

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council recently appointed Joseph S. Rompala as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Rompala has extensive experience in municipal financial management, budget preparation, and capital planning. Prior to his taking the position in Upper Saddle River, Mr. Rompala was the Township Administrator in Montville Township. He has also served as Administrator in Kearny, Hillsdale, Morristown, and Irvington. Mr. Rompala previously was the interim Finance Officer in Upper Saddle River and Leonia. He holds an M.P.A. from Kent State University, a B.A. from East Stroudsburg State College and is a Certified Municipal Finance Officer. We are very pleased to have Mr. Rompala as our Chief Financial Officer.

The Mayor and Council would like to encourage all families to participate in the "Ready, Set, Relax Family Night" on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. This is one special night to relax and just be together as a family. There will be no homework, no sports practices, and no scheduled activities – just a chance to reflect on your daily activities and consciously choose what matters most – time with your family! This evening is endorsed by: Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council; Allendale Municipal Alliance; Saddle River Municipal Alliance; Ho-Ho-Kus Municipal Alliance; the Boroughs of Upper Saddle River, Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River; Northern Highlands Regional High School; and the public school districts of Upper Saddle River, Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River.

The Mayor and Council have started the process of the annual budget for the Borough. The Council will review operating expenses, salary and wage, and the capital budget. As always, we will strive to provide the services you have come to expect while maintaining our municipal tax rate, which is among the lowest in Bergen County. We plan on introducing the budget as soon as it has been completed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the budget or any other matter, please feel free to contact any member of the Mayor and Council.

Books vs. Badges Basketball Game Family Fundraiser

Hurry and get your tickets for the USR Youth Guidance Council Books VS. Badges Family Fundraiser. Come see some of your favorite teachers battle it out in a basketball game against the Upper Saddle River Police Department. The game will take place on Friday, March 23 at Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale, NJ. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Come early and enjoy the pre-game festivities! Refreshments and souvenirs will be sold at this time. The opening ceremonies will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the game will begin promptly at 7:15 p.m. There are some fun filled half time activities scheduled and exciting door prizes will be given away.

Tickets are selling quickly and this event is sure to be a sell out again this year. To purchase tickets, send a check payable to "USR DARE Trust Acct." to Robyn Ranges, 48 Danbury Downs, USR. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Order forms are available on line at www.USRtoday.com. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

For further information call Robyn, 201-818-6163, or Barbara, 201-825-3894.

USR Police Department Testing Reverse 911 System

The Upper Saddle River Police Department is going to start testing the Reverse 911 System on a semi-annual basis. The test message you receive will identify that it is from the Upper Saddle River Police and will advise you that the message is only a test. If you have caller ID, the phone number that shows up will be the Police Department's main phone number, 201-327-2700. When you receive the test message or a real Reverse 911 message, there is no reason to call the Upper Saddle River Police Department. All the information that we have will be in the Reverse 911 message. If there is a need to disseminate additional information, a subsequent Reverse 911 message will be sent out.

Spring Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration for the spring tennis clinics will take place at Borough Hall 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Fridays. There will be two 5-week sessions to be held at the Wickersham Tennis Courts. The first session will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays beginning the week of April 2nd and the second session will also be held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting the week of May 14th. The cost for the entire 5 week session is \$90. For more information please call the USR Recreation Commission at 201-327-3634 or visit our website to download an application – <http://www.usrtoday.com/>

Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Saddle River Valley Lions Club invites all children age 8 and under to take part in the annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt. This year's hunt will take place at Lions Memorial Park, Lake Street at Valley Lane, on Saturday, March 31st and will begin at 10:00 a.m. "SHARP".

Parents are reminded to provide their children with baskets. If necessary, the rain date will be the following Saturday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Republican Club

The USR Republican Club will have a Candidates Night on Tuesday, March 27th, at the Library.

Come to hear invited guests running for local seats and for New Jersey Assembly and State Senate.

We will start with refreshments at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin 7:45 p.m.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of March 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 whether your driveway has been plowed. The men will not walk or drive down driveways in ice or snow.

Please be sure not to have your garbage or driveway blocked by any cars or trucks. The garbage company will not take any chances of scratching any vehicle in your driveway by taking garbage around them. If there is vehicle in the way, the garbage will be left until the next scheduled pick up date.

