

Holiday Recess Events

The Rockville Centre Recreation Center is sponsoring the following events during the December school recess. Participants must have a valid recreation card.

Wednesday, December 26

13th Annual Holiday Games of nok-hockey, basketball shooting, and alligator pit: grades K-5, 10:30 A.M. to Noon; grades K-3, 12:15-1:45 P.M. Wear sneakers. \$4 fee. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, December 27

Holiday Craft Activity for Grades K- 4 from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M. or 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. \$8 per person.

Thursday, December 27

Ice Skating Trip to the Freeport Recreation Complex for grades 1-8. Fee of \$10 includes skate rental and transportation; 3-5:45 P.M.

Friday, December 28

Trip to Fun Zone in Farmingdale for grades 1 and up. Fee of \$23 includes 35 game tokens, unlimited rides, and transportation; 12:30-4:15 P.M.

Thursday, December 28

Grande Finale Sports Day I of alligator pit / obstacle course, foam hockey and other activities. Bagels and beverages after gym time. Grades K-2 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon or 12:30 to 2 P.M. Grades 3-5 from 10:30 to 12 Noon. Fee \$10 per person.

Thursday, December 28

Grande Finale Sports Day II of alligator pit / obstacle course, foam hockey and other activities. Bagels and beverages after gym time. Grades K-2 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon or 12:30 to 2 P.M. Grades 3-5 from 10:30 to 12 Noon. Fee \$10 per person.

Monday, December 31

Bowling at RVC Lanes for grades 1 & 2, 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M.; for grades 3 to 8, 12:30 to 3 P.M. \$12 per person.

Wednesday, December 26 - Saturday, December 29

Open Gym and Gameroom for grades 4-12, 12:30 to 4:30 P.M.; for grades 6-12, 7:30 to 10:15 P.M.

Happy Holidays at the Recreation Center

Crafts Fair and Flea Market

Shop for holiday gifts and decorations on Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Vendors feature jewelry, floral arrangements, ornaments, crafts and edibles. Free admission and parking.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

An evening of song and fellowship officially opens the holiday season at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 6 on the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to add to the festivities.

North Pole Calling

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can speak directly to Santa again this year. To receive a call on Tuesday, December 11 or Wednesday, December 12, fill out an information sheet at the Rec Center.

Chanukah Party

Children from pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade of all faiths are invited to the annual party sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Rec Center on Monday, December 10 from 4 to 5:15 P.M.

Breakfast with Santa's Helpers

The annual family breakfast is Sunday, December 16. All faiths are invited to join the elves who serve pancakes, cereal, juice, milk, rolls, and bagels. After eating Vixen's Fixin's, kids may visit Santa or have a picture taken with Rudolph and Frosty.



Santa himself will be on hand for the annual Family Breakfast with Santa's Helpers on Sunday, December 16.

Deadline for tickets is Friday, December 14 for one of three seatings at 9:15, 10:30 or 11:30 A.M. Fee is \$5 per person.

Thinking of Others

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy. Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. by December 19.

The Recreation Department is again asking for donations of new hats and mittens of all sizes and colors to be hung on the Mitten and Hat Tree beginning December 3.



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Dates & Events

Wednesday,
December 5th, 6 P.M.

Temple B'nai Sholom
100 Hempstead Ave.

Thursday, December 6, 7:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues

~~Sunday, December 9, 5 P.M.~~
COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

~~Central Synagogue, 430 DeMott Ave.~~

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, December 12, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, December 17, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Village Offices Closed

Monday, January 14, 8:15 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Monday, January 21
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Village Offices Closed

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Board of Trustee and Zoning Board meetings are cablecast on Channel 18. Check the schedule on the Village's website www.rvcny.us

A complete Calender of Events, is available on the Village's website www.rvcny.us

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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Join your neighbors for an evening of song and fellowship to open the holiday season at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 6 on the Village Green.

