

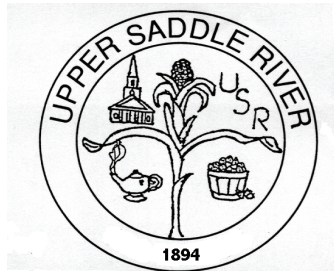


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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to keep you advised of the status of litigation regarding Hillside Avenue. Our special counsel, Richard Golden, has completed the procedural prerequisites for filing under the Clean Water Act (CWA). In a letter dated March 6, 2006, Mr. Golden gave notice to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Airmont, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 and New York Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water, of Upper Saddle River's intent to sue for illegal and unpermitted discharges by the Village of Airmont and Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 into the Saddle River, a federally protected waterway. Mr. Golden enclosed evidence of prior "unpermitted and illegal discharges which are continuing unabated and which are destined to increase if additional new development in the Village of Airmont is allowed to be connected to the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1." If the Village of Airmont and Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 do not agree to a reasonable plan to remediate and prevent the damage that their illegal conduct has occasioned, Mr. Golden has been authorized by the Mayor and Council to file suit in the Southern District of New York federal court at the end of the statutorily required notice period.

At our April 8 meeting, Co-chairs Joanne Minichetti and Bill Yeomans presented the Vision 2020 report for council acceptance.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the co-chairs and all committee members for their hard work throughout this entire process. We would also like to thank the residents who took the time to complete and return the survey. A town meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall so residents can have an opportunity to review the findings and recommendations of the Vision 2020 committees. The survey results are inside the Borough Bulletin so residents have a chance to review them before the meeting. Copies of the report are available at Borough Hall for any resident who would like to review it. Also, a printable version of the Vision 2020 report is also available on our Borough website at www.usrtoday.com.

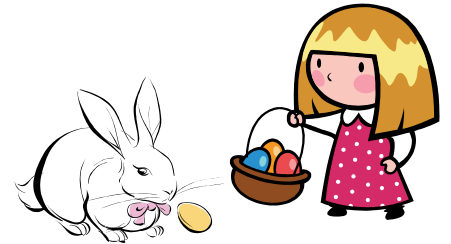
As a reminder to our residents, the Borough-owned bus is available to provide transportation to anyone who wants to attend the bi-monthly Senior Fellowship meetings held at Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church. We are very pleased to offer this service to our community.

We will continue to update you on these matters as they progress. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Mayor and Council.

Congressman Scott Garrett

Congressman Scott Garrett has arranged to have a member of his staff available at the Borough Hall on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

The representative can assist residents on a number of issues including medicare, social security, disability benefits, veterans benefits and other Federal programs. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable assistance program. Further information can be obtained by calling Congressman Garrett's office at (201) 712-0330 or going on line to www.house.gov/garrett.



Lions Club 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, April 8th 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 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Recreation - Women's Softball

Register to Play Women's Softball This Summer

It's time to register for this summer's Saddle River Valley Women's Softball League. This friendly league is for women who live in the Saddle River Valley who are 21 years of age or older. We play for a total of eight games on Tuesday nights, 6:00 p.m. at Lions Park in Upper Saddle River. The season begins at the end of June and continues into the beginning of August. Registration forms can be found online at www.usrtoday.com/forms.php or at the USR Public Library. Deadline to register is June 1, 2006. Call Alice Nudelman (201) 391-4403 for more information.

Brush Pick-up

Brush pick-up will begin April 3rd and continue through October. This will be an every other week pick-up. Please have the brush tied into manageable bundles no longer than 5 feet. This is a curbside pick-up.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

Our February meetings were a great success. Lucille, from Matisse Chocolatier, gave us a wonderful demonstration on February 9th. Nominations were completed quickly. The former officers accepted to run again. We are all pleased. The group did a fine job for two years. Looking forward to two more productive years.

Olga Makowy would like anyone who wants to use the bus for meeting days to call her at (201) 327-4048. Please don't call the office at the municipal building.

We have three new members. Please think about joining us. Good times are had by all.

Future activities are:

April 13 – No meeting

April 27 – Hackensack River Talk

These meetings are at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Please come.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of April is listed in the chart below. Please have all refuse out by 6:30 a.m. If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall immediately and leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a day.

