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Dates & Events

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, May 13, 7 P.M.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day
Village Offices Closed
Parade at 10 A.M.
Maple Avenue

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF APPEALS

Events are at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

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Village of Rockville Centre Deputy Mayor **Nancy Howard**, President of Molloy College **Drew Bogner**, Village of Rockville Centre Mayor **Francis X. Murray** and Molloy College Softball Head Coach **Susan Cassidy-Lyke** cut the ribbon on the new state-of-the-art NCAA softball field at Bob Klein Field.

RVC & Molloy College Partnership Delivers New State-of-the-Art NCAA Softball Field

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on April 10th at the Dean G. Skelos Sports Complex in Rockville Centre, marking the opening of a new state-of-the-art NCAA softball field. The extensive renovation was accomplished as a public/private partnership whereby the Village supplied the land and Molloy College the capital to build the new complex. Both residents and college athletes will benefit from the partnership.

Molloy College has entered into a twenty-year agreement with the Village of Rockville Centre to further improve the athletic facilities at the Skelos Sports Complex. The Bob Klein Softball Field gives the college an NCAA-regulation softball field and provides the Village as well as the Rockville Centre School District with the cost-free use of the upgraded field.

"I am ecstatic to bring one of the top softball facilities in the region to Rockville Centre," commented Mayor Francis X. Murray. "It gives our children a wonderful opportunity to play on a modern NCAA field. Our local sports organizations are gaining first-class synthetic surface fields. It is far beyond what we could do with our taxpayer dollars."

In an effort to upgrade the facility and bring it to NCAA standards, Klein

Field now features a state-of-the-art playing surface consisting of an artificial turf outfield and DuraEdge clay infield. Also included are an enclosed sixty-foot precast dugouts with storage, designated and enclosed bullpens on the first- and third-base sides, a sixty-by-thirty-three foot enclosed batting cage beyond the left-field fence, a 150-seat grandstand with an elevated press box located behind home plate, and permanent outfield fencing set for NCAA regulation depths. Existing lights have been maintained and utilized for the facility, making it the only complex with NCAA standard playing lights in the East Coast Conference.

In addition to the renovations to Klein Field, an artificial turf tee-ball field is being constructed beyond the center field wall, complete with fifty-foot bases, team benches, water fountains, and a backstop. This maintenance-free area will provide the Village additional space for its growing youth softball programs to play games.

"We are pleased to be partnering with the Village of Rockville Centre on this project," said Drew Bogner, Ph.D. and President of Molloy. "It will provide an all-weather surface that will expand the availability and utilization of the field."



THE JOHN A. ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Summer Program Registration

Applications for summer programs, including the baseball school, the girls basketball school, boys and girls lacrosse (Shooting Stars), the Rec. Center gymnastics school, as well as various art, craft and other sports programs, are now available.

Registration for softball leagues for men and women and basketball leagues for boys and girls in grades 5 and up are being accepted by the Recreation Department during May.

The 59th Summer Playground Program will be conducted from June 26 to August 8 for residents in grades 1-6 (effective September 2013) and grades 7 & 8 (effective September 2013). Registration is being accepted for these programs as well.

Summer Nursery School

Summer classes begin Monday, June 24 and run through August 9, in coordination with the Summer Playground Program. This program is for children entering kindergarten in September 2013 and 2014.

Call the Rec. Center office at 678-9339 to make an appointment to visit.

Gymnastic Show

The Recreation Department's Annual Gymnastic Show will be held on May 31, June 1 and 2.

The participants have been members of the gymnastics program for the fall and winter seasons.

Summer Youth Programs

Art Adventure

Grades 1-5 Mon-Fri p.m.

Cartoon Time

Ages 8-14 Tues 7 p.m.

Tennis Lessons

Ages 6 & up Tues or Thurs p.m.

Gymnastics

Grades 1-9 Mon or Wed p.m.

Gymnastic Clinics

Team Prospects Tues or Thurs

Lego Fantasy

Ages 5-11 Mon-Fri p.m.

