

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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"Mayor for the Day"

The Regular Meeting of the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council on Wednesday, April 8th was called to order by a person new to the political scene. Mark Philip Bartolomeo, a third grade student at Bogert School, served as acting Mayor for the Day. A silent auction prize at the Upper Saddle River's Educational Foundation's *Town Night Out* Gala, Mark's parents bid on the prize because of Mark's strong interest in how the government works and how much he's enjoyed family trips to Washington, D.C.

Mark led the flag salute, prompted council members through the agenda and announced a resolution to notate *Walk America Day*, which encourages everyone to get active. Mayor Ken Gabbert took time to explain each procedure to him and concluded the meeting by handing over his mayor's pin. This is a young man to be watched, he could be our next freeholder, governor or president!

Later this month, Mayor Gabbert and some council members will be speaking with the second graders at Reynolds' School. The program will serve as a culmination of the students' local government studies.

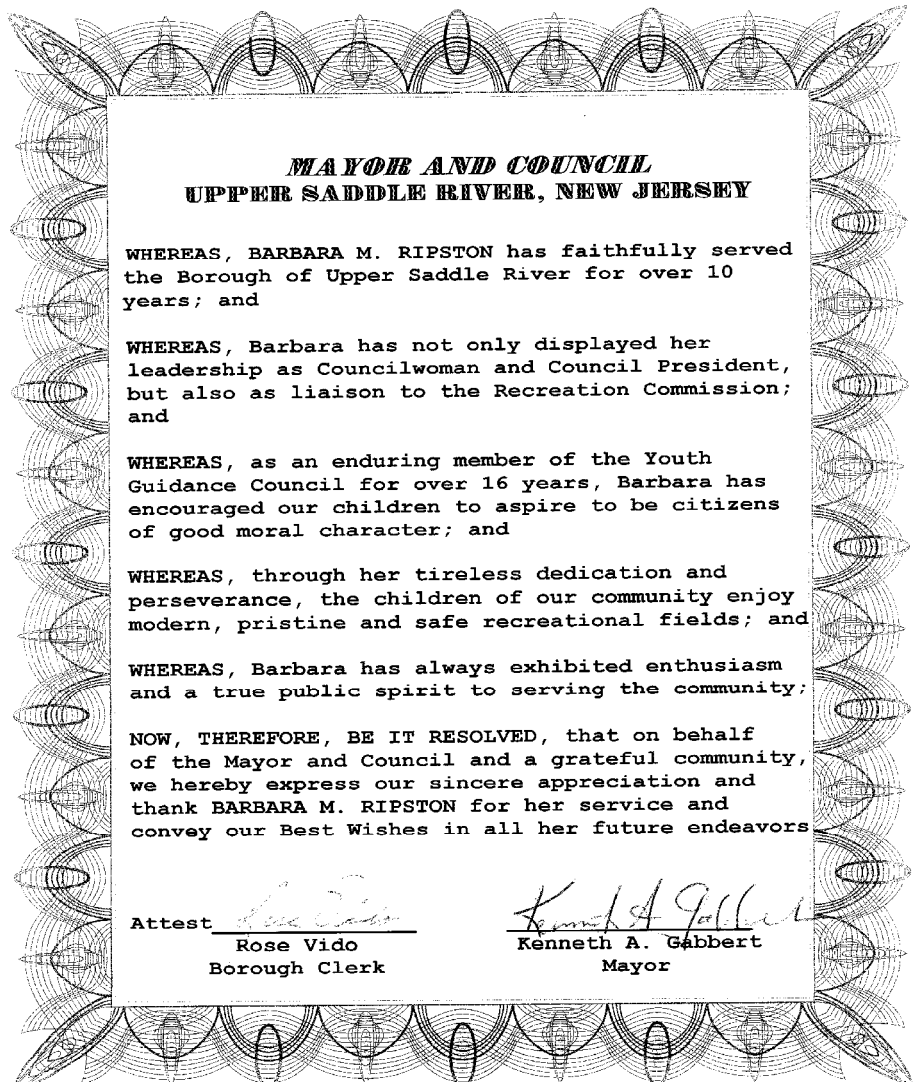
Boy and girl scouts are frequent visitors to council meetings as they work on badges concerning community affairs and local government. Any organization that would like to participate can call Rose Vido at 201-327-2196 to select a date to lead the flag salute and give a brief explanation of their group's mission. Work sessions take place on the first Thursday and Regular Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The public is always welcome.

We invite the community to our traditional Memorial Day celebrations, kicked off with the annual parade that begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service in front of Borough Hall in honor of those who served our country in the past and those currently serving. A representative from the United States Military Academy at West Point will be our keynote speaker and music will be provided by the Northern Highlands

Marching Band. Everyone is invited across the street to the Fire House to enjoy hot dogs and soft drinks at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Barbara Ripston, councilwoman for the past ten years, recently resigned due to a move. She will be missed by all. A proclamation acknowledging her many contributions can be found below.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.



