



# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

[www.usrtoday.org](http://www.usrtoday.org)

May/June 2019

Like us on Facebook at Borough of Upper Saddle River

Follow us on Twitter at USRupdates

## Mayor and Council Message

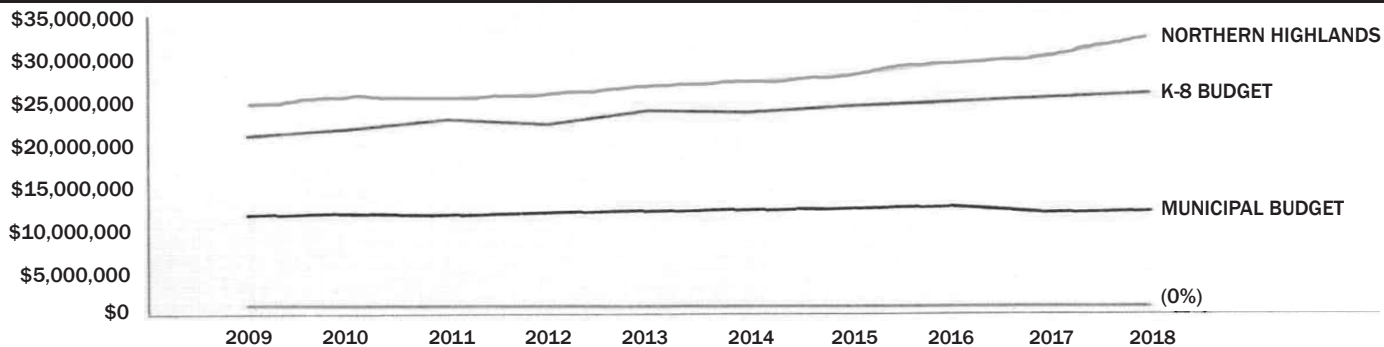
**The Municipal Budget:** The municipal budget will be introduced at the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. It will be considered for adoption on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. The Governing Body's goal is to provide our residents with exemplary services while remaining within the state mandated 2% cap. Our municipal taxes remain low for Bergen County while we remain one of the very few towns to provide back-door garbage and recycling service. Over the last five-year period, the average annual municipal budget increase has been 1.45 percent.

Each tax payment made to the Borough includes payment to the USR schools K – 8, Northern Highlands, the County of Bergen and

the USR Library. The Borough has control over only 15% of your taxes. 70% goes to the schools, K-8 and Northern Highlands, 13% to the County and 2% to the Library.

Upper Saddle River is rated by Moody's as Triple A – the highest rating possible. Tax collection is a major driving force behind this rating. The Borough had another record year of collections in 2019 with an expanded tax base. As a result of the Triple A rating, the interest rate has been very favorable in the financing of capital improvements. This is significant in light of the fact that the State of New Jersey has been downgraded 11 times during the same period. Financial stability will remain a major focus as we move forward.

## BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER BUDGET COMPARISONS



REGION	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>	\$11,480,590	11,280,396	\$11,732,320	\$11,967,981	\$12,169,495	\$12,358,327	\$12,752,630	\$12,050,186	\$12,346,052
<b>K-8 BUDGET</b>	\$21,726,456	\$22,816,610	\$22,249,278	\$23,820,769	\$23,589,601	\$24,320,616	\$24,766,775	\$25,278,675	\$25,795,752
<b>NORTHERN HIGHLANDS</b>	\$25,542,145	\$25,347,144	\$25,768,544	\$26,752,572	\$27,123,701	\$27,941,333	\$29,272,462	\$30,055,843	\$32,399,144
<b>LIBRARY</b>	\$1,027,202	\$982,484	\$969,918	\$939,111	\$926,090	\$914,722	\$916,411	\$930,735	\$917,441

**DOT Grant Awarded for the Paving of Old Stone Church Road:** The Governing Body is pleased to announce the Borough was awarded a NJ Department of Transportation (DOT) grant in the amount of \$207,000.00 for the resurfacing of Old Stone Church Road. The work is expected to be done as a part of our annual resurfacing program over the summer months when traffic is lighter.

