

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge Lt.(jg) Margaret Bowers Hand who was our honored guest at the Memorial Day ceremony. Mrs. Hand, a World War II veteran, served as a nurse at Pearl Harbor during the war. We would like to thank our soloist, Debra Lynch for her beautiful rendition of our National Anthem. Our appreciation is extended to the Northern Highlands Marching Band. Our parade was their third of the day and they should be commended for their outstanding performance. Taps were movingly played by Kenny Kummerfeld after the gun salute by our Police Department. At the Memorial Day ceremony, various community organizations placed memorial wreaths around the flagpole in front of Borough Hall to commemorate all who served our country.

Our June 14, 2006 Mayor and Council meeting was a very busy and exciting evening. Our new Chief of Police, Michael Fanning, was officially sworn in before a standing room only crowd. Also, our new police officer, Kenneth Rodriguez, was sworn in that evening. Our Borough is fortunate to have both these outstanding men serving our community. Representatives from the Dick Meighan Run, held every Thanksgiving Day, were also present to award scholarships to 3 deserving young people, Tim Koch, Sarah Schechter and Anna Murray, as well as donate money to the various service organizations that help make the Run so successful. Mr. Barry Ervin was recognized by the Mayor and Council for his 17 years of dedication as a member of the Recreation Commission.

To add to the excitement of the evening, we had a guest "Mayor for a Day", Kathryn Ficca, a 4th grader at Bogert School. Kathryn is 10 years old and plays a lot of sports including soccer, lacrosse and softball. She is a Junior Girl Scout and also plays the piano. She started the meeting with the flag salute and told the audience her goals as "Mayor for a Day" which included outside restrooms at our parks, a snack bar at Lions Park, snack machines in the elementary schools as well as lower taxes. Her short reign as "Mayor for a Day" was very effective – restrooms and a snack bar are scheduled to be added to Lions Park during the renovation process. Thank you Kathryn!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Benjamin M. Totten as an officer to our Police Department effective July 5th. Ben has been a dispatcher with our department since September, 2005. He attended William Paterson University and earned a degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice. He will attend the Bergen County Police Academy starting July 28th.

As a reminder to residents, please be cognizant of pollution concerns that affect all our residents. Please remember to clean up after your pets when walking them; be aware of leaking oil on streets; take caution when fertilizing lawns; and be careful when washing cars in driveways. Pollution is a concern to all residents and if we all make an effort to control pollution, the entire community will benefit.

If you need any information regarding your septic systems, wells and other health issues, please go to our Board of Health website. There is invaluable information on the site including articles regarding perchlorate and the pandemic flu. There is a link to the Board of Health on the Borough website at: www.usrtoday.com.

USR Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of Robyn Ranges to the YGC. Robyn took on the job of head D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) mom this year and worked closely with Officer Bobby Fleshman and all members of the Youth Guidance Council to ensure a successful year for our 5th grade D.A.R.E. students. Robyn also coordinated and organized the "Books vs. Badges" basketball game. This event pitted the police against the teachers in a basketball game which proved to be not only wonderful entertainment for all the families who attended but a great fundraiser for the Youth Guidance Council.

The D.A.R.E. program will begin in September for the incoming 5th grade students. On Election Day in November, we will once again host a Roller Skating Party at The Rink in Montvale from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is a private party for Upper Saddle River students while their parents attend teacher conferences.

We would like to thank Shon Gables who arranged for Coca-Cola to donate a bicycle to the D.A.R.E. program. The bicycle will be raffled off and all proceeds will go to the D.A.R.E. program. Her son Ryan greatly enjoyed the D.A.R.E. program and they thought this would be a great way to ensure the success of the program for the incoming class.

The Youth Guidance Council provides funding not only for D.A.R.E. but also funds programs and activities that emphasize a healthy lifestyle free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Anti-bullying and self-esteem programs for the youth of our community are also part of our efforts. In 2006, our budget is approximately \$39,000 for these programs and activities. We receive an \$11,500 grant from the county and a \$2,875 matching grant from the Borough.

USR Youth Guidance Council continued

The balance must be raised through our fundraisers and donations. If you are interested in making a donation to Youth Guidance Council, please make a check payable to "USR D.A.R.E. Trust Account", PO Box 161, Saddle River, NJ 07458.

