

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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groups to support our community. Our thanks go to the volunteers and our excellent Borough staff who keep Upper Saddle River a quality place to live.

My family and I wish all residents and their loved ones a happy and healthy new year.

For any issue, please contact me at kgabbert2@juno.com or the home phone number of 201-825-7348.

## Mayor Kenneth A. Gabbert

To all, a wish for a happy and healthy 2009.

2008 brought many challenges to our residents and our Borough government. In 2009, we anticipate even greater financial constraints that will make it difficult to keep the municipal tax increase under the rate of inflation.

On December 10, 2008, Upper Saddle River was the only borough in District 39, and one of a few in the State, to hold a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the impact of COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) mandates on our community. This Town Hall meeting was conducted in cooperation with members of the NJ Assembly. Upper Saddle River has steadfastly responded to COAH with plans that seek to meet State affordable housing mandates, preserve our quality of life, and do so with reasonable cost to our residents. The Planning Board and Governing Body have submitted the Round 3 Plan to COAH for review. While the ultimate decision of COAH will present major financial considerations, the approval and full impact on the Borough is not expected in 2009.

Significant progress was made in 2008 on road repaving and drainage improvements. In addition, our multi-year program of recreation field upgrades has reached the final stage with drainage improvements and a new field house to be completed in 2009.

We are blessed with many resident volunteers who work on the above issues and the Borough's many boards, commissions, committees, and special

## 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2009 Taxes Due -Feb. 1

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that first quarter taxes are due on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. State law requires interest be charged after that, calculated from the actual due date.

## Christmas Tree Pick-up

The annual collection of Christmas trees will be held this month.

The DPW crews will begin to pick-up Christmas trees at the curb starting Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

It is very important that the trees be totally bare. The equipment cannot process tinsel, wires and left-over decorations.

## USR Republican Club

The Upper Saddle River Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the USR Library. The agenda will include updates on upcoming 2009 elections in the State of New Jersey: statewide, district, county and local. The meeting will conclude with a vote for our new slate of Republican Club officers. Members and non-members are invited to join us, starting with refreshments at 7:30 p.m.

## Thank You!

It has been an honor and privilege to serve our community for the last 22 years as councilwoman and I would like to thank all our residents for allowing me this wonderful opportunity. I would also like to thank the Mayor and Council for the countless hours that they devote to our Borough. They are truly a professional and dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of our community. Thanks also to the wonderful staff at Borough Hall, especially Borough Administrator Ted Preusch and Borough Clerk Rose Vido, who are an integral part of our team. Our Borough is very fortunate to have this great group of people working for them. Ronnie Tarino

## Reorganization Meeting – Jan. 5

The Mayor and Council would like to invite all residents to attend the 2009 Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Re-elected member Joanne Minichetti and newly elected Roger DeBerardine will be sworn in to serve 3-year terms on the Upper Saddle River Council.

## YGC-Save The Date!

Mark your calendars! The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009, at Northern Highlands Regional High School. Look for the flyer in the February Boro Bulletin for details on purchasing tickets. Remember, due to the fact that this is always a sold-out event, tickets will only be sold in advance – there will be no ticket sales at the door. Any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston, Chairperson, 201-825-3894.

## Police Department

The Police Department would like to make sure that all residents of the borough are registered for the borough's reverse 911 system. If you did not receive a reverse 911 from the Police Department in early December, please go to [www.usrpd.net](http://www.usrpd.net) and download the Alarm/911 registration form, fill it out and return it to the Police Department to be updated in our system.

## USREF Annual Gala

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) is now pre-selling tickets to their annual Gala fundraiser, *Town Night Out*, at a discounted price. The party, to be held at The Estate at Florentine Gardens on Friday, March 6, 2009, will include a three-hour cocktail party featuring international food stations, a premium open bar and a lavish Viennese Table. There will be entertainment and an auction as well. The entire community is invited.

Tickets purchased on or before January 5, 2009 will be offered at \$210.00 per couple. After that date, the tickets will be \$230.00 per couple. Tickets are available at the USR Library or by contacting Maria DiMartino, at 201-818-2402.

