

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to update our residents on the status of our CWA (Clean Water Act) suit against Rockland County. In a decision by U.S. Magistrate Judge Fox, which is a Report & Recommendation assigned to Judge Karras, it confirms the right of Upper Saddle River and the individual plaintiffs to maintain the CWA action against the Rockland County Sewer District. Upper Saddle River did not prevail in its suit against Airmont based on the fact that Airmont does not control the permits or operation of the sewer system and therefore could not be held liable under the CWA for violations of the permits and illegal discharges from the system. Both Special Counsel Richard Golden and Borough Attorney Robert Regan believe this is a big win for Upper Saddle River. If the decision is upheld, we will be in a position to seek relief from the court to compel the Sewer District to take remedial action to prevent further spills and the discharge of contaminants into the Saddle River.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Upper Saddle River Police Department. In 1957, Chief Andrew J. Otens was appointed the first Police Chief charged with the responsibility to "establish a police department". Chief Otens, along with Sgt. James M. Hennion and Police Officer Robert (Oscar) Green (still a member of our Fire Department), literally started from a part time marshal system to a professional law enforcement organization. The police department was

first located in the present day Borough Hall, moving to the adjacent property when the Borough acquired the land. Members of the department renovated a private residence to become the police department building. This was home to the police department until 1987 when a new building was constructed and occupied. Over the ensuing years, this basis was built upon and enhanced to our present day police department which consists of 18 police officers, including the present Chief Michael Fanning, dispatchers and an administrative aide.

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. Even though the weather was hot, a wonderful time was had by all. Upper Saddle River Day was truly about community.

One of the highlights of the day was the Environmental Committee River Assessment Demo. Community volunteers who monitor the Saddle River each season were on hand to share information with residents about the river and the surrounding ecosystem. Residents and their children had a great time splashing about in the river, collecting wonderful examples of flora, fauna and yes, BUGS, as well as using a chemical analysis kit to test water samples. Any resident interested in becoming a "watershed ambassador" and joining the Environmental Committee should contact Bill Yeomans (weomans@optonline.net) or Debbie Viola (sviola2@verizon.net).

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. On the first day of school you saw Police Officers handing out "Schools Open Drive Carefully" bags to make motorists aware that summer is over and school is in session. It is very important for drivers to understand that during the school year the traffic situation around the schools change and we need to have patience, and while on school property, drivers need to follow the directions 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 into the street. It is very easy for drivers to get frustrated and angry while stopped in traffic, but that will not change the situation, remember it is for the safety of our children.

Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote in the November 6th General Election is Tuesday, October 16, 2007. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. on October 16, 2007, forms will be available at the police station until 9:00 p.m. Residents should complete and leave the form with the police dispatcher who will date-stamp it and forward it to the Borough Clerk.

New Web-site Information

The Borough has a new web-site address which is usrtoday.org. The mayor and council have new e-mail addresses. You will find these in the Borough Hall Info section of usrtoday.org.

There is also a new e-mail address in which to send articles for the borough bulletin. Please e-mail all articles, as Word attachments to: USBULLETIN@aol.com no later than the 12th day of the month for the next month's bulletin.

4th Quarter Taxes Due November 1

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that fourth quarter taxes are due on or before November 1st. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. State law requires interest be charged after that, calculated from the actual due date.

Harvest Fair

Join us for the annual Harvest Fair at the Hopper-Goetschius Museum on Sunday, October 14th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is a great family day with pony rides, petting zoo, cider pressing, crafts, games, tours and hot food. The North Jersey Regional A Club will show their antique cars again this year.

Proceeds will benefit the USR Historical Society, a non-profit organization, dedicated to preserving the Museum. The Museum is located on Lake Street and East Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, (across from Elmer's Country Store).

More information may be found at www.usrhistoricalsociety.org.

Garbage and Recycling

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

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 Sunday, October 21st 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.

USR Path To Fitness

This spring representatives from the USR Board of Health traveled to Trenton to attend a Healthy Community Development symposium. Hosted by the NJ Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services, attendees were able to apply for mini-grants to initiate a community based wellness program. As a result, the Board of Health developed the *USR Path to Fitness*, a program designed to encourage residents of all ages to set their own goals and walk independently on a regular basis. The grant, along with corporate sponsorships, provided 500 pedometers, walking logs and T-shirts.

