

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Officer. We plan on introducing the budget as soon as it has been completed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Mayor and Council.

School Election

The annual School Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Voting will take place at the following locations:

Districts 1 & 2 -

Cavallini School Gymnasium

District 3 -

Borough Hall

Districts 4 & 5 -

Presentation Church, North Room

2nd Quarter Taxes Due May 1

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that second quarter taxes are due on or before May 1st. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. Taxes received in this office after the 10th of the month will be charged interest calculated from May 1st, as required by law. After the ten-day grace period, interest is calculated on the unpaid taxes at the rate of 8% on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% on the amount above \$1,500.00.

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

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 4th 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 11th at 10:00 a.m.

USR's Centenarian Plaque

Upper Saddle River has begun a program to recognize long-time residents who have attained the age of 100 years.

John Kroner who has resided in the area all his life celebrated his 100th birthday on March 3, 2009. He ran the family business, "Kroner Farm" on West Saddle River Road, which was known throughout the County as the place for strawberries.

On March 3rd, Mayor Gabbert had presented Mr. Kroner with a plaque congratulating him on his 100th birthday and expressing appreciation for working his whole life for the betterment of our community. We wish him and his family all the best.

In addition, John Kroner's name will be the first on an Upper Saddle River Centenarian plaque at Borough Hall, which reads "In honor of those unique pioneer citizens who have attained 100 years of age and who have resided in Upper Saddle River for over 35 years".

DPW Brush Pickup

The DPW will collect branches every other week starting this month and ending in October. As per past requirements, **tyed bundles** of brush no longer than 5 feet and not over 4 inches in width will be collected.

In order to allow for these frequent pickups by the DPW, the branches must be tied with strong twine or rope into manageable bundles. Please have your tied bundles at the curb, as the DPW men will not come up driveways.

USR Tennis Permits Available

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts, located on West Saddle River Road in front of Reynolds School, are available at Borough Hall. A family membership will remain at \$25.00 and an individual membership will again be priced at \$15.00. For more information please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or USRRrecreation@aol.com.

Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Council have declared by Proclamation that Arbor Day is to be celebrated in Upper Saddle River on Thursday, April 23rd in conjunction with Reynolds School's "Green Thumb Day." The students will plant seedlings with their parents and the Shade Tree Commission will again donate a tree to be planted in front of one of the schools. Last year, the Shade Tree Commission was able to donate and plant 100 trees around the schools and municipal buildings through a New Jersey Cool Schools Planting grant. Everyone is eager to see how much these trees have grown in the last year. We urge all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. The Shade Tree Commission is planning a tree pruning class. Tree specialists and an arborist will be in attendance to demonstrate proper and safe pruning techniques. All residents will be welcome to attend this informative class. The date of the class and additional details will be in the May Borough Bulletin.

We have recently been informed by the County that the paving of West Saddle River Road from Midland Drive to Ackerson Lane is expected to take place in late April. As soon as the exact date is provided to us, we will inform the community, by posting the information on the Borough's web-site.

The Mayor and Council have been diligently working on the annual budget for the Borough. The Council has reviewed operating expenses, salary and wages, and the capital budget with department heads, our Borough Administrator and our Chief Financial

SRV Junior Woman's Club

Our Annual Plant Sale has begun. Order forms with payment should be mailed to SRVJWC, P.O. Box 101, Saddle River, NJ 07458 by Monday, April 6th. Checks should be made payable to SRVJWC. The funds raised will be donated to organizations in our community. This is an important fundraiser for the Club and we appreciate your participation. For more information contact Karen at 201-825-2373.

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting Wednesday, April 22nd. Please contact Joanne at 201-327-1080 for more details.

"Save the Date"

Classic Car Show, hosted jointly by North Jersey Regional A's and Upper Saddle River Historical Society, will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009. The show is open to all cars and motorcycles over 25 years old. The location for this event is the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum, Upper Saddle River, NJ. It will feature live entertainment by the "JerseyKidz" rock band, food and refreshments, 50/50 Raffle, People's Choice Awards and free tours of the historic Hopper-Goetschius House Museum.

For more information, please call Rose Ewings 201-391-7269 or visit njra2831.org or www.usrhistoricalsociety.org.

U.S.R. Historical Society Sponsors Program at Tuxedo Park

The Upper Saddle River Historical Society is sponsoring a luncheon and presentation on the "History of Tuxedo Park: Its Historic Homes" on Thursday, April 30 at 12 noon at The Tuxedo Club. The cost for the lunch and event is \$40.00 payable to the U.S.R. Historical Society. For reservation information, call Joanne Lombardo 201-825-3789 or Kay Yeomans 201-327-2236.

