

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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A Message from the Mayor and Council

Every month in Upper Saddle River is a busy time for our local organizations and March is no exception. This month the Boy Scouts are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Mayor and Council recently read a proclamation endorsing *Read Across America*, which is being celebrated from March 1st to March 5th. March 3rd brings families a much-needed break with *Ready, Set, Relax Night*. The Youth Guidance Council is running its once again sold-out *Books vs. Badges* basketball game on March 12th. The game, featuring teachers playing against our police officers, is a terrific family event and a major fundraiser for the vital programs the YGC sponsors. The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation is hosting its annual gala on March 19th, this year honoring our volunteer emergency services. And the Police Benevolent Association is hosting its bi-annual Wine and Food Tasting at the new Jack Daniels' Porsche dealership on March 27th. It is always a great night and monies raised benefit Youth Guidance Council and other local groups.

Of course, there will be fabulous programs offered at the Upper Saddle River Library for all ages and great shows and classes at the Saddle River Cultural Center. And planning is already underway for future events such as the Lions Club carnival and car raffle, the Youth Guidance Council Family Circus and a new women's biathlon raising money for breast cancer research. Check inside this bulletin for all the events going on this month.

Local organizations utilize the Borough Bulletin, the local papers and, of course, the sign on the corner of Lake Street and West Saddle River Road, to spread the word about their events. This simple wooden sign has become a landmark in Upper Saddle River. It not only provides notification of our local organizations' meetings and events but is also a welcoming center for our community. Now that the road construction on the corner is complete, the Mayor and Council are beginning to develop plans to construct a new sign. The existing sign was built as an Eagle Scout project and was later repaired by one of our residents. It is beginning to fall into a state of disrepair and we are looking to replace it with something distinctive and durable.

The Borough is fortunate to have been approved for some grant monies which will be used for this project. Thank you to Arnie Friedman and the entire Shade Tree Commission for working to secure the grant. We look forward to the sprucing up of the corner and are sure our residents will enjoy the results. The Mayor and Council are interested in any ideas you may have regarding the design. Please forward your design ideas and comments to Mr. T. Preusch, Borough Administrator.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kenneth Gabbert
Council President Deborah Viola,
Council Members Roger DeBerardine,
Vincent Durante, Joanne Florio,
Joanne Minichetti and Dennis Schubert*

Lions Club 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 27th 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 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Ready, Set, Relax Day

March 3rd is Ready, Set, Relax Day. 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! As our lives become more and more scheduled with work, school, sports and the many other pulls on our time, taking one evening to relax and enjoy some downtime together becomes even more important.

This evening is endorsed by the Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council, the Allendale Municipal Alliance, the Saddle River Municipal Alliance, the 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.

So go out to dinner, or pitch in as a family and cook a special meal together, pull out a favorite board game or take turns reading out loud in front of the fireplace. Whatever your family chooses to do, take advantage of this day and enjoy it together.

“Seussical Jr.” To Be Performed

Cavallini Middle School is proud to present its production of “Seussical Jr.” to the community on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cavallini Auditorium. Come enjoy the adventures of characters such as Jojo, The Cat in the Hat, and Horton the Elephant in Dr. Seuss' wonderful imaginary world filled with song and dance. Tickets are \$3.00. Senior Citizens are free. Please contact Serda Belekdanian for tickets 201-818-8886 or at serda.belekdanian@cbmoves.com. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult during the performance. Tickets can be picked up in front of the auditorium before the performance.

SRV Jr. Woman's Club Plant Sale

Spring is in the air!! That means the Annual SRV Junior Woman's Club Plant Sale is underway. We have a great selection of beautiful, high quality annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets and more. We will deliver them to your door the day before Mother's Day on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Our planters and hanging baskets make a perfect Mother's Day gift! The proceeds from this plant sale will be donated to various organizations and charities in our community.

The order form with instructions is enclosed in this month's bulletin. Order early as supplies are limited. Thank you for supporting the club and making a difference. If you have any questions please call Virginia Halprin at 201-962-8887.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

So far so good – we survived the winter. Spring is around the corner.

We had an added attraction in February. On February 26th we went to Northern Highlands Planetarium. The program was excellent.

In March we will be having nominations for the next two years. On March 25th we will have the Inauguration.

Hope to see all our members and some new ones at our March meetings which are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church.