USR Recreation Clean-up Day

On Saturday, May 16th, the USR Recreation Commission will be sponsoring its annual town-wide Clean-Up Day. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. All participants can come to Lions Park anytime within those hours. Garbage bags will be provided, and there will be a truck in Lions Park in which to deposit the full bags. Parents will be needed to drive children to clean Hess Park and the schools as well.

It is imperative that those that benefit also contribute to keeping them clean and beautiful. Therefore, the Recreation Commission strongly encourages all children and parents in our town's organizations to come to Lions Park and help make this event a success.

If there are any questions, please call Jon Silverman @ 201-236-0442 or e-mail jdsilverman@optonline.net.

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.

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

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting Wednesday, May 27th. Please contact Joanne at 201-327-1080 for more details.

Circus Vidbel Returns!

Circus Vidbel, the Original Old Tyme Circus, is coming back to Upper Saddle River on Friday, May 15th with an exciting new show to benefit the Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council! The beautiful big tent will be set up at Lions Memorial Park, with performances at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A very exciting show is planned with circus acts from around the world. Come see the aerialists, comic magic, Liberty horses, jugglers, acrobats, clowns, and other thrilling surprises! Advance tickets are \$8.00 per person (children under one are free) and are available from Friday, May 1st through Thursday, May 14th at the USR Library. After that, tickets will be available at the gate for \$10.00 per person. 50% of all advance ticket sales go directly to the Youth Guidance Council 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. However, only 25% of the gate sales on the day of the circus will benefit these programs. For further information, please call the circus ticket hotline 201-825-3894, or visit our website, www.usryc.org.

USR Republican Club

The USR Republican Club is meeting on Tuesday, May 26th, in the Powers Room at the Library.

Council candidates Dr. Joanne Florio and Vincent Durante will present their views on current issues in USR. A discussion will follow about the important June 2nd Primary election which will decide who will be on the ballot in November for the offices of NJ Governor, Bergen County Freeholder, 39th District members of the Assembly, and USR Council. Following that, there will be an open forum discussion of the recent federal initiatives.

Refreshments served at 7:30 p.m.; start of meeting at 7:45 p.m. Members and non-members are invited. Bring a friend.

USR's 6th Annual Youth Triathlon

On Saturday, June 6th, the USR Recreation Commission will hold its 6th Annual Upper Saddle River Youth Triathlon, open to all children ages 8-14.

The youth triathlon will incorporate swimming, biking and running. The children will begin their swim at the Saddle River Valley Swim & Tennis Club, bike to Lions Park, and finish the running portion of the triathlon at Lions Park. The children will be divided into two separate age groups with distances appropriate for each age group.

The Recreation Commission is also organizing a T-Shirt Design Contest for all children that live or go to school in Upper Saddle River. First prize for this contest is a bike and the winning design will be on the triathlon t-shirt.

Raffles, food and prizes will be set up in Lions Park at the finish line. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome to help. For more information, visit our website at www.USRtoday.org/triathlon.php or contact Marshall Grupp Mgrupp@soundlounge.com or Recreation Director Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 (USRRecreation@aol.com)

New Girl Scout Registration

Registration forms for girls interested in joining Girl Scouts and residing in Upper Saddle River or Saddle River are available at the USR Library. This registration is for Girl Scout programs starting fall 2009.

Girl Scouts who are currently registered with troops in Upper Saddle River or Saddle River will re-register with their troops and do not need to attend the New Girl Scout Registration. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as troop leaders.

For more information, call Linda Miko, Service Unit Manager, at (201) 934-8454.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, MAY 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.

****Please note: There will be NO garbage pick-up on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009**

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, May 12	Tuesday, May 5
Tuesday, May 26	Tuesday, May 19

Large Appliances: Thursday, May 7th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is June 4th.

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

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah. 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 collection date is Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road Paramus.

Outdoor Fireplace or Chiminea

With the warmer weather finally coming, residents will be moving to outdoor activities for recreation. One of these outdoor activities can include lighting up an outdoor fireplace such as chiminea or fire pit.

If you already have an outdoor fireplace or are thinking of purchasing one, there are many factors to consider. Keep in mind that you are using a "fireplace" and the safety for your family, property, and possibly your neighbors depend on it.

Residents are to adhere to the following when burning in a fireplace:

- According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the ONLY item allowed to be burned is clean dry wood. Pressure treated wood, garbage, plastic and leaves are prohibited.
- Fires must be maintained at a reasonable size. Smoke emitted from the outdoor fireplace shall not infringe on any neighbor's health, safety, comfort, or quiet enjoyment of his residence.
- Fireplaces must be attended to at ALL TIMES.
- When in use, the unit shall be placed on a noncombustible surface and positioned away from any structure or combustible object to avoid sparks flying and destroying anything in its path. Remember: sparks go upward as well as outward.

