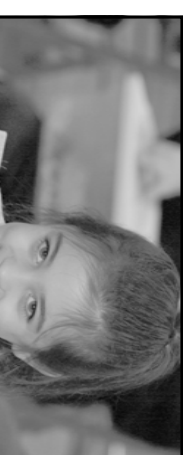
**Trip to Adventureland** in Farmingdale for grades 2 and up. Unlimited use of rides, but some rides have height requirements. Rain date April 5. Fee \$23.

#### Wednesday, April 4, 12:30 – 4:15 P.M.

**Trip to Fun Zone** for grades 1 – 8. Unlimited rides and 35 game tokens. Fee \$23.

#### Thursday, April 5, 10 – 11:15 A.M.

**Annual Spring Pet Show.** Ribbons awarded in various categories. No fee, but pre-registration required.



Register your animal for the Recreation Center's annual pet show on Thursday, April 5.

#### Thursday, April 5, 11:15 – 12:30 or 12:55 – 2 P.M.

**Sportstack** activity for grades 1 – 8. Fee \$3.

#### Friday, April 6, 10 - 11 A.M. or 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

**Egg Coloring Contest** for grades K to 5. Participants must bring hard-boiled eggs in a carton. Fee \$3.

#### Friday, April 6

**Bowling** at RVC Lanes. Grades 1-2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; grades 3-8, 12:30 – 3 P.M. Fee \$12.

#### Monday, April 9, 10 to 11:30 or 11:45 to 1:15

**Game / Sports Day** for grades K through 5. Fee \$9.



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## Dates & Events

Monday, March 5, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Monday, March 26, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, March 28, 7 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

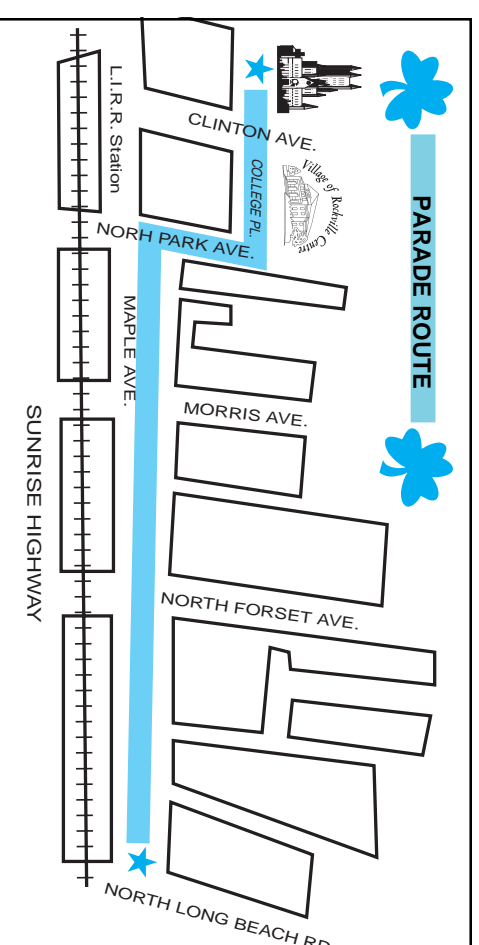
Nights & Weekends 766-5800

A complete Calendar of Events, is available on the Village's website  
[www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)

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## St. Patrick's Parade March 24

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade steps off at Noon on Saturday, March 24 from Maple Avenue and Long Beach Road and proceeds to the reviewing stand in front of St. Agnes Cathedral. This year's Grand Marshal is Jack Irwin, a charter member of the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee and a special assistant to former Governor George Pataki for Irish affairs.

The parade is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that has distributed more than \$350,000 to 30 worthy charities since 1997. Each year a national, a local, and an Irish charity are selected as equal beneficiaries of the Parade's fundraising activities.

This year's local charity is the Camp Anchor Parents' Foundation, which supports the Town of Hempstead's summer recreational programs for children with disabilities; the national charity is the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises funds to combat childhood cancer; and the Irish charity is Peaceplayers International, which uses basketball and life-skills training to promote peaceful interaction among young people in Northern Ireland and other regions of tension.

For further information about fundraising events, visit the parade website at [www.rvcstpatrick.com](http://www.rvcstpatrick.com).

## Identity Theft Workshop March 8

The Rockville Centre Police Department is sponsoring a workshop on Thursday, March 8 to help residents recognize and protect themselves against identity theft, considered the fastest-growing crime in the country by law enforcement officials.

