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Mayor and Council Message

Update on the former Apple Ridge Golf Course:

(As previously communicated via SwiftReach 911)

On Thursday, October 17, 2018, the Borough engineer, Boswell Engineering, sent correspondence to the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council summarizing recent events regarding surface water testing performed onsite by a Mahwah resident at the former Apple Ridge Golf Course on September 30, 2018. Due to persistent concerns regarding the quality of surface water exiting the site via the Pleasant Brook, the Governing Body directed Boswell Engineering to conduct surface water arsenic sampling to determine potential health impacts. Testing was performed by their office on October 18, 2018 at five (5) locations in the Borough. In addition, the Governing Body directed Boswell to conduct monthly testing and to share the results with the NJDEP and the public until further notice. The Governing Body and Boswell Engineering remain fully committed to protecting public health and the environment as a paramount responsibility.

All test results were forwarded to the project LSRP and NJDEP, Bureau of Remedial Action Permitting inquiring if these results would change a prior determination that all onsite remediation was successfully concluded as of December 22, 2017. All water samples met both the federal and state drinking water standards. More information on the sampling and test results can be found on the Borough's website, www.usrtoday.org.

Lynne Mitchell serves as the Acting Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Remedial Action Permitting. Ms. Mitchell consulted with Kevin Schick, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Evaluation & Risk Assessment. Both experts evaluated the recently submitted information.

The NJDEP is the agency tasked with developing regulatory standards and guidance for the evaluation and remediation of contaminated sites. This agency also has oversight authority over the implementation of remediation activities which protect public health and the environment. The Borough recognizes the NJDEP as the appropriate agency to evaluate and make determinations concerning the remediation performed on the former Apple Ridge Golf Course tract and the surrounding area. It is important to note that the *NJDEP not only interprets environmental standards relating to both remediation and drinking water, they are also the agency that establishes them.* Although some comments on social media state the incorrect standards are being used, *it is the NJDEP that establishes the standards. ALL of the reports from our engineer's office are based upon written NJDEP determinations while NONE of the emails and social media*

postings questioning the remediation has ANY backup by the NJDEP.

The email response below affirms the NJDEP's prior position that all remediation was successfully completed as of December 22, 2017.

"The results of the surface water analysis completed by the municipality do not alter the Department's opinion that the historically applied pesticides at the Apple Ridge Golf Course have been satisfactorily remediated and the final remediation document issued by the LSRP is protective. The concentrations of arsenic detected in both the filtered and unfiltered samples are well below the Surface Water Quality Standards Freshwater Aquatic Chronic number of 150ppb. Although it is inappropriate to compare the surface water sampling results to the NJ Drinking Water Standards, the results are also below those much more conservative standards. These results are believed to be representative of naturally occurring arsenic in native soil and not indicative of arsenic associated with historically applied pesticide use. The difference between the arsenic concentrations detected in the filtered and unfiltered samples is associated with suspended soil particles (turbidity) in the water sample. Controlling the surface water turbidity can be accomplished with improved soil conservation and construction practices, not through any action associated with the implemented remedial action."

Lynne Mitchell, Acting Bureau Chief
Bureau of Remedial Action Permitting
Site Remediation and Waste Management Program
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Oktoberfest 2018: Thank you to USR Cares, Recreation and the USR Department of Public Works for a fantastic community day – Oktoberfest 2018. Organized by a committee headed by

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GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

District 1 & 2 - Cavallini School gymnasium

District 3 - Borough Hall

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

Mayor and Council Message (From page 1)

Sharon Reissman, our community and service organizations played a huge role in its overall success. Thank you to everyone that participated. The generous sponsors and vendors provided funding for USR Cares, a 501c instituted to assist USR residents in crisis. Learn more about USR Cares, its mission and how you can help at www.usrcares.org. The USR 5K run will be another wonderful community event on Thanksgiving morning. Thank you to all of the sponsors, participants and volunteers. December is always a busy time in Upper Saddle River as our numerous community and civic groups work to make the holiday season even more special. Thank you to everyone volunteering their time, at this busy time of year, to create these special events for our community to enjoy. Hope to see many of you at some, or all, of the events described in this bulletin.

Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year,

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USR 5K Run Thanksgiving Morning, Thursday, November 22, 2018

Registration is open for the **20th Anniversary** Upper Saddle River 5K Run. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning November 22nd with the run starting at 9:00 a.m. at Cavallini Middle School. Pre-registration is recommended. Mail-in and on-line options are explained at www.usr5k.org. The fee is \$30.00 and \$35.00 on day of the run. Pre-registered runners can pick up their shirt and number the evening before, November 21st 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Cavallini Middle School. All donations should be made out to the Borough of USR and sent to Upper Saddle River 5k Run, PO Box 569, Saddle River, NJ 07458. **We are in need of volunteers for both Wednesday night and Thursday morning.** Interested in volunteering or making a corporate or individual donation contact Barry Ervin at 201-327-7367 or barryervin@optonline.net.

