

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458

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A Message from the Mayor and Council

November 3rd Election: Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote. On the ballot will be a municipal question, *“Shall the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River continue to explore and, where appropriate, implement shared municipal services with neighboring towns and other municipalities within the County of Bergen?”* The Mayor and Council are continuing to explore ways to keep municipal expenditures down without jeopardizing the excellent services our residents have come to expect. If you have questions as to your polling location or want more information about the municipal question, please call Rose Vido, Borough Clerk, at 201-327-2196.

Potential Sewer Service: 196 residential property owners have received a survey from the Borough inquiring as to their interest in hooking up to a public sewer system. If you have not been sent this survey, you are not eligible at this time. The owners who do qualify reside south of Lake Street, west of Union to the Saddle River border and east of Route 17. We have received responses from the majority of eligible residents. If you have not responded as of yet, please do so as quickly as possible. If you are in the pilot area and need further information, call Borough Administrator, Ted Preusch, at 201-327-2196, extension 227. Connecting to the sewer system will not impact your use of well water.

Articles for the Borough Bulletin: Upcoming events or general information on local organizations can be included in the Borough Bulletin, space permitting. Please e-mail articles to usrbulletin@aol.com by the 10th of the month prior to the month the article

needs to be in the bulletin. For example, articles to run in the December bulletin will need to be received by November 10th. Articles received past this date cannot always be accommodated. Each issue can include a maximum of two flyer inserts. If your group wants to include an insert, requests must be made in advance to Barbara Van De Ree at Borough Hall to reserve the space and the flyer must be approved by our Borough Administrator. These inserts are designed, printed and paid for by the local organization. The Borough Bulletin is mailed monthly to all residents except in August. For more information, call Barbara Van De Ree at 201-327-2196 extension 221.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are vital to the well-being of our community. New appointments are made in January. If you are interested in serving on one of our municipal boards, please write a letter expressing your interest to Ted Preusch, Borough Administrator, at 376 West Saddle River Road. Additional members are currently needed on the Upper Saddle River Board of Health.

December Events: Don't forget to plan for our community's various holiday celebrations. Thanks to our Fire Department volunteers, the Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club and the Saddle River Jewish Community Organization, our annual holiday tree lighting will take place on December 5th and the Menorah lighting on December 11th. Both events will take place in front of Borough Hall. More details will follow in the December Borough Bulletin.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kenneth Gabbert,
Council President Deborah Viola,
Council Members Roger DeBerardine,
Vincent Durante, Scott MacDowell,
Joanne Minichetti and Dennis Schubert*

November 3, 2009 -General Election

The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On October 13th, voter registration forms may be picked up and completed at the Upper Saddle River Police Department from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Note the following polling places:

District 1 & 2 - Cavallini School
Gymnasium
District 3 - Borough Hall
District 4 & 5 - Presentation Church,
North Room

USR Police Department

The Upper Saddle River Police Department will be participating in a statewide initiative titled “Operation Medicine Cabinet”. The object of this initiative is to allow residents of New Jersey an opportunity to rid their medicine cabinets of unused, unwanted and expired prescription medications. Research has indicated that prescription medications are frequently discarded improperly and may fall into the hands of juveniles or others that will use these medicines for an illicit purpose. Residents are urged to deliver any unused, unwanted and expired prescription medications to the Upper Saddle River Police Department on November 14th between the hours of 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

If you should have any questions regarding this program contact Detective Lieutenant Patrick Rotella at 201-327-2700.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

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

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00, or may be purchased ahead of time from any Boy Scout, at the Upper Saddle River Library, or by calling Jill at 201-785-0648.

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 Tuesday, November 3rd. The dinner is lots of fun, the food is delicious, and the money raised will help the Scouts continue to offer their many programs to Upper Saddle River's young men.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

Our October programs were a great success. We are looking forward to an interesting speaker on November 12th. The speaker is from a group called "Porchlight". It has to do with conserving electric. There isn't any meeting on November 26th.

On December 10th we will have a Sing-a-long. There isn't any meeting on December 24th.

Our members are very diligent about bringing in coupons, stamps and can tops.

We hope you all had a Happy Halloween and we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

Please join us. Come and meet some new and old friends. See you on November 12th.

