

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Districts 1 and 2 vote at Cavallini Middle School Gym, District 3 votes at Borough Hall and Districts 4 and 5 vote at Presentation Church. Please take a few moments out of your day to exercise your right to vote!

At a recent a Mayor and Council meeting, an ordinance was adopted establishing requirements for the issuance of a Certificate of Continued Occupancy (CCO). Under this ordinance, whenever there is a change of ownership of one and two family residences as well as individual condominium units or a new tenant for a leased property, the owner is required to obtain a CCO from the Construction Official, or his/her designee, prior to closing. The CCO will be issued provided there are no violations of law or orders of the Construction Official pending, and, after inspection and investigation of available municipal records, that the use of the dwelling has lawfully existed and nothing will prevent the continued lawful use and occupancy of such dwelling. The fee for the issuance of a CCO is \$100.00 with an additional \$50.00 fee for any required reinspection. This is separate from the required inspection for smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers.

As a reminder to our residents for the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,

no tree plantings, walls, pillars, rocks, or permanent structures are permitted on the Borough right-of-way, which extends 25 feet from the center of the road. Typically, 10 feet bordering all roads is the Borough right-of-way. Any structure placed in the Borough right-of way prior to 1997 requires a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Borough per a Borough Ordinance. Any structure erected after 1997 must be removed and moved out of the right-of-way. A building permit is required if a resident wants to install a structure located out of the right-of-way.

The three lucky winners of the Upper Saddle River Path to Fitness raffle are: Carolyn Farley, Tom Farley and Lynda Fardanesh. They each won a \$25.00 gift certificate to L.L. Bean, which can be used for merchandise on their website, through their catalogue or in a store. The Path to Fitness program was kicked off at Upper Saddle River Day 2007. The program was developed by our Board of Health to encourage residents to become active as part of a healthy lifestyle. A raffle was drawn as a culminating activity on Upper Saddle River Day 2008. If anyone is interested in starting a walking program, there are pedometers and walking logs at borough hall, available at no charge to our residents.

Road conditions have changed with the end of daylight savings time and the leaves beginning to fall. Please exercise additional caution while driving to protect everyone in our community.

Special School Election

The last day to register to vote in the December 9, 2008 Special School Referendum Election is Tuesday, November 18, 2008. Registration forms can be obtained at the Borough Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Board of Health Questionnaire

The Board of Health, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, are asking those residence with any health conditions or needing special services in case of an emergency, please go to the Borough's website and download the questionnaire or call the Borough Hall at 201-327-2196 and we will mail it to you.

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.

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 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Educational Building. Take-out is also available.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00, or may be purchased from any Boy Scout, or by calling Maryclaire Collis at 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 4th. 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 Upper Saddle River's young men.

Lion's Club Fall Harvest Sale

You can get ready for Thanksgiving dinner and the holiday season while helping local charities and community organizations. The Saddle River Valley Lion's Club will be selling fruit and produce during its annual Fall Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members of the Lion's Club will be offering apples, potatoes, Spanish onions, grapefruit, oranges, candy and nuts at several convenient locations throughout the area including Elmer's Country Store in Upper Saddle River and the Colonial Shopping Center in Saddle River. The net proceeds of this year's sale will be donated to charities for visual and other health related disabilities and to local community youth and volunteer organizations. The Lions will also be collecting used eyeglasses for recycling to those in need. The Saddle River Valley Lion's Club thanks you for your continued support.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of November is listed in the chart below. **Please note that there will be no garbage pick-up on Thursday, November 27th.**

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.

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.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

Fun With Santa will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will hold its 2nd annual holiday event at the Reynolds' School gym. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon where the kids can visit with Santa and make all kinds of crafts and homemade gifts for the family and friends. Gift items will also be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$20.00 per family (maximum of 6 per family ticket) or \$5.00 per individual. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call Amy 201-760-8704 or Nicole 201-327-3330. Tickets will also be available for sale at the USR Library beginning on November 1st.