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is hosting their Annual Holiday Sip and Shop on Thursday November 29th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the USR Firehouse, upstairs level. Fabulous vendors with a great selection of gifts just in time for the Holidays! Free admission and Raffle Prize tickets will be sold at the door. Wine and appetizers will be served. All proceeds will benefit local organizations and families in need. Any questions please contact Robin Clementi at mikeclementi@yahoo.com.

Dog/Cat Licenses Due January 2019

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2019 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 2019. Licenses are required for all dogs and cats that have had rabies shots. Proof of rabies immunization, which must be valid through the 10th month of the licensing year as required by the State of NJ, and proof of neutering/spaying (if applicable) are also required. USR basic licensing fee for dogs is \$15 and for cats \$5. There is an additional charge of \$3 for a non-neutered/spayed dog or cat. This fee is established by the State to help control the stray animal population. There is a \$5 late fee for dogs and cats registered after February 15, 2019.



Free Rabies Clinic

Upper Saddle River's free rabies clinic is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 at the USR Firehouse between 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dogs on leashes will be vaccinated from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and cats in carriers from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Adult Walk-In Health Clinic

Thursday, November 20 (please note date change) and Thursday, December 27 from noon-1p.m. at Borough Hall.



Upper Saddle River School District REYNOLDS SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents of Kindergarten age children (having attained the age of 5 years on or before October 1) are invited to attend a Kindergarten Orientation Program. The meeting will be held in the Travers Multipurpose Room on **Thursday, January 10, 2019** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration procedures, a typical Kindergarten day, and curriculum will be discussed.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP** to Mrs. Finn, **Reynolds School Secretary** at **201-961-6300** or email **cfinn@urschoolsk8.com** by **Fri., Jan. 4.**

A Message from the Police Department

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, daylight saving time will end. This means clocks will be turned back, and we get an extra hour of sleep. Unfortunately, it also means that there may be an increase in residential burglaries. In the past, law enforcement has found that burglars will take advantage of less daylight to commit their crimes. Even though motor vehicle burglaries and car thefts seem to be reported on a more frequent basis, this does not mean that residential burglaries are not occurring. Throughout the County, residential home and commercial burglaries are still occurring, regularly. In an effort to help residents protect themselves, we would like to remind you of the following home burglary prevention tips.

- Set lights on timers, and make your home look occupied at all times.
- Install exterior lighting with motion sensors, around the perimeter of your home.
- Have a neighbor or family member collect mail and newspapers, if going away. Stop all mail and newspaper deliveries, if someone is not available to pick up these items on a regular basis.
- If you have an alarm system, use it.
- Make sure that all outside doors and windows are locked before you leave.
- Do not leave expensive items out in the open.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways.
- Do not make it easy for a criminal. Criminals are opportunistic.
- Most importantly, call The Police Department, IMMEDIATELY, if you observe any suspicious activity, vehicles, or persons in your neighborhood. The longer you wait to call, the less likely we will be able to find and identify the vehicle or person.

Please check the Upper Saddle River Police website for further Crime Prevention Tips or call our Detective Bureau or Crime Prevention Officer, Sergeant William Lynch, at 201-327-2700 for further assistance.

Holiday Celebration at Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

Sunday, December 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit Santa in the Barn. He will arrive on a fire truck. Listen to a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" in the schoolhouse. Chestnuts will be roasting in the out kitchen, the blacksmith will be by the shed making reindeer shoes, and cookies and mulled cider will be served in the house, all decorated for a Victorian holiday. Admission is free for USR Historical Society members and children 16 and under. Non-member admission is \$5.

Thanks From The USR Woman's Club

The Woman's Club would like to thank the community for their support of the 2nd annual Town Wide Garage Sale in September, and continues its charitable endeavors--volunteering at the Community Thrift Shop, filling birthday bags for Emmanuel House in Midland Park, and helping to staff the 20th annual USR Thanksgiving Run and collecting food for the Center For Food Action. Planned activities include a trip to Kykuit, an evening at Board and Brush, a Restaurant Night Out, and a Holiday Social. Upcoming Club events will be listed on the new Burbio site (accessed through USR today), as well as on our website usrwomansclub.org, Like us on our new Facebook page USR Woman's Club. Upcoming meetings are November 13th and December 4th at 7 p.m. at the USR Library. All area women are welcome.



USR Tree Lighting and Toy Drive

The annual Christmas tree lighting and toy drive hosted by the Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be held on Saturday December 1 at 4 p.m. in front of borough hall. Please join us as we kickoff the season with holiday entertainment as we enjoy cookies and hot cocoa while we await a special visitor from the North Pole. Please brighten the holidays for those less fortunate by bringing an unwrapped toy for the children of Valley Hospital and Foster and Adoptive Services. Contact Leslie Lahoud at 201-953-9399 with any questions.

USR Menorah Lighting Dec. 2-9

The JCO of Northern Bergen County will light the USR menorah each night of Hanukkah, December 2-9. If you are interested in participating, please email jconorthernbergencounty@gmail.com

Boy Scout Election Night Pasta Dinner

The Upper Saddle River Boy Scout Troop 133 cordially invites you to join us for our Annual Election Night Pasta Dinner on Tuesday, November 6, from 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Old Stone Church Education Building (500 East Saddle River Road, USR).