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.

2009 Lions 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 Lions Club will be selling fruit and produce during its annual Fall Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members of the Lions Club will be offering apples, potatoes, Spanish onions, grapefruit, oranges, candy and nuts at several convenient locations throughout the area. More information is available on our web site, www.srvlions.org. 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 Lions Club thanks you for your continued support.

USR Woman's Club

The dedication of the new media equipment and plaque presentation at the Upper Saddle River Library will be held at 11:15 a.m. on November 2nd. Members of the Club and the Friends of the Library will be given a tour of the new audio and visual equipment they so generously donated for the enjoyment of Library users. Many thanks to all who participated in the Fall Mum sale and Lord and Taylor Benefit Bash. This year's annual Holiday meeting will be held at the Library on December 1st. There will be refreshments and a music program provided by the "Mood Swings". The Senior Fellowship is invited to share in this celebration. The Holiday Social will be on Sunday, December 6th.

Dick Meighan 5K Thanksgiving Run: Thursday, November 26th

Upper Saddle River, NJ – The 11th Dick Meighan Memorial Run, an annual ritual in Upper Saddle River, will be held Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. at Cavallini Middle. This year's event is expected to attract more than 2,000 participants.

The charity race, named in memory of beloved Upper Saddle River resident Dick Meighan, is both a competitive road race and fund raiser 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 ten years more than \$150,000.00 has been donated to these organizations.

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 1,800 participants receive a long sleeve cotton shirt.

Pre-registration is recommended. Mail-in and on-line options are explained at www.dickmeighan5Krun.org. The fee is \$20.00 and \$25.00 on race day. Pre-registered racers can pick up their shirt, race number and timing chip the evening before, November 25th 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.

Ladies Night Wine & Cheese

Come meet the members and learn about the Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club. We would love to have you as a member. You are welcome to bring friends if they are from the Saddle River Valley and may have an interest in joining the club. It is a great way to give back to the community and is a lot of fun! Join us on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. The evening will be held at California WineWorks on Rt. 17 in Ramsey. Please contact Denise Mercier for more information at 201-825-1947.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, November 21st 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.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, NOVEMBER 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.

Please Note: There will be **no garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th**.

Recycling: W. Saddle River Rd. & west East of W. Saddle River Rd.
Tuesday, November 10 Tuesday, November 3
Tuesday, November 24 Tuesday, November 17

Large Appliances: Thursday, November 5th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is December 3rd.

Bulky Trash: The last bulky trash pick-up for this year will be Friday, November 13, 2009. The next collection date will be in March 2010.

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

USR Youth Guidance Council

The Youth Guidance Council (YGC) funds programs and activities that emphasize a healthy lifestyle free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Anti-bullying, good decision-making and strong self-esteem programs are also a vital part of our efforts. The YGC consists of Chairperson, Lori Loughnane, and members Debby Davidowitz, Maria Esposito, Robyn Ranges, Anne Marie Silverman and school representatives Dave Kaplan and Jim McCusker. Bobby Fleshman continues in his role as D.A.R.E. Officer and Joanne Minichetti serves as Council Liaison and member. Newly appointed members are Kathy Rotella and Mary Ann Gray.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program began in October for the 165 fifth grade students. D.A.R.E. Officer Bobby Fleshman reviewed the program with the parents at the *D.A.R.E. Cafe* while the students were entertained in the gym by a D.J. Volunteers and teachers served as chaperones. In January there will be a special D.A.R.E. graduation and luncheon.

YGC is very proud this year to expand the D.A.R.E. program into Cavallini Middle School. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will be enjoying classroom visits, assemblies and activities under the direction of Officer Bobby. This will greatly enhance the message the students first learned in Bogert School and further prepare them for the challenges of their teen years.

On October 26th, the YGC sponsored their annual Conference Day activity at the Ramsey Cinema. The children enjoyed a visit from Officer Bobby and popcorn and a movie while their parents attended school conferences. Everyone had a great time. And YGC sponsored the *BMX Bike Show* for the sixth grade, always a great time for the students while teaching them a very important message.