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting Wednesday, November 19th. Please contact Joanne at 201-327-1080 for more details. The club is comprised of women who share a desire to improve the lives of others within and beyond the borders of our community. We work to make a difference.

Hazardous Waste

The Bergen County Utilities will be holding a hazardous waste collection on Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah. This 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.

Dick Meighan 5K Thanksgiving Run

Upper Saddle River, NJ – The 10th annual Dick Meighan Memorial Run will be held Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m. at Cavallini Middle School on 392 West Saddle River Road. This year's event is expected to attract more than 1,400 participants.

The charity race, named in memory of beloved Upper Saddle River resident Dick Meighan, is both a competitive road race and fundraiser for D.A.R.E., the USR Rescue Squad, Ambulance Corps and Fire Department, USR Youth Triathlon, Saddle River Service Corps, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, USR Educational Foundation, and the "Extra Mile" Scholarship Fund. In the last nine years more than \$100,000.00 has been donated to these organizations.

"The Dick Meighan 5K Memorial Run is becoming as traditional as pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving," commented Marshall Grupp, Founder/Race Director. "It is a time for families, athletes and friends to gather, raise money and burn some calories on this festive day."

Following the race there are refreshments, music and a festive awards presentation. Prizes are awarded to the top three male and female finishers as well as family teams and age categories. The first 1,500 participants receive a long sleeve cotton shirt and winter hat.

Pre-registration is recommended. Mail-in and on-line options are explained at www.dickmeighan5Krun.org. The fee is \$20.00 for pre-registration and \$25.00 on race day. Pre-registered racers can pick up their shirt, race number and timing chip the evening before, November 26th from 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. at Cavallini Middle School in Upper Saddle River. All donations should be made out to Borough of USR/Dick Meighan Run and sent to Ed Gartner, Recreation Director, c/o USR Borough Hall, 376 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458. For questions and to make corporate or individual donations contact Marshall Grupp at 212-388-1231. For questions about the race contact Jennifer Meighan at 201-857-4381.

Free Rabies Clinic-November 17

Upper Saddle River's annual free rabies clinic has been scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dogs on leashes will be vaccinated from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and cats in carriers will be vaccinated from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Firehouse across from Borough Hall on West Saddle River Road.

For further information please contact the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 201-445-7217.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, NOVEMBER 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.

Please Note: There will be **no** garbage pick-up on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, November 11	Tuesday, November 4
Tuesday, November 25	Tuesday, November 18

Large Appliances: Thursday, November 6th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is December 4th.

Bulky Trash: The bulky trash will be collected on Friday, November 14, 2008. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick-up date. This is the last bulky trash for the year. The next bulky trash pick-up will be in March 2009.

USR Recreation 2009 Ski Trips

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will sponsor four (4) all day Saturday ski trips in 2009. The first trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday, January 10th, Brodie Mountain in Massachusetts on Saturday, January 17th, Mount Snow in Vermont on Saturday, January 31st, and the final trip to Stratton Mountain on Saturday, February 7th, 2009.

There will be no ski trip on January 24th to allow students to participate in the SAT program. The ski program is open to those ski enthusiasts in the 6th through 12th grades for those students attending Ho-Ho-Kus schools, Brookside and Northern Highlands in Allendale, Cavallini in Upper Saddle River and those students who reside in the Borough of USR and attend other schools. The cost of the program for all 4 trips including luxury coach transportation, lifts, lunch for all trips and breakfast, lunch and dinner for the Vermont trip is \$400.00. Students may sign up for individual trips, the cost of which is outlined in the registration form. New this year will be a trip to Brodie Mountain in Massachusetts. This ski area provides for excellent skiing for all levels and will be a new area to discover and explore ski wise.

Registration forms will be available on the Upper Saddle River Borough's website (www.USRToday.org), borough hall or the schools' main offices. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis. Any parents interested in chaperoning or if you need any additional information please contact Chairman Esau Ali 201-934-9075.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

We mentioned that we had Ms. Lauren Locker on October 9th and we would like to say she was wonderful. Ms. Locker explained fully what people our age should prepare for and she answered all our questions on the state of Wall Street. You really missed a great meeting. We went for an Octoberfest on October 17th and on October 23rd we had The Harmonicas. Their music is just for us.