Holiday Greetings

The Village of Rockville Centre extends its best wishes to all of our residents for a healthy and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart
Trustee Jeanne Farnan Mulry
Trustee Andrew Karamouzis
Deputy Mayor Charles Joyce
Trustee David Krasula

Free Shopper Parking December Saturdays

The Village of Rockville Centre is providing free shopper parking in the downtown business districts on Saturdays December 1, 8, 15 and 22.

"We hope this initiative will attract additional holiday shoppers to the downtown areas and help support the business community," said Mayor Mary Whalen Bossart. "If the program

is successful, we will consider implementing it again next year," she said.

The Village also announced that while shopper parking will be free, the regular time limits and the restrictions against employee parking, as well as all safety regulations, will be strictly enforced.

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By Trustee Andrew P. Karamouzis



The Year in Review



Last year at this time, my This Month column focused on quality of life issues in our Village and I urged residents to get involved to help make our Village a better place to live and work. As we enter the holiday season and approach the end of 2007, I wanted to reflect back on the past year and the many positive developments that have taken place in our community and to acknowledge just a few individuals who have been instrumental in maintaining the quality of life in our Village.

Over the past year, the RVC Pride Beautification Committee, which was initiated by then-Trustee Suzanne Sullivan and is comprised entirely of volunteers, has taken root. Under the very able leadership of Co-Chairs Dr. Cyd Charrow and Bob Schenone, on May 14, 2007, RVC Pride issued a comprehensive report and recommendations for maintaining and enhancing the beauty of Rockville Centre (a copy of the report is available on the Village website at www.rvcny.us).

As part of the effort, Leslie Price, an RVC Pride volunteer, also single-handedly prepared and submitted a 53-page, \$4.1 million grant proposal to Nassau County for the beautification of Mill River. And on November 3, RVC Pride volunteers—adults and children—completed a successful Clean-Up Day at five sites around the Village. RVC Pride is a wonderful example of volunteerism at its best.

Other positive developments include the implementation of a Village-wide plastics recycling program, the Park Ranger program to protect and maintain our parks and recreation facilities, as well as numerous traffic and parking initiatives designed to make our roads and streets safer. These programs were

spearheaded by Harry Weed, Tony Brunetta and Jack McKeon and their respective Village departments.

In addition, a few months ago, the Village's decision not to renew the business license of the nightclub Rapture on Sunrise Highway was upheld and the club, which had been a problem spot for some time, was closed.

Over the last several months, the Village Board has also been working hard to address quality of life issues and has passed several significant pieces of legislation designed to maintain the appearance and quality of life in Rockville Centre.

Specifically, the Village Board has passed: (i) density restrictions of 18 units per acre on new developments, (ii) a new public nuisance law to help combat problem businesses and properties, and (iii) a social host law analogous to the one adopted by Nassau County in an effort to control teen drinking and alcohol related problems.

While there is always more work to be done, I'm proud to say that over the past year Village residents and Village government have worked diligently, hand in hand, to maintain the quality of life here in Rockville Centre.

Finally, in the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to urge everyone to take a moment to remember our troops overseas by donating at The American Legion Hall (197 Maple Avenue), and to consider as well helping those less fortunate by contributing to the many worthy local charities and organizations here in Rockville Centre such as The Annual Holiday Food Drive at the Rec Center, The Raymar Children's Fund at Covert Elementary School, The Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center, The Giving Tree at St. Agnes Cathedral, Temple B'nai Sholom, Central Synagogue, and Trinity Lutheran Church, just to name a few.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Chanukah, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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For information concerning Village facilities, residents are invited to telephone Michael Schussheim, acting Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, 678-9300

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Christmas at the Captain's

The Phillips House Museum of the Rockville Centre Historical Society invites residents to its annual celebration following the Village tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 6.

Enjoy the special Victorian-era decorations, including an 1880 feather tree and a kitchen utensil tree, sing carols, and share the wassail bowl of mulled cider and cookies.

The museum is located at 28 Hempstead Avenue.

Sanitation Department News

The Sanitation Schedule for holiday weeks in 2008 is enclosed. Please keep a copy for easy reference.