Mark your calendar now for the popular *Books vs. Badges Basketball Game*, scheduled for March 12, 2010 at Northern Highlands High School. This event is always sold out and is YGC's major fundraiser each year. In 2009, our budget is approximately \$39,000 for these programs and activities. A large portion 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.

Free Rabies Clinic—November 16

Upper Saddle River's annual free rabies clinic is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse across from Borough Hall on West Saddle River Road. Dogs on leashes will be vaccinated from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and cats in carriers from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Upper Saddle River Library

Meet your neighbors and friends, Friday, November 13th, at our After Hours program featuring Upper Saddle River resident Abbey Daryl. Relax with wine and cheese as Abbey entertains you with her folk rock sound! Abbey Daryl, a recent college graduate, has been singing and writing music for the past four years. She developed a love for music at a young age, learning rock and roll on the piano. In high school she bought her first guitar and fell in love with poetry, putting her own life into song lyrics. Registration is suggested. Sponsored by Friends of the USR Library.

Upcoming Adult Programs at the Library

Election Day Book & Bake Sale on Nov. 3rd, Beading Workshop on Nov. 5th, 7:00 p.m., Meet the Chefs—Esty Street on Nov 9th, 6:00 p.m., Friday Afternoon Flicks "The Pianist" on Nov. 13th, 1:00 p.m., "The College Process" on Nov. 18th, 7:00 p.m., Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn & more on Nov. 19th, 7:30 p.m., and Carousel Cake & Pie Sale for the Holidays



The girls pictured (from left to right) are: Tara M. Alvarez, Maureen T. Alvarez, Olivia C. Licata and Nicole A. Wallin

U.S.R. Directory

Plans are well underway for the 2010 edition of the Upper Saddle River Directory. For 52 years, this Directory has been a town tradition, listing local residents, and containing handy resources including important borough numbers, information on borough government and local organizations, a professional directory, a dining guide and a street map.

If you are a resident of Upper Saddle River and are not currently listed in the Directory, please send your name, address, phone number (if you would like it listed) and name of the previous owner of your house to USR Directory, c/o USR Library 245 Lake Street, USR, NJ 07458 or email it to usrdirectory@yahoo.com by January 15, 2010.

For information on advertising or professional listings, please contact Barbara Hymans at 825-8091 or send an email to usrdirectory@yahoo.com We look forward to hearing from you.

SRV Cultural Center

Mark your calendars! November is filled with shows, workshops and family events at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center. Contact Georgia Greiner at 201-825-3366 or e-mail her at georgia@srvcc.org. Come to the Cultural Center for live theater performances and family events for kids of all ages. Our intimate setting offers children a fun, interactive introduction to theater.

Applause Performing Arts Center, is now offering shows and classes in musical theater, acting, singing and dancing, right here at the Cultural Center. For more information, call Executive Director Kathy Renna at 201-362-4948 or request an e-mail brochure at kathyrenna@earthlink.net.

USR Girl Scouts Earn Gold Award

Congratulations to four Northern Highland Seniors from troop 944 who earned their Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Maureen Alvarez's project was in honor of her cousin who died of cystic fibrosis. She made picture frames, collected books and assembled goodie bags to cheer up hospitalized children at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital and collected and donated books and children's clothes to an inner city pediatric medical practice.

Tara Alvarez's project was also in honor of her cousin who died of cystic fibrosis. She collected bubbles and pinwheels for goodie bags to promote healthy lungs and prevent future hospitalization and created and distributed a nutritional pamphlet for cystic fibrosis patients of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

Olivia Licata's project was a summer camp for children of C.A.M.P. YDP in Paterson, New Jersey. Boys and girls in 3rd and 4th grade spent a week learning how to play soccer at Bergen Methodist Church where Olivia provided them with soccer clothes, cleats, balls and equipment that she had collected.

Nicole Wallin refurbished the children's playroom at the Good Samaritan hospital in Suffern by recovering the cushions on the couches, painting the furniture, making curtains, organizing the gift closet, and replenishing toys for the kids to play with.

The girls would like to thank the community for all their support.

Coming Up In November 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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 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, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall with
Regular Meeting immediately following

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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 18

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

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

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

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

Tuesday, November 10

Tuesday, November 24

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