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, located behind the Borough Hall, is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

What You Should Know About Meningitis

The Upper Saddle River Board of Health would like to provide Borough residents with information about meningitis. There have been two cases of meningococcal meningitis diagnosed in children who reside in Bergen County recently. While meningitis is not highly contagious, we want to remind everyone that the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Center for Disease Control recommend the meningococcal conjugate vaccine for children over the age of ten.

Meningitis is caused by the meningococcal bacterium that is found in the lining of the nose and throat. Meningococcal meningitis occurs when the bacteria gets into the blood stream. It can be spread through prolonged direct contact with someone who has the illness. Examples of direct contact include kissing, sharing of lip balm, cups, bottles or eating utensils, or coming in contact with coughs or sneezes of an ill person. Being in the same room with an ill person is not considered close contact.

The symptoms of meningococcal meningitis are fever, body aches, confusion, exhaustion, nausea or vomiting, back and or neck stiffness, eye pain, severe headache that won't go away and a rash on the arms and legs. It is important to get medical care as soon as meningitis is suspected.

Another important safeguard against meningococcal meningitis and many other infections is frequent hand washing. Wash vigorously with warm soapy water for at least 10 seconds.

For more information visit the following websites:

National Meningitis Association www.nmaus.org. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov.

Junior Woman's Club

New Member Wine & Cheese: All women interested in new friendships, having fun and helping others are invited on March 14, 7:30 pm to meet the Juniors and other prospective members. The social will follow with our regular business meeting. Join us! Call Debbie 201-956-3892 for more information and to RSVP.

Neiman Marcus Spring Fashion Show: Champagne Reception and Dinner, Thursday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., Neiman Marcus Rotunda Restaurant, tickets \$65. per person to benefit the Spirit of Giving and the Celebration of Life for the New Jersey Children's Specialized Hospital. For tickets and information call Denise 201-934-8511.

Food Drive: To benefit the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. Please drop off non-perishable items at the Saddle River Post Office. Thank you for supporting the Saddle River Valley Jr. Woman's Club's charitable endeavors!

Annual Plant Sale: Our spring plant sale is underway. Place your order for beautiful annuals, perennials and hanging baskets. We will deliver your order! Call Sue 201-825-3557

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 Sat., 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

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of USR would like to thank everyone who attended the Baby Shower at the Abbey, and those who donated to the cause. The women of Strengthen Our Sisters Shelter were overwhelmed with your generosity. We will be sponsoring our annual poetry and essay contest. Entrance forms will be distributed in the schools and the deadline for entries will be March 2nd. Winners will receive a gift certificate from Barnes and Noble, and have their names engraved on a plaque permanently displayed in each school.

Our next fundraiser will be a luncheon at the Abbey at the Ramsey Country Club on May 22nd. We are very fortunate to have Barbara Ostrom as our speaker. The price of the luncheon will be \$65. For tickets call Judy 201-236-8268

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, MARCH 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, March 6	Tuesday, March 13
Tuesday, March 20	Tuesday, March 27

Large Appliances: Thursday, March 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.

Library Happenings

Programs for Adults:

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish Harpist Ardis Cavin

Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. - A free program. Join us in welcoming back harpist Ardis Cavin who will play and sing Irish favorites. On her large lever harp, Ms. Cavin will weave a bit of Irish history and the use of the harp in songs and stories.

The Basics of Buying and Selling on eBay -Presented by Cindy Gilbert

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. A free program. Registration required, as seating is limited. You'll learn how to set up an auction account, search for an item at the lowest price, determine trustworthy sellers, bid, know the different auctions available, and pay for your purchase. Cindy will show you the basic tools and knowledge needed to set up shop on the information superhighway! Learn how to open a seller's account, research, price, create listings, monitor your listings and most important complete the transaction and collect your payment.

Estate & Tax Planning for Seniors

Tuesday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m. A free program, with limited seating. Presented by Michael A. Manna Esq.

Programs for Children:

Meet Biscuit in Person at the Library! A Costumed Character Party

Sunday, March 11th, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Appropriate for kids to age 4, registration required.

Storyhours, New Spring Session: March 12 through May 11

3 Year-Olds' Storyhour

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. March 12 – May 7, no class April 2, 23.

4-5 Year-Olds' Storyhour

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m. March 13 – May 8, no class April 3, 24.

Drop-in Playtime for Newborns to 3 ½

Wednesdays, 10:00 p.m. – 10:45 a.m.
March 14 – May 9, no class April 4, 25.