The featured speakers are prosecutor Stephen Treglia, chief of the Technology Crime Unit of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, and



Games and sports day for grades K – 5 is Monday, April 9.



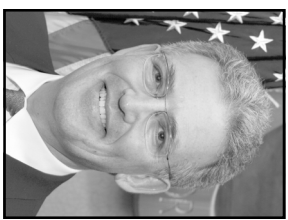


# Village Hall Comments

By Deputy Mayor Wayne H. Lipton



## A list of operational priorities



Last month the Mayor reported on the State of the Village. We are proud of our Village, the work of our employees and the services that we deliver to all the residents. However, this month, I would like to outline some of the challenges we face ahead.

I have been saying for each of the eight years that I have served on the Board that the most important job that we have is to deliver services in a cost-efficient and effective manner. The next decade is no different. Considering the tax burden on our residents from other taxing entities, and the fact that the Village gets most of its revenue from property taxes, the Village must prioritize carefully and skillfully.

Here is a list of some of the most important operational needs for the Village:

- First, as police liaison, I have worked with the Commissioner on long term planning for the department. The Village saw a dramatic increase in criminal activity last year (almost a 20 percent increase), an increase that is far less than that of most communities in Nassau County.

Police Commissioner McKeon has made detailed recommendations to the Village Board that involve an increase in the police force. We have been working

Residents wishing to avoid door-to-door solicitors can take advantage of a Rockville Centre local law which establishes a "no solicitation" list. At the present time, you must renew your request annually.

To be included on the list, fill out the coupon and drop it off at Village Hall or mail it to P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. You may also e-mail your information to [village@rvcnyny.us](mailto:village@rvcnyny.us).

All solicitors asking for money or contributions must register with the Village and are required to display identification which indicates that a permit has

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on a plan to stage this increase gradually over a period of years. A slightly larger force will not only help address major crime, it will enable our police to focus on the quality of life issues, from traffic violations and youth issues to police presence in the downtown.

We hope to have at least two more officers in the budget for next year.

- Second, the infrastructure (roads, buildings, water and electric systems) needs constant repair and replacement. We plan to repair over four miles of roads this summer (around 15 percent of the remaining 25 miles of Village roads that have not been worked on since the current repaving program began in 1986).

The cost of replacing our aging infrastructure creates some of the greatest economic challenges that we face.

- Third, our recreational facilities, although numerous, do not meet all the needs of our residents. There is a need for more field and facility time. I hope we will consider innovative solutions like temporary structures to enclose some surfaces to add more practice and playing surfaces for late season and winter.

- Fourth, the Fire Department needs to repair its aging buildings and needs new emergency equipment.

- Fifth, our emergency response taxes our police department and we need additional resources to keep response time low. I have asked the chiefs of the department to take a leadership role in advising the Board of its needs and its recommendations.

been issued. Solicitors are given a copy of the "no solicitation" list with their permit.

If you are on the list and are solicited, the incident should be reported

by calling 678-9224. Organizations violating the law are subject to penalties including, but not limited to, revocation of their permit.

### NO SOLICITATION REQUEST

Please add my name to the list of addresses that should not be solicited.

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

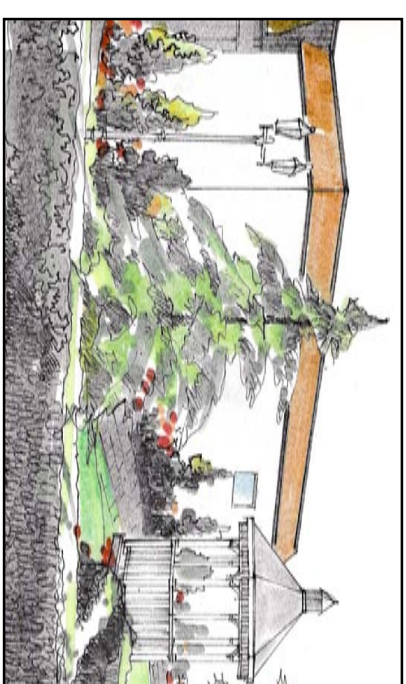
- Sixth, our downtown and our parks could use some upgrading and visual improvement. The Beautification Committee has identified both as key target areas.

- Seventh, parking is a constant irritant to those who pay for limited time in meters and who suffer the indignity of unnecessary tickets. It is time to look more carefully at the use patterns for those who wish to park for longer than two hours.

- Eighth, parking spaces are still somewhat limited for commuters during weekday mornings and visitors during weekends in the central district. The lots are basically full.

