

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

Congratulations to Joanne Minichetti who was reelected and Roger DeBerardine who was elected to the Borough Council for three-year terms on Election Day, November 4th.

There will be a Town Meeting regarding COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) with the NJ General Assembly Policy Committee on December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Residents are invited to attend this meeting.

Our Borough is very fortunate to have many volunteers who serve our community. The Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge Councilwoman Veronica S. Tarino as she retires from the Borough Council after over 22 years of service to our community. Ronnie provided leadership not only as a council member, but also as Council President, liaison to the Police Department, and as a Library Board Trustee. Through her hard work while negotiating with Cablevision during the franchise hearings, she was instrumental in obtaining a donation of the original recording and television studio equipment for the students at Cavallini Middle School. Her wisdom and dedication will be greatly missed at our meetings. The community is cordially invited to attend a Retirement Reception for Ronnie at the Mayor and Council meeting on December 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. Please join us to express our sincere appreciation to Ronnie.

Recently, Bill and Kay Yeomans were selected by the Mayor and Council as our community's Volunteers of the Year for

Bergen County. They have dedicated themselves to the preservation of Upper Saddle River's rich history and to teaching the community what life was like in the area years ago. They helped found the Upper Saddle River Historical Society, the Hopper Goetschius Museum and the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center. Bill is the chairperson of the USR Environmental Committee as well as the newly formed USR Historic Preservation Commission. He co-chaired the USR Vision 2020 Study. Kay serves on the Board of Valley Hospital. She also designs and distributes the USR Directory every year, served on the Ambulance Corps and is a member of the Friends of the Library and SRV Woman's Club.

We invite everyone to attend 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 and Menorah lighting will take place in front of Borough Hall. Please read the individual announcements inside for more details. The library will be hosting its annual cookie baking contest and many other activities for the holidays. This is a wonderful time to enjoy simple old-fashioned activities with neighbors and friends. Please read the Borough Bulletin thoroughly and jot down all the dates.

As this calendar year draws to an end, we would like to remind all residents who are interested in volunteering their time and services to any committee, commission or board, to please send a letter of interest to Borough Hall. New appointments are made at the beginning of each year. Our Ambulance Corps, Rescue Squad and Fire Department are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining one of our emergency service organizations, please contact them directly. We urge all residents to consider volunteering as another way of giving back

to our community. It truly is a worthwhile experience.

The Mayor and Council would like to wish all residents a happy and healthy holiday season! And please drive slowly and carefully, especially with winter weather conditions upon us.

Special School Election

On December 9, 2008 there will be a Special School Election.

Please Note Polling Places:

Districts 1 & 2—Cavallini School gymnasium.

*District 3—Reynolds School gymnasium.

*Districts 4 & 5—Presentation Church Auditorium.

Any questions please call Borough Hall (201) 934-3963.

*Denotes change.

Town Meeting

All residents are invited to attend a town meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. The New Jersey General Assembly Policy Committee will discuss how the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations will impact our community and environment.

Happy Holidays!

Fun with Santa Returns

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will hold its 2nd annual holiday event at the Reynolds School gym on Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon where the kids can visit with Santa and make all kinds of crafts and homemade gifts for 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 December 1st.

SRVJCO

Please join the Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m. in front of Borough Hall as we light the Menorah to celebrate the beginning of Chanukah. For information about the SRVJCO's children's Chanukah party please contact Elizabeth at 201-825-0592.

In addition, the SRVJCO will be holding their annual Chanukah toy drive. Please visit the Upper Saddle Library or Saddle River Post Office to pick up a dreidel. The toys will be collected and distributed in time for the holidays.

Christmas Tree Lighting- Dec. 6th

On Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m. in front of Borough Hall the Traditional Christmas tree lighting will take place. Santa will be arriving by fire truck and the Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be providing refreshments. We will also be sponsoring a toy drive to benefit needy children in the Bergen County area. Please bring an unwrapped gift for either a girl or boy for any age. We hope to see you there.



Holiday Open House at Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

Come share the magic of the Holiday season at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum on Sunday, December 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children can visit Santa in his sleigh in the Dutch barn. To visit with him, each child is asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to be shared with the needy.

Chestnuts will be roasting on the open fire in the Out Kitchen while mulled cider brews in the house. The house will be decorated for the season with Lizzie's ornaments on her tree. Special exhibits this year will include "Bears in the Attic." Come see!

In the schoolhouse decorated for the holidays of a century ago, children can listen to a reading by Clement Clarke Moore of his 1848 "Twas the Night Before Christmas," at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

A special raffle to be drawn at 4:00 p.m. will include four prizes. First prize is a beautiful Ginger Bread House made by Austrian baker Madeline Cudina. For tickets call 201-327-2236.

For additional information, call 201-327-6470.

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.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of December is listed in the chart below. **Please note that there will be no garbage pick-up on Thursday, December 25th and on Thursday, January 1st.**

In inclement weather, please bring all garbage and recycling to the road regardless if your driveway has been plowed. The trucks will not take any chances of getting stuck in icy driveways.

