

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council

Projects and Improvements -The Mayor and Council would like to update our residents on our ongoing projects. The field house at Lions Park will be completed later this month. The building houses a full kitchen, storage area, rest rooms, snack bar and offers tables for outside seating. Drainage work has been completed at Lions Field and a specialized fertilization program aimed at helping the new sod flourish will continue through the fall. New bins for trash and recyclable items will be placed at the Borough's parks. Please take time to discard your trash in the proper receptacle; of course, water or sport drink bottles need to be recycled. Please help keep our fields clean.

The improvements to the corner located at Lake Street and West Saddle River Road will be completed this fall. The construction is being funded by Bergen County and is designed to both alleviate traffic and allow installation of a new traffic control system, which will include an emergency vehicle response override to allow for safer passage of emergency vehicles. Improvements include the widening of the road and the construction of turn lanes. Traffic flow, emergency response time and the community's safety will be significantly enhanced once completed. We thank everyone for their patience.

Upper Saddle River Day -All residents are encouraged to attend our 9th annual Upper Saddle River Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 12th starting at 2:00 p.m (rain date, Sunday, September 13th). The Boy Scouts will once again be cooking and many community organizations will be volunteering at the games and rides. We would like to thank the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission for their efforts in organizing this wonderful community event. Look for additional details on the enclosed flyer.

The Upper Saddle River Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will be providing commemorative plaques to the owners of historic homes that have registered their homes with the Commission. The presentation will be made on stage at 3:00 p.m. at USR Day. The emphasis of the HPC is on preserving our important history. Borough Hall, originally USR's one room schoolhouse, will be receiving one of the plaques. For more information on the program, check www.usrtoday.org or contact Bill Yeomans at wyeomans@optonline.net.

Upper Saddle River's Going Green -The Mayor and Council wants to urge our residents to *go green*. At the August 12th meeting, a resolution was approved discouraging idling of motor vehicles. Residents are asked to save fuel and improve air quality by turning off car motors when sitting for more than a few minutes. Please stop by the Environmental Commission booth at USR Day to learn more about idling, natural lawn care and keeping our water clean.

We also remind everyone that

recycling is equally beneficial to our environment. Please separate newspaper, magazines and junk mail as well as bundled corrugated cardboard. Glass, metal cans and plastic containers should also be recycled. You can also bring recyclables to the drive-in facility behind Borough Hall on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon. This is for recyclable materials only; NOT hazardous waste such as batteries or paint cans and NOT for bulky trash items. Please refer to the information inside this bulletin for more details or call 201-327-2196 if you have questions. If we all take small steps for a better environment, we can make a difference.

Upper Saddle River Day 2009

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 12th, 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 13th. Food wristbands can be purchased in advance at the USR Library or Borough 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 (USRRecreation@aol.com) or go to our website at www.USRToday.org.

Schools Open Drive Carefully

The Upper Saddle River Police Department cautions drivers to be alert and patient as our children embark on another school year starting September 3rd. It is very important for drivers to understand that during the school year the traffic situation in and around the schools change and we need to have patience. This year at the beginning of the school year, traffic will be affected by the major reconstruction of the intersection of W. Saddle River Road and Lake Street. Once that is completed we hope that the congestion around the schools will be alleviated. While on the school property, drivers need to follow the direction of school personnel. Drivers must be aware of the children in our community and be extra cautious during school hours. Children are unpredictable and inexperienced in traffic and may at any time dart out in to the roadway. It is very easy for drivers to become frustrated and angry while stopped in traffic, that will not change the situation, just remember it is for the safety of our children. Also for parents who walk their children to school, as well as all other walkers and joggers, according to State of New Jersey Office of Pedestrian Safety, when walking on the roadway please walk against traffic, this is so you can see the vehicles coming at you.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, September 12th at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah. 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 USR Woman's Club

The Woman's Club is proud to announce its donation of funds toward the new Media Center in the Powers Room of the Upper Saddle River Library. The funds were donated in memory of Bette Jane D'Amore, a former member and educator. Meetings of the Club will resume on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Solarium of the Upper Saddle River Library. New members are always welcome. The Woman's Club will be participating in the annual Lord and Taylor Benefit Bash on October 6th. Tickets for this event are \$5.00. The Club will also be holding its annual Mum Sale this September. For details on both fundraising events, please call Barbara at 201-825-0207.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of September is listed in the chart below. **Please note there will not be any garbage pick up on Labor Day Monday, September 7th.**

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. Also 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.

Children's Books Sought

The Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club is running a Book Drive to benefit area schools in need of books. Please donate your gently used books suitable for Pre-School-8th Grade readers. Books can be dropped off at the Saddle River Post Office on East Saddle River Road or you can arrange for a pick up. For more information, please contact Denise Mercier at 201-825-1947. We thank you in advance!!

Cutest Baby Contest

We are searching for the cutest baby; newborn to 2 years of age. Photographs will be displayed at the Upper Saddle River Day, which is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2009. Residents attending the event will cast votes to determine the winner.

Submit your photograph and a \$5.00 entry fee to: Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club-PO Box 101, Saddle River, NJ 07458. ATTN: Cutest Baby Contest. Entries will be accepted on day of contest. Photographs may be picked up immediately following the contest. Winner will receive a gift. Good Luck!