The Borough of Montvale began resurfacing their portion of Weiss Road in early April. The Borough of Upper Saddle River contracted to have the approximately 50 feet of roadway located in USR resurfaced as a part of their project. The remainder of Weiss Road located in USR was resurfaced in 2011 with a DOT grant.

**2nd Quarter Taxes Due May 1st:** The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that the second quarter 2019 taxes are due on or before May 1st. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. If real estate taxes are not paid by May 11th, State law requires that interest is then due from May 1st to the date they are paid. Residents can pay taxes on line at [www.usrtoday.org](http://www.usrtoday.org) and can also access property tax information. Otherwise, the Borough accepts checks or money orders. For more information, please contact the Finance Office at 201-934-3965 or email [cfo@usrtoday.org](mailto:cfo@usrtoday.org).

(continued on page 2)

## Mayor and Council Message *(continued from page 1)*

**Memorial Day:** Our annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony will take place on Monday, May 27, 2019. Parade participants should line up on Ripplewood Drive at 10:30 a.m. The parade will conclude in front of Borough Hall where there will be a tribute honoring our armed forces. Our keynote speaker will be Josh Greenberg, an ROTC Cadet who also serves in the Michigan National Guard. All USR veterans and those currently serving in the military are encouraged to march. Participating veterans who would like a ride along the parade route will be accommodated. After the ceremony everyone is invited to the USR Firehouse for hotdogs and cold drinks.

Each year at the Memorial Day ceremony, floral tributes honoring those who serve or have served our country, are presented by organization representatives. Please call Borough Clerk Rose Vido at 201-934-3963 or at [BoroClerkusr@aol.com](mailto:BoroClerkusr@aol.com) to let us know if your organization will be making a presentation at this event or if you are a veteran or currently serving and would like to either march in the parade or be driven.

**Upper Saddle River Turns 125 This Year:** Congratulations to the winners of the USR 125th Anniversary Logo Contest! Grand prize winner, Northern Highlands student Paola Cedeno Reynolds School Winner: Reese Ford Bogert School Winner: Canon Chui Cavallini Middle School Winner: Aimee Lin Northern Highlands Runner Up: Emily Bookstaver

All of the winners were acknowledged at the April 4, 2019 council meeting. Our finalist received an Apple Watch and the runners up received Amazon gift cards. The winning logo will be used on all promotional materials as the borough celebrates its 125th year. Thank you to all the participants.

### Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council

Thank you to all those who supported the 2019 Books vs Badges Annual Basketball Game! What a game it was; the Books took home the trophy in an exciting game with only seconds to spare.

The 5th graders have finished their D.A.R.E. program with Officer Anthony. Their big graduation day was held on April 29, 2019.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019 the Youth Guidance Council sponsored Mallory's Army for the students at Cavallini during the day and an event for parents at night.

The Youth Guidance Council Annual Color Run for the 5th – 8th graders will be held on May 10th with a rain date of May 17th. Look for the signup sheets that will be emailed out directly. We are looking forward to a colorful event again for the children!

Like us on Facebook (Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council).

### USR Fishing Derby

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will host this year's Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Liberty Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All Upper Saddle River residents, ages 5 and over are invited to bring their poles and bait and enjoy a great time.

Bucky Rehan will be on hand to offer assistance to children during the derby. Bucky will walk around the pond and provide answers to many questions about various fish and wildlife issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Bucky Rehan at 201-825-3767 or Recreation Director, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 or [USRRrecreation@aol.com](mailto:USRRrecreation@aol.com). Visit our website at [www.USRToday.org](http://www.USRToday.org)

### Lemonade Stand & Food Truck Fest

On Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. join the JCO of Northern Bergen County at its 4th Annual Lemonade Stand and Food Truck Fest in Lions Park to help raise money for pediatric cancer research. There will be a DJ, kids' activities and delicious eats from Carmelo's Brick Oven Pizza, the Empanada Lady and more. For more information or to participate as a sponsor or vendor, please email [jconorthernbergencounty@gmail.com](mailto:jconorthernbergencounty@gmail.com).

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 is the last day to register to vote in the June 4, 2019 Primary Election. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On May 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., registration forms are available at the Upper Saddle River Police Department which should be completed and left with the Dispatcher. Call Borough Clerk Rose Vido 201-934-3963 if you have any questions.