November is just one meeting, which is on November 13th. There are **NO** meetings on November 27th, December 11th or December 25th. We will have our Christmas Party in December.

Hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a great holiday season.

Upper Saddle River Library

American Opera - November 11th at 7:00 p.m. Damon Ferrante, a gifted young composer will present an exploration of operas written in the last decade by American composers.

Surviving the Marathon of the College Process – November 18th at 7:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to spend this evening learning how to select a college that will maximize your teen's chances of success and happiness.

Election Day Book & Bake Sale – November 4th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Bake it**– Donate to our bake sale. **Take it**–Buy a book and a treat.

Carousel Cake & Pie Sale -The Friends are pleased to offer this fundraiser again. Order forms can be downloaded from the library website or picked up in the library.

New! Craft Exhibit & Craft Sale - A craft exhibit featuring crafters from Upper Saddle River is now on display throughout the month of November. There will be a Craft Sale on November 1st from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Local Artisans will be selling their crafts at the library.

Holiday Boutique – November 1st – December 31st. The Friends will be bringing back their wonderful Holiday Boutique. There will be fashionable reading glasses, Folkmanis puppets, gift books, and wonderful gifts for children, teachers and friends. New this year, we will have Relief Bead Bracelets handmade in Africa. Purchasing these bracelets will benefit people in Darfur.

Make a Totem Pole - November 11th, 12th and 13th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Help us decorate the Library for Thanksgiving. We will build a floor to ceiling Totem Pole.

Children's Weekly Story hours and Clubs - Weekly programs will continue through December 4th. Spaces are still available at some sessions. Call the Library for more information, at 201-327-2583 or visit www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org.

Cultural Center

Events at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center are in full swing. Join us in November for live theatre, vacation workshops and specials for children and adults.

Come to the Cultural Center for live theater performances and enrichment workshops for kids of all ages. **Madeline & The Bad Hat** will have 1 performance only at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st. Boys and girls alike will adore this timeless tale. Arts Power's colorful, new musical tells the story of Madeline and a rambunctious little boy who becomes a good friend. All ages are welcome. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members. **NOTE: This performance will be held at the Cavallini School, 392 W. Saddle River Rd., which is one mile north of the Cultural Center.**

Bubblemania will be held on November 22nd at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. What would a season be without The Bubble Man? If you have never seen him, this show is a must. Bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles!! All ages are welcome. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members.

A Vacation Workshop, **Robotics & Motors**, will be held on November 6th and 7th (2 days) from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For information on this or any of the other programs, please contact Georgia Greiner at georgia@srvcc.org or call 201-825-3366.

Borough Zoning Codes

As we enjoy the fall spectacle and begin to prepare our homes and property for winter, please keep in mind that nature's furry friends are also preparing for the winter. Close and repair any openings on the exterior of your house, especially around the foundation, near the eaves, soffits and attic areas. Should any animal gain entry to your house, please call **Animal Control (201-652-4554)** for help.

We wish to remind you of the following:

- Please help keep local storm drains in and on your property clear of leaves and other tree debris. Ask landscapers to help improve the environment for everyone and to pile grass cuttings, leaves into mulch piles or areas that are out of sight and away from adjoining properties. Do not permit contractors or landscapers to deposit any debris on any vacant or open lots in the Borough. If you observe any of these conditions, please report the company name and vehicle description and license number to us.
- When winterizing your pool, prevent the discharged pool water from going into roadways or onto any other property. Refer to Borough Code §122-18.
- Storage of boats, campers, watercraft, etc must be stored inside garages, barns or behind shrubbery and to the rear of the property and out of plain sight.

The Codes of the Borough of Upper Saddle River can also be accessed on line.

Coming Up In November 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall with the Regular Session immediately following

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 25*

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
11:30 a.m. Friends of the Library Meeting at USR Library
7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 24
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

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