Computer Explorer

Call 516-731-3766

Summer Instructional Sport Schools

Baseball School

Boys 6-13 June 24-July 3 9:30-1:30

Basketball School

Girls Grades 3-10 August 12-16

Shooting Star Lacrosse

Boys 7-17 July 15-18 9-1

Boys 4-6 9-11

Girls 7-17 July 15-18 5-9

Girls 4-6 5-7

Rec. Dept Gymnastics School

Girls Grades 2-9 June 24-28 1-4

July 29 - Aug 2 1-4



The Summer Program hosts a variety of activities including a fishing trip aboard Captain Pete

Summer Pre-School Programs

Adventure in Art

Ages 4-5 Mon-Fri p.m.

Creative Arts and Crafts

Ages 3-5 Tues p.m.

Exploring the Arts

Ages 3-5 Thurs p.m.

Tumble One, Two and Three

Ages 1½ - 4 Tues & Thurs p.m.

Introduction to Gymnastics

Ages 4-5 Tues & Thurs p.m.

Computer Tots

Ages 3-5 Tues or Wed p.m.

Happy Piano

Ages 4-5 Mon p.m.

Parent Toddler Workshop

Ages 2-3 Fri a.m.

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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



Springtime in Rockville Centre

As you read this the weather is warming, the days are lasting longer and our beautiful Village is experiencing a much needed renaissance after a difficult period during which we experienced large scale business vacancies, near double digit tax rate increases and a deterioration of our roads and parks.

This coming year's budget limits the Village tax increase to the lowest rate since before the onset of the Great Recession, and second lowest in more than a decade. More importantly, even with spiraling state-mandated spending increases the Village managed to keep the total spending almost directly in line with inflation for the year.

This tax plan falls within the state imposed tax cap limit yet the Village continues to properly fund its departments making sure that they continue to provide the level of service that Rockville Centre's residents expect and deserve. As trustee-liaison to the Sandel Senior Center it gave me great pleasure to advocate on behalf and ensure that the budget for our senior services was maintained. This was necessary because of the invaluable service that is offered to and needed by the most financially vulnerable members of our Village family.

This coming year, the Village will be doubling the number of miles of Village roadways that will be repaved and repaired, increasing the number of older fire



Trustee Kevin R. Glynn

department vehicles that are replaced, and continuing the repair, remodeling and improved maintenance of our ball fields. This continuation of providing a high level of services, while facing ever increasing state mandated costs and simultaneously keeping Village taxes at a fair and low level has been accomplished by responsible budgeting and the increasing utilization of alternative sources of revenue such as the South Nassau Hospital parking field agreement.

This year we will also be welcoming to our downtown new businesses that will fill some of the most glaring vacancies. The vacant RKO movie theater has been the black eye of our downtown for over six years and is now being taken down and replaced by a beautiful new restaurant. This trend of an increasing occupancy rate of our downtown is the direct result of smart planning by a Village Board majority who saw the need to make our downtown more inviting to businesses and their patrons.

Finally, with the building code changes implemented two years ago and more recently amended, residents are once again making improvements to their property at an increasing rate while the character and integrity of our Village is being protected from a projected onslaught of McMansions.

It really is springtime in Rockville Centre!



Pool Safety

As the warmer weather approaches it is the optimum time to assure that those residents that have or are planning to install swimming pools to check that all permit, fencing, pool alarm and related safety precautions are met in accordance with NYS and Village Codes.

It is our continued intention to assure that the proper safety precautions are implemented and continuously maintained during the life of your pool in an effort to protect the safety of all our residents and guests.

Kindly conduct an evaluation of your pool facilities and contact the Building Department at 678-9247 for a no cost evaluation to assure that all fencing, safety and electrical codes are met to assure your continued safety and enjoyment of your swimming pool.

For further code and safety requirements and

information; you are encouraged to visit our Village Building Department "help topics" website at <http://www.rvcny.us/bldhelp.html>

Transfer Station Open

The Village Transfer Station has resumed service on the first and third Saturdays of the month until November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Station, on Sunrise Highway adjacent to the Public Works building, is open to the public to receive large items of trash, including furniture and appliances. Proof of residency is required.

Sandy Rebuilding Fee Waiver

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has announced that residential property owners will not have to pay the usual permit fees when rebuilding property damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

The waiver is being extended until December 3, 2013 and applies "in kind" replacement construction only, not to any additional improvements.

Maintain Fee Moratorium

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has extended a moratorium on a fee imposed on residents seeking to legalize building conditions for which they have no permits.

The maintain fee normally \$1,190, will be waived until October 10, 2013 in a pilot program to encourage residential property owners to legalize construction which is not in compliance with local and NYS codes.