USR Fishing Derby

The Upper Saddle Recreation Commission will again host this year's Annual Fishing Derby scheduled for May 9th at Liberty Park. Bucky Rehair will again be on hand to offer assistance to children during the couple of hours of fishing. Bucky will walk around the pond and provide answers to many questions about various fish and wildlife issues.

The event will get underway at 9:00 a.m. until noon. All Upper Saddle River residents, ages 5 and over are invited to bring your poles and bait and enjoy a great time. Awards will be presented. If you should have any questions, please contact Bucky Rehair at 201-825-3767 or Recreation Director, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634.

SRVJCO

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization will once again be holding our annual Boutique Night Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 21st at Season's in Washington Township. Join us for a fun girl's night out filled with shopping, dining, raffles, a silent auction and socializing with friends - all while raising money for local charities. Please call Elizabeth at 201-825-2329 for further details.

Flower/Shrub Sale

Lizzie's Annual Garden Sale will take place on Sunday, May 3rd starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum. Stop by for gardening advice, a glass of lemonade and some new additions to your garden. See you then - save the date.

Garbage and Recycling

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

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 Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council would like to thank everyone who attended our sold-out Books vs. Badges Basketball Game on March 20, 2009. The event was a wonderful, fun-filled evening for everyone who attended and a fantastic fundraiser for the Youth Guidance Council.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make this fundraiser a success, especially the players from both teams. They provided an exciting basketball game for the spectators. We are looking forward to their participation next year for the 5th annual Books vs. Badges Game.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors who generously donated goods, services and funding to make this such a successful event: LoLo's Sweets (Ramsey); Apex Copy Center (Hackensack); Direct Efforts, LLC (Westwood); Edmonds Contracting, Inc. (Upper Saddle River); Franklyn's Pharmacy (Ho-Ho-Kus); Gene P. Leporiere, CPA (Upper Saddle River); Great American Chevrolet (Hackensack); Green Apple Cleaners (Mahwah); Inserra ShopRite (Ramsey); Peter McFarlane Paving (Upper Saddle River); Phil's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria (Montvale); Residential Mortgage Corp. (Ridgewood); The Imprint Source LLC (Westwood); The Picture Spa @ MotoPhoto (Paramus); Upper Saddle River PBA #218; Upper Saddle River Education Association (USREA); Dunkin Donuts (Ramsey & Midland Park); Westy Storage Center (Upper Saddle River); and Lotito's Deli (Ramsey).

All monies raised at the event will be used to provide programs and activities to keep our children drug and alcohol free. Again, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support from our community.

The Youth Guidance Council is already looking forward to its next big fundraising event. Vidbel's Old Tyme Family Circus will again set up their big tent at Lions Park. The shows are scheduled for Friday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Information on ticket sales will be available soon.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Sunday, April 5, 2009 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus. The hours are 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is open to all Bergen County residents. Please bring identification.

Some of the items accepted at this collection are aerosol cans, paints, pesticides, solvents, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries.

The next scheduled pick-up date is Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, APRIL 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.

Recycling: W. Saddle River Rd. & west East of W. Saddle River Rd.
Tuesday, April 14 Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, April 28 Tuesday, April 21

Large Appliances: Thursday, April 2nd by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is May 7th.

Bulky Trash: The bulky trash pick-up will be Friday, June 12, 2009.

The Old Stone Church

The Old Stone Church of Upper Saddle River is celebrating its 225th Anniversary in 2009. Families and neighbors in the community are invited to participate in the many events and activities planned for the year. We hope you will take the opportunity to visit the Old Stone Church during this historic year.

Sunday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m. there will be a Palm Sunday Parade and Easter Egg Hunt. Families and children of the community are invited to attend the inauguration of Holy Week. All children will be invited to join the Palm Parade in the historic Old Stone Church. Afterwards, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds. Refreshments will be served at the hospitality tent.

On Sunday, May 3rd from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. there will be Old Stone Church and Cemetery Tours. You are invited to explore the lives and stories of the people who settled and created the community we now call home. Discover the stories of the people who lived during the formative years of the colonies and into the independent nation created by "We the People...". The church and cemetery reveal the diversity and complexity of those early years along with some memorable accomplishments – including an Olympic champion. The tours are free and continuous during the afternoon.

Cultural Center

Our live theater performances are winding down for the season, but we still have special events on our April calendar.