For more information, please contact the Upper Saddle River Fire Official, Terry Ferber, at 201-327-4343 or visit the borough's web-site at

The Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River would like to thank all of those who entered their 23rd Annual Poetry and Essay Contest. The winners are as follows: 3rd and 4th grade Essay: Lauren Bough, 3rd and 4th grade Poetry: Chiera Brady, 5th and 6th grade Essay: Ariel Sabot, 5th and 6th grade Poetry: Samantha Wei, 7th and 8th grade Essay: Emily Pagano, 7th and 8th grade Poetry: Nicolette Spaccamento. The winning works will be displayed at the Upper Saddle River Library, and the winners' names will be inscribed on plaques at their respective schools.

Members, and non-members alike, go to the Bergen Pines Long Term Care Unit to celebrate holidays and resident's birthdays on the second Tuesday of each month. We welcome anyone who would like to bring some cheer into these shut-ins lives, or donate personal toiletries and cosmetics for their birthday baskets. For more information about the Woman's Club or Bergen Pines, please call Barbara at 201-825-0207.

USR Fishing Derby

The Upper Saddle River 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 and instruction to children during the couple of hours of fishing.

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.

USR Historical Society

The Upper Saddle River Historical Society will be offering two events on Sunday, May 3rd starting at 12:00 noon.

Join a walking tour of the Old Stone Church cemetery, filled with over 200 years of history. Come between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. This year the oldest portion of the cemetery, covered over last year during renovations, will be on the tour. Guides will point out the oldest graves, Revolutionary War, Civil War and other military veterans, early ministers and other families from the early settlers of Upper Saddle River. The church, on the National Register of Historic Places, will be open for viewing. Refreshments will be served. Parking is behind the cemetery.

Also starting at 12:00 noon is Lizzie's Garden Sale. Come early for best selection.

Old Stone Church

The annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 10th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Education Building Fellowship Hall. Treat mom, grandma, sisters, daughters, and aunts (the guys are invited as well). Pancakes, french toast, fruit, juices, bacon, and sausage will be part of the buffet.

The annual Flea Market will take place on the Education Building's front lawn on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Vendor set-up begins at 7:00 a.m.

For those who want to sell unused treasures from around their house, call 201-327-5242 to rent a 10'x10' booth for \$25.00. For those who want to buy those treasures you can't live without – spend the day, have lunch, and enjoy over 60 vendors with unique and unusual items.

Garage Sales

Many residents are planning garage sales now that the weather is getting warmer. Don't forget to stop by the Borough Hall for a garage sale permit and a copy of the ordinance governing garage sale signs.

Strawberry Festival

Bergen Highlands Methodist Church will be holding its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 13th. The shortcakes are homemade with handmade ice cream and freshly picked strawberries.

Also on the menu are hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and an assortment of other strawberry delights. There will be a silent auction. Vendors will also be present selling a variety of items. The children will enjoy a ventriloquist, face painting, a piñata, and assorted crafts.

The festival runs from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bergen Highlands is located at 318 W. Saddle River Rd. Call 201-327-3960 for further information.

Classic Car Show

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. 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.usrhistoricalociety.org.

Tree Pruning Workshop May 16th

Bring your gloves and just a little elbow grease and learn proper pruning techniques at the Upper Saddle River Borough tree pruning workshop on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Borough Hall. USR Shade Tree Commissioner Joe O'Rourke will teach residents pruning to encourage healthy, even development, attractive arrangements of branches and foliage, and stronger plants. Sponsored by the USR Shade Tree Commission, all Borough residents are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

We only had one meeting in April. We enjoyed a speaker from Valley Hospital. The talk was on nutrition for one or two people. We heard how to cook for a small group.

In May we will be back to two meetings. On the 2nd Thursday we will hear a wonderful motivational talk. We have these talks once a year.

On the 4th Thursday we will have our annual Silent Auction (Tricky Tray). All of us look forward to this program.

Put on your calendar-the Memorial Day Parade. We hope to have several members represent us in the parade.

See you all at our next meeting. The excitement never stops.

Coming Up In May 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center
Reorganization Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library
Reorganization Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 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, MAY 14

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

MONDAY, MAY 18

- 6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall
- 8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center
- 8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission Meeting at Borough Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, MAY 4

- 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, MAY 4, 11 & 18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 7:00 p.m. Woman's Club Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
- 7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill
- 7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill
- 7:30 p.m. Junior Woman's Club Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12
Tuesday, May 26*

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