On the reverse side, there are changes to the Department of Sanitation Regulations reflecting the Village's new curbside plastic recycling program.

Residents are reminded that trash placed at the curb must be in covered containers with detachable lids or in sealed, black plastic bags. No filled container may exceed 50 pounds.

Residents are also reminded that bulky items of trash too large for regular garbage containers may only be placed at the curbside on designated Wednesdays and only after calling the Rockville Centre Sanitation Department at 678-9216 before Noon on Tuesday for a Wednesday pick-up.

Leaving large items out on the curb at any other time is a violation

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of Village Code and could result in a summons to Village Court and a fine.

Tax Office Announcements

Applications for **partial exemption** from Village real estate taxes are now available and must be filed by December 31. If approved, exemptions take effect June 1, 2008.

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 value of the veterans' exemptions varies with the status of the claimant: non-combat: \$745; combat: \$1,242 and up to \$2,790 based on the percent of disability. Exemptions are also available to disabled homeowners and to senior homeowners 65 and older with a 2006 gross income not exceeding \$35,400.

Applications are available by visiting the tax office on the second floor of Village Hall between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M., by calling (516) 678-9242 or by e-mail to nhall@rvcny.us.

St. Patrick's Parade March 29

Next year's St. Patrick's Parade will be later than usual, Saturday, March 29, because Easter (March 23) is the weekend after St. Patrick's Day (Monday, March 17). The Parade is normally scheduled for the first Saturday after St. Patrick's Day.

Sandel Center Calendar of Holiday Events

South Side Middle School Students will present a musical program at the Sandel Senior Center on Thursday December 13 at 11:15 A.M.

The Annual Holiday Party at the Milleridge Inn is Friday, December 14 at 12 P.M. Enjoy a delicious meal and the music of The Dance Machine. An early bus will be available for those interested in browsing the General Store, the Christmas Store, the Old-

Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7

The Village of Rockville Centre and American Legion Post #303 will host ceremonies, including a wreath laying on Mill River at Centennial Park on Friday, December 7 beginning at 10:30 A.M., honoring the courage and sacrifice of American troops who defended Pearl Harbor in 1941.



Police Urge Caution During Burglary Season

Although Rockville Centre is very well protected and the crime rate is very low, the holiday season is, unfortunately, a prime time for home burglaries. Criminals know that homes are often filled with gift purchases this time of year and that people are often away from home attending events and parties.

RVC Police Commissioner Jack McKeon said, "Burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Burglars go for the easy targets first, so don't leave inviting items in plain sight behind unlocked doors and windows. Lock your cars, lock your garage, lock your house."

To reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a burglary, the police recommend the following:

1. If you have an alarm system, keep it armed even when you are at home. (Village permits are required for all alarms.)

2. Keep doors, windows, and all entry points closed and locked. If you need to keep windows open, ask your alarm company to provide specially-wired screens. Look outside before opening your door.

3. Keep lights on outside your home at night. Be sure to try to illuminate trees and shrubs along the house, where people might hide. Keep ladders or other items that could help an intruder enter a ground floor window in a locked garage or shed.

4. Keep an eye on your neighborhood and report anything or anyone that is suspicious to the police by using 911. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

(Remember, calls from cell phones go first to Nassau County; calls from land lines come right to the Rockville Centre Police.)

Fashioned Toy Store, and the Candy Shoppe/Bakery. 9:30 A.M. bus for shopping and 10:30 bus for party only. \$29.00 per person for members and \$31.00 for non-members.

Sandel's own Center Stage players will perform seasonal songs Wednesday, December 19 at 12 P.M. The event includes a holiday meal with all the trimmings for \$5 per person. Reservations are required.

The Intergenerational Holiday

Party with South Side High School students presenting entertainment and holiday cheer is Thursday, December 20 from 11:45 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Elvis will be in the house at the Sandel Senior Center Friday, December 21 at 1 P.M. to entertain and throw a sock hop party! Sign up in advance. \$3 per person.

The Annual Post New Year's Bash rings in the New Year on Friday, January 4 at 1 P.M. Reservations are required.