



# THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

## Window Painting Contest

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 must register by October 16 at the Recreation Center for the annual contest on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Halloween artists are invited to paint on paper that is taped to the lobby and auditorium walls of the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road. Mural paper and paints are provided.

Plaques are awarded by a distinguished panel of judges.

## Fishing Clinic

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the RVC Recreation Department present the annual freshwater fishing clinic at Hempstead Lake State Park on Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are exhibits, contests, and prizes. The fee is \$5 per person for anyone age 12 or older.

Take the first left inside Hempstead Lake State Park from the Peninsula Boulevard entrance. Call 766-1029 for further information.

## Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Rockville Centre's 20th Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 31.

Youngsters pre-K and up, their parents and families are invited to join the parade which starts from the Village Green, Maple and Lee avenues, at 2 p.m. and proceeds down Maple to the Rec Center. At the Center will be games, fun, and prizes for the costumed marchers.

Everyone must register for the parade and / or party at the Rec Center for \$7 per family.

In case of rain, the parade is canceled, but the party will begin at 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

## Goblin Calls

Fill out a Goblin Slip at the party after the Ragamuffin Parade and you may receive a Goblin Call and a Goblin Prize on Halloween evening, Sunday, October 31.



Expect a full range of costumes and characters at the annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party on Sunday, October 31. Register at the Recreation Center.

## Operation Christmas Child

The Rec Center is collecting school supplies, toiletries and small games for distribution to needy children. Bring your donations, in their original packaging, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by early November.

## Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is accepting donations of canned and dry goods as well as frozen turkeys or turkey coupons for distribution to the needy in our community.

Bring your donations Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. before Thanksgiving.

## Open Gym Program

The main gymnasium of the Rec Center will be open for free play basketball for grades 4 and up on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 p.m. beginning October 30.

The evening open gym for grades 6 and up will begin Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 from 7:30 to 10:15 p.m.

Admission is by valid 2010-2011 Recreation Card.

## Register for 10K, 5K Races, Family Fun Run

Rockville Centre's annual running events are Saturday, November 13. Call (516) 678-9339 for an application.

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## Dates & Events

Monday, October 11  
**COLUMBUS DAY**  
Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, October 13, 8 P.M.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Tuesday, October 19, 7 P.M.  
**PLANNING BOARD**

Tuesday, October 26, 8:15 P.M.  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Sunday, October 24, 7 P.M.  
**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**  
Village Green

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

## Columbus Day Week Sanitation Schedule

- Monday, October 11, Columbus Day: No trash collections.
- Normal Monday / Thursday trash collections on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Normal Tuesday / Friday trash collections on Wednesday and Friday.
- No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products on Wednesday, October 13.

## Emergency Numbers

Fire 911  
Police 911  
Ambulance 911  
Electric 766-5800  
Water 678-9252  
Nights & Weekends  
766-5800

Visit the Village website  
[www.rvcny.us](http://www.rvcny.us)



## 9/11 Vigil Oct. 24

Residents are invited to share the comfort of community at a brief candlelight prayer vigil commemorating the dedication of Rockville Centre's 9/11 Memorial on the Village Green at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 24. Please bring candles.

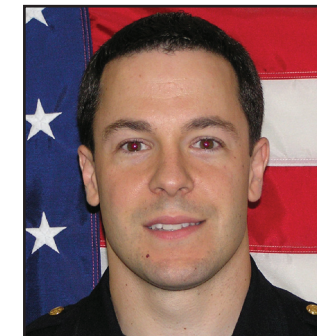
## Reidy Wins Police Awards

Officer Stephen Reidy was named "Cop of the Month" by the Rockville Centre Police Department for alert police work that led to the arrest of two men on auto theft and other charges.

Officer Reidy, on routine patrol Friday, August 20 at about 1 a.m., observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on North Long Beach Road.

When Officer Reidy attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver fled eastbound on Muirfield Road. During the pursuit, the vehicle struck a mailbox and a street sign at Milburn Street and then came to rest on the front lawn of a residence on Muirfield where two men left the car.

Officer Reidy arrested the passenger near the vehicle and established a perimeter with other police units to capture the driver of the vehicle who had fled the scene. The Nassau County Police Canine Unit located the second man in the rear yard of a residence on Muirfield and Officer Reidy assisted in the second arrest.



RVC Police Officer  
Stephen Reidy

A subsequent investigation determined that the vehicle used by the two men had been stolen from a Rockville Centre residence moments before Officer Reidy spotted the speeding car.

The two men were charged with 3rd degree grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen

property in the 3rd degree, both D felonies punishable by up to seven years in prison.

The driver of the vehicle was also charged with unlawful fleeing, resisting arrest, reckless driving and other violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Laws.

Police Commissioner Chuck Gennario commended Officer Reidy for his "diligence, dedication to duty and highly professional conduct" in naming him Cop of the Month.

Officer Reidy also received a Town of Hempstead Police Service Award in September in recognition of outstanding police work in May 2009 that led to the arrest of two RVC men for 1st degree armed robbery.





# Reminders, Recycling and Roadways

October is Fire Prevention Month and there are a number of reminders for residents:

◆ The batteries in smoke and CO detectors should be changed and a good way to remember is to do it during daylight savings weekend, which this year is Sunday, November 7.

◆ Also make sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street, which can save precious time for emergency vehicles responding to assist you.

◆ We have heard this year about being prepared for hurricanes and how you can help yourself. If an evacuation becomes necessary, you need to have the proper items ready to "grab and go". You can go on the Village website (www.rvcny.us) and there is a link where you can obtain more information on the items you should include for either staying or evacuating.