The program was kicked off at USR Day where over 250 residents took on the challenge. The USR PTO, working with the district's Physical Education teachers, will encourage students in K through 8th to participate by donating physical fitness equipment to the three schools based on each school's participation. There will be a wrap-up meeting in June where prizes and awards will be given to participants. In addition, the health educator is available to any local organization during the year to speak on health-related issues at no charge.

Registration packets are available at Borough Hall. Inside the walking log are many helpful hints on how to embark on a safe and effective exercise program. It is recommended that participants receive clearance from their physician whenever starting a new exercise routine. And of course, caution is advised when choosing a time and route for walking. For more information on the program, please visit the borough's website, www.usrtoday.org.

Annual Flu Clinic

The Upper Saddle River Board of Health, in conjunction with the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, is pleased to announce that the annual Flu Vaccination Clinic will be held on October 24, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Presentation, 271 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River.

The following priority groups are eligible to be vaccinated at the Flu Vaccination Clinic:

- Persons aged 65 and over
- Persons aged 18 to 64 years with a chronic health condition accompanied by a note from their physician
- Pregnant women accompanied by a note from their physician

Residents who are 65 years and older **must** bring their Medicare Part B Card. Residents who do not have Medicare Part B will be charged a fee of \$25.00. If you have an HMO you may choose to go to your primary care provider or you can pay \$25.00 for a flu vaccination. Medicare HMO will not be accepted at the flu clinic. Please make checks payable to NWBRHC.

If you have any questions please call Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 201-445-7217.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will again be participating in the "Lord and Taylor Benefit Bash" on Thursday, November 1st at their Fashion Center store only. To purchase a \$5.00 (Five dollars only) ticket call 201-825-0207, you will receive one 20% coupon, which could be used on any single item, including those that are never discounted, plus a coupon for 15%, which could be used all day even on cosmetics and perfumes. Authors will be available for signing their books, face painting will be available for the children and refreshments will be provided. Don't be left out on this once in a year event.

Members of the club will be volunteering at the third annual "Designer Show House of New Jersey", which will benefit the Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center, running from September 28th through November 4th. The show house is located at 19 Werimus Brook Rd. in Saddle River. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 201-236-3636 for available time slots.

The next general meeting of the club will be on Tuesday, October 2nd at a restaurant to be announced.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, OCTOBER 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, October 2	Tuesday, October 9
Tuesday, October 16	Tuesday, October 23
Tuesday, October 30	

Large Appliances: Thursday, October 4, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

Upper Saddle River PTO

Upper Saddle River PTO hosts The American Girl Fashion Show at the Park Ridge Marriott on Sunday, November 18th – 11:30 a.m. (Brunch) and 3:00 p.m. (Afternoon Lunch). Come celebrate the experience of being a girl through a colorful presentation of styles of yesterday and today. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call 201-760-8836 or visit www.USRPTO.com.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

Our first meeting on September 13th was a success. Many of our members brought in the items they have been saving for our projects. It was wonderful to see that our projects are up and running for the new year. We can't thank everyone enough.

We are looking forward to our October meetings, "The Harmonicats" on October 11th and on October 25th a movie or line dancing. Our first trip is on October 17th to the Tides for an Octoberfest.

Hope to see you at our meetings which are held at Bergen Highlands Church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

SRV Newcomer's Club

Our fall Wine and Cheese Party will be held on Saturday, October 6th, at 7:30 p.m. The kid's Halloween Party will be on Thursday, October 18th, at the USR Firehouse from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For more information on these two events, please call Jennifer at 201-962-2109.

The International Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18th, 11:00 a.m. at a member's home. For more information please call Carmella at 201-237-4047.

Arts and Crafts Show

The Annual Autumn Home Fest Arts & Crafts Show will be held at Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church, located at 318 W. Saddle River Rd., Upper Saddle River, on Saturday, September 22nd 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Show will feature traditional favorites such as handmade crafts, gifts for the holidays, baked goods, preserves and jellies. Refreshments will be available at our Bistro. Outdoor attractions will include pumpkin and chrysanthemum sales; hot dogs and other food items; and, Commerce Bank will be giving away all sorts of goodies.

