

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## Mayor and Council

**Municipal Budget** - At the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Municipal Budget for 2009 was approved in the amount of \$11,123,368, a decrease of 4% from 2008. Despite the significant decrease, the amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes will increase 3.6% due to a reduction in state aid and increases in state mandated spending. We will continue to look for ways to reduce the tax impact on residents without jeopardizing services. The municipal budget constitutes just 17% of a homeowner's tax bill.

**The Dick Meighan Memorial Run** - Also at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, representatives from the Dick Meighan Run, held annually on Thanksgiving Day, presented scholarships to four students from the Saddle River Valley area. Money was also donated to the Upper Saddle River Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Educational Foundation, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, the Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad and D.A.R.E. For six years, this wonderful family event has benefited the entire community.

**Upper Saddle River Woman's Club** - Police Chief Mike Fanning accepted the donation of a Protech Tactical First Responder Kit from the USR Woman's Club. The donation was made in honor of the club's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is just one example of the many ways this group supports the community.

**Shade Tree Commission** - For the seventh consecutive year, Upper Saddle

River has been designated as a Tree City U.S.A. Our residents are rightfully proud of our trees. The Shade Tree Commission works to preserve and enhance this natural resource. Recently the State Department of Agriculture awarded Upper Saddle River the highest rating possible for the implementation of two grants received last year. This rating was the highest achieved by any town and was based on tree choice, health, size and the manner of installation. As a result, the Shade Tree Commission has been invited to make a presentation at the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Conference.

The first grant was a *Cool Cities Grant* for 100 trees, which were planted last spring and summer around our schools and municipal buildings. The second grant planting was part of the *Community Stewardship Grant* providing funds to buy 63 new trees which were planted along open areas on our roads for beautification and renewal of our tree canopy. The two tree grants provided \$25,000 in matching funds for trees, planting labor and other related items.

Also dedicated to educating the public, the Shade Tree Commission held a tree pruning clinic last month. Led by Joe O'Rourke, Shade Tree Commission Vice Chairman and owner of Hardwood Tree Service, the approximately 25 attendees learned a great deal of practical hints. In the fall, a second clinic will focus on pruning shrubs and smaller plants. All residents are welcome at this free, informative outdoor class.

**Elmer's Country Store**- The Borough Construction Code Official, Engineer and the Fire Prevention Official determined that the structural soundness of the barns located to the rear of Elmer's Country Store had deteriorated to the point where the buildings were in need of immediate removal. The property owner complied and had the barns taken down last month. The Historic Preservation Commission

worked with the owner and the Construction Official to preserve any salvageable wood and beams, which will be incorporated into the new construction of Elmer's in 2010.

The Mayor and Council express their best wishes for a full recovery to Sgt. Sean Mulvey who was injured in a motor vehicle accident in May while off duty. Sgt. Mulvey is currently being treated for his injuries and we wish him a speedy return to active duty.

Have a safe and happy summer.

## USR Day 2009

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, USR Day 2009, will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance, beginning in July, 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. Tickets will also be available the day of the picnic. Activities will include family games, face painting, carnival rides, and stage performances 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, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634, e-mail Ed at USRRecreation@aol.com or go to our website at [www.USRToday.org](http://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.

## The USR Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River is proud to announce that one of their members, Terry Carroll, has been chosen as a winner in the 2009 Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference. The award honors "unsung" heroes from throughout New Jersey who have made a significant difference in their communities through a heroic effort or a lifetime of service. Terry was one of 19 individuals who were recognized for her humanitarian efforts. Her friends call her a "Guardian Angel". For over ten years Terry was a volunteer and spokesperson for Healing the Children, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to helping children throughout the world receive medical care unavailable to them due to a lack of medical and financial resources. She hosted fourteen children, nine of whom stayed with her, at her home, for a year. Terry is a nurse by training and, in many cases, had the children's families stay with her to see that they got the proper training to take care of their children once they returned home. One little girl from Guatemala stayed with the Carrolls, and when it was clear she could not receive adequate care at home, the Carrolls adopted her, and made Ruth a permanent part of their family. Terry has also participated in "NOVA Hope for Haiti" and hosted children having surgery in the United States for several months. And if her involvement with children isn't enough, Terry also visits Bergen Regional Medical Center regularly, with other Woman's Club members, and dedicated volunteers, to host birthday parties for geriatric patients, something she has done for the past eighteen years. Terry Carroll is truly an inspiration to us all.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes Due August 1

Annual forms detailing property taxes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2009 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2010 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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. 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 any loose garbage blowing out of the cans or the garbage trucks.

Please be sure there are no cars or trucks blocking your driveway or garbage. 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 following 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.

## USR Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our fundraisers this year. They could not have been a success without the help and support of many. Our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 *Vidbel Family Circus* was another family-oriented event that helped raise funding for all the programs and activities that the Youth Guidance Council sponsors for the youth of our community.

We are pleased to announce that Lori Loughnane has been selected as chairperson of the Youth Guidance Council, to be assisted by current members Debby Davidowitz, Maria Esposito, Robyn Ranges, Anne Marie Silverman and school representative Jim McCusker. Bobby Freshman will continue in his role as D.A.R.E. officer and Joanne Minichetti will serve as council liaison and member.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program will begin in September for the incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. In October, a Parent Night will provide information on the program to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

The Youth Guidance Council funds programs and activities that emphasize a healthy lifestyle free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Anti-bullying and self-esteem programs are also part of our efforts. Although partially funded by a grant, the remainder must be raised through 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.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie. 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.

The next scheduled collection date is Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, Mahwah.

## U.S. Passport Services

The Waldwick Public Library at 19 East Prospect Street, Waldwick, offers 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.

### UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SUMMER 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.

<b>Recycling:</b> <u>W. Saddle River Rd. &amp; west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, July 7	Tuesday, July 14
Tuesday, July 21	Tuesday, July 28
Tuesday, August 4	Tuesday, August 11
Tuesday, August 18	Tuesday, August 25

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Bulky Trash:** The next bulky trash pick-up will be Friday, September 18, 2009.

## Fire Department Wetdown

Come and celebrate the arrival of two new pieces of fire apparatus during the Upper Saddle River Fire Department Double Wetdown being held at the Upper Saddle River Firehouse on West Saddle River Road. The event will be held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy live music, refreshments, and activities for the kids. For more information, please visit our website at [www.usrfd.org](http://www.usrfd.org) or email us at [info@usrfd.org](mailto:info@usrfd.org).

## Cultural Center

It's a summer camp extravaganza at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center! Registration is limited. Call now to reserve your child's spot.

**Science/Nature Camp by High Touch-High Tech** for ages 5 (completed kindergarten) and up from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. August 3-14 - \$175.00. Become a scientist and spend the morning exploring the world of science and nature. This camp is 100% hands-on!

**Applause Theatre Camp** - Our in-house theatre company will be running an exciting summer theatre program.

Robotic Workshop for ages 7 and up from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., August 17-21, \$220.00. Learn how robots work, build your own, take one home! Now *this* is the way to end your summer with a bang!

Cooking Classes (Aug. 17-28) - Call Georgia Greiner at 201-825-3366 or e-mail her at [georgia@srvcc.org](mailto:georgia@srvcc.org) for more information.

## Saddle River Valley Fellowship

Our meetings for May and June were very exciting. Mary Ann Green Mastrangelo gave us a wonderful talk on how to empower our lives at this senior age. Our "Silent Auction" (Tricky Tray) was a big success. Many people went home with unusual gifts.

In June we saw how to make a Chinese dessert. Our last meeting was at the Ramsey Country Club. Fun was had by all.

From all the officers, we wish you a happy, healthy and restful summer. See you on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church. Bring a friend; our new calendar is filled with many great programs!!

*Have a happy and  
safe summer!*

## Upper Saddle River Library

### USR Library Launches Summer Reading Programs

"Be Creative at Your Library" this summer and explore the worlds of music, dance, art, books, and more. This 2009 Summer Reading Program for preschool through Grade 5, and "Express Yourself at Your Library", for Grades 6 and up, have special programs, prize drawings, story hours, reading clubs, and more. For more information visit the library or our website at: [www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org). In person registration is required and programs are free of charge.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library, the library will be providing two new exciting services for Upper Saddle River Library cardholders.

**Museum Passes** - Museum passes are available for your use to the following museums: Museum of Natural History, Guggenheim Museum, Museum of the City of New York and The Paley Center for Media (formerly Television and Radio). The passes will be available for 3 days and may be reserved in advance.

**SONY EBook Readers** - Two readers will be available for patron use. Books will be purchased and downloaded as the EBook readers are checked out. Loan period will be two weeks. Please see our website [www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org) or visit the library for detailed information.

### Hopper-Goetschius House

This summer take a stroll through Upper Saddle River's history at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum. It will be open every Sunday in July and August from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Guides will be available to lead you through the Museum. The Hoppers, who built the house, were among Upper Saddle River's first residents. The last residents were Steve and Lizzie Goetschius. Steve was Borough Clerk from 1910 until 1955 and Lizzie was the daughter of Upper Saddle River's first mayor, James D. Carlough. The house is filled with over 250 years of history. Come see. If you would like a tour at a different time, please call Pat Geary, 201-327-8644, and she will arrange a guided tour for you.

### 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.

### USR Fall Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the 2009 fall tennis clinics. The clinics will be held on Wednesdays beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the entire 5-week session is \$90.00. Registration forms are available at Boro Hall or at [www.USRtoday.org](http://www.USRtoday.org). For more information, please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or email at [USRRecreation@aol.com](mailto:USRRecreation@aol.com).

### Board of Health

#### The Burning Facts About Skin Cancer Prevention

Before you leave for that annual family trip to the beach, it's important to be aware of the following steps to help prevent skin cancer. Unfortunately, one out of every two cancers diagnosed in the United States is skin cancer.

1. Minimize sun exposure during peak hours of 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
2. Wear appropriate clothing including wide-brimmed hats, long sleeves and pants.
3. Beware of reflective surfaces such as sand and water (and in winter, snow).
4. Avoid tanning parlors and sun lamps.
5. Always remember to apply sunscreen.

It is important to apply sunscreen correctly. Apply 20 minutes before going out in the sun. Apply about 1 ounce every 2 hours and more often if swimming or perspiring. Important areas not to miss are the lips, ears, feet, hands, bald spots, eyelids and the back of your neck. When choosing a sunscreen, consider the SPF before buying. SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor.

The deadliest form of skin cancer is Melanoma. It arises from the skin's pigment producing cells called melanocytes. It is readily treated in the early stages. However, malignant melanoma kills approximately 7,300 a year in the United States. Half of all melanomas are diagnosed before the patient turns 57.

Risk factors such as prolonged exposure to the sun, having moles, fair skin and light hair, or having a family history of the disease can increase your risk. Although males have a higher incidence of skin cancer, it is the second most diagnosed cancer in women.

# Coming Up In Summer 2009

## BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 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, JULY 9

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

MONDAY, JULY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 16

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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 13

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

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

## SERVICE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 2

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAYS, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, JULY 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, JULY 10

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 21

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

MONDAYS, AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

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 14 Tuesday, August 11*

*Tuesday, July 28 Tuesday, August 25*

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