

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## *Mayor and Council Message*

The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 Bergen County Volunteer of the Year Award for Upper Saddle River. After much consideration, the Mayor and Council selected Karen Miller and Larry Rauch as Upper Saddle River's awardees. Karen and Larry will be honored at a countywide ceremony in Hackensack.

Karen undertook an enormous effort to raise community awareness of the impact of high-density developments on our borough's environment, in particular our aquifer. When a proposed development in a neighboring community was brought before their planning board, Karen devoted herself to fighting the development from the grassroots on up. She helped organized public meetings, distributed flyers and created an email list of approximately 600 concerned residents. She attended local meetings of the Environmental Committee, political clubs and even Board of Health to inform residents of the processes available through which residents can have impact. She applied political pressure by contacting local and state officials through mass letter writing campaigns, petitions and even personal meetings. She has continued to monitor sewer overflows and has reported abuses to both the NJDEP and NY-DEC. Karen's efforts are tireless and ongoing. She has been an incredible asset to our community. Her documentation was instrumental in USR's Clean Water Act suit citing environmental, health, safety and welfare impacts of this development to the USR community. Karen has been a resident of Upper Saddle River for 14 years.

Larry has been a volunteer member of the Upper Saddle River Fire Department for 36 years, serving as President (7 years), Vice President, Sr. Lieutenant, Lieutenant, Captain, Chief (7 times) and Assistant Chief (8 times). Larry currently serves as the President of the USRFD Relief Association and Secretary of the USRFD Exempt Association as well as a Trustee of the Fire Department. Larry has also served as the Borough Fire Inspector since 1978. In 2004 and 2005, he served as President of the NJ and NY Firemen's Association. For the last 20 years, Larry has been a Juvenile Fire educator, teaching children about the danger of starting fires and is currently the Vice President of the Juvenile Fire Prevention Association for Bergen County. He has served as President and Vice President of the Northwest Bergen Mutual Association and for the past 12 years has served as its Treasurer. He is a charter member of the Bergen County Fire Chief's Association and serves as a Trustee.

Both these individuals should be thanked by our community for their selfless efforts on behalf of our Borough. We applaud them for their outstanding commitment to our community.

The Mayor and Council would like to congratulate Police Chief Michael Fanning on the successful completion of the West Point Command and Leadership program. This was an extensive 13 week program sponsored by the NJ State Chiefs of Police Association and the West Point Military Academy. The program, designed to develop future Leaders in Law Enforcement the same way the Military develops their future leaders, teaches leadership theories, concepts and approaches that the Law Enforcement leader can apply to realistic law enforcement scenarios that affect both the law enforcement agency and the community. Chief Fanning was one of only 16 officers selected through the NJ State Police Chiefs Association for this program. Congratulations Chief Fanning.

We would like to thank the Upper Saddle River Recreation Department for the outstanding job they did coordinating Upper Saddle River Day. Once again, this was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and spend quality time as a town. Volunteer groups and service organizations donated their time and efforts to provide a remarkable community event. A record-breaking number of residents participated and enjoyed friendship, fun and food. The weather was perfect, the entertainment superb and a wonderful time was had by all. Upper Saddle River Day was truly about community.

## **Voter Registration Reminder**

The last day to register to vote in the November 7, 2006 General Election is Monday, October 17. Residents who have had a change of address, are new voters or have not voted in an election for four years or more, may need to register in order to vote in this election. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup>, registration forms will be available at the police station until 9:00 p.m. Forms should be completed and left with the dispatcher. Any questions, please call the Borough Hall at (201) 327-2196.

## **Republican Club**

The USR Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at the USR Library. The program will be about local environmental and health concerns. Specialists will speak on various topics, including water quality, the proposed high-density construction on Hillside Ave., and the Asian flu pandemic. There will be time for questions and comments. Refreshments will be available at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m. Members and non-members are invited. All residents are reminded that applications for absentee ballots are available at the Borough Hall.

## Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 15 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus. 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 with questions and for more information at 201-807-5825.

## Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of October is listed in the chart below.

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays year round. The recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday. All refuse must be out by 6:30 a.m.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10 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 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

## Harvest Home Fair

The annual Harvest Home Fair of the Saddle River Reformed Church will be Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Minnick Educational Building, 500 E. Saddle River Road. There will be the favorite booths for Christmas items, the knitted/hand sewn fashions, ever-popular homemade baked apple pies, cakes and cookies, gift table and a few attic treasures. Vendors will display their wares, a raffle will be held at 2:00 p.m. and lunch is available with the tempting homemade soups. For information, phone 201-327-5242

## Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Jr. Woman's Club cordially invites all women interested in learning more about Juniors to join us on October 25, 7:30 p.m. for our New Member Wine & Cheese. Contact Denise O'Connor at 201-934-8511.

Thursday, October 26, you are invited to participate in our Lord & Taylor Benefit Bash Shopping Day at the Fashion Center in Ridgewood. Tickets are \$5.00 in order to receive a 15% savings pass to be used all day throughout the store and a 20% coupon good on one special item. Both discounts are valid on cosmetics and fragrances and have virtually no exclusions. Contact Joanne Florio 201-327-1080.

During the month of October we will be conducting a Baby Basics Drive for Children's Aid & Family Services Agency. Drop off donations of diapers in all sizes, especially size 3,4,5,6's, powdered formulas, wipes, shampoo, lotion, at the Saddle River Post Office and the Upper Saddle River Library. Thank you for your generosity! For more information contact Joanne Florio 201-327-1080.

## Fire Department

Fire Safety Tips from Chief James Levine, Fire Chief of the USR River Fire Dept. and 21 year veteran of the NJ fire service.

### Halloween Safety.

Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions, like making sure fabrics for costumes and decorative materials are flame-resistant, can prevent fires. During 1999-2002, decorations for special events accounted for an estimated 1,100 reported home structure fires per year, the majority involving candles as the heat source, and causing six civilian deaths and \$16 million in direct property damage per year.

### Safety tips

Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features. Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting. Use flashlights when illuminating Jack-O-Lanterns. Use extreme caution when decorating with candle-lit Jack-O-Lanterns, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards. Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)

Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency. Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.

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

## UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, OCTOBER 2006

**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, October 3	Tuesday, October 10
Tuesday, October 17	Tuesday, October 24
Tuesday, October 31	

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, October 5 by appointment only.  
Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

**Bulky Trash:** The next pick up date is Friday, November 17. Please place all Bulky Trash at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

## USR Basketball Registration

The Upper Saddle River Basketball Association will hold registration for the 2006-2007 basketball season on Saturday, October 21st and 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Borough Hall. Registration will be for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade instructional program, 5/6th, 7th/8th and high school recreation programs for boys and girls. The association will be offering sibling discounts for families with 3 or more children in the program.

Registration and Code of Conducts forms can be downloaded from the association's website: [www.usrbasketball.com](http://www.usrbasketball.com). All forms must be signed including the Code of Conduct by both a parent and player for your application to be accepted. Code of Conduct forms must be signed by players in 4th through 8th grade and high school. **No completed forms will be accepted after Friday November 3rd.** High School Rec Registration will be accepted until Tuesday, Dec. 5th. If you have any questions, contact Marshall Grupp at 212-388-1231 or [mgrupp@soundlounge.com](mailto:mgrupp@soundlounge.com).

## Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

Once again, Boy Scout Troop 133 is holding its popular Election Day Spaghetti Dinner. The meal consists of salad, Italian bread, spaghetti, dessert and beverage. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Old Stone Church Educational Building. Take-out is also available.

Tickets are available at the door for \$8.00, or may be purchased until November 2nd at the USR Library, from any Boy Scout, or by calling Maryclaire Collis: 201-825-0804.

Money which is raised from this event is used to help pay for awards, medals and patches earned by the boys, as well as the Eagle Scout ceremony. Funds also go into subsidizing outings such as white water rafting and camping trips.

The Scouts urge you to come out and support them on November 7th. The dinner is lots of fun, the food is delicious, and the money raised will help the Scouts continue to offer their many worthwhile programs to USR's young men.

