

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge Lt. Todd McMichael who was our honored guest at the Memorial Day ceremony. Mr. McMichael is a Navy veteran and an outstanding volunteer in our community. He is a member of the Upper Saddle River Fire Department and the Upper Saddle River Education Foundation as well as a Girl Scout Brownie leader. 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 an 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.

At our June 13, 2007 Mayor and Council meeting, representatives from the Dick Meighan Run, held on Thanksgiving Day, were present to award scholarships to 3 deserving young people; Hillary Drexler, John Charles Lamb, and Arman Fardanesh as well as donate money to the various service organizations that help make the Run so successful.

As a reminder to residents, please observe the leash law and "pooper scooper" law when walking your pets. Borough ordinance requires that you curb your pet while walking and to clean up after them. Refuse must be disposed of in a designated waste receptacle as there is a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for anyone failing to clean up properly after their pets.

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.usrtoaday.com.

The Mayor and Council hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

USR Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our fundraisers this school year and truly made them amazingly successful. Our 2nd annual "Books vs Badges" basketball game was a sold-out event that not only raised a record amount of funds but was a wonderful family event. We are looking forward to the 3rd annual game in March, 2008! The Alain Zerbini Family Circus was another great event that helped raise the necessary funding for all the programs and activities that the Youth Guidance Council sponsors for the youth of our community.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program will begin in September for the incoming 5th grade students. In October, we will host a Parent Night to provide information on the program to all 5th grade parents. A ziti dinner is provided for 5th grade students and their parents. The students are entertained in the gym while D.A.R.E. Officer Bobby Fleshman reviews the program with the parents. At the culmination of the program, 5th grade students will participate in D.A.R.E. graduation.

Traditionally, on Election Day in November during parent/teacher conferences, we have hosted a Roller Skating Party at The Rink in Montvale. Unfortunately, this year The Rink will have closed, however, we are looking for an alternative activity and will send out notices as soon as plans have been finalized.

Membership of the Youth Guidance Council consists of Barbara Ripston, Chairperson; Debby Davidowitz, Publicity;

Maria Esposito, Treasurer; Robert Fleshman, D.A.R.E. Officer; Lori Loughnane, Mayor's Representative; Robyn Ranges, Special Events; Anne Marie Silverman, Secretary; and David Kaplan, School Representative.

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 2007, 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. We have already been informed by the county that funding for 2008 will be reduced. 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. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Guidance Council or the D.A.R.E. program, please contact Chairperson Barbara Ripston, 201-825-3894.

Upper Saddle River Day 2007

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 8th, USR Day 2007, 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 9th. 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.

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 8, 2007 (a rain date of Sunday, September 9th).

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

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the months of July and August 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 must be out by 6:30 a.m.

Please be sure not to have your garbage or driveway blocked by any cars or trucks. The garbage company will not take any chances of scratching any vehicle in your driveway by taking garbage around them. If there is 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. You may leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a 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.

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, July 21 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, batteries and fire extinguishers. Please call the BCUA hotline with questions and for more information at 201-807-5825.

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.

Department of Public Works

Brush pick-up will continue throughout the summer months and into October. The brush MUST be tied in manageable bundles or it will not be picked up. If you have any questions please call the DPW at 201-934-3974.

During the active growing periods of summer, homeowners are asked to check the front of their property for overgrowth and prune it when necessary. This is important to help prevent vision obstruction due to overgrown foliage at the end of driveways and lots bordering intersections.

Come Visit the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

The Hopper-Goetschius House Museum is in its glory during the summer months.

The gardens are in full bloom, butterflies and birds are everywhere, and the house takes you back to a slower-paced world. Most of the furniture and items in the house were left there, providing a true glimpse into what Upper Saddle River was like in past centuries. The out kitchen with beehive oven and privy were part of the farm. The Dutch barn, tenant house, ice house and wood shed were moved from other properties in Upper Saddle River. Together they form a farm complex of yesteryear. The Museum is open in July and August from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Sunday. Docents are available for guided tours. For additional information, call the Museum 201-327-6470 or visit www.usrhistoricalsociety.org.

If you would like a tour on a different day for your family or visitors, please call Pat Geary, 201-327-8644, or Kay Yeomans, 201-327-2236. Special tours are always welcome.

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

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SUMMER 2007

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: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, July 10	Tuesday, July 3
Tuesday, July 24	Tuesday, July 17
	Tuesday, July 31
Tuesday, August 7	Tuesday, August 14
Tuesday August 21	Tuesday, August 28

Large Appliances: Thursday, July 12, and Thursday August 2 by appointment only.
Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Wednesday September 19, 2007.
Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

3rd Quarter Taxes Due August 1

Annual forms detailing property taxes for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2007 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2008 are being mailed to all Upper Saddle River property owners. If you pay your taxes directly to the Borough of Upper Saddle River, this will be a bill. If you have 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.

USR Educational Foundation

On March 31st, the Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) hosted its fourth annual fundraiser, *Town Night Out*. Its theme? A celebration of our community. Its purpose? Raising funds for our schools. Both goals exceeded our every expectation, as almost 400 community members, teachers and administrators enjoyed a fabulous evening raising \$125,000. Our gala dinner committee and our entire board of trustees made every effort to ensure everyone had a wonderful time.

The USREF was formed just four short years ago. Our mission is simple: raising money to fund extraordinary educational programs for the students of Upper Saddle River. Thanks to overwhelming support from the community, we have accomplished a great deal.