Grades 1 & 2 Book Club

Tuesdays, 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. March 13 – May 8, no club April 3, 24.

Grade 3 Book Club

Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
March 14 – May 9, no club April 25

Grade K Bookraft

Thursday 3:15 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. Mar. 15 – May 9, no club April 5, 26.

Read to Baxter or Cody - Sign-up for a 20 minute session.

Grades 1– 5

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, March 13 – May 10. 3 Sessions from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Chess Club Mondays, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Ages 6 – and Up. March 12 – May 7, no club April 23.

SRV Fellowship

We had an exciting January and February. Everyone that went to “The Best of B’way” on Feb. 20th enjoyed the music immensely. Our Valentine’s Day meeting with Mary Stella made us all smile and remember how to be young again. The “Pizza Party” on Feb. 22 was a great success. March is going to come in like a lion. We will have a demonstration from Rohsler’s on Mar. 8. It will go out like a lamb with Tricky Tray (Chinese Auction). Our trip for March is to the Brownstone on March 14 to celebrate St Patrick’s Day.

NH Turf Field Project Needs Your Help

Northern Highlands is one of the few remaining high schools in the NBIL league that does not have an artificial turf field. This places our kids at a big disadvantage. A plan to build a new state-of-the-art turf field at NH has been approved by the Board of Ed, but the funding must come from private donations. The NH Sports Association (NHSA) - a group of parent volunteers - is spearheading the effort to raise \$1 million privately to construct a new turf field that will put our kids on the same kind of safer, all-weather surface that neighboring schools already have. The new field will be appropriate for multiple sports and activities. ALL of the children in the USR/SR/Allendale/HHK communities will benefit from the new field, before and during their high school careers. The field will be used by:

- High school boys and girls sports (football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey) and physical ed classes
- High school marching band
- Rec sports programs from the quad districts
- Community-wide activities

If everyone (even K-8 parents whose children will someday be NH students) contributes as generously as they can, we can make the NH “Field of Dreams” a reality!

NHSA is trying to raise the money by April 1st in order to have the field ready for Fall 2007. Excellent progress has been made towards the \$1 million fundraising goal with contributions from a very small number of families. If you plan to contribute, please don’t delay. NHSA is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and your donation may qualify for your employer's charitable gift-matching program.

Thanks for supporting the youth of USR and surrounding communities. For information on the project and how you can donate, go to www.nhfieldofdreams.org

USREF Hosts Town Night Out

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) will be holding its fourth annual Gala Dinner Dance, *Town Night Out*, on Saturday, March 31st at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. The entire community is invited. The evening will feature a lavish cocktail hour with butlered hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, music and fabulous live and silent auctions. All proceeds will benefit the students in grades Kindergarten through eighth in Upper Saddle River.

The USREF is dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in Upper Saddle River. Since its inception in 2003, the USREF has provided the schools with over \$172,000 worth of grant monies making innovative, curriculum-based programs possible, funded renowned math and writing consultants to strengthen the district's programming, installed numerous SMART Boards in the three schools and built the Learning Habitat, an outdoor classroom. The USREF has made possible programs such as Battle of the Books, where students read books and compete against other school teams; Feeder Watch, where senior citizens and students observe birds and track data as part of a Cornell University program; and funded the USR Library's Read-a-thon. This spring the USREF will be sponsoring River Day, where sixth grade students will learn to assess the Saddle River for environmental health.

Stephanie Karl will be honored at the Gala with the 2007 *Award for Educational Excellence* for her dedication to the USR PTO, Board of Education, Youth Guidance Council and Northern Highlands HASA. She is also administrator of Helen's Hope Foundation, which bequeaths over \$250,000 a year to various local causes. 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. Previous recipients include Councilwoman Barbara Ripston, Angela Allen, Eric Koch and Barry Ervin.

For more information on the dinner, to purchase an ad in the journal or to donate an auction prize, please contact Susan Greenbaum-Gross at susan@greenbauminteriors.com.

Tennis Permits Available for 2007

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts for the 2007 season will be available beginning Monday, April 2, 2007 at Borough Hall. A family membership will remain at \$25 and an individual membership will again be priced at \$15.00.

Coming Up In March 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

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

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 15

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 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

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

March 13

March 27

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SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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

7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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

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