RVC Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Nancy Howard, Trustee Edward J. Oppenheimer, Trustee Michael Sepe and Trustee Kevin R. Glynn.

Rockville Centre Board Passes 2014 Budget with Lowest Tax Rate Increase in Eight Years

Despite the financial pressures of increased costs for healthcare and retirement benefits, the Rockville Centre Board of Trustees has passed a budget for next fiscal year that stays within the tax cap while maintaining all Village services. The tentative budget of \$41.8 million is an increase of approximately \$1 million or 2.57% above the current fiscal year budget. Because the total assessed valuation dropped in the Village like every other village in Nassau County primarily due to successful commercial challenges, the increase in the tax rate is 4.20%. This is the lowest increase since fiscal year 2006.

The Village pointed out that 3% of the increase is directly attributed to the significant hike in mandatory retirement system contributions and health care costs. These two items alone account for nearly \$9 million dollars of the overall budget. Like other municipalities, the Rockville Centre Board had hoped for significant retirement

assistance relief from Albany but that now seems unlikely.

Mayor Francis Murray said, "I believe this budget balances the need to hold down taxes and not impact the services that residents have come to expect and enjoy. The spending plan we are putting forth is the product of a great deal of work by the Village, our Comptroller and our department heads to hold down costs wherever possible. We will continue to look for ways to reduce costs and bring in additional revenue to the Village."

As part of the budget, effective June 1st there will be a change in the time and costs for on street parking. Currently many of our meters only allow for parking up to one hour at a cost of 60 cents per hour. Under the new program, parking will be permitted for eighty minutes at a cost of one dollar at many of the meters. One hour parking will increase to seventy-five cents. Parking after 6 PM will remain.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony



Join your neighbors for the annual Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. down Maple Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Recreation Center on Oceanside Road where a service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Contingents representing the RVC police and fire departments, the schools, service and sports organizations will be marching.

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Village Election Coming

The Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre will hold a general Village election on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. The following offices with the following terms will be contested for: two trustees (four years) and Village Justice (four years).

Candidates may pick up election packets from the Deputy Village Clerk's Office on the second floor of Village Hall. The Village is currently accepting applications for absentee ballots for the general election.

All voting in the June 18, 2013 Village election will be conducted at the Anderson Recreation Center on North Oceanside Road from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The single polling place effects only for the odd-year Village elections, not the even-year general elections for county, state and federal offices.

Support the RVC Fireworks Celebration

Saturday, July 13, 2013



The Annual Fireworks Celebration and Concert along Mill River Park has been a tradition for 20 years. Every year village residents, family and friends come together to enjoy an evening under the stars with a fabulous fireworks display and concert/performance all supported by the generosity of the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts and the Village of Rockville Centre.

As before, we need your help. The costs of the fireworks and the performances are supported by businesses and residents who make donations each year to make this spectacular event possible.

Please take a moment today to make a donation by filling out the form on the bottom of this page and sending a check to:

The Rockville Centre Guild for Arts
P.O. Box 950
Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Donation \$25 \$ 50 \$100 \$200 other _____

All donations over \$25 will receive a free gift at the fireworks in appreciation for your support

Credit Card Donations:

You can also call to make a donation by credit card by calling: 516 766-0555, Mon. thru Fri. from 9am -6pm, and ask for Christine who can process your payment to the RVC Guild for the Arts.

Event Activities:

We plan to have food, music and Grucci Fireworks on Saturday Evening, July 13 (rain date Sunday July 14). Entertainment and food begin at 6 PM. The South Shore Symphony will perform at 7:45 PM and the world famous Grucci Fireworks Show will begin at 9:15 PM. There will be music after the fireworks until 10:15 PM.

Corporate Sponsorships are still available:

RVC FIREWORKS CHAMPION: \$5,000

RVC FIREWORKS GUARDIAN: \$2,500

RVC FIREWORKS ADVOCATE: \$1,000

RVC FIREWORKS SUPPORTER: \$500

If you are interested in a corporate sponsorship, please contact Keith Spadaro at 516 678- 9212 or Wayne Lipton at 516 984-4620 for details.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP
IN MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!**

Mark your calendars today – we hope to see you all at the fireworks!

Visit our Facebook pages for Rockville Centre Fireworks and RVC Guild for the Arts!