In Sanitation, the recycling program continues to grow and the more we recycle the less money the Village has to pay to dispose of the trash. Remember that you can help to keep the taxes down if you recycle cans/ bottles and paper/ cardboard separately. You can obtain additional information on the Village website. By entering your address it will give you the days for collection of all items.



The last item I would like to mention is the road program. This year we hired an engineering firm to evaluate and rate all the roads in the Village. When the list is finalized, it will be discussed at a Village Board meeting. After that the Board will make a determination on the cost and how many roads can be done. When that decision is made, then the engineering work begins.

Our Electric, Sewer and Water departments review the roads to



By Deputy Mayor Charles R. Joyce

determine if there needs to be underground work done prior to repaving. Water mains might need replacing either due to age or perhaps to increase the size of the main. On the electric side, engineers have to determine if there is underground electric equipment that has to be replaced.

When the roads to be done are publicized, the residents on them are asked to have any gas installations

or water service upgrades completed prior to the road reconstruction.

Once all the work involved is determined, then the project is bid out. The actual road work usually starts in the spring and can take up to four months to complete all phases. It is important to remember that projects of this size are affected by weather or perhaps unforeseen conditions once the road is opened.

Residents should also know that not all roads in the Village are maintained by the Village; some belong to Nassau County and New York State.

The cost for roadway repair is expensive and apparently always has been: the first Village budget, prepared in 1894, was \$1,300 of which \$800 was for roads. But just as back then, maintaining the Village infrastructure is important to keeping Rockville Centre a place where people want to live and raise their families.

## Halloween Warning

Rockville Centre Police remind parents and teenagers that all state and local laws will be strictly enforced on Halloween night, Sunday, October 31.

The Village Attorney reminds parents and legal guardians that they are financially liable for the actions of their children and can be sued for as much as \$5,000 for the destruction of property.

## Community Notes

### Lions Club Festival Oct. 2

The RVC Lions Club will host its 12th Annual Duck Race and Family Festival in Centennial / Mill River Park on Saturday, October 2 from noon to 4 p.m. The highlight of the day is the rubber duck race along Mill River.

Proceeds benefit Lions Club charities.

### Chamber Fundraiser Oct. 16

The RVC Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual "Taste of Elegance" fundraiser Saturday, October 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall. Proceeds benefit the Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre and the Theresa Alessandro Russo Foundation.

The evening includes dining, dancing, wine tasting and sample signature dishes from RVC restaurants for \$25 until October 10 or \$35 at the door. Call 516-766-0666 or visit www.rvcchamber.com.

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## Voting Machine Demonstration

The Nassau County Board of Elections will be conducting a demonstration of the new optical scan voting machines before and during the October 5 Village Board of Trustees meeting in the lobby of Village Hall from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

The new machines, which will be used in the November 2 General Election, use pre-printed paper ballots.

The demonstration will also include the AutoMARK ballot marking device for people with disabilities and non-English speaking voters.

Voters are encouraged to try out the new equipment before election day.

## Large-print Bills Available

Large-print utility billing statements are now available to residents who request them.

Pursuant to a change in the NYS Public Service Law, the Village has 60 days to provide water and electric billing statements printed in a font size 16 or greater.

Residents must request this service by writing to the Billing Department, P.O. Box 950, Rockville Centre, NY 11571 or by emailing lbeck@rvcny.us.

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



## Special Events

A demonstration of the new voting machines by the Nassau County Board of Elections during the general meeting on Friday, October 1 at 1 p.m.

The Sandel Flea Market is Friday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sandel Center.

Donations and purchases support the Center's programs and services. Donations accepted beginning October 18.



Art classes are available at the Sandel Center.

## Evening Programs

The Sandel Center is now open on Thursday evenings for classes and a light bite. Call 678-9350 for information.

## Fall Hydrant Flushing

The Village water mains will be given their annual Fall flushing from Wednesday, October 20 through Tuesday, October 26.

The hydrant flushing may cause some fluctuation in water pressure and some rusty colored water. Though the water is both chemically and bacteriologically safe to drink, it could stain laundry. Residents are advised not to schedule projects requiring clear water during the entire flushing period.

The following schedule applies:

Wednesday, October 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: The area of the Village north of DeMott Avenue and east of North Village Avenue.

Thursday, October 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: The area of the Village between Lakeview Avenue and DeMott Avenue west of Long Beach Road.

Friday, October 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: The area of the Village lying between Sunrise Highway and DeMott Avenue east of Long Beach Road.

Monday, October 25, 12 Midnight to 8 a.m.: The area of the Village lying between Lakeview Avenue and Merrick Road.

Tuesday, October 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: The entire area of the Village south of Merrick Road.

For questions and information, call 678-9301.

## Golden Gathering

State Senator Dean Skelos is sponsoring an informational exposition for seniors at the Rec Center on Friday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.



Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Patrick Morris.

## Morris Returns to MLK

Patrick Morris, whose first job at age 14 was working at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, has been named the Center's new director, a position he held from 2000 to 2005.

Mr. Morris, who is on the South Side High School Wall of Fame for his outstanding play as a guard on the Cyclone basketball teams of the late 1980s, earned a degree in psychology from the University of Bridgeport and has graduate credits in special education from C.W. Post.

The Center recently celebrated an extensive repainting and make-over that added a new ping-pong table, flat screen television and dance room with a hardwood floor and wall mirrors.