In an effort to cut down on "pests", residents are reminded to keep lids on garbage cans now that the warm weather is upon us. The Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There is always a monitor on duty to assist

USR Fire Department

Fire Safety tips from Chief James Levine

Bedroom Fire Safety Helps You Sleep Soundly at Night

Each year, fire claims the lives of 4,000 Americans and injures approximately 20,000. Bedrooms are a common area of fire origin. Nearly 600 lives are lost to fires that start in bedrooms. Many of these fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, such as overloading extension cords or using portable space heaters too close to combustibles. Many other bedroom fires are caused by children who play with matches and lighters, careless smoking among adults, and by arson.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the Sleep Products Safety Council (SPSC) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from bedroom fires.

Kids and Fire: A Bad Match

Children are one of the highest risk groups for deaths in residential fires. At home, children usually play with fire - lighters, matches and other ignitables - in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily.

° Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually.

° Every year over 400 children nine years and younger die in home fires.

° Keep matches and lighters locked up and away from children. Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with matches.

° Teach your child that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Appliances Need Special Attention

Bedrooms are the most common rooms in the home where electrical fires start. Electrical fires are a special concern during winter months which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use.

° Do not trap electric cords against walls where heat can build up.

° Take extra care when using portable heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains and other combustible items at least three feet away from space heaters.

° Only use lab-approved electric blankets and warmers. Check to make sure the cords are not frayed.

Tuck Yourself In For A Safe Sleep

° Never smoke in bed.

° Replace mattresses made before the 1973 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.

Finally, having working smoke alarms dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Place at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in halls outside bedrooms. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

For more information or to become a volunteer firefighter, e-mail Chief Levine at:

USRFD1230@prodigy.net

USR WASTE COLLECTIONS, APRIL 2006

Garbage:

Monday Garbage Route

West of W. Saddle River Rd.

Monday, April 3

Monday, April 10

Monday, April 17

Monday, April 24

Thursday Garbage Route

East of W. Saddle River Rd.

Thursday, April 6

Thursday, April 13

Thursday, April 20

Thursday, April 27

Recycling:

Monday Garbage Route

Tuesday, April 4

Tuesday, April 18

Thursday Garbage Route

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday, April 25

Large Appliances: Friday, April 7 and Friday, April 21 by appointment only.

Please call (201) 327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash:

Friday, April 21. Please place these items at the curb no earlier than four (4) days prior to scheduled pick-up date.

Bulky Trash Pick-up

There will be bulky trash pick-up on Friday, April 21. Please remember to put your items at the curb the night before. In general the following items are acceptable for pick-up: furniture, bicycles, porcelain toilets and sinks, carpeting, and other household goods.

Recyclables, vegetative waste, and large appliances do not get picked up with bulky trash. Building materials, fencing, posts, stones, leaves, cast iron, or automotive parts are never collected.

Please call (201) 327-2196 if you have questions.

SRV Cultural Center

Join the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center as we get ready to close our theatre season with two exciting shows. On April 1, the SRVCC welcomes back Tanglewood Marionettes with *Hansel and Gretel*. Peter Schafer brings his hand-crafted marionettes back to the stage in this treasured tale for all to enjoy. On April 15th the season closes with *Two Marys, Five Jacks and One Very Big Shoe*, a clever retelling of the rhymes of Mother Goose. The children in the audience will enjoy singing along, finger play and acting out a number of nursery rhymes with Youth Stages performers.

The center is also preparing for its final vacation workshop of the year over spring break, April 24 & 25. *Adventure into Spring* gives participants a chance to explore a mix of earth science and the change in the environment. Children will plant, craft, play games, and much more.

Make your plans for our summer workshops now. Designed for children ages 3-5 years old, our *June Preschooler Workshop* runs from June 12-23, when older siblings are still in school. Children will have a chance to continue those fun-filled mornings of music, crafts, games and new friends.

Our *Summer Science Camp 2006* returns on June 26-August 11 for children who have completed kindergarten. If your child loves science, then this is the place to spend your summer mornings. Classes run in two week sessions from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

For more information on our shows, workshops or our continuing classes, like Music Makers, Ballet for Beginners, Secrets of Magic and more, contact the Center at 201-825-3366. The SRVCC is located at 305 West Saddle River Road.