The USREF has been instrumental in funding the installation of SMART Boards in the three schools. These interactive whiteboards bring an added dimension to classroom lessons – students and teachers alike have expressed great enthusiasm. A district-wide goal is to eventually install these interactive whiteboards in every classroom. Thanks to the success of this year's gala, our board of trustees recently voted to fund 18 more this year. This helps the district come close to meeting their goal. We hope to see the completion of this project next year.

Our well-established grant program offers teachers a chance to initiate innovative programs for their students that tie into the existing curriculum. Our board of trustees recently approved \$35,000 to be allotted for new grants.

Our flagship project was the Learning Habitat, which allows students in grades Kindergarten through fifth a chance to engage in hands-on experiments in an outdoor classroom. The USREF recently installed a beautiful Tree of Knowledge, which features hand-carved, wooden trees and animals and engraved brass leaves. The proceeds will go towards the continuing enhancement and maintenance of the Learning Habitat so years from now the students will continue to benefit. Leaves are still available for purchase.

To read more about the grants and projects the USREF has funded or see what we'll be doing next, check out our website, www.usref.net. And we hope to see you all next year, at our fifth annual gala!

*Have a safe
and
Happy Summer!*

Upper Saddle River Library

Join a Summer Reading Club at The Upper Saddle River Library. The Library has a club for everyone: children, teens and adults!

Register for the Reading Clubs anytime after the Kick-off Party on June 21st.

Read at your own pace, read what you like, drop in whenever and record your reading and earn prizes! Make sure to play our Mystery Games to win more prizes.

This summer's reading club themes are "Get A Clue" for kids and "You Never Know" for Teens".

The "Get A Clue" Read to Me Club is for Age 3 to Grade 1.

The "Get A Clue" Read-By-Myself Club is for Grades 2 - 5.

The "You Never Know" Teen Summer Reading Club is for Grades 6 and up.

Weekly programs include:

Drop-in Movie Matinee Grades K-3 on Mondays 3:00 p.m., June 25 - Aug. 6 (no July 2).

Bookclub Grades K-2 on Tuesdays 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., June 26 - Aug. 7 (no July 3).

3rd Grade Book Club on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., June 26 - Aug. 7 (no July 3).

Playtime Newborns to age 3 Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m., June 27 - Aug. 8 (no July 4).

Storyhour/Craft 4 – 5 year olds on Wednesdays 3:00 p.m., June 27 - Aug. 8 (no July 4).

4th & 5th Grade Book Club on Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., June 27 - Aug. 8 (no July 4).

Youth Stages Drama Club Grades 3-5, Thursdays 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m., June 28 - Aug. 2 (no July 5).

Game Night / Movie Night Mondays, 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. June 25 - August 6 for Grades 6 and up.

Drop-in and enjoy board games or movies alternating on Monday evenings.

Weekly Book Club "Teen Talk Books" Grades 6-8 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m., June 26th - July 31st.

First Book: *Son of the Mob* by Gordon Korman

"**Novels at Night**" book group, Wednesday, July 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.

Discuss books, make friends, snack and talk it up! Books are available at the circ. desk. Teens who participate can compete in the **Battle of the Books pizza party** on Tuesday, August 7th.

Special Free Kids and Teens Programs

Kick-off Party: Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band Thursday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. Fun for the Whole Family! Alex Mitnick and his five piece band bring children and adults together on a fantastic musical journey.

Mystery Dinner: Crime Caper Monday, July 23, 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5. Join us for this popular summer reading event as we solve a new mystery and enjoy dinner with friends.

Dinoman! Thursday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. For Grades Kindergarten and up. The best science and theatre combination program available performed by paleontologist Bob Lisaius, with actual dinosaur bones and life size inflatable dinosaurs.

Harry Potter Party: Friday, July 20, 10:30 p.m. – Midnight (when the book arrives). All Muggles and their families who have purchased the new Harry Potter book through the Library are invited to this special event. Magician Terry Parrett performance will be followed by a sleepover for grades 4 and up.

Teen Dinner Mystery: The Cracks in the Wall Thursday, July 19, 7-8:30 p.m. for Grades 6-9. Free tickets available at the library.

DaVinci for Teens & Adults: Thursday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. for Grades 6 and up. Free tickets available at the library. Bart D'Andrea will give a presentation about one of history's most famous artists, Leonardo DaVinci, his controversial life and a discussion about two of his most famous paintings.

Read about all of our events in our summer newsletter online or in print! Visit www.upper.saddleriverlibrary.org. Children's and Young Adult (YA) programs are open to USR Cardholders only. Email Zoe your questions at usrchildrens@bccls.org

Summer Reading Club for Adults. Read a Book and Enter to Win an MP3 Player! Read or listen to a book, then fill out a Summer Reading Club for Adults form. The top will include your name, phone number and ask you to write a few sentences about the book, the bottom half goes into the container at the circ. desk. Each week there will be a new drawing for a prize. (from forms submitted the current week.) The final drawing Aug.10th will be for a MP3 player!

Coming Up In Summer 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, JULY 5
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 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, JULY 12
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, JULY 19
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, JULY 23
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, JULY 26
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
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, AUGUST 9
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 20
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAYS, JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

THURSDAY, JULY 5
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 13
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 17
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 24
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 31
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

MONDAYS, AUGUST 6, 13, 20 & 27
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 10, Tuesday, July 24
Tuesday, August 14, Tuesday, August 28*

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