

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge Gene P. Leporiere who was our honored guest at the Memorial Day ceremony. After graduating from Rutgers University, Sergeant Leporiere enlisted in the U.S. Army and served six years of active duty and the reserves. Gene's father and brother were also members of the U.S. Army and his uncle served in General Patton's Third Army during World War II. He is the Borough's Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector. We would like to thank our soloist, Kathleen Mahoney 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 Julie Kohn and Kristian Donohue 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. Another wonderful Memorial Day in Upper Saddle River.

At our June 11, 2008 Mayor and Council meeting, representatives from the Dick Meighan Run, held on Thanksgiving Day, were present to award scholarships to three deserving young people; Brandon Soto, Jordan Lichay and Kevin Minassian. Money was also donated to the Upper Saddle River Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts,

Educational Foundation, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Rescue Squad, and D.A.R.E..

As a reminder to residents, please observe the leash 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 \$1,000.00 for anyone failing to clean up properly after their pets. The storm water basins are not for waste.

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.org.

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

3rd Quarter Taxes Due August 1

Annual forms detailing property taxes for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2008 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2009 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 the third quarter taxes are due on or before August 1st. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. If real estate taxes are not paid within the grace period, State law requires that interest is then due from August 1st to the date they are paid at the rate of 8% on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% on the amount over \$1,500.00.

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 (USRRrecreation@aol.com) or visit our website at www.usrtoday.org.

USR Police Department

The Upper Saddle Police Department would like to wish all residents of the Borough an enjoyable and healthy summer. They would also like to remind everyone that fireworks are not only dangerous, but possession and discharge of fireworks are against the law and punishable by up to a \$500.00 fine and up to 30 days in jail.

Become A Shade Tree Commission Member

The Upper Saddle River Shade Tree Commission is currently looking for new Members. The Commission is made up of volunteers who are residents of the Borough and appointed by the Mayor. If you appreciate the value of trees and want to contribute to the community, please consider becoming a shade tree volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a firm commitment to preserving our towns forestry. Please send you letter of interest to the Mayor and Council. For additional information please contact The Shade Tree Commission Office: (201) 327- 8923.

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 3rd 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. 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.

Plans are underway for a Conference Day activity in October. As soon as the plans are finalized, notices will be sent out and information will be posted on our website.

The new D.A.R.E. "THE DRUG CRUSHER" truck donated by All American Ford has arrived and can be seen at many functions around town. We would like to thank Sal from Auto Sport; USR Fire Department; Bogert School Student Council; SR Valley Rescue Squad; USR PBA 218; Nelson-Patterson Agency;

Knights of Columbus; Global Design Concepts; SRV Lions Club; Stein's Gourmet Deli; Bogert students; USR Recreation Commission; and Paul and Linda Napolitano for their generous donations to equip the truck.

Membership of the Youth Guidance Council consists of Barbara Ripston, Chairperson; Donna Chimenti; Debby Davidowitz; Maria Esposito; D.A.R.E. Officer Bobby Fleshman; Lori Loughnane; Robyn Ranges; Anne Marie Silverman; and School Representative Jim McCusker.

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 2008, our budget is approximately \$39,000.00 for these programs and activities. We receive an \$11,500.00 grant from the county and a \$2,875.00 matching grant from the Borough. 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. We are in the process of completing the paperwork for the 2009-2011 grant application and needs assessment. Hours of mandatory training and time have been devoted by members of the Youth Guidance Council in order to complete the grant application process. 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 or visit our website at www.usrygc.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.

Hazardous Waste

The Bergen County Utilities will be holding a hazardous waste collection on Sunday, July 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie. 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, September 15th at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation.

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.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month 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. All refuse should be out by 6:30 a.m. Please make sure all garbage is placed into bags and tied closed. We do not want loose garbage blowing out of the cans or the garbage trucks.

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.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SUMMER 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: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, July 8	Tuesday, July 1
Tuesday, July 22	Tuesday, July 15
	Tuesday, July 29
Tuesday, August 5	Tuesday, August 12
Tuesday, August 19	Tuesday, August 26

Large Appliances: Thursday, July 3rd and Thursday, August 7th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, September 4th.

Bulky Trash: The Bulky Trash will be collected on Friday, September 12, 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, November 14, 2008.

SRV Cultural Center

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 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)

***Register Early!!!** Space is limited.

Join USR Cub Scout Pack 133

USR Cub Scout registration is now being accepted for the 2008/2009 school year. All boys entering first through fifth grades are encouraged to join. In Cub Scouting, boys and their families have fun and adventure in a program that builds character and instills values. The program fee is \$90.00. Registration forms are available at the library or from the website www.usrscouts.com. Come join us!

New Dog Ordinance

At the June 11, 2008 Mayor and Council meeting a new ordinance was adopted which reads: "No person shall allow a licensed or unlicensed dog to be present within any playground, playing field, or walking track, including but not limited to the municipal tennis courts, baseball, football, softball, lacrosse, soccer fields, or any area utilized as a playground for small children where the ground is covered with wood chips or other soft landing surface. Playground area, as referred to herein, shall include an area for small children which may contain swings, seesaws, or any similar type playground equipment".

*Have a happy and
safe summer!*

Upper Saddle River Library

Chat & Stitch at the USR Library Wednesdays from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Drop in and relax with your current needlework project. Whether you knit, quilt, needlepoint, embroider, cross-stitch, bead or crochet, everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Come join us!

Rosetta Stone Language CD's

Rosetta Stone Language CD's in English, French, Italian, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese are available on a laptop computer to USR Library cardholders. It may be checked out for a two week time period.

Summer Reading Clubs at the USR Library

"**Catch the Reading Bug!**" offers a Read-to-Me Club for Age 3 – Grade 1, and a Read-by-Myself Club for Grades 2 – 5. There are weekly book clubs and story time programs. Special programs include a mystery dinner, drama club, cartooning, Insectropolis, and a drop-in movie matinee. Children's programs run to August 7th.

"**Metamorphosis**" is a reading club with separate programs just for teens, Grade 6 and up. Win prizes for reading your favorite books! Join the "Teen Talk Book Club", drop in at our Movie Night, join our Improv Club, learn the basics of cartooning or solve our dinner mystery and win a prize! Teen programs run to August 7th.

Join a summer reading club today and receive a Summer Reading Kit with information, rules and suggested reading lists. Learn about our weekly children and teen special programs on our website. www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org.

Adult programs are open to all library cardholders in Bergen County. Children's programs are open to USR Library cardholders only.

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 the summer, homeowners are asked to check the front of their properties 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.

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.

U.S. Passport Services

The Waldwick Public Library at 19 East Prospect Street, Waldwick, is now offering passport services. Their services include passport photographs, forms and expediting. Their hours of operation are Mondays—Thursdays from 5:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

USR Recreation

Residents are reminded that the fall tennis clinics will be held beginning the week of September 8, 2008. Registration forms will be mailed to all residents the last week of August.

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 6, 2008 (a rain date of Sunday, September 7th).

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

Coming Up In Summer 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, JULY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

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 10

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 17

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 21

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 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, AUGUST 14

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

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

SERVICE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 3

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAYS, JULY 7, 14, 21 & 28

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, JULY 8

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, JULY 11

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 15

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 22

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

MONDAYS, AUGUST 4, 11, 18 & 25

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

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

Tuesday, July 8 & Tuesday, July 22

Tuesday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 26

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