



# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## Mayor and Council Message

**Community Events:** What makes Upper Saddle River so special, and something people looking to move here find desirable, is our great sense of community and small-town feel. Our community events and volunteers are a huge part of that. Anthony Azzaritti will be filming events throughout the year to create a second Upper Saddle River video for the purpose of sharing it with residents, organizations and realtors. If you haven't seen the first video, please check it out on the Borough's website, [www.usrtoday.org](http://www.usrtoday.org). The first event filmed was Oktoberfest – definitely the perfect place to start since just about every community and service organization played a significant part in its success.

**Oktoberfest 2019:** Thank you to USR Cares, Recreation and the USR Department of Public Works for a fantastic community day – Oktoberfest 2019. This year's event was the biggest and best so far and helped celebrate the Borough's 125th anniversary. Organized by USR Cares and the Oktoberfest Committee, headed by Sharon Reissman, our community and service organizations played a huge role as well. Thank you to everyone that helped organize and 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](http://www.usrcares.org).



**USR CARES**  
SUPPORT FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**The USR 5K Run:** The annual Thanksgiving Run will be another wonderful community event on Thanksgiving morning. More information, including a link to register, can be found at [www.usr5k.org](http://www.usr5k.org). Proceeds go to scholarships, USR emergency service and community organizations as well as some other great causes. Consider running, walking or just volunteering.

**Special Holiday Events:** 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. Please mark your calendars for the Library's Holiday Party, the Christmas Tree Lighting, sponsored by the SRV Jr. Women's Club, the Menorah Lighting, sponsored by the JCO of Northern Bergen County, and the Historical Society's Holiday Party. The USR Volunteer Fire Department will drive a visitor from the North Pole around town. Thank you to everyone for 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.

*Happy  
Holidays*

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

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### GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2019 and polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All residents registered to vote will receive a sample ballot in the mail and it will include your voting district. The polling locations are listed below. Call Borough Clerk Rose Vido (201) 934-3963 if you have any questions.

**Note the following polling places.**

- District 1 & 2 - Cavallini School gym**
- District 3 - Borough Hall**
- District 4 & 5 - Upper Saddle River Public Library  
(Powers Room)**

### 4th Quarter Taxes Due Nov. 1, 2019

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that the fourth quarter 2019 taxes are due on or before November 1, 2019. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. If taxes are not paid by November 12th, State law requires that interest is then due from November 1st to the date they are paid. Check or money orders only, no cash will be accepted.

## Message From The USR Police Department

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, clocks will be turned back an hour. As a reminder, the Upper Saddle River Police Department and other Bergen County law enforcement agencies, historically, see an increase in residential home burglaries after the clocks are moved back. Burglars will take advantage of less daylight to commit their crimes.

Presently, our Agency, as well as other Police Departments in Bergen County, have responded to numerous reports of motor vehicle burglaries and car thefts. These types of incidents seem to be more commonplace than residential burglaries. All of the reported incidents in our Community involving motor vehicle burglaries and thefts could have been prevented if residents took the time to lock their vehicles and remove key fobs. Burglars also have accessed garages by using garage door openers found inside unlocked vehicles. Additional Burglary Prevention Tips will be posted on the Police Department Facebook page.

## USR Library Events

### Friends Election Day Book & Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 5th, 9a.m.–4p.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 26th annual town-wide Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 1:30-3:30p.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 Gingerbread Castle, 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](http://uppersaddleriverlibrary.org).

### Tech Fridays at the Library

The library is partnering with NHRHS high school students who will provide one-on-one technology assistance for adults who need help with their phone, computer or portable devices. Call 201-327-2583 to reserve a 30 min time slot on Fridays.

## Free Rabies Clinic

Upper Saddle River's free rabies clinic is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 at the USR Firehouse between 6:00-7:30pm. Dogs on leashes will be vaccinated from 6:00-7:00pm and cats in carriers from 7:00-7:30pm.

## Dog/Cat Licenses Due January 2020

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2020 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 2020. 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 14, 2020.

## Celebrate the 21st Anniversary USR 5K Run Thanksgiving Morning - Thursday, November 28th, 2019



Registration is now open for the 21st Anniversary Upper Saddle River 5K Run, continuing its tradition on Thanksgiving Day. Doors open at 7:30a.m. on Thanksgiving morning November 28th with the run starting at 9:00a.m. at Cavallini Middle School. Pre-registration is recommended. Mail-in and on-line options are explained at [www.usr5k.org](http://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 27th, 5:00-8:00p.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. If you are interested in volunteering or making a corporate or individual donation contact Barry Ervin at 201.327.7367 or [barryervin@optonline.net](mailto:barryervin@optonline.net)

## Scouts BSA Election Night Pasta Dinner

Upper Saddle River Scouts BSA Troops 133 and 933 cordially invite you to join us for our Annual Election Night Pasta Dinner on Tuesday, November 5, from 4:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Old Stone Church Education Building(500 East Saddle River Road, USR). The Election Night Pasta Dinner is a town tradition – **Scouts BSA** (née the Boy Scouts) have been doing this for more than 25 years! This community-wide event provides Troops 133 and 933 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 the Troops' 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 TAKEOUT options are available. Ask your favorite Scout about tickets or visit [usrscouts.com](http://usrscouts.com) We certainly hope you will join us.

## 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 9, 2020 from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. Registration procedures, a typical day in Kindergarten, 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@usrschools8.com](mailto:cfinn@usrschools8.com) by Friday, January 3, 2020

## 2020 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 or CAT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

License Fee Dogs \$15.00

Non-neutered Dog *Additional* \$3.00

There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 14, 2020.

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

Checks or exact change would be appreciated. Please enclose a **self-addressed envelope** and all necessary papers if mailing.

### Dog or CAT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

License fee cats \$5.00.

Non-neutered Cat *Additional* \$3.00.



## Junior Woman's Club Holiday Market

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is hosting their annual shopping event, a new Holiday Market on Thursday November 21st from 7:30-10p.m. at the USR Firehouse, upstairs level. Fabulous vendors, a great selection of gifts and more just in time for the holidays! Free admission and Raffle Prize tickets will be sold at the door. Food and beverages will be served. All proceeds will benefit local organizations and families in need. Any questions or if you are interested in supporting the event, please contact Aimee Petersen at [bugg725@yahoo.com](mailto:bugg725@yahoo.com).

## USR Annual 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 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Municipal Building. Please join us as we kickoff the season with the Bogert Chorus and 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. Please contact Leslie Lahoud at 201.953.9399 with any questions.

## USR Menorah Lighting

Please join the JCO for the Annual Upper Saddle River Menorah lighting on Sunday, December 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

## "Holiday Rocks" Sweepstakes

Enter the Sweepstakes sponsored by the Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club for your chance to see Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, The Jