

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

At our May 14th meeting, the Mayor and Council introduced the Municipal Budget for 2008 in the amount of \$11,295,779.97. This is a 5.2% increase over last year's budget and represents an 8.7% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes for municipal services. The major increases in the budget are due to state mandated funding of the library, contributions to the state pension system, and contractual expenditures as well as a \$163,000 decrease in state aid. The Mayor and Council are continuing to look for ways to decrease the impact on local taxes, which represents approximately 15% of your total tax bill. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce the hiring of Officer Tara Kilduff to the Police Department. Prior to coming to Upper Saddle River, she was a Sheriff's Investigator with the Essex County Sheriff's Office. Tara attended the Essex County College Police Academy where she was 4th in her class and graduated with a BA from Montclair State University. Police Officer Kilduff joined the Borough's Police Department in late April and an official swearing in ceremony was held at the May 14th Mayor and Council meeting.

Recently, all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in New Jersey were invited to participate in a state-wide contest sponsored by the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey and the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Students who participated were asked to write a public service announcement to parents about the dangers of underage drinking. We are very proud to announce that 5th grade students

Elana Stettin, Erin McMichael, McKenzie Rawdon and Amanda Weiss from Bogert School were the first place winners for all of New Jersey! In April, they recorded their message and will be honored by the New Jersey Attorney General at an Awards Ceremony to be held on June 24, 2008. Their public service announcement will be released on that date to all radio stations that broadcast in New Jersey as well as in the New York City and Philadelphia metropolitan areas. Congratulations!

We would like to acknowledge the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for their diligence over the last two years working on the plans for the new Elmer's Country Store. After hearing testimony from expert witnesses and reviewing revisions to the plan during this time frame, a resolution was adopted approving the demolition of the store and gas station. The plans call for a new store with seating, two gas pumps to the rear of the property capable of serving four vehicles, and a small canopy over the pumps. The hours of operation will be restricted, lined parking will be required, and new fully compliant bathrooms will be part of the new facility. The new store will keep the quaint look of the current building to retain its historic charm.

With the nice weather finally upon us, we would like to remind residents of some rules and regulations that make our community such a wonderful place to live. Please remember that discharge of pool water into any street is prohibited. The water can cause damage to the street and to your neighbors' lawns and shrubs. We also remind residents that all landscapers and tree services must have a permit to do business in Upper Saddle River. Permits can be applied for at Borough Hall and must be displayed on the trucks. We ask residents to be sure that landscaping trucks do not block the flow of traffic on the street.

We would also like to remind residents that parking in certain areas of Lions Memorial Park is by permit only. If you do not currently have an "8" decal for your car, they are available at Police Headquarters. Please bring your driver's license or car

registration with you to verify your residency.

June 3rd is Primary Election Day. Polling places are: Districts 1 and 2 – Cavallini School Gym; District 3 – Borough Hall; Districts 4 and 5 – Presentation Church North Room. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registered voters who have declared a party affiliation are eligible to vote. If you are an undeclared voter, you may declare a party affiliation on Election Day and vote in the primary. We encourage all registered voters to exercise their right and vote on Primary Election Day.

Upper Saddle River Day 2008

USR Day 2008 will be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 6th. The festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 7th.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance at the USR Library or Boro Hall for a cost of \$25.00 for a family up to 6, \$10.00 for an individual, and are free for seniors (62 and over) and children under 6. Activities will include family games, face painting, stage performances, carnival rides and fun for all.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of the coordination of this town wide event, please call Esau Ali at 201-934-9075 or Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 (USRRecreation@aol.com) or visit our website at www.USRToday.org.

USR Building Department- New Office Hours

The Upper Saddle River Building Department will be closed every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and re-open from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The office is also open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rockin' and Reelin' in Lions Park

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a FREE evening of music and movie at Lions Park on Saturday, June 14, 2008. The night's activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a DJ followed by a great movie (approx. 8:15 p.m.). Please support our Boy and Girl Scouts who will be raising funds by selling hot dogs, popcorn, candy, ice cream and soda. Grab a blanket and come enjoy a family evening under the stars! For more information, please contact the USR Recreation Dept. at 201-327-3634 or visit the website at www.USRToday.org.

