

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## *A Message from the Mayor and Council*

**Congratulations** to Vincent Durante and Joanne Florio who were elected to the Borough Council for three-year terms on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will both be sworn in at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vincent Durante had been appointed to an open seat previously and Joanne Florio will take the seat left by the retirement of Scott MacDowell. Scott has served on the Council for the past nine years and will be greatly missed. He has served as liaison to the Shade Tree Commission and the Department of Public Works, on the Police Negotiations Committee, on the Ambulance Squad and in many other capacities. He will be formally recognized at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 8:00 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend.

**Volunteers Needed:** We would like to encourage residents who are interested in volunteering their time to any committee, commission or board to 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.

**Police News:** The Police Department held a successful prescription medication collection last month, allowing residents to dispose of expired prescriptions in a safe and environmentally friendly way. Work will begin shortly on the police station with the addition of a new sally port and an expanded locker room. Officer Sean Mulvey retired from duty as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. We thank him for his many years of service to our community and wish him and his family well.

**Pets:** We all love our pets but please remember to be courteous to neighbors. Dogs on leashes are allowed at Lions Park but not on the fields, walking path or inside the playground area. Please clean up after your dogs when you walk them and use common sense in allowing them outdoors late at night or very early in the morning. A barking dog can be very disturbing to neighbors. Dog and cat license renewals are due in January. The form is printed inside this newsletter to register by mail or stop by Borough Hall to register in person. Your dog or cat will need a current rabies immunization and proof of neutering. There is a \$5.00 late fee for registrations after February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Celebrations:** Our annual Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup> and Menorah Lighting on December 11<sup>th</sup> in front of Borough Hall thanks to our Fire Department volunteers, the Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club and the Saddle River Jewish Community Organization. Please check inside for more details. The Library will be hosting its annual cookie baking contest and other activities for the holidays. This is a wonderful time to enjoy old-fashioned activities with neighbors and friends.

Have a wonderful and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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

## *Happy Holidays!*

**November 3, 2009**

### **General Election Results**

At the November 3, 2009 General Election there was an overwhelming voter response to the Upper Saddle River municipal question "Shall the Mayor and Council continue to explore and implement shared municipal services with neighboring towns and other municipalities". Over 82% of voters were in favor of increasing shared services.

The vote was: Yes 1709  
No 394

The Upper Saddle River governing body will increase efforts to share services with neighboring communities.

### **Storm Drains and Leaves**

We ask that all Borough residents check that the storm drains in front of their homes are clear of leaves and tree debris. We also ask that you inform your 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.

### **Helping Families In Need**

There are families right in Upper Saddle River that are experiencing the difficulties of the current times. The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be accepting donations in any amount to help make the holidays special for these families. Your generosity will be put toward purchasing necessities for these families. Please call Denise Mercier at 201-825-1947 for more information or mail your donation to 17 Skyline Drive, Upper Saddle River. Please make check payable to SRVJWC. Happy Holidays!!

## SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Jr. Woman's Club will be holding a holiday toy drive. Make the holidays bright for less fortunate children! The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be accepting toys for these children. Please bring unwrapped toys to the USR Holiday Tree Lighting scheduled for December 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Borough Hall. The toys will be donated to Foster and Adoptive Family Services. We appreciate your kindness.

The Club will also be having a holiday cookie exchange. The Holidays are a perfect time to meet new people. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club, join us at our annual Cookie Exchange on December 3, 2009. Call Joanne Florio for details at 201-327-1080.

If you are looking for an activity for your children on Martin Luther King Day, the Junior Woman's Club is planning a **Movie Day** at Ramsey Theatre. Details to follow next month.

## Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization is holding its Annual Children's Chanukah Party at the Upper Saddle River Library on Friday, December 11, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. For information please contact Elysa at 201-785-9501.

Please join the Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization as we light the Menorah in celebration of the first night of Chanukah on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. following our Chanukah Party outside of the USR Borough Hall.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On exhibit this year will be the full collection of American Girl dolls set up in displays by Danielle Tantillo, who is working on her Girl Scout Silver Award.

Children can visit Santa in his sleigh in the Dutch barn from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thomas Nast first drew our jolly man in the red suit in the mid-1800s. 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.

In the schoolhouse, decorated for the holidays of a century ago, children can listen to a reading of Clement Clarke Moore's 1848 "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at 1:30, 2:30 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 Joe Dobias, 201-327-2457 or Kay Yeomans, 201-327-2236.

The Museum is located on the corner of East Saddle River Road and Lake Street in Upper Saddle River. Parking is off East Saddle River Road. There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome. For additional information, call 201-327-6470.

