

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

Volunteerism has always been an important aspect of our borough. We have begun the process of filling the various appointments to the boards, commissions and committees that help make our borough such a wonderful town.

At the Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2007, Mayor Gabbert swore in Fire, Rescue Squad and Ambulance Corps Officials to serve for the coming year. Our congratulations and thanks to: Fire Officials Erik Vierheilg (Fire Chief); Joseph Raymond (Asst. Fire Chief); James Redmond (Captain); Robert Brigham (Sr. Lieutenant); and Leigh Vandenberg (Lieutenant). Rescue Squad Officials Tom Lanning (Chief); Keith Ritter (Captain); Scott Roberts (1st Lieutenant) and Brandon Bach (2nd Lieutenant). Ambulance Corps Officials Debra VanGieson (Captain); Stephen Schlicht (1st Lieutenant); Tom Smith (2nd Lieutenant); Al Tischbein (3rd Lieutenant); and Scott Buhl (Training Officer). These volunteer organizations provide 24-hour a day, 7-days a week protection and service to all residents of our community.

The Mayor and Council would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who can no longer continue to serve in the various positions. We would also like to thank the residents who have sent in letters of interest. In the coming weeks, we will appoint members to the vacant positions. We offer our heartfelt appreciation for all the offers of help. Because of the continued support of our residents, our borough is able to offer many valuable services.

If you are interested in serving your community and have not sent a letter of intent, please feel free to do so. The letters stating your interest and background can be sent directly to Borough Hall, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. Again, the Mayor and Council thank all the volunteers in our community. Upper Saddle River is very fortunate to have so many residents who dedicate their time and talents to all of us.

Also at the Reorganization Meeting, promotions of Sergeant Patrick Rotella and Sergeant David Lally to the rank of Lieutenant, and Patrolmen Joseph Farrow, William Lynch, Emmett McDowell, and Detective Edward Kane to the rank of Sergeant took place.

Lt. Patrick Rotella has been a member of the Police Department for 11 years and for the past 2½ years has been assigned to the Detective Bureau. Lt. Rotella will assume the duties of Officer in Charge of the Detective Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, and Records Bureau. Lt. David Lally has been a member of the Police Department for 16½ years and has been Squad Supervisor since September 1998. He is a former D.A.R.E. Officer, Field Training Officer, and the Department's Terminal Agency Coordinator in charge of the State Computer System. Lt. Lally will assume the duties of Officer in Charge of the Patrol Division and Communications Division.

Sgt. Joseph Farrow has been a member of the Police Department for 16 years, starting as a dispatcher in 1990. He is a former D.A.R.E. Officer and currently is one of the Department's Child Seat Safety Technicians and a member of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Arson Task Force. Sgt. Farrow will assume the duties of Patrol Squad Supervisor. Sgt. William Lynch has been a member of our Police Department for 11 years and is a former NYPD member for 5 years. Currently he is in charge of Computer Operations and is a member of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Computer Crimes Task Force.

He will assume the duties of Patrol Squad Supervisor. Sgt. Emmett McDowell has been a member of the Police Department for 16 years and is currently in charge of the Department's Radio System and the Department's EMS Training Coordinator. He is a member of the United States Air Force Reserves and will assume the duties of Patrol Squad Supervisor. Sgt. Edward Kane has been a member of the Police Department for 8 years and has been assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past year. Prior to that, he was the Department's Field Training Officer. Sgt. Kane will continue his assignment as an investigator in the Detective Bureau. Congratulations to these fine officers.

Youth Guidance Council - Books vs. Badges Basketball Game

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring the Books vs. Badges basketball game, a family fundraiser. Come join us and watch some of your favorite teachers battle it out in a BASKETBALL GAME against the Upper Saddle River Police Department! There will be some fun filled half-time events and a raffle as well. The game will take place on Friday, March 23, 7:00 PM. at Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale, NJ. Admission will be \$5.00. Advance ticket sales are available and recommended. Tickets are limited and this event was a sellout last year. To purchase tickets, send a check made out to "USR DARE Trust Acct," to Robyn Ranges, 48 Danebury Downs, USR. Please note that this is a "family" event and that younger students should be supervised. Refreshments and t-shirts will be available for sale at the game. Please support the USR Youth Guidance Council so that we can continue to fund the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program as well as other anti-drug, anti-alcohol, and anti-violence programs and activities for the youth of our community. For further information call Robyn, 201-818-6163, or Barbara, 201-825-3894.

SRV Fellowship

Coming up in February we will again enjoy Mary Stellar on February 8th. She has entertained us in the past and always gives us a wonderful show.

On February 13th, Mrs. Jareck's 4th grade students have invited the Seniors to visit their classroom at the Edith A. Bogert School. They will be sharing their bird watching activities with us.

We are still involved in all our saving projects: coupons, stamps, medicine bottles, caps from cans, etc.

Please come to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church.

We want to thank all our new members for joining and being part of our activities. See you all!!

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of February is listed in the chart below.

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays year round. The recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday. All refuse must be out by 6:30 a.m.

Please have all refuse at the curb in inclement weather regardless if your driveway has been plowed or not. The men will not walk or drive down driveways in ice or snow.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10 a.m. the next day. You may leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a day.

For your convenience, the Recycling Depot, which is located behind the Borough Hall, is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

Property Taxes Due

The Tax Collector would like to remind residents that property taxes are due on the 1st of February with a ten-day grace period. Taxes received after the 10th of the month will be charged interest calculated from the February due date as required by law.

Payments made by mail should be addressed to the Tax Collector, 376 West Saddle River Road, USR, NJ 07458.

Woman's Club

On Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Abbey at the Ramsey Country Club in Ramsey, the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will hold its 5th annual baby shower for the babies at the Shelter for Abused Women in West Milford, N.J. Anyone wishing to attend should send their checks in the amount of \$20 for the dinner payable to the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River, earmarked "Baby Shower" and mailed to the attention of Carol Finnerty at the Club's PO Box 645, Saddle River, N.J. 07458 to be received as soon as possible as cut off date was originally Jan. 31. Guests are invited and not only club members to participate in this worthy charitable event. Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift, clothing up to size 2 and especially requested are onesies, bottles, receiving blankets, formula, bath towels and washcloths.

On Mon., Feb. 12, the club will assume the responsibility as hostess club for the district's "Performing Arts Festival." There are 21 clubs in the district. Besides being assigned hospitality duties, one of the club members will perform an original written short story. It will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the Ridgewood Woman's Club House in Ridgewood on Ridgewood Avenue. On Tues., Feb. 13 club members will go to the long term care facility at the Bergen Regional Hospital in Paramus as one of their outreach programs, helping celebrate the Feb. birthday residents with refreshments.

SRV Cultural Center

Princesses are taking over the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center in February as *Snow White* graces the stage on the 3rd. Allynn Goowin and his balloon artistry bring this fabled tale to life with the help of children in the audience.

On Feb. 17, Puttin' on the Ritz will present *Cinderella* at the center. Audience members young and old will enjoy this interactive and fun version of a classic fairy tale.

All shows are at 1 and 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Seating is first come, first serve. Children are encouraged to sit up close and personal, on the floor and often become part of our interactive shows.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Memberships are available for \$10 for seniors, \$15 single adult, \$20 students, \$35 family and \$100 patron. Membership includes discounted prices on shows, as well as access to the Center school classes and updates on Cultural Center happenings.

Future performances include Yo-Yo People on March 3, the Leprechaun Circus on March 17, Cirque Du Jour with Bucky and Gigi on March 31 and closes with Kandie Carle Victorian Lady on April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

The Cultural Center also offers much more than shows, including our classes and popular *Vacation Workshops*, a great place to spend time during children's breaks from school. The Center will host *High Tech, High Touch* on Feb. 19 and 20. Participants will be spending their time exploring the world of science with many hands-on experiments. It is certain to bring the scientist out of your child.

Vacation Workshops are held from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Space is limited in each workshop and registration is required. Cost is \$40 per day. Workshops are appropriate for children 5 and up.

Contact the Center at 201-825-3366 for information or to register for any of our workshops. The SRVCC is located at 305 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River. Visit the center online at www.srvcc.org.

Newcomers Club

The following are activities for February; Saturday, February 10, Italian Night at Apple Ridge Club House, RSVP to Sue at 201 213-8664.

Thursday, February 15. 11:00 a.m. International Meeting at a member's house. RSVP to Sally at 201 818-6770.

Tuesday, February 27, 9:30 Book Club with "The Double Life of Alice B. Sheldon" by Julie Phillips.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, FEBRUARY 2007

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.

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

Large Appliances: Thursday, February 1 by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Friday, March 16, 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

USR Educational Foundation To Honor Stephanie Karl

The USR Educational Foundation (USREF) is very proud to bestow its "Award for Educational Excellence" 2007 on Stephanie Karl. The award is given annually to an Upper Saddle River resident who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the community as well as significant civic leadership. The recipient must be identified as a positive role model for children and be recognized by many in the community, i.e. parents, teachers, administrators, etc.

Karl will be honored at the USREF's fourth annual Gala Dinner Dance, *Town Night Out*, scheduled for Saturday, March 31st at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. The Gala will be a town-wide celebration for the entire community and will feature a cocktail hour with butlered hors d'oeuvres, a three-course sit down dinner, and fabulous live and silent auctions. All proceeds will benefit Upper Saddle River students in grades Kindergarten through eighth.