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, July 15 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie. The collection begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes promptly at 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. 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. In general you may dispose of all types of paints, fertilizers, kerosene, blacktop sealer, motor oil, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs and fire extinguishers. Please call the BCUA hotline for more information at 201-807-5825.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the months of July and August is listed in the chart below.

Please be advised that we have begun our two (2) days a week (Mondays and Thursdays) town-wide garbage pick-up. Starting, Monday, July 3rd, Scuffy Carting will be collecting garbage and recycling for the borough. Please have all refuse out by 6:30 a.m. If 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. The Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. There is always a monitor on duty to assist you.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SUMMER 2006

Garbage: Town-wide Garbage Pick-up. Both sides of town, every Monday and Thursday starting Monday July 3.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, July 11	*Wednesday, July 5
Tuesday, July 25	Tuesday, July 18
Tuesday, August 8	Tuesday, August 1
Tuesday, August 22	Tuesday, August 15
	Tuesday, August 29

***Please note: Due to the 4th of July Holiday, recycling for the East side will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5th.**

Large Appliances: Thursday, July 6 and Thursday, August 3 by appointment only. Please call 327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Upper Saddle River Day 2006

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 9th, USR Day 2006, will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. with a full-length feature film, which will be shown in the old "drive-in" style. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 10th.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance at the USR Library or Borough Hall for a cost of \$20 for a family of four or more, \$10 for a family of less than four, \$5 for singles, and are free for seniors (62 and over). Activities will include family games, face painting, carnival rides, a performance by the Saddle River Valley Band, a family movie and fun for all.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

On May 11th, Mary Ann Green Mas-tragelo gave an excellent talk on The Da Vinci Code. On May 25th, Ethel Toth led us in the game of Jeopardy. Marie Fodi won the basket filled with goodies.

Our group is involved in a new project. Etta Rooney, through the friendship of Chaplain - Col. Joseph Orlandi, we are collecting non-perishables for Father in Iraq. We have sent one package over and received a lovely letter from Father. This goes along with our successful coupon project.

We don't meet during July and August. We hope you join us in September on the 14th.

Our major activity in May was the Memorial Day Parade, and we were represented by several members.

We are proud to be part of the parade remembering all our servicemen and women.

3rd Quarter Taxes Due August 1

Annual forms detailing property taxes for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2006 and the 1st and 2nd quarters for 2007 are being mailed to all Upper Saddle River property owners.

If you pay taxes directly, this will be a bill. If you are under a mortgage, the notice will be clearly marked "for advice only" and is for the owner's information; the mortgage holder pays the amount due.

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that third quarter taxes are due on or before August 1st.

Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. State law requires interest be charged after that, calculated from the actual due date.

Volunteers needed for USR Day Town Picnic

The USR Recreation Commission is seeking volunteers for this year's Town picnic. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2006 (a rain date of Sunday, September 10th).

If you would like to volunteer please contact Barry Ervin at (201) 327-7367.

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 garages sale signs.

Department of Public Works

Brush pick-up will continue throughout the summer months and into October. The brush MUST be tied or it will not be picked up

Solicitors/Peddlers

Residents are advised that all solicitors and peddlers are required to obtain a permit from the Borough Hall before going door to door.

Caution should be used when opening doors and residents should ask for identification.

The only exemptions to obtaining a permit, are non-profit organizations and religious groups.

Any questions, residents should contact the Borough Hall at 201-327-2196

Summer at the USR Library

Win Prizes for Reading and Attending Programs.

Join us for Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales and Creature Feature (teen club) summer reading programs with weekly programs including Drop-in Playtime for newborns to 3 year olds, Storytime with Craft for 4 year-olds thru kindergarteners, Bookraft for grades 1-2. Book clubs for 3rd grade, 4th & 5th grades, and Teen Talk Books for grades 6th - 8th. Drop-in Movie Matinees.

Come into the library to register and receive free tickets for our special summer programs!

The Great Reptiles

Wednesday, July 12. 7:00 p.m. For the whole family.

Bill Boesenberg, Snakes-N-Scales founder and herpetologist, will introduce us to the great reptiles with his 6ft American Alligator, 5ft Water Monitor Lizard, 16ft, 100 lb. Albino Burmese Python, and more!

Teen Dinner Mystery: A Murderous Melodrama

Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Grades 6-9.