### Note the following polling places:

District 1 & 2 - Cavallini School gymnasium

District 3 - Borough Hall

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

## A Message from the USR Police Dept:

Since the beginning of the year, the Upper Saddle River Police Department has been contacted approximately 10 times by citizens reporting violations associated with dogs. These violations include such things as dogs-at-large, excessive barking, dogs in the park, lost dogs, and humans /dogs bitten by other dogs. Not only are these types of incidents a violation of our local ordinances, but they also can bring about possible civil penalties and involvement of Animal Control authorities. To assist residents in learning about the Ordinances that pertain to dogs, I would urge you to visit the Borough of Upper Saddle River website and search Borough Code under the Quick links section. Chapter 46 is specifically related to Dogs.

Common violations seen by our Agency include:

**46-8d** - Any person owning or having in his or her custody a dog which shall run at large beyond the property of such person shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a penalty. Such action is declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to public health and safety.

**46-8e** - Leashing of dogs. Any dog not secured by a leash or not confined to its own property shall be considered running at large. No person owning or having the control, custody or possession of a dog shall permit such dog to run at large or to go or be upon the public streets, sidewalks or other public places within the Borough, unless the dog is on a leash with an overall length, including a handgrip, not exceeding six feet and is in the custody of some person or persons capable of controlling such dog.

**46-8f** - Disturbing the peace. No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog which shall disturb the neighborhood by excessive barking, howling or whining.

Please also remember to license your dog each year. Licensing is required under our Ordinance. Having a dog license will also assist the Police Department in identifying the owner, if your dog was to run away.

Chief Rotella

## Brush Pick Up Instructions

Municipal brush pick up will run every other week through October 31, 2019. Brush must be tied with string and in manageable bundles so that a single man can lift it over his shoulders to toss into the back of a truck. Brush shall be no longer than five feet in length. Questions can be emailed to [dpwf@usrtoday.org](mailto:dpwf@usrtoday.org).

## USR Clean Up Day – May 4, 2019

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will once again sponsor Town Wide Clean Up Day. Individuals, families, and organizations are encouraged to join in helping to keep Upper Saddle River beautiful. Check in at Lions Park anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. and you will be assigned (or you can choose) an area in town to clean up. Areas include: Lions Park, Hess Park, and school grounds. Spend as much time as you are able. Gloves and trash bags will be provided, and coffee, juice, and doughnuts will help you get started.

Help make this year's Clean Up Day the best ever! Scouts, sports teams, and other youth groups are welcome. Please note that children must be supervised by an adult. Contact Jon Silverman @ 201-236-0442 or e-mail [jdsilverman@optonline.net](mailto:jdsilverman@optonline.net)



## The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River

The 18th Annual Baby Shower will be held on June 4, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. at Savini Restaurant in Allendale and the cost is \$50 per person. Donations of unwrapped new baby items, diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5) and baby clothing up to size 5T would be greatly appreciated. Items will be donated to the Children's Aid and Family Services baby program and the woman's shelter in West Milford, NJ. Checks, made payable to Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River, can be mailed to 18 Candlestick Lane, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. Any questions, contact Maria DiMartino mardimar@me.com

Filling Birthday Bags for Emmanuel Cancer Center is an ongoing project. We donate unisex party bags which include a cake mix, a can of frosting, unisex birthday plates, cups and napkins for 6-12 people, candles, and balloons. For those who wish to donate to either cause, please contact Nona at nona.maher@gmail.com.

Our Club has grown to close to 70 members, and provides companionship, educational and fun events, as well as a way to give back to the community. Come join us! For membership information, contact Nancy at nancylst@optonline.net.

## Upper Saddle River Historical Society Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

**Annual NW Bergen Coalition History Day**  
Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Learn about how the Lenape Indians helped the early European settlers. Try grinding corn in a stone mortar, taste suppaen in the out kitchen, and view our collection of artifacts. Children can make a "dream catcher" in the wood shed and listen to Native American stories in the schoolroom. The blacksmith will be at his forge and the house and barn will be open for tours and craft demonstrations. Members & children are free; Non-members \$5. Or you can buy a History Day ticket for \$10 to tour 11 NW Bergen museums.