For further information, and if you are a handmade items vendor and would like to reserve a space (\$50 indoor; \$45 outdoor), call Betsy Haley at 201-637-8741 or Jeanine Kachele at 201-327-3803.

Basketball Registration

The Upper Saddle River Basketball Association will hold in person registration for the 2007-2008 basketball season on Saturday, October 20th and 27th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the USR Borough Hall. Registration will be for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade instructional program, 5/6th, 7th/8th leagues and the high school recreation programs for boys and girls. Mail in registration is available, please refer to the registration form.

The instructional program for 2nd & 3rd grades will be held on Saturdays beginning November 17th and ending March 15th. The 4th grade program includes instruction on Saturday and game time on Sundays.

The 5/6th and 7/8th grade programs will have schedule practice throughout December. Games begin in January and end in March. Games will take place Mondays through Saturdays.

If your child is interested in trying out for a Travel Basketball Team please refer to the Travel Tryout Information Form. All forms are available at www.usrbasketball.com.

Please keep in mind that all games and practices are held in the school. We must remind you that children are to be supervised at ALL times. No one is permitted beyond the edge of the stage in either of the gyms, and there is no ball playing, running, etc. permitted in the halls.

Old Stone Church

Plan to join in the annual festivities of the Oktoberfest in Upper Saddle River on Saturday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. Great German/Dutch foods, dancing and live music by Frank and Matt Kolodzieski. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and children.

Also, join in the fun of the country style home fair, the Harvest Home Fair, at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Homemade crafts, Christmas shop, like new items, Grampa's Attic, vendors, raffles, and terrific food. Plan to stay for lunch and don't forget to stop by the food tent outside for genuine Pennsylvania Dutch Funnel Cake made by a Pennsylvania Dutchman. Call 201-327-5242 for more information.

USR Republican Club

The USR Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd, at the Library. In preparation for next month's elections, the speakers will be candidates running for Mayor and Council. There will also be updates on the Clean Water Act lawsuit and the FAA proposal for flight patterns that would affect our area. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 7:45 p.m. Members and non-members are welcome.

Basketball Travel Team Tryouts

The Upper Saddle River Basketball Association will be holding tryouts for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys' and girls' travel teams the week of October 15th through October 22nd.

The schedule of tryouts is as followed:
4th grade boys: Monday, October 15th from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Bogert and Monday, October 22nd from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Travers Multipurpose Room.
4th grade girls: Tuesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 18th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Travers.
5th grade boys: Tuesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 18th from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Travers.
5th grade girls: Tuesday, October 16th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Bogert.
6th grade boys: Tuesday, October 16th from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Cavallini.
6th grade girls: Tuesday, October 16th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Cavallini.
7th grade boys: Monday, October 15th from 8:30-10:00 p.m. in Travers.
7th grade girls: Monday, October 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Travers.
8th grade boys: Wednesday, October 17th from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Cavallini.
8th grade girls: Wednesday, October 17th at 8:00-9:30 p.m. in Travers. The registration fee for the coming season will be \$225. The fee covers the cost for participating in both the travel and recreation programs and participation in one tournament. The Travel Coaches, upon formation of the teams, will collect these fees along with all required forms. There may also be a uniform charge assessed on an as needed basis. Teams are open to USR residents or if the player is enrolled in an USR school. If you have any questions please call Marshall Grupp at 212-388-1231 or e-mail at mgrupp@soundlounge.com.

SRVJCO

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization will be holding its annual membership breakfast at a member's home on Wednesday, October 17th. For information about this organization, please contact Elizabeth at 201-825-2329.

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization is selling Pink Ribbon Cheese Cakes, Pink Velvet Cakes and Pink Velvet Cupcakes by Carousel Cakes to benefit The OctoberWoman Foundation for Breast Cancer Research in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Orders will be taken through October 19th. For more information or to place an order, please call Joy at 201-818-1008.

Coming Up In October 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
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 11
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah
7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

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

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 9
Tuesday, October 23*

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