Stephanie Karl has served on the Board of Education for seven years and has been president for the last four. Under her tenure the Board hired a new superintendent, hired a quad-district curriculum coordinator to provide a more cohesive entrance into the high school, developed new curriculums, strengthened existing curriculum, helped to develop outside sources for funding to offset local taxes and negotiated a new teacher contract to allow for a longer school day.

Karl has been an active volunteer for many years, having served as PTO President, Coordinator of Red Ribbon Week, Crossing Guard, Religious Ed Teacher, and Scout leader. She was a member of the Youth Guidance Council for many years and served on Project B.E.S.T. and the school's Traffic and Safety Committee. She is presently a member of the Home and School Association at Northern Highlands, on the Drug Policy Committee and a Class Parent Liaison. She is the administrator of Helen's Hope Foundation, founded in her mother's memory. In the past Helen's Hope has helped to rebuild the Children's Therapy Center, fed the hungry at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter and granted scholarships to high school seniors. She is also involved with Children's Aid and Family Services.

Karl and her husband, Ken, have lived in Upper Saddle River for approximately 18 years and have three children, Hollie, 22, Mallory, 20 and Kris, 17.

For more information on the USREF, visit their website at www.usref.net or e-mail ToddMcMichael@yahoo.com.

Library Happenings

Programs for Adults

Mark Twain: Wit and Wisdom performed by David G. Kennedy
Thursday, Feb. 8, 12:30 p.m.

David Kennedy appears in costume and character, wig and white suit, in this one-man presentation of Mark Twain. Registration is required, seating is limited.

Basically Baroque Chamber Music with Harpsichord

Sunday, February 25, 2:00 p.m.

The popular All Seasons Chamber Players returns to the USR Public Library with a program entitled Chamber Music with Harpsichord – "Basically Baroque."

The program offers a wide range of works ranging from the 17th century to the 20th century with the ensemble's beautiful 2-manual Flemish harpsichord in combination with flute and strings. Registration is recommended.

Intermediate Photoshop - \$30 Fee

Tuesdays, February 6, 13 & 20, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 7, 14 & 21 10am-12noon

This course will expand upon Introduction to Photoshop and will introduce additional editing and enhancement tools and techniques to transform digital photographs.

Get the Most from Your Library's Catalog and Databases

Sign up for a one time morning or evening class and come away with a few searching tips as well as a glimpse into the free databases available to you as a USR library card holder.

Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Using Grolier Online

Discover Grolier Online and all of the ways it can help your children complete homework assignments and papers. Save time by searching all of your databases at once and move quickly from one encyclopedia to another.

Tuesday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

New Non-Fiction Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 20. 7:30 p.m.

Devil in the White City, by Erik Larson.

"Let's Read" Programs for Kids:

Storyteller Kathy Pierce

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2:00 p.m.

Kathy Pierce is "exuberant", "generous", "compelling", "motivating" and "engaging".

Kathy tells folktales, fairytales, ghost stories, myths, women's stories, literary, and original stories, spiced with bits of poetry, song, and unusual instruments. Professionally storytelling for 20 years, she brings rich experience and energy to her performances.

Treasure Hunt

Saturday, February 3 at 2:00 p.m.

End of Journey Celebration

Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded.

Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The following officers have been elected for the year 2007.

President: Donald Kuchar, Vice President: Cynthia Dilatush, Recording Secretary: Chelsea Feldman, Corresponding Secretary: Beverly Vandenberg, Captain: Debbie Van Gieson, Treasurer: Stephen Schlicht, Trustees: Marilyn Adair, S. Carol White, and Scott MacDowell, Training Officer: Scott Buhl. 1st Lt.: Stephen Schlicht, 2nd Lt.: Tom Smith, 3rd Lt.: Al Tischbein.

The formal installation of officers will be held at Seasons in Washington Township on March 10, 2007.

Lions Car Raffle Begins March 15

On March 15th the Saddle River Valley Lions Club will kick off its annual Lions Car Raffle. This year's winner will drive away in a 2007 Ford Mustang Premium Pony Edition Coupe valued at \$24,560. Lions will be selling raffle tickets for \$10.00 at locations throughout the area. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday night June 2, 2007 at 10:00 p.m. the last night of the Lions Carnival at Lions Memorial Park in USR. The net proceeds of this year's Lions Car Raffle will benefit sight & health related charities and various community organizations. The Lions thank all the residents whose continued support of the club's fund raising efforts during the past 49 years have resulted in charitable donations of over \$1,470,000.

Coming Up In February 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club at Bergen Highlands Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club Meeting

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

February 13

February 27

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