### Art Show

Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a day viewing the works of local artists. If you would like to participate, please email mlesznik2@gmail.com. The show is open to local artists who would like to exhibit paintings, photography, sculpture, pottery, silver work and woodcarving. Come join us for a delightful afternoon in May.

## Saddle River Valley Lions Club Annual Car Raffle

The Saddle River Valley Lions Club is selling raffle tickets for a 2019 Ford Mustang. (Black EcoBoost Coupe – Retail value \$28,710) Tickets are \$10.00 each and the drawing will be held on June 1, 2019 at Lions Park at 10:00 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit Sight & Health-Related Charities and Community Organizations. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.srvlions.org, call 201-954-7601 or email murphmove@gmail.com.

## Saddle River Valley Lion's Club



Lions Memorial Park

May 28 – June 1, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Food, rides, games, fun for the whole family!

## BERGEN HIGHLANDS

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

318 West Saddle River Road

Upper Saddle River, NJ 201-327-3960

Email: bergenhighlands@optonline.net

Website: bergenhighlandsumc.org

### Best Stuff Sale

Saturday, May 4, 2019 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Annual Best Stuff Sale will include small appliances, small furniture items, toys, games, jewelry, home goods, electronics, collectables, and more all at fantastic bargains.

### Free Senior Event – Gardening Seminar

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

All seniors (65+) are welcome, free lunch served.

### 62nd Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 15, 2019 12:00 p.m.-5:00 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.

### Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ and Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. The collection hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Free of charge for Bergen County residents, ID required. Visit www.bcua.org for additional information.

### The USRPTO is having their first ever Spring Plant Sale!

Perfect for Teacher Appreciation, Mother's Day or your spring gardening!

Sale ends Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and all order pickups are Friday, May 10, 2019 from the grassy field of Bogert Elementary 391 West Saddle River Road.

Hanging Baskets, Combo Potted Plants, & Full Flats of Flowers & Tomato plants! Must be picked up on May 10, 2019.

If you have questions about the PTO Spring Plant Sale, please email despi.619@gmail.com

### USR WASTE COLLECTIONS - MAY/JUNE 2019

#### Garbage:

<b>May</b>	Every Monday & Thursday	NOTE: Must call by 10 a.m. the <b>NEXT DAY</b> to report missed Trash/Recycles.
<b>June</b>	Every Monday & Thursday	

**NO garbage will be collected on Monday, May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day**

#### Recycling:

<b>May</b>	<b>West Side</b> Tuesday, May 14 and May 28	<b>East Side</b> Tuesday, May 7 and May 21
------------	--	---

<b>June</b>	<b>West Side</b> Tuesday, June 11 and June 25	<b>East Side</b> Tuesday, June 4 and June 18
-------------	--	---

NOTE: Must call by 10am the **NEXT DAY** to report missed Trash/Recycles.

#### Curbside White Goods:

<b>May</b>	Thursday, May 2	Call 201-327-2196 x221 to schedule appointment for the appliance at LEAST three days prior to the pickup date.
<b>June</b>	Thursday, June 6	

#### Curbside Bulky Trash:

Friday, June 14, 2019



# Coming up in May/June 2019

## BOROUGH BOARDS

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, May 2  
Thursday, June 6  
6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

### PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 23  
Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 27  
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

### SHADE TREE

Wednesdays, May 15 and June 19  
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, May 20 - 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall

### ADULT WALK-IN CLINIC

Thursday, May 23 and Thursday, June 27  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

## SERVICE GROUPS

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meetings: Thursdays, May 2 and June 6  
Drills: May 10, 15, 28 and June 14, 19, 25 at 7:30 p.m.

### AMBULANCE CORP

Meetings: First Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.  
Drills: Fourth Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Mondays, May 6 and June 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, May 7 and May 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
At Ramsey Golf and Country Club

### WOMAN'S CLUB

Tuesday, May 7 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library  
Tuesday, June 4 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 5:00 p.m.*

*Tuesdays, May 14 and May 28  
and Tuesdays, June 11 and June 25*

Printed on Recycled Paper



NEW JERSEY 07458  
UPPER SADDLE RIVER  
RESIDENT

CARRIER PRESORT

PSRST STD  
ECPWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
MAHWAH, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 409

Mayor and Council  
Borough Hall  
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458