Garbage and Recycling

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

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. The recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday. Recycling consists of commingled bottles, cans and plastics (all plastic food containers are included), which should be placed in a reusable container; newspapers, junk mail and cardboard, which should be tied into bundles. All refuse should be out by 6:30 a.m.

Please be sure not to have your garbage or driveway blocked by any cars or trucks. If there is a 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 10:00 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.

How To Deer-Proof Your Garden in Five Easy Steps

On June 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. come and listen to Sandra Van Allen Baker "The Deer Doctor" and the Monroe County Alliance for Wildlife Protection speak regarding deer and your garden at the Upper Saddle River Library, 245 Lake Street, Upper Saddle River, NJ. This is sponsored by the Mid- Atlantic Region of the Humane Society of the United States in Cooperation with the Master Gardeners of Bergen County, The Bergen Shade Tree League and the Upper Saddle River Public Library.

The alliance has spent many years researching, developing and testing this 5-step program. The program starts with learning about deer behavior, then plant selection and landscaping techniques, organic repellent and deterrents, fencing, and developing a strategic plan to deer-proof your garden. We will hand out a list of plants that deer rarely eat, occasionally nibble, frequently devour as well as a list of commercial products to use for deer-proofing.

D.A.R.E.

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is seeking donations to equip the new D.A.R.E. truck recently donated by All American Ford of Hackensack, New Jersey. The donations will be used to offset the cost of outfitting the truck with lights, radio, graphics, and other equipment. If you are interested in making a donation, please send a check payable to "USR DARE Trust Acct." P.O. Box 161, Saddle River, NJ 07458. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston, 201-825-3894.



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Aurora Abzug Wins T-Shirt Contest

The Upper Saddle River Youth Triathlon Committee has selected Aurora Abzug as the winner of this year's Youth Triathlon T-shirt Contest. With over 20 entries, it was a very difficult decision by the Triathlon Committee. Aurora will receive a new bicycle compliments of Cyclesport in Park Ridge. The Committee would like to thank all of those children that participated in this years contest. All of the entries will be on display at the Youth Triathlon finish line at Lions Park on Saturday, June 7th.

Volunteers needed for USR Day

The USR Recreation Commission is seeking volunteers for this year's Town picnic. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2008 (a rain date of Sunday, September 7th). If you would like to volunteer please contact Barry Ervin at 201-327-7367.

Hazardous Waste

The Bergen County Utilities will be holding a hazardous waste collection on Sunday, June 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus. The collection is free of charge to all Bergen County residents. Waste should be in original containers and labeled. NO computers, electronics or tires will be accepted at HHW Collections. The next collection date is Saturday, July 19 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie.

In general, you may dispose of all types of paints, fertilizers, kerosene, blacktop sealer, motor oil, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. Please call the BCUA hotline with questions and for more information at 201-807-5825.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, JUNE 2008

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, June 10 Tuesday, June 3
Tuesday, June 24 Tuesday, June 17

Large Appliances: Thursday, June 5, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, July 3.

Bulky Trash: The Bulky Trash will be collected on Friday, June 13, 2008. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick-up date. The next Bulky Trash pick-up will be Friday, September 12.

SRV Cultural Center

Spring into the arts with the upcoming exhibit and artist reception at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center in June.

Remember that it's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. A Local Art Show and Exhibit featuring the oil and pastel portraits of Anatoly Chernishov, a regular on the tri-state area and New York City circuit, whose works of art reflect an eclectic mix of influences, including realism, impressionism, expressionism, baroque and abstract, will be showing June 1-30. All are welcome. Free.

An Artist's Reception will be held on Sunday, June 8th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

Pre-School Camp June 16 - 20

Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. A fun and exciting week filled with pre-school activities, games and crafts. It's the perfect way to fill your child's mornings when pre-school finishes up for the summer. Meet new pals and re-discover old friends. \$160.00, pre-registration required.

