



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

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 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are exhibits, contests, and prizes. The fee is \$6 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.

Mural 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 22 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.

Halloween Crafts

A Halloween Ghosts and Goblins Craft Activity is Saturday, October 22 from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. for boys and girls in grades K through 5. Fee is \$10; register by Wednesday, October 19.

Ragamuffin Parade and Party

Rockville Centre's 21st Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party are Sunday, October 30.

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 \$8 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, Monday, October 31.



Expect a full range of costumes and characters at the annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party on Sunday, October 30. 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.

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 29.

The evening weekend open gym for grades 6 and up begins Friday, October 7 from 7:30 to 10:15 p.m.

Admission is by valid 2011-2012 Recreation Card.

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

Runners wishing to enter Rockville Centre's annual running events on Saturday, November 12 should call (516) 678-9339 for an application.

The one-mile Family Fun Run begins at 9 a.m. on Front Street in front of the LIRR station. The 10K and 5K races begin at 10 a.m. on Park Avenue in front of the Fantasy Theater.

Food Donations Needed

The Rec Center is now accepting food donations for Thanksgiving.

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Dates & Events

Monday, October 10
COLUMBUS DAY
Village Offices Closed

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

Monday, October 17, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, October 18, 7 P.M.
PLANNING BOARD

Sunday, October 23, 7 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
Village Green

Wednesday, October 26, 8 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Holiday Sanitation

- Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day: No trash collection.
- 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 12.



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

Board agendas, pending legislation, a cablecast schedule of board meetings and a complete calendar of events are available on the Village website.



Irene came calling: Mill River overflowed its banks and flooded South Park Avenue and Riverside Drive. Trees and limbs fell, blocking roads and downing electric wires throughout the Village.

Irene: Quick Clean-up, Repairs

Rockville Centre was well prepared and Village departments responded quickly to the extensive damage brought on by Hurricane Irene in late August.

Mayor Fran Murray declared the Village's first state of emergency on Saturday, August 27 and imposed a curfew of 11 p.m. to keep people and vehicles off the streets as the storm approached. Businesses complied with a request to close by 10 p.m.

About 1,000 homes lost power when the storm blew in, but, 24 hours later, around 100 remained without electricity and all were restored within 48 hours. The electric department also used a new mapping system to assign work crews more efficiently and a new emergency phone system that can be turned on in major storms. (LIPA, by contrast, lost 40 percent of its customers, many for more than a week.)

More than 100 trees and large limbs were uprooted or snapped and fell into roadways, houses, sidewalks and power lines, but all through-roads were

passable on Monday. Workers from the Department of Public Works labored through the night and into Sunday evening clearing drains, removing trees and sandbagging flood areas to keep the streets clear. Following National Incident Management System protocols, Village department heads met periodically before, during and after the storm and consulted with county, state and federal emergency management officials.

Staffers from many departments worked through the weekend answering phones, reporting outages and downed trees, preparing emergency notifications, and fielding questions from anxious residents.

The Mayor himself worked through the weekend and the days that followed, visiting trouble areas, often with Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard.

At the August 29 Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Murray told the assembled department heads, "You have done a superb job and the people of Rockville Centre are grateful."



Many Ways of Serving Rockville Centre

Since I last authored this column, I have been privileged to welcome Mayor Murray, Deputy Mayor Howard and Trustee Sepe to the Board. It has been an exciting two months since and I have been honored to work with my new colleagues as we implement common sense policies and plans to make living in Rockville Centre that much more enjoyable.



By Village Trustee Kevin R. Glynn

I was proud to vote with my new colleagues to do away with metered parking after 6 p.m. and in my two years sitting on this Board I have never had a more favorable response to an action by the Board of Trustees. However, it was legislation enacted not for public applause or accolades, but rather to help our local businesses attract and keep customers and to prevent our residents from having to deal with onerous ticketing and the court appearances and fines that come with it.

While the change in legislation will have some effect on village revenue, we will be keeping an eye on any effect and will surely amend the budget as is necessary to reflect any such changes.

The Board is currently looking at other ways to make the Rockville Centre experience even more enjoyable such as online payments of utility bills and more convenient parking meters and, most importantly, Mayor Murray continues to develop ways for the Village to continue its modernization program utilizing alternative sources of revenue so as to keep costs to the taxpayers at a minimum.