Meet James Gelsey, Author of the Scooby Doo Books

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Dinner Mystery: Who's a Fraidy Kat?

Monday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. for grades 3-5.

Have Fun! Solve the Mystery! Win Prizes!

Kitty Jones presents Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales

Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 5 and up & their adult family members.

An interactive show all about frogs, bats, skunks, crabs, birds, fish, fairies, sprites and elves, using music, dance and history.

Learn to Draw with Cartoonist Bob Weber

Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7:00 p.m. ages 4-7 and their families.

Diana Dove: Singing about NJ Wildlife

Monday, August 7 at 3:00 p.m. for kids ages 4 -7, and their family.

End of Summer Reading Party, with Lyle Cogen

Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the whole family.

Seniors Old Fashion Barn Dance

The Northwest Bergen Regional Senior Center will be hosting an Old Fashion Barn Dance on Friday, July 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Area senior citizens are invited to enjoy an all American meal with an extra special dessert, then square dance to caller, Andy Woerner. Square dance experience is not necessary. Beginners welcomed and encouraged.

There is a suggested donation of \$7.00 per person for this event. Please make your reservation no later than Tuesday, July 18. Sign up with your friends at the center.

The Northwest Bergen Regional Senior Center is located on 46-50 Center St. in Midland Park, New Jersey and is open to all area senior citizens age 60+. A wide variety of activities, services, and a hot lunch program is offered Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Center is owned and operated under the auspices of Bergen County Dennis McNerney, County Executive. For more information call the center at 201-445-5690.

USR Police Department

Traffic Safety Officer Robert C. Fleshman.

During the month of July, the Police Officers of the Upper Saddle River Police Department under the direction of Chief Michael Fanning will be participating in a Tri-State Pilot Speed Enforcement Campaign.

Only four Counties were selected in New Jersey to Target Speed Enforcement, those include Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Passaic. The primary goal of the campaign is to reduce speed-related crashes.

The Upper Saddle River Police hopes to publish the results of this pilot campaign in August of this year.

*Have a Safe and
Happy Summer!*

USR Fire Department

Fire Safety tips

Chief James Levine, USR Fire Department
Gasoline at Home

Facts & figures

In 1998, there were 4,700 gasoline fires in U.S. homes, resulting in 86 deaths, 463 injuries and \$92 million in direct property damage. 53% of home gasoline fires each year between 1994 and 1998 were categorized as incendiary or suspicious.

Three-quarters of civilian injuries resulted from unintentional causes such as: fuel spills or releases; using gasoline to wash parts, clean or refinish; gasoline too close to a heat source; children playing; improper storage; using gasoline to kindle a fire; and improper fueling technique. Matches were the most common ignition source in home gasoline fires.

Safety tips:

Keep gasoline out of children's sight and reach. Children should never handle gasoline. If fire does start while handling gasoline, do not attempt to extinguish the fire or stop the flow of gasoline. Leave the area immediately, and call for help.

Do not use or store gasoline near possible ignition sources (i.e., electrical devices, oil- or gas-fired appliances, or any other device that contains a pilot flame or a spark). Store gasoline outside the home (in a garage or lawn shed) in a tightly closed metal or plastic container approved by an independent testing laboratory or the local or state fire authorities. Never store gasoline in glass containers or non-reusable plastic containers (i.e., milk jugs).

Store only enough gasoline necessary to power equipment and let machinery cool before refueling it.

Never use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.

Clean up spills promptly and discard clean-up materials properly.

Do not smoke when handling gasoline. Never use gasoline in place of kerosene. Use caution when fueling automobiles. Do not get in and out of the automobile when fueling. Although rare, an electrical charge on your body could spark a fire, especially during the dry winter months.

Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors. Place the container on the ground before filling and never fill containers inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.

Follow all manufacturers instructions when using electronic devices (those with batteries or connected to an electrical outlet) near gasoline.

For more information or to become a volunteer firefighter, e-mail Chief Levine at: USRFD1230@prodigy.net

Coming Up In Summer 2006

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, JULY 6
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session, Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session. Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 13
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 20
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 27
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, JULY 31
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting, NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session, Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session, Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 28
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting. NHRHS Library

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 11, Tuesday, July 25
Tuesday, August 8, Tuesday, August 22*

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SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAYS, JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
12:00 noon. Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 6
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, JULY 14
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 25
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAYS, AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28
12:00 noon. Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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