Recycling

The Borough has recycling pick-up for all residents every other Tuesday of the month. Residents living on the west side (West Saddle River Road and going to Route 17-including West Saddle River Rd.) are picked up on one week and the east side (going toward Montvale-not including West Saddle River Rd.) is on the opposite weeks. These collections consist of corrugated cardboard, mixed paper and commingled bottles, cans and plastics. Flatten and tie cardboard into manageable size bundles. Residential mixed paper consisting of newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, stationery, office and construction paper can be placed in brown paper bags or tied into bundles. Place rinsed glass bottles, jars, metal cans and all plastic food containers in a reusable container of your choice.

There is a recycling depot located behind the Borough Hall, which is open every Saturday between 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon, if you need to dispose of recycling between pickups. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

If you have any questions, please call 201-327-2196 Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 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.

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Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, September 1	Tuesday, September 8
Tuesday, September 15	Tuesday, September 22
Tuesday, September 29	

Large Appliances: Thursday, September 3rd by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is October 1st.

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

Cultural Center

There's no need to travel far for enriching classes, theater programs, and special vacation workshops for your entire family. Director Georgia Greiner is dedicated to providing diverse programs and exciting opportunities for your child, right here in Upper Saddle River. Register your baby or toddler for a sign language class or a music class designed especially for a child's first introduction to songs and instruments. For preschoolers, classes include Ballet for Beginners and Little Art Explorers. Your older child is sure to enjoy Fine Arts or Cosmetic Creations.

This year there are several opportunities for those interested in community service and the environment. Transform old materials into beautiful items of clothing at sewing classes for kids ages 10-14. Use recycled materials and other items to create works of art at the Recycle: Reuse and Remake class for ages 6 and up. Programs and classes begin the first week of October. Registrations are currently being accepted.

The theater season will begin with the ever popular, Magic Garden show on October 3rd. Paula and Carole, of the 70's hit TV program, will entertain your family with their timeless songs and stories. The season continues on October 17th with a marionette performance of Hansel and Gretel. Start off your Halloween with a special breakfast filled with fun and surprises! Family Friday nights will include the Halloween Boo Zoo, hosted by Outrageous Pets. This winter, planned programs include the Family Fossil Find evening event. Where else in Bergen County can you dig for 20 million year old marine fossils and bring home your own supply of shark teeth?

Check out the newly designed brochure or visit us at www.saddlrivervalleyculturalcenter.org to discover the many programs planned with you in mind!

USR Basketball Seeks Coaches

The USR Basketball Association is looking for adults who would like to get involved in coaching the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade instructional program and 5/6th, 7/8th and High School recreation program for girls and boys. These programs will be greatly enhanced with enthusiastic adult involvement.

Please contact Marshall Grupp at 212-388-1231 or e-mail him at mgrupp@soundlounge.com.

Upper Saddle River Library

New Programs at the Library

Beginners Bridge - September 14–November 16 from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Intermediate Bridge - September 11–October 30 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

How to Set up a Home Office - September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Paying For College - September 23rd from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Meet the Chefs! - September 14th from 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Chefs from local restaurants will demonstrate their skill as they prepare one of their signature creations in front of you! Our first evening is with Chris Calcagano, Executive Chef at Restaurant L in Allendale, NJ. Join us for a fun and deliciously informative evening as Chef Chris puts a modern spin on classic comfort food. Registration is required.

Registration for Children's Story hour and clubs begins September 14th. Green Golly & Her Golden Flute Family Program will be held on September 17th at 3:30 p.m.

Visit our uppersaddlriverlibrary.org for information on all our Adult and Children's programs.

Certificate of Continued Occupancy Needed for Sale or Rental of Properties

All residents who sell or rent property must have a Certificate of Continued Occupancy (CCO) inspection performed prior to the scheduled change of ownership (real estate closing) or a change of occupancy (on rental properties.) The CCO inspection should be scheduled as far in advance as possible prior to the closing or change of occupancy to allow for the inspection to be completed. You must allow a minimum of 30 days to schedule an inspection appointment. Before a CCO inspection can be scheduled, all construction permits, violations, soil and zoning permits must be closed out. Please allow enough time so everything can be taken care in time and the transfer of ownership or occupancy can proceed smoothly.

The CCO inspection will be coordinated with the Fire Prevention Bureau inspection. Application forms are available in Borough Hall from Monday to Friday during normal business hours. Please call 201-934-3970 for more information.

USR Fall Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the 2009 fall tennis clinics. There will be one 5 – week session to be held at the Wickersham Tennis Courts, located in front of the Reynolds School. The clinics will be held on Wednesday's beginning on September 9th. The cost for the entire 5 week session is \$90.00. Registration forms are available at Borough Hall or on the Borough website at www.USRtoday.org. For more information please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or email at USRRecreation@aol.com.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

Hello, Welcome Back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I hope you didn't let the weather ruin any of your plans. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on September 10th. The club is ready for a very good year. The program committee has been working hard to have great entertaining meetings. The officers are excited about the 2009-2010 year. We will continue all our projects this coming year.

Well - I will see you on September 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church. Bring a friend!

Department of Public Works

Brush pick-up will continue through 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.

Check Your Heating System Now

PSE&G is recommending that its customers test their heating systems now, before the chilly weather arrives. If there's a problem, PSE&G will come out to check and light the pilot if needed.

With the cost of natural gas on the rise, one of the best things residents can do is to get their heating system checked to ensure it is working properly and at top efficiency. By testing your heating systems early, you will be prepared for the cold weather ahead. PSE&G will be able to respond more quickly now than when a large volume of calls comes in on that first chilly morning.

Coming Up In September 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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, SEPTEMBER 10

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall

7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

Tuesday, September 8

Tuesday, September 22

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