

June 1, 2018 Borough Bulletin

Primary Election Tuesday, June 5, 2018:

Voting will take place from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the following polling places:

District 1 & 2 - Cavallini School Gymnasium

District 3 - Borough Hall

District 4 & 5-Upper Saddle River Public Library (Powers Room)

Please call Borough Clerk Rose Vido (201) 934-3963 if you have any questions.

Curbside White Goods: Thursday, June 7th. Call 201-327-2196 x 221 to schedule an appointment for appliance pickup at least three days in advance.

Curbside Bulky Trash: Friday, June 15th.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Sunday, June 24th at Bergen Community College from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Free of charge for Bergen County residents. Please bring ID. For more information, visit www.bcua.org.

Recycling Depot: Every Saturday the Recycling Depot is open from 8 a.m. to noon. An attendant is on duty. The Recycling Depot accepts electronics (TV's, keyboards, computers, radios, fax machines), textiles (old clothing, sheets, blankets, towels) and metals as well as plastics, glass, cardboard and aluminum. The State of NJ no longer allows electronics to be picked up with bulky trash and also doesn't allow recycled items to be disposed of in black plastic bags. If you bring textiles to the depot, please avoid black plastic bags.

Trees and Vegetation: Borough Code Section 36-1 states that all homeowners must keep brush, plants and hedges 10 feet from the road on most lots and 25 feet on corner lots. It also states that plant life is not allowed to grow over the roadway. Ordinance Section 137-9 states that the homeowner must maintain all trees on their property and remove damaged or diseased trees as well as stumps, roots and dead trees.

The DPW is currently assessing the town for our Zoning Officer who will then send notice to affected homeowners. This work must be done by June 1st.

Property owners and tenants are responsible for maintaining trees and vegetation along both county and municipal roadways. Keeping your property compliant with local codes will improve visibility for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike. As we know, trees often times take down power lines during storms. Tree contact with power lines is the single leading cause of outages. If a tree is within a 10 foot setback and interfering with power lines, the homeowner can retain their own tree trimming company or report it to O&R. O&R will remove or trim it free of charge. Everyone is thanked in advance for their cooperation as this will be a tremendous help in reducing future outages for the community at large. Borough Ordinances are accessible through the Borough of Upper Saddle River website <https://www.usrtoday.org> under the quick Links tab click Administrative and then Code Book..

To report potential tree interference to O&R, call 877-434-4100 or visit the O&R website and look under Storm Information Center. There you will find Vegetation Management. Select the Report Tree Interference option and submit your tree interference problem.

DPW Brush Pickup: Pickup and chipping of storm debris has been completed. The DPW's annual branch pickup will continue weekly. This annual curbside pickup begins at the start of April and runs through the end of October. In order to allow for these frequent pickups, the ***branches must be tied and placed in neat manageable piles curbside with branches no longer than 5' length and 4" diameter. Stumps, logs and large trees cannot be picked up by the DPW. Disposal of larger items is the responsibility of the homeowner.*** Any questions can be emailed to dpwf@usrtoday.org.

Potholes: Winter weather has left its mark on many of our roadways. If you would like to report a pothole, please e-mail DPWF@usrtoday.org and leave the precise location. The DPW has been steadily repairing holes and will add them to their list. Thank you for your assistance.

Adult Walk-In Health Clinic: Thursday, June 28th from noon to 1 p.m. at Borough Hall. Services include a Health History Evaluation, Blood Pressure Measurement, Height and Weight, Individualized Counseling and Education, Referral and Follow-up and a Confidential Consultation with a Public Health Nurse. This is free of charge to adult USR residents on the 4th Thursday of each month through the Borough's contract with the County of Bergen Health Department. For more information, please call [201-327-2196](tel:201-327-2196).

USR Tennis Permits Available for 2018: Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts, located on West Saddle River Road in front of Reynolds School, are available at Borough Hall or at the Tennis Courts from Tennis Pro Sharron Mattiace. A family membership is \$40.00 and an individual membership is priced at \$25.00. All residents must have a permit and display permit on the new sign up board located at the entrance of the courts. For more information please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or USRRecreation@aol.com. Visit the Boro website at www.USRtoday.org for information about all Recreation programs.