A Sunday Afternoon Tea Party will be held on Sunday, April 5th from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. We're hosting a fun and fancy tea party with a few very special guests—your favorite dolls. Put on your best party dress, pack up your favorite doll and join us for tea, snacks and crafts. Ages 5 and up. \$10.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members.

Giggles of Laughter: Magic & the Circus Vacation Workshop (2 days) will be held on April 27th and 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We have two fabulous mornings of fun and giggles during spring break. On Magic Monday, get an inside look on the excitement of magic and illusion. Catch a magic show then learn a few tricks of your own to take home. On Terrific Tuesday, you'll be under the "big top." Get a close-up view of clowning and learn how you can be a circus performer too. Ages 6 & up. \$95.00 for 2 days. Registration required.

Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. **A Local Art Show & Exhibit** will be held April 1-30. A group of seniors from Mahwah High School are enrolled in an AP Studio Art class with instructor Bill Kooistra and are our featured artists of the month. Stop by the Center to see the work they've created.

Joyce Carol Oates

32nd Book & Author Luncheon

Join us as we host the award winning author, Joyce Carol Oates on Friday, May 8th, at the Ramsey Country Club, 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

A prolific writer, Joyce Carol Oates has produced some of the most controversial, and lasting, fiction of our time. Her works have been included on the New York Times Notable Books of the Year almost every year from 1963-2006, she has won various awards and honors including the Boston Book Review Fisk Fiction Prize, the Heidmann Award for One Act Plays, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and three Pulitzer Prize Awards.

Tickets are \$35.00 each and registration forms are available at the library or on our website. Seating is limited, to avoid disappointment make your reservations early. Deadline for reservations is May 4th. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the USR Library.

The Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will host the winners of their 23rd Annual Poetry and Essay Contest at their meeting on Tuesday, April 7th. The meeting will be held at the Upper Saddle River Library, 245 Lake Street, Upper Saddle River and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The topic for this year was "What One Thing Would You Change About Upper Saddle River?" The winning entries will be read by their authors from grades 1 through 8. Parents, teachers, family and friends are welcome. The winners' names will be inscribed on plaques at their respective schools, as a permanent record of their achievement.

The Woman's Club and the women at Shelter our Sisters thank all who donated so generously to the Baby Shower in February. Donations are still being accepted. For donation information or to learn more about becoming a member of the Woman's Club please call Barbara at 201-825-0207.

Spring Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration for the spring tennis clinics will take place at Boro Hall 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mondays - Fridays for the second session which will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting the week of May 11th. During this 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.

Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission would like to thank the residents for their cooperation in complying with Borough regulations that protect our town forest. Residents on a daily basis apply for permits at Borough Hall for the Shade Tree Commission to come by and check out sick or dangerous trees so permits can be issued for their removal. Borough regulations specify that trees located in the front 10 ft. of your property along the road (right-of-way) or in the buffer zones (10 ft. wide along side yards and 15 ft. along the back of property are regulated by Borough law. If you need to remove a tree for any reason in these areas, you must fill out a permit application form at Borough Hall. However, any tree that is 50 years or older no matter where it is located on your property needs to be inspected and a permit issued for its removal. If you do not know how old the tree is, you can measure the tree – 36 inches in diameter at chest height is probably 50 years or older and falls into the category of "Heritage Trees." The Shade Tree Commission is very protective of our town trees since they play a very important role in our lives. Trees help conserve utility costs by providing shade in the summer and in the winter cut sharp winter winds. They manufacture their own food by taking carbon dioxide out of the air and replacing it with oxygen and water vapor. Trees also provide shelter and food for birds and small animals. Roots of trees help secure soil from erosion on slopes and help break up the compaction from foot traffic and water flow. If you would like to learn more about the importance of trees or how to care for them, please stop by or call the Shade Tree Commission and one of the commissioners will be pleased to help answer any questions you may have.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

The winter has been something else, but we have had a good attendance at our meetings. We wish more seniors from town would join us. We do have fun! Remember the meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Have to mention it again; the "Clown Show" was fantastic! You truly missed a great show.

March was a good month with Bingo and Tai Chi. We had a wonderful time on March 11th at the Cavallini School. The luncheon and the entertainment by the students were unforgettable. We are looking forward to next year's event.

There will not be a meeting on the second Thursday of this month. We will only have a meeting on April 23rd.

Spring arrives – watch the flowers blooming and the trees come back to life. See you on April 23rd.

Coming Up In April 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

5:30 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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

MONDAY, APRIL 13

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

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

SERVICE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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, APRIL 6, 13, 20 & 27

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 p.m. Woman's Club Meeting

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

Tuesday, April 14

Tuesday, April 28

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