## Autumn Home Fest October 14

Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Autumn Home Fest on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>

From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., this year's fest will include area-wide Arts & Crafts vendors, a Bistro serving lunch along with delicious baked goods to take home, children's activities, fall flowers, a pumpkin patch, as well as Antiques and Collectibles. Plan on joining us!

## Cub Scout Pack 133 Popcorn Fundraiser

The community is asked to please support Cub Scout Pack 133's Fall Popcorn Fundraiser starting on October 1st. This is one of the major fundraisers of the year to support scout activities and in addition, donations will be made this year to The Center for Food Action, The Leukemia Society and other local charities.

Cub Scouts will be at various locations selling a variety of popcorn through the end of the October including the Saddle River Post Office on Saturdays. Support from the community would be greatly appreciated.

## Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River announces its first monthly meeting for the new club year will be on Oct. 3. It shall be held as usual at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church on West Saddle River Rd. in the borough at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening following a short business meeting will be: "See What I'm Saying" presented by Susan Teltser Schwartz. Guests are encouraged to attend.

On October 23 the NJ State Fall Conference will be held at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, N.J. A luncheon followed by educational seminars and speakers on Domestic Violence will be the focus for the day. All for a cost of \$ 33 and reservations must be made prior to Oct 14 by calling Judy at 201-236-8268.

"Domestic Violence" and its awareness and help for its victims, are part of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs Special State Project. As such the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River continues in one of its pet charities to support the Shelter for Abused Women at West Milford, N.J. by various charitable acts and donations. Some of which is the collection of good condition used clothing for sale in the thrift shop for the Shelter, toiletries for the transient residents, candy at Halloween for the children, turkeys for Thanksgiving and a baby shower in Jan. for the infants and small children who are innocent victims to domestic violence.

International chairman for the club has a project in the works for raising funds for "Operation Smile", the very worthy organization that has doctors giving freely of their talents to operate on children with mouth deformities all over the world.

Further information can be had by calling Edna at 201-803-9749 with your willingness to participate.

## Newcomers Club October Activities:

The Saddle River Valley Newcomers Club is open to all residents of Upper Saddle River and Saddle River. Membership is \$40 a year to participate in all activities.

For further details on our Club, and for reservations please call 201-213-8664.

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Ladies Night Out.** 7:30 p.m.

Place will be announced. RSVP to Jill 201-962-8134 or Michelle 201-825-3737.

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Morning Socials** 9:20 a.m. at a members home.

For information or directions please call Christine 201-818-7194.

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> First Sociable Supper** is meeting at a member's home. If you'd like to participate, please call 201-962-2173.

Sociable Suppers is a rotating dinner club that meets 5 times a year on Saturday evenings. The only requirement to participate in Social Suppers is that you MUST COMMIT yourself to hosting one of the dinners.

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Bunco** at a member's home.

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Out to Lunch** at 11:45 a.m. at the Ramsey Country Club.

For information or RSVP please call Barbara 201-825-1053.

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Broadway Extravaganza & Cocktail Party** at 8:00 p.m. at a member's home.

RSVP by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to Sue 201-213-8664.

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> International Group** meets at a member's home at 11:00 a.m. Please call Denise 201-934-8511 for information and/or directions.

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Kids Corner Pumpkin Picking and Hayrides** at DePiero's at 3:30 p.m. For info please call Kelli 201-818-7373.

**October 24<sup>th</sup> Book Group** will meet at 9:30 a.m. at a member's home. The book to be discussed is: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. For information please call Kathleen 201-818-4955.

## SRV Fellowship

A good number of our members attended the Upper Saddle River Day on September 9th. They all had a great time enjoying the conversation, food and entertainment.

On October 10, the club will be going to an October Fest in New York State.

We already have plans for our Christmas party in December.

I will report to you on our activities of September in the next newsletter.

Please don't forget our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 11:00 a.m.

Hope to see you.

# Coming Up In October 2006

## BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

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

*October 10*

*October 24*

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## SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club @ Bergen Highlands Church

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

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