School Report Card

The 2009 New Jersey School Report Card is now available online at the New Jersey Department of Education's website <http://education.state.nj.us/rc>. You may also access the Report Card directly from the Upper Saddle River Schools' website at www.usrschoolsk8.com under the "School Info" section on each school's homepage.

Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation To Hold Gala

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) will be holding its 7th annual Gala Dinner Dance, "Town Night Out", on Friday, March 19th 7:30 p.m. at The Estate at Florentine Gardens in River Vale, NJ. The evening will be a community-wide celebration featuring a three-hour cocktail party with international food stations followed by a Viennese dessert and coffee bar, dancing and entertainment, and our fabulous silent and live auctions.

USREF will be honoring our community services volunteers with the USREF "Award for Excellence". The award is given annually to an Upper Saddle River resident or service group 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.

Our 2010 celebration will salute the USR Ambulance Corps, the USR Fire Department and the SRV Rescue Squad. All proceeds will benefit the students in grades Kindergarten through eighth in Upper Saddle River district.

For any additional information on how to participate in the evening's festivities, journal, or auctions, please visit our website at www.usref.net or contact Susan Greenbaum Gross at 973-279-3000 or susan@greenbauminteriors.com or Malissa Piazza at 201-825-9244 or malissap@gmail.com.

An Evening of Fine Wine and Food Tasting

The Upper Saddle River PBA wine tasting is set for March 27, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The brand new Jack Daniels' Porsche Dealership is this year's location and we look forward to seeing our return guests and new faces, as well.

Wines will be supplied by the Inserra family and Berlinger family of Wine Sources. Fine foods will be served by Harvest Moon Caterers, Morton's Steakhouse, Allendale Eats and Manhattan Deli. Coffee and tea will be provided by Starbucks.

Tickets are available by calling Debbie at 201-252-1500 extension 1501 or any P.B.A. Officer.

Proceeds from this event will allow the Upper Saddle River PBA to continue its support of local organizations and charities.

No Idling Resolution

Working with the Environmental Committee in supporting green initiatives, Upper Saddle River has passed an "Idle Free Zone" Resolution supporting NJ's No-Idling Code. Vehicle exhaust is the leading source of toxic air pollution in NJ, and cutting back on idling makes the air healthier to breathe. Many residents at our last Upper Saddle River Day signed a No-Idling Pledge recognizing that turning car and truck engines off significantly improves public health and air quality while reducing costs.

As a reminder, the Borough has posted signage at schools, since children are particularly vulnerable, and our public areas, encouraging that vehicles be turned off after 10 seconds if planning to remain at the same location for more than 30 seconds, and assuring that idling does not occur at locations such as school drop-off and pick-up, gas stations, parking lots, businesses, etc.

Facts from our Borough's resolution: Gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution. For every gallon of gas used, the average vehicle produces over 20 pounds of carbon dioxide. Idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again. Idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles.

Mark Your Calendars

The Upper Saddle River Historical Society Garden Committee will be holding its annual plant sale, at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum, on Saturday, May 1st from 10:30 a.m. until sold out.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, MARCH 2010

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.

If there is ice on your driveway or in inclement weather, all garbage and recycling must be brought out by the road.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, March 2	Tuesday, March 9
Tuesday, March 16	Tuesday, March 23
Tuesday, March 30	

Large Appliances: Thursday, March 4th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up will be in April 1, 2010.

Bulky Trash: The bulky trash will be collected on March 12, 2010. The next collection date will be Friday June 11, 2010.

If you have any questions, call 201-327-2196 Monday—Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was formed in 2008 to help preserve the rich history found in Upper Saddle River. The HPC has catalogued all of the historic homes and sites in town and has been contacting the owners of these landmarks to offer them commemorative plaques or markers. Homes must be listed on the Upper Saddle River Inventory of Historic Homes and/or the Bergen County Survey of Historic Sites.

As of December 31, 2009, 17 homes have registered with the HPC and 10 have already received plaques. The plaques are offered at no cost; they are being provided through a generous anonymous donation. Some homeowners have made donations to the HPC to help defray costs but it is not required. HPC commissioners have been meeting with the homeowners and installing the plaques for them. A second order for the additional homes registered has already been placed and those plaques will be installed this month.

As you drive or walk around town, take a look at some of them. They are handsome metal markers with the Upper Saddle River logo embossed on top and the name of the historic home or site and date of construction. The larger markers (provided to those homes built before 1800) have a brief story about the home inscribed as well. Borough Hall, once the Little One Room Schoolhouse, is one of our community's landmarks. The Old Stone Church is another.