The Election Night Pasta Dinner is a town tradition – The **USR Boy Scouts** have been doing this for more than 25 years! This community-wide event provides Troop 133 with a great way to showcase the achievements of our Scouts while giving us an opportunity to meet and talk with friends, neighbors, and families new to our town.

In addition, the Election Night Pasta Dinner is Troop 133's major fundraiser for the year. The money raised repairs/replaces equipment used on outings and as Scouts work on ranks/merit badges, offsets the costs for high adventure trips, and helps fund special projects.

Tickets are \$10 per person (advanced purchase) or \$12 at the door. EAT IN or TAKE-OUT options are available. Ask your favorite Scout about tickets or visit usrscouts.com. We certainly hope you will join us.

Bergen Highlands Church Toy Drive

Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church Paterson Toy Drive: December 2nd noon–December 6th noon. Drop off slightly used or new toys to Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church starting Sunday, December 2nd afternoon – Thursday, December 6th 12 p.m. We take all toys provided they are clean, and bagged or boxed. Puzzles must be complete and in plastic bags. All toys donated are then delivered to the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson. Children can shop for their entire family for \$2.00. Parents spend \$10.00 and walk away with toys for three children.

LIBRARY NEWS . . .

Friends Election Day Book & Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 6th, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Support the Friends and buy a book and a treat! The shelves are stocked with gently used books, fiction and non-fiction for all ages, and a wide variety of children's books and media.

Library Holiday Party & Cookie Bake-off!

Residents are invited to the 25th annual town-wide Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and the seasonal music of the North Jersey Concert Band. Take a souvenir photo in our holiday-themed photo booth. Children will enjoy story time in our Winter Wonderland, crafts and our special snowman guest. Enter our annual Cookie Bake-off contest and win a prize. Forms and contest rules are in the library or on our website: uppersaddleriverlibrary.org.

Winter Weather Reminders:

A few important winter weather reminders: During snow and ice events, garbage and recycling need to be placed curbside. Trucks can't get in and out of driveways. To ensure pickup, place tightly sealed containers at the curb.

By ordinance, overnight parking is not allowed on any municipal street. Vehicles parked overnight will receive a summons. If special circumstances are involved, please call the Police Department. Keeping the roadways clear becomes even more important during winter months, as roadways are being salted and plowed. Cars parked overnight in the roadway will be towed.

Please don't forget to plow a 3 foot clearing around any fire hydrant near your residence. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep these clear of snow and ice. Tickets will be issued. The USR Volunteer Fire Department has installed tall markers so the hydrants can be located more easily.

Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd, Moonachie, NJ. The collection hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. rain or shine. Free of charge for Bergen County residents, ID required. Visit www.bcuu.org for additional information.

USR WASTE COLLECTIONS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018	
Garbage:	
November	Every Monday & Thursday NO garbage will be collected on Thursday, Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving
December	Every Monday & Thursday NOTE: Must call by 10 a.m. the NEXT DAY to report missed Trash/Recycles.
Recycling:	
November	West Side Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Nov. 27
	East Side Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20
December	West Side Tuesday, Dec. 11, Friday, Dec. 28
	East Side Tuesday, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18
NOTE: Must call by 10am the NEXT DAY to report missed Trash/Recycles. NOTE: There will be NO recycling pickup on Tues., Dec. 25th (Christmas). It has been rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 28, 2018 . Plan accordingly.	
Curbside White Goods:	
November	Thursday, Nov. 1
December	Thursday, Dec. 6
Call 201-327-2196 x221 to schedule appointment for the appliance at LEAST three days prior to the pickup date.	
Curbside Bulky Trash:	
Friday, November 16	

Coming up in November/December 2018

BOROUGH BOARDS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, November 1
Thursday, December 6
6:30 p.m. Executive Meetings
8:00 p.m. Regular Meetings

PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, November 29
Wednesday, December 12
7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall

SHADE TREE

Wednesdays, November 21 and December 19
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday, November 14 (due to Thanksgiving)
at 6:30 p.m.
and Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library

BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, November 19 - 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall

ADULT WALK-IN CLINIC

Tuesday, November 20 and Thursday, December 27
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

SERVICE GROUPS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meetings: Thursdays, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Drills: Nov. 9, 21, 27 and Dec. 14, 19, 25 at 7:30 p.m.

AMBULANCE CORP

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and Dec. 5
Drill: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28 and Dec. 26

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Monday, December 3
11:30 a.m. in the Solarium of the USR Library

BERGEN HIGHLANDS ROTARY

Mondays, at 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at Houlihans in Ramsey.
No meeting on Federal Holidays and last Monday of
the month is a Breakfast Meeting that starts at 7:45 a.m.

SADDLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Tuesdays, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4 and 18
7:00 p.m. at Ramsey Country Club

WOMAN'S CLUB

Tuesday, November 13 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library
Tuesday, December 4 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 27
and Tuesday, December 11*

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