I look forward to working with the Board to continue making Rockville Centre the amazing place to live, work and raise a family that it has always been.

As I write this column, our Village, along with the rest of the nation, is commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11, as we continue to honor the memory of the 48 beloved members of our Rockville Centre family who were taken that day. In the 10 years since, we have been called on by Presidents Bush and Obama to honor those lost on 9/11 by commemorating the date as a Day of

Remembrance and as a Day of Service. As Trustee I have been honored to bear witness to the continued selfless spirit of service shown by our residents every day!

Just this August, in response to the threat posed by Hurricane Irene, we saw the incredible turnout of our volunteer firefighters as they stood standby from 10 p.m. Saturday night to 11:30 a.m. the following morning, many times leaving their own

families at home while they waited to assist their fellow residents.

While the damage from the hurricane was not as intense as had been expected, it is comforting to know that there are men and woman like our volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police officers who answer that call to service each and every day!

The call to service is seen in other ways throughout our Village, such as this past summer when the members of the Phillips House, the Museum of the Village of Rockville Centre, organized the greatly successful "A Child's Garden of Verse" story hour for the children of our Village.

It is seen in the response to the Youth Task Force created by Mayor Murray, wherein the youth of our Village will commit to spending time to maintain, beautify and improve the Village, such as cleaning up in the downtown business district and playing fields, planting and weeding designated areas, coordinating food drives and providing after-school tutoring and mentoring.

From our youngest to oldest residents, Rockville Centre continues to answer that call to service every single day and in every way imaginable and is one of the many reasons I am so proud to be a resident of this Village and to serve as your Trustee.

Annual Golden Gathering

State Senator Dean Skelos is sponsoring an informational exposition for seniors at the Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road, on Friday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Community Notes

Accident Reports Available Online

Rockville Centre Police Department accident reports are now available online at www.rockvillecentrepolice.us, which may also be accessed from the Village website at www.rvcny.us under "Departments" and "Police".

Reports dating from August 1, 2011 are available in the database.

The site reminds drivers that all accidents causing personal injury or resulting in property damage over \$1,000 to any one person must be reported within 10 days of the occurrence. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicle accident form MV-104 may also be downloaded from the site.

Police Halloween Warning

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

against people or property, impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and other violations will not be tolerated.

Enforcement will be especially heightened around Harvard Avenue and the walkbridges across Peninsula Boulevard.

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.



9/11 Vigil Oct. 23

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 23.

Please bring candles. At the Vigil, three steel beams from the 48th floor of the south World Trade Center tower will be on display. The beams will be part of the new Firemen's Memorial Park on North Forest Avenue.

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SPA Walk, Luncheon

Sandel members, staff and Village officials will end the season on Tuesday, October 4 beginning at 12:45 p.m. with SPA Walk Rockville Centre, a group walk from the Senior Center to Village Hall followed by a rally.

The annual SPA-tacular recognition luncheon and awards is Friday, October 14. For more information about SPA, or any health and fitness program at the Sandel Center, call 678-9245.

Speakers and Events

A reception for modern artist Naomi Lipsky whose work is on display during the month is Tuesday, October 18 at 11 a.m.

The annual Halloween Party is Friday, October 28 at 1 p.m. Costumes, DJ, refreshments and prizes for \$4 per person. Call for reservation.

Seniorversity

Seniorversity, a cooperative venture between the Sandel Center and RVC Community Education Department,



Members of the Senior Center's award-winning SPA (Senior People In Action) program enjoy the benefits of increased fitness and energy, weight loss and better sleep patterns.

offers classes to participants who are 60 or older and live in the Rockville Centre school district, the Village of Rockville Centre and/or are members of the Sandel Center. \$15 fee for each six-session series. To register, please call 678-9350.

Pilates on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. begins October 4.

Studio Art on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. begins October 6.

Cardio Dance on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. begins October 6.

Yoga on Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. begins October 6.



9/11 Artifacts at Recreation Center

Mayor **Francis X. Murray** (at podium) and Rockville Centre Fire Chief **John Busching** greet Governor **Andrew Cuomo** and State Senator **Dean Skelos** at the opening of the New York Remembers exhibit at the Recreation Center. Rockville Centre was chosen as one of only two locations on Long Island to display artifacts from the collection of the New York State Museum and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.