This month, the HPC commissioners are reaching out to the remaining eligible homeowners via letters asking if they would like to receive a marker. This spring a third round of markers will be ordered and installed. If you receive a letter from the HPC and have questions or need more information about the program, please contact Bob Wortmann, HPC chairperson, at 201-825-1766. Also please visit the Borough website www.usrtoday.org and click on the Historic Commission page to learn more.

USR Tennis Permits for 2010

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts, located on West Saddle River Road in front of Reynolds School, will be available beginning Monday, March 29, 2010 at Borough Hall. A family membership is \$35.00 and an individual membership is \$20.00. For more information please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or USRRecreation@aol.com. Visit the Borough website at www.USRtoday.org for information about all recreation programs.

2010 Upper Saddle River Directories

On Saturday, the third of April, the 2010 edition of the Upper Saddle River Directory, published by the Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library, will be available, **free of charge**, to all Upper Saddle River residents while supplies last! All you need to do is stop at the Library any time, from April 3rd on, for your copy! Please, one per family.

The Upper Saddle River Directory is filled with useful information about the organizations in town, the schools, the places of worship, listings of our residents, local businesses and so much more. It even contains an up to date town map!

Remember, they'll only be available while supplies last, so make a note to stop by the library as soon as you can on or after Saturday, April 3rd to get your copy. While you're there, check out the other wonderful things our library has to offer – books, DVDs, CDs, classes and much more – all designed just for you.

Library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Registration for Rec. Soccer

Signups for the fall 2010 recreational soccer will be held at the Borough Hall on March 6th and March 20th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All USR resident children and children of town and school employees are eligible if they will be entering kindergarten through 12th grade in September 2010. The games will begin about the 1st or 2nd weekend after school starts and will continue to the middle of November. The cost is \$75.00 for one child, \$150.00 for 2 children, and \$200.00 for 3 or more children. The application form along with additional information will be posted at our website, www.usrsoccer.org. Please fill out the application on-line and then print the application and bring it to the Borough Hall along with a check for the appropriate amount made out to 'USR Soccer Association' and a wallet-sized photo for children going into the 3rd grade and up (the application will not be accepted without the photo). Do not miss the sign-up dates. Team sizes are determined by the NWBSA rules and if you miss the sign-up date we cannot guarantee that your child be placed on a team.

Spring Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration for the spring tennis clinics will take place at Borough Hall 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mondays - 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 March 29th, with no lessons the week of school break. The second session will also be held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting the week of May 10th. During the second session an adult group will take place at 7:00 p.m. The cost for the entire 5 week session is \$90.00. For more information please call the USR Recreation Commission at 201-327-3634 or email USRRecreation@aol.com. Visit our website to download an application – www.usrtoday.org.

Upper Saddle River's First Women's Biathlon

The USR Recreation Commission is sponsoring the 1st Women's Biathlon, Saturday, May 8, 2010. The run/bike/run event will promote awareness and raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The race is the brainchild of two Upper Saddle River residents Fiona Miesner and Carol Mateo, both active participants in community and athletic events.

The race is for women ages 15 years and older and will start and finish at Lion's Memorial Park in USR. The race will consist of a 2-mile run/10-mile bike/2-mile run. This sprint distance course hopes to encourage first-timers as well as seasoned professionals.

"The Women's Biathlon helps women set an exercise goal and achieve it," said Fiona Miesner, event co-founder. "With the women in Upper Saddle River and neighboring towns so active, we anticipate a sell-out event even in our first year."

The race will be capped at 200 participants. Each athlete will be asked to raise \$150.00 in sponsorship fees, all of which will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The entry fee is \$50.00. A series of training clinics will be scheduled prior to race day. The first USR Women's Biathlon Training Clinic will be held Thursday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. at TYD running store at Tice's Mall. All interested are encouraged to attend. Trainers and outfitters will be on site to answer any questions and offer training advice.

For more information and to register, log on to usrbiathlon.org for information and applications.

Coming Up In March 2010

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, MARCH 1

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

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

MONDAY, MARCH 8

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

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

MONDAY, MARCH 15

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 22

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, MARCH 1

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

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

MONDAYS, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 p.m. Lions Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corps Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Lions Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corps Drill

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

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

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

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, March 23