These are just a few of the challenges, some of which will be addressed and some of which will require longer term planning and prioritization. It may be easy to identify the problems, but the hard part is managing the expenses and keeping the costs reasonable for taxpayers. Most importantly, we must continue to focus on priorities, not politics.

If you have some operational issues that you think should be on the top of the list, please feel free to write me at [wlipton@optonline.net](mailto:wlipton@optonline.net) or simply call the Village Hall at 516-678-9246.



## Contribute to the Garden Park

The Sandel Center is planning a 2,500 square-foot expansion of its usable outdoor space as part of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The area north of the main building will be renovated and landscaped, providing space for outdoor programs and recreation and serving as a garden sanctuary with sun and shade for quiet sitting and talking. Sponsors may donate paving stones engraved with their names or contribute to the purchase of park benches, the pergola or the gazebo. Make checks payable to FOSSI (Friends of Senior Services, Inc.) and mail to the Sandel Center, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre 11571.

## March Events at the Sandel Center

### Special Events

The St. Patrick's Day Party is Friday, March 16 at 1 P.M. and includes the Hagen School of Irish dancers, Irish fun and games, and Irish refreshments \$3 per person.

The AARP is offering a defensive driving course from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. on Thursdays, March 22 and 29. To register you must be a member of the center or a resident of Rockville Centre. Fee \$10.

Wear your green and join members of the Sandel Center for the RVC St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 24. Meet at the Center at 10:30 A.M. and return after for refreshments.

AARP tax assistance is available by appointment every Friday from 9 A.M. -1 P.M. Call the Sandel Center at 678-9350 to schedule an appointment.

### Arts & Leisure Activities

The Sandel Certificate Series, taught by professional instructors, offers 4-5 classes for each course, leading to a diploma. Open to Center members and residents of Rockville Centre 60 or older. Advance registration required.

- **Developmental Psychology**, taught by Charlotte Allen, LCSW, beginning Monday, March 5 at 3 P.M., will concentrate on the scientific study of age-related changes across the lifespan.

- **Images of Aging in Literature**, taught by Catherine Pucciarelli, beginning Wednesday, March 7 at 3 P.M., will present some of the common problems, responsibilities and rewards of old age, drawing on poetry, drama,

autobiography and the short story.

Senioriversity program courses, offered in cooperation with the RVC School District, are open to residents of RVC age 60 or older and to members of the Center:

- **Tai Chi** - Mondays from 2 to 3 P.M., beginning March 5 (10 sessions)
- **Beginner Bridge** - Mondays from 2:15 to 4:15 P.M., beginning March 19 (5 sessions)

- **Plates** - Tuesdays from 10 to 11 A.M., beginning March 6 (10 sessions)
- **Intermediate Bridge** - Wednesdays from 2:15 to 4:15 P.M., beginning March 7 (5 sessions)
- **Yoga** - Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., beginning March 8 (10 sessions)
- **Cardio Dance** - Thursdays from 10 to 11 A.M., beginning March 8 (10 sessions)

A performance group from the Bellmore Senior Center will present a musical variety show "Bells and Bows on Friday, March 30 at 1 P.M. Advance registration is required.

### March Speakers

Nassau County Comptroller Howard Weitzman speaks on County taxes and Nassau's finances, Tuesday, March 6 at 11 A.M.

Psychologist Dr. Michele Lucero and social worker Charlene Lane will speak on mental health on Friday, March 9 at 1 P.M., part of the ongoing South Nassau Community Hospital speaker series.

In cooperation with the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Karen Ehmann, R.D., will speak on Tuesday, March 13 at 11 A.M. about planning balanced meals.

### Travel and Dining

Tour the QVC Studio in Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 22 for a behind the scenes look at the world's pre-eminent electronic retailer. The trip includes lunch at the critically acclaimed Simon Pearce on the Brandywine where you can watch glass blowers at work. \$79 per person includes transportation by coach bus. Advance registration is required.

Enjoy the show American Soup at Queens Theatre in the Park on Wednesday, March 28. This romantic comedy follows the Marcellio family and is set in a Queens restaurant to a live sound track of popular songs. \$25 per person. Advance registration required.

## Community News

### Election Inspectors Needed for June 19

The Village of Rockville Centre is seeking inspectors to work at the polling places during the Village Election on Tuesday, June 19 from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Inspectors must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen and a registered voter. Compensation for the day is \$130.

Those available to serve should send their name, address and phone number to Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Carol Kramer at P.O. Box 950 Rockville Centre 11571.