Woman's Club

On April 4, 2006 at 7:45 p.m. at the Highlands Methodist Church in the borough, the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will convene for its monthly meeting. On the agenda will be a vote for Officers and the budget followed by the local elementary school winners in the annual contest sponsored by the Woman's Club in prose and poetry. This year the subject was "What Is There About the Olympics That Is Important to the World?"

On April 11 members will bring presents and dessert to the long term care facility at Bergen Regional Hospital in Paramus to celebrate the birthdays of the month for the residents. On April 18 members will attend the district's Spring Conference luncheon at the Brownstone Inn in W. Paterson

Upper Saddle River

Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Recognition Dinner

Recently, one hundred members and honored guests of the USR Ambulance Corps gathered at Seasons Banquet Hall, to install their new officers for the 2006 year; also to recognize members for their outstanding achievements, for the past year.

President Debbie VanGieson announced the crew-chiefs and their members to the assembly; she also acknowledged Life Members: Carol White, Scott Buhl, Ed Kiley, Stephen Schlicht, Erik Vandenberg, Gilda Linden and Marilyn Adair. Members of the Borough Council of USR, Administration, and Public Works Departments were also introduced.

Dennis Schubert, Council Member, installed the officers for 2006:
President - Debbie VanGieson;

Vice President - Shawn Walbrecht
Treasurer - Stephen Schlicht
Recording Secretary - Cynthia Dilatush
Corr. Secretary - Donna Benedetto
Captain - Erik Vandenberg
Trustees - Gilda Linden, S. Carol White and Adita Salas (not present).

Gilda Linden then awarded call pins, for those members answering the most calls; Shawn Walbrecht and Erik Vandenberg 102; Debbie Vangieson 82; Donald Kuchar 65; Cynthia Dilatuch 31; Ken Gabbert 28.

Service plaques were given to Donald Kuchar for Ten Years; Marilyn Adair and Erik Vandenberg for 20 years.

Carol White presented Donald Kuchar and Shawn Walbrechts with the Bob Chais Award, to commemorate those members who gave of themselves, above and beyond the average.

Upper Saddle River Library

Choosing Your Dog Wisely with Kathy Santo

Sunday April 2, 2:00 p.m.

Choosing the right dog generally means identifying the type of animal that matches your lifestyle and wants. A dog's size, exercise requirements, friendliness, assertiveness, and compatibility with children should all figure into your decision. Bring your questions and your concerns to this unique presentation. Kathy Santo will share insights and experiences drawn from her 20 years teaching basic and competitive dog training throughout the United States.

Elderhostel Adventures with Lynn Sides

Thursday April 6th, 7:30 p.m.

Lynn Sides will present Elderhostel, America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over. The not-for-profit organization provides exceptional learning adventures to nearly 170,000 older adults a year. Elderhostel offers nearly 8,000 programs each year in more than 90 countries.

Bring on the Blues: Joel Perry on Blues Guitar

Sunday April 30th, 2:00 p.m.

Joel Perry - an accomplished classical, jazz, and blues guitarist - will perform a blues-only program featuring selections from his latest CD called Sonata to the Blues which also includes original compositions plus a three movement Sonata composed by Mauro Giuliani.

Tai Chi Chuan Advanced Level with Instructor Joseph Chen

Sunday April 30th, 2:00 p.m.

New Session: 9 Week Class \$60 Fee Registration required.

Thurs. Mornings 10:00 - 12 noon.

April 6 to June 8th. No class April 27th.

Poet-tree

April is National Poetry Month!

We'll celebrate by creating a Poet-tree. Help decorate our Poet-tree by writing your original or favorite poem and adding it to our tree!

On this occasion, the winners from achievement day in the Arts Creative and Gardens/Conservation departments will be announced. On Apr. 27 the club's major fundraiser will be a luncheon at the Ridgewood Country Club with Deirdre Imus the guest speaker. Inquiries and reservations may be made with Judy at 201-236-8268.

Newcomers Club

On Thursday March 16, several members from the club gathered at Classique-Salon in Waldwick for manicures and pedicures followed by dinner next door at Andreas Restaurant.

Coming Up In April 2006

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

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

MONDAY, APRIL 10

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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, APRIL 13

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Regular Session, Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

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

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday, April 25

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SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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

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

MONDAYS, APRIL 3, 10, 17 & 24

12:00 noon. Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

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, APRIL 5

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club, Bergen Highlands Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

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