The USREF is a non-profit community supported organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in the USR public school system by providing funding to support exceptional and extraordinary educational and cultural programs.

## Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of January is listed in the chart below. **Please note that there will be no garbage pick-up on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

In inclement weather, please bring all garbage and recycling to the road regardless if your driveway has been plowed. The trucks will not take any chances of getting stuck in icy driveways.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10:00 a.m. the next day. For your convenience, the Recycling Depot, which is located behind the Borough Hall, is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.



## USR Recreation 2009 Ski Trips

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will sponsor four (4) all day Saturday ski trips in 2009. The first trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Jimminy Mountain in Massachusetts on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Mount Snow in Vermont on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and the final trip to Stratton Mountain on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

There will be no ski trip on January 24<sup>th</sup> to allow students to participate in the SAT program. The ski program is open to those ski enthusiasts in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades for those students attending Ho-Ho-Kus schools, Brookside and Northern Highlands in Allendale, Cavallini in Upper Saddle River and those students who reside in the Borough of USR and attend other schools. The cost of the program for all 4 trips including luxury coach transportation, lifts, lunch for all trips and breakfast, lunch and dinner for the Vermont trip is \$400.00. Students may sign up for individual trips, the cost of which is outlined in the registration form. New this year will be a trip to Jimminy Mountain in Massachusetts. This ski area provides for excellent skiing for all levels and will be a new area to discover and explore ski wise.

Registration forms will be available on the Upper Saddle River Borough's website ([www.USRToday.org](http://www.USRToday.org)), Borough Hall or the schools' main offices. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis. Any parents interested in chaperoning or if you need any additional information please contact Chairman Esau Ali 201-934-9075.

## Cultural Center

Warm up this January with inviting family-friendly entertainment at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center. Join us for live children's theater, a special vacation workshop and art for all.

Come to the Cultural Center for live theater performances for kids of all ages. Our intimate setting offers children a fun, interactive introduction to theater. **Willy Wonka** will be performed on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Live and on our kid-friendly stage is the scrumdilyumptious musical of the world-famous candy man. Featuring live music from the classic film, it's guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth! All ages. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members.

**Party Pups** will perform on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. "Party Pups" are all the rage in New York and we are delighted to host them as they perform dog tricks right here in our neighborhood. What makes these dogs so special is that they are therapy dogs as well as party entertainers! Children will be up on stage assisting as these charming canines perform. All ages. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members.

**Dragon King** will be performed on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Back by popular demand to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the beautifully crafted Tanglewood Marionettes will showcase the adventures of the lost pearl under the sea and the many lives it crosses. It's an incredible show that appeals to all ages. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members.

A Vacation Workshop will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Animal Adventures From Around The World** - John from Outraghiss Pets will bring many of his most fascinating animals, snakes and insects to our workshop. Join our safari and do a project you will never forget! Ages 5 and up. \$95.00 registration required.

Remember that it's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. Come view the works of **Hildi Borkowski**, a lifelong Bergen County resident who began taking photographs as a hobby more than 30 years ago, from January 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Inspired by nature, her tranquil landscape photographs invite the viewer to pause for a moment and appreciate the beauty of nature. All are welcome. Free.

An **Artist's Reception** will be held on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

### UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, JANUARY 2009

**Garbage:** There is **town-wide Garbage Pick-up** on Mondays and Thursdays. Please be sure to have your garbage out by 6:30 a.m. They will not stop back to pick up missed garbage if it was not out on time.

**Please Note:** There will be **no garbage pick-up on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

<b>Recycling:</b> <u>W. Saddle River Rd. &amp; west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, January 6	Tuesday, January 13
Tuesday, January 20	Tuesday, January 27

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bulky Trash:** The next bulky trash pick-up will be March 13, 2009.

# Happy New Year!!

## SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Joanne at 201-327-1080 for more details. The club is comprised of women who share a desire to improve the lives of others within and beyond the borders of our community. We work to make a difference.

## Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2009

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2009 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 2, 2009. Licenses are required for all dogs and cats that have had rabies shots. You may mail in a completed application with your payment to expedite the process. We will mail the tags and certificates to you in January. We need proof of rabies immunization and proof of neutering/spaying.

Please enclose a self-address stamped envelope and all necessary papers. All papers will be returned to you. Checks in the correct amount should be made payable to Borough of Upper Saddle River.

Upper Saddle River's basic licensing fee for dogs is \$15.00. Licensing for cats is \$5.00. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 for a non-neutered cat or dog. This fee is established by the state to help control the stray animal problem. **There is a \$5.00 late fee for dogs and cats registered after February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

All dog owners are reminded to pick up after their dogs and dispose of their waste in a proper receptacle when taking them for a walk.

## Upper Saddle River Library

### Adult Programs:

**Your Digital Camera** - Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**College Financing – The Best Way to Pay for College & Save for Retirement** will be held on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Elizabeth Kalfayan, Cellist** will perform on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**The Organized Life**- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Photoshop Class** will be held on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. There will be a \$40.00 fee.

**Create a Pearl & Swarovski Necklace** on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. There will be a \$45.00 fee.

### Children's Programs:

**Love those LEGO's! Competition** - Award Ceremony will be on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Weekly Winter Programs for Children** Registration begins on January 12<sup>th</sup> for the winter session.

**USRLGT Gaming Tournaments** Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8

**TAG – Teen Advisory Group** -will meet on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Purl Jam** will be held on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

**Teen Read Week Book Club** will meet on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Adult programs are open to all Library cardholders in Bergen County. Children's programs are open to USR Library cardholders only. For program details visit our website: [www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org).

## Saddle River Valley Fellowship

We are back in full swing since our layoff in December. We had a wonderful party given to us by The Woman's Club. We also had a lovely time at The Brownstone for our Christmas party.

We will have a speaker from Valley Hospital and a Tai Chi demonstration during the month of January. The month of February will prove to be fun. We are having a clown show on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Hope all our members can come and have a few laughs. We are planning a day trip to La Neve on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. It is for Mardi Gras time.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting. Don't forget it is at 11:00 a.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church.

See you all!

## Borough Zoning Codes

The Borough has adopted a new Ordinance (§12-08), effective January 1, 2009, that requires all residents who sell or rent property to have a "Certificate of Continued Occupancy" inspection performed prior to the scheduled change of ownership (Real Estate closing) or a change of occupancy on rental property. The "CCO" inspection should be scheduled as far in advance as possible prior to the closing or change of occupancy. The "CCO" inspection will be coordinated with the "Fire Prevention Bureau" inspection. Each of these inspections requires a separate check made payable to the respective inspection authority. Forms are available in the Administrative Assistant's office in Borough Hall from Monday to Friday during normal business hours. Please call 201-934-3970 for more information.

### 2009 DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

Borough of Upper Saddle River, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

Dog: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Cat: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair (long/short) \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair (long/short) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

License Fee Dogs \$15.00

License Fee Cats \$5.00

**Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00**

**Non-neutered Cat Additional \$3.00**

**There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 17, 2009.**

**Proof of rabies vaccination and proof of neutering is required for all dogs and cats.**

Checks or exact change would be appreciated. **Please enclose a self-address stamped envelope** if applying by mail.

# Coming Up In January 2009

## BOROUGH BOARDS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Reorganization Meeting at Borough Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting at Borough Hall

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 p.m. Planning Board Reorganization and Work Session at Borough Hall

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting at Borough Hall

8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center

8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 p.m. Zoning Board Reorganization Meeting at Borough Hall

8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall

7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission Reorganization/Regular Meeting at Borough Hall

7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

## SERVICE GROUPS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

11:30 a.m. Friends of the Library Meeting at USR Library

MONDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12, 19 & 26

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

7:30 p.m. Junior Woman's Club Meeting

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, January 13*

*Tuesday, January 27*

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