Mystery Week Camp June 23 - 27

Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 5 and up. Each day will be filled with a new adventure theme. We'll be doing everything from cooking to arts and crafts to candy making! \$160.00 pre-registration required.

Science & Nature Camp June – August (see below for session dates)

Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten). Each week at Science Camp is brimming with new adventures and discoveries. Join us for all kinds of hands-on exploration in the fascinating and ever-changing worlds of science and nature. Pan for gold, munch on astronaut food, create an erupting volcano and blast off in your do-it-yourself rocket. In celebration of the Center's 25th anniversary, we're rolling back the price to just \$175.00 per week! Pre-registration required.

Session 1: June 23-27 (1 week, \$175.00)

Session 2: July 7-18 (2 weeks, \$350.00)

Session 3: July 21-Aug. 1 (2 weeks, \$350.00)

Session 4: Aug. 4-15 (2 weeks, \$350.00)

Upper Saddle River Library

Chat & Stitch at the USR Library Wednesdays 12:00 noon -1:00 p.m. Drop in and relax with your current needlework project. Refreshments will be served.

Children's Programs:

Kid's Summer Reading Clubs Age 3 – Grade 5

Catch the Reading Bug! In-person registration for the Catch the Reading Bug summer reading clubs for age 3 - Grade 5 begins after the Kick-off Party and concert on June 26th. Receive a Summer Reading Kit with information, rules, suggested reading lists and a gift when you register! Learn about our weekly and special programs on our website.

Teen Summer Programs Grades 6-up

Metamorphosis! Begins June 26th. Register and win prizes for reading your favorite books. Visit our website to learn about our weekly and special programs.

Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party! Presley & Melody on June 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Fun for the whole family! Free tickets after June 1st. Get ready for an exciting program of musical entertainment with Presley & Melody's interactive concert. Catch the reading bug with their original hit songs about butterflies, lightning bugs, ladybugs and "Super-fly". Everyone will leave the concert with enthusiasm and with musical memories to treasure.

Make a Gift for your Dad

For children in grades K and up. Materials will be provided. Make a gift for Dad on June 10th and 11th from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Adult programs are open to all library cardholders in Bergen County. Children's programs are open to USR Library cardholders only. For more information on all our Kid's and Teen summer programs, visit our website: www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org.

Garage Sales

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

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

Our April meetings were a great success. In May our guest speaker, Mary Ann Green Mastrangelo, gave us an excellent talk on "Life is Worth Living". The "Silent Auction" went off well.

In June we will have a wonderful end-of-the-year luncheon. Pete Odo will be giving us an interesting talk in June.

There will be no meetings in July and August. We will be back in full force in September on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 11:00 a.m. We meet at the Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church. Our calendar is full with exciting programs. In October we will be going to the Platzel Brauhaus and the Brownstone in Paterson. Please join us. You will meet old and new friends.

Have a great summer! Enjoy and drive carefully! See you in September.

Strawberry Festival

Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church, 318 West Saddle River Road, will be having a Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 14th from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please call 201-327-3960 if you have any questions.

Exploring Our Buried History

Join the Upper Saddle River Historical Society on Sunday, June 8th at 1:00 p.m. at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center as we continue our exploration of Upper Saddle River's buried history. Hydrogeologist David Terry will speak on the end of the Ice Age, how the Saddle River Valley was formed, and what was left behind. Following his talk, we will tour the Methodist Cemetery on the Ice Age esker behind the Cultural Center. There are several eskers in Upper Saddle River, including the Hopper Farm Slave Cemetery that was deeded to the Historical Society. A guide will share a little of the history of the cemetery. The oldest burial at the Zion Methodist Church was in 1812, 30 years before the little white church on the hill was built. The last burial was in 1904. Come learn a little about the old families that are buried here and about the ground where they lie. Refreshments will be served.

*School gets out this month.
Drive carefully!*

Coming Up In June 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, JUNE 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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

MONDAY, JUNE 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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, JUNE 12

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

MONDAY, JUNE 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 23

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, JUNE 2

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

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

MONDAYS, JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

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

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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

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

Tuesday, June 10

Tuesday, June 24

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