## An Evening of Fine Wine and Food

The officers of the Upper Saddle River PBA Local 218 would like to invite our residents and friends to our 3<sup>rd</sup> bi-annual wine tasting, complimented with gourmet food from local vendors. Join us on March 27, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Jack Daniels' new Porsche dealership located on Route 17 South, Upper Saddle River. Tickets will be available after December 14<sup>th</sup> by calling Debbie at 201-252-1501.



## USR Recreation 2010 Ski Trips

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will sponsor four (4) all day Saturday ski trips in 2010. The first trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, then to Windham Mountain on January 16<sup>th</sup>, then to Jimminy Mountain on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and the final trip to Mount Snow in Vermont on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will be no ski trip on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to allow students to participate in the SAT program.

The ski program is open to ski enthusiasts in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Those students attending HoHoKus schools, Brookside and Northern Highlands in Allendale, Cavallini and Bogert in Upper Saddle River and those who reside in the Borough of USR and attend other schools are invited to sign up. 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 \$425.00. 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 Jimminy Mountain in Massachusetts. This ski area provides for excellent skiing for all levels and will be a new area to discover and explore.

Registration forms will be available at the USR Borough website ([www.USRToday.org](http://www.USRToday.org)), Borough Hall or the school main office. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis. Any parents interested in chaperoning or if you need additional information, please contact Chairman Esau Ali 201-934-9075.

### UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER 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.

<b>Recycling:</b> <u>W. Saddle River Rd. &amp; west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, December 8	Tuesday, December 1
Tuesday, December 22	Tuesday, December 15
	Tuesday, December 29

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up will be in January 2010.

**Bulky Trash:** 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.

## SRV Cultural Center

Mark your calendars! 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.

Bambi will be performed on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Enjoy this family classic with Pax Amicus Castle Theatre Company. The dancing, singing, costuming and scenery are at their very best. For all ages. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members.

Jack Frost will be performed on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Join Jack Frost as he teams up with his winter friends to save a fair maiden. Enjoy the song, dance and costumes of this enchanting winter tale. For all ages. \$10.00 members, \$12.00 non-members.

## SRV Senior Fellowship Group

I must repeat myself Mary Stella was fabulous in October. Everyone had a blast! Too bad many of our members missed a wonderful program.

Our trip to Woodlock Pines in Hawley, PA was a great success. Even though it rained we all had a good time. The management made sure we had fun.

In November our program from the "Porchlight" was interesting. It showed us how we can conserve energy. This was a timely subject. Thanksgiving came and went, and we all enjoyed the day.

Our Christmas party will be at the Brownstone again this year. We will all be in the holiday spirit, as Helen Mystrom will lead us in a sing-a-long on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be January 14, 2010.

We hope all our members have a Happy Holiday Season. The next time you hear from us it will be 2010. Happy New Year!! Let's hope it is a Healthy One!

## Upper Saddle River Library

### December Programs:

Meet the Chefs - La Vie en Rose Bakery Cafe on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Flicks "The Apartment" on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Cookie Bake-off on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Craft Fair- A variety of handmade items for sale on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friends Holiday Boutique thru December 31<sup>st</sup>

Carousel Cake & Pie Sale for the Holidays

### USR Woman's Club

This year's annual Holiday meeting will be held at the Library on December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2010

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2010 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 4, 2010. 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-addressed 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### YGC—Save The Date!

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 \$39,000.00 for various 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.

### Requirements for Sheds

Before purchasing a shed, please be aware of the requirements of the Borough. All sheds require a permit issued by our Building Department. Residents are permitted only one (1) shed per lot, located outside the setback area and in the rear of the yard. Sheds cannot exceed 100 square feet (10 x 10) and cannot exceed a height of ten (10') feet. Accessory structures, (only one is permitted other than a shed) i.e.: a detached garage, barn, gazebo, pergola, cabana, etc. cannot exceed twenty feet in height. The combined square footage cannot exceed 10% of the total size of the rear yard. Questions should be directed to John Walsh at [usrzone@hotmail.com](mailto:usrzone@hotmail.com) or by calling 201-934-3970.

### 2010 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair (long/short) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

License Fee Dogs \$15.00

**Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00**

**Cat:**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair (long/short) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

License Fee Cats \$5.00

**Non-neutered Cat Additional \$3.00**

**There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 15, 2010.**

**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-addressed stamped envelope** if applying by mail.

# Coming Up In December 2009

## BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

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

## SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corps Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

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

MONDAYS, DECEMBER 7, 14, 21 & 28

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corps Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

*Tuesday, December 8*

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