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.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER 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 Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th and on New Years Day, Thursday, January 1st.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, December 9	Tuesday, December 2
Tuesday, December 23	Tuesday, December 16
	Tuesday, December 30

Large Appliances: Thursday, December 4th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is January 8th.

Bulky Trash: The next bulky trash pick-up will be in March 2009.

YGC-Save The Date!

Mark your calendars! The 4th annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009, at Northern Highlands Regional High School. Look for the flyer in the February Boro Bulletin for details on purchasing tickets. Remember, due to the fact that this is always a sold-out event, tickets will only be sold in advance – there will be no ticket sales at the door. Any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston, Chairperson, 201-825-3894.

Borough Zoning Codes

Last month we asked that all Borough residents check that storm drains are clear of leaves and tree debris. We ask everyone to inform their landscapers not to blow leaves into the street or roadway. The Borough has Ordinances (§2-92, D and §183-6) that address these situations and we ask your cooperation. Choosing to compost yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) is one solution or this material can be bagged and separated from municipal waste for private disposal. Mulch piles should be located in areas that are out of sight and away from adjoining properties. If you observe any contractors, landscapers or others blowing leaves or disposing of any debris on vacant land or open lots in the Borough, please notify the Police Department non-emergency number (201-327-2700) **AND** call the Property Maintenance office (201-934-3970). Report the company name and vehicle description and license number when calling.

Animals are also preparing for winter. Repair deteriorated siding, wood fascia and wood trim to prevent entry into attics, crawl spaces and any place warm. Make certain openings on the exterior of your house is properly repaired and sealed. Should an animal gain entry to your house, please call **Animal Control (201-652-4554)** for help.

Upper Saddle River Library

15th Annual Holiday Party and Cookie Bake-off!

All Upper Saddle River families are invited to the town-wide Holiday Party and Cookie Bake-off on Saturday, December 6th from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Sing and sway to the seasonal music of the Northern Bergen County Concert Band. Drop in and join the Girl Scouts for special holiday craft making for children of all ages. Enjoy a fabulous food buffet with gourmet cheeses, meats, fresh fruits, and desserts. Enter the Cookie Bake-off and win a lovely gift. Cookies must be at the Library by 1:30 p.m. to enter the contest. Registration forms are available on the library website and circulation desk.

Carousel Cake & Pie Sale

The Friends are pleased to offer this fundraiser again. Order forms for the December holidays can be downloaded from the library website or picked up in the library.

Holiday Boutique · Nov. 1st – Dec. 31st

The Friends have brought back their wonderful Holiday Boutique. There are fashionable reading glasses, Folkmanis puppets, gift books and wonderful gifts for children, teachers and friends. New this year, Relief Bead Bracelets handmade in Africa. Purchasing these bracelets will benefit people in Darfur.

Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2009

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2009 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 2, 2009. Licenses are required for all dogs and cats that have had rabies shots. You may mail in a completed application with your payment to expedite the process. We will mail the tags and certificates to you in January. We need proof of rabies immunization and proof of neutering/spaying.

Please enclose a self-address stamped envelope and all necessary papers. All papers will be returned to you. Checks in the correct amount should be made payable to Borough of Upper Saddle River.

Upper Saddle River's basic licensing fee for dogs is \$15.00. Licensing for cats is \$5.00. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 for a non-neutered cat or dog. This fee is established by the state to help control the stray animal problem. **There is a \$5.00 late fee for dogs and cats registered after February 17th.**

All dog owners are reminded to pick up after their dogs and dispose of their waste in a proper receptacle when taking them for a walk.

USREF Annual Gala

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) is now pre-selling tickets to their annual Gala fundraiser, *Town Night Out*, at a discounted price. The party, to be held at The Estate at Florentine Gardens on Friday, March 6, 2009, will include a three-hour cocktail party featuring international food stations, a premium open bar and a lavish Viennese Table. There will be entertainment and an auction as well. The entire community is invited.

Tickets purchased on or before January 5, 2009 will be offered at \$210.00 per couple. After that date, the tickets will be \$230.00 per couple. Tickets are available at the USR Library or by contacting Maria DiMartino, at 201-818-2402.

The USREF is a non-profit community supported organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in the USR public school system by providing funding to support exceptional and extraordinary educational and cultural programs.

2009 DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

Borough of Upper Saddle River, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Owner's Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Tel # _____

Dog: Name _____ Sex _____

Cat: Name _____ Sex _____

Color _____ Hair (long/short) _____

Color _____ Hair (long/short) _____

Breed _____ DOB _____

Breed _____ DOB _____

License Fee Dogs \$15.00

License Fee Cats \$5.00

Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00

Non-neutered Cat Additional \$3.00

There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 17, 2009.

Proof of rabies vaccination and proof of neutering is required for all dogs and cats.

Checks or exact change would be appreciated. **Please enclose a self-address stamped envelope** if applying by mail.

Coming Up In December 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

6:00 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

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, DECEMBER 17

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, End of Year Mtg. at Borough Hall
(if needed)

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

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, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

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