USR Library Programs: The summer reading program "Libraries Rock!" kicks off on Wednesday, June 20th at 7 p.m. with comedian and juggler Jester Jim. This is a program for the entire family. In-person registration for the party and all summer programs begins on June 1st.

Reading on the Go: The library has Kindle Paperwhites, pre-loaded with fiction/non-fiction, best-sellers and current popular titles for adults. The Children's dept. has Kindle Fires pre-loaded with the latest titles, chapter books and popular series for children in 4th grade–young adults. These devices loan out for one week at a time.

Borrow a Wireless HotSpot: Mobile hotspot routers give you the connectivity you need for your laptop, tablet or digital camera by creating your own mobile hotspot anywhere! It's perfect for those temporarily without internet access, or when you're on vacation. Borrow for a two-week period, see our policy for details.

A Note from the USR Police Department: Tax season has passed, but the criminals are still out working hard to steal your personal information. If you discover that you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, you may find the information below helpful.

The Consumer Sentinel Network recently provided our Agency with information on a new way to report Tax-Related Identity Theft. The Consumer Sentinel Network is a unique, investigative cyber tool that provides law enforcement access to millions of consumer complaints. According to the information supplied by the Consumer Sentinel Network, the Federal Trade Commission is teaming up with the Internal Revenue Service to make it easier for consumers to report tax-related identity theft and to receive assistance to help recover from this type of theft. The IRS will now allow consumers to report identity theft to the IRS, electronically, through the FTC's IdentityTheft.gov website. Tax-related identity theft happens when someone uses your stolen Social Security number to file a tax return and claim your refund. Victims of tax-related identity theft may need to file the IRS Identity Theft Affidavit, also known as IRS Form 14039, so the IRS can begin resolving the problem. Prior to January of 2018, consumers could only file IRS Form 14039 by printing and mailing in the form. Under the new FTC-IRS initiative, IdentityTheft.gov is the only place where consumers can submit an IRS Form 14039 electronically. Identitytheft.gov allows consumers to report identity theft and to receive a personal recovery plan. Consumers can obtain an Identity Theft Report, which can be used in place of a police report to help clear their credit reports of fraudulent information. They also can receive customized letters, which they can send to creditors, debt collectors, and others to help recover from identity theft.

Residents are urged to visit the FTC website. You will find valuable tips and information on the website that will help you to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft, along with ways to recover from an identity theft incident.

If you feel that you have been a victim of this type of crime, please remember to contact the Upper Saddle River Police Detective Bureau so we can document and investigate the incident, accordingly.

Annual Strawberry Festival: Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church of Upper Saddle River on Saturday, June 9th from noon to 5 p.m. To commemorate a time when Bergen County was known as the Strawberry Capital of the World, we will be serving our wonderful strawberry shortcake made with fresh, hand-picked strawberries from local farms, atop homemade pound cake with ice cream and whipped cream. Beverages and freshly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will also be served. Eat in or takeout will be available. Throughout the day, enjoy games, crafts, entertainment, shopping at the artisans' and merchants' booths on the front lawn, and bidding on the silent auction items inside the building. The event will take place, rain or shine. Proceeds of the festival will continue to aid us in our commitment to various missions including youth, outreach to Paterson, and our local community.

Call 201-327-3960, email us at bergenhighlands@optonline.net or check out our website: bergenhighlandsumc.org for more information.

Save the Date! 2nd Annual Oktoberfest October 6th: USR Cares and the Borough of USR will present the second annual Oktoberfest on **Saturday, October 6, 2018.**

For information on Sponsorship and/or Vendors please contact: sharonreissman@gmail.com

Thank you to the USR Recreation Dept., USR DPW, USRPD, our community organizations and our residents for their enthusiasm and time in participating last year and creating a wonderful community day.

All proceeds benefit the mission of USR Cares to assist residents in crisis. For information please contact usrcares@gmail.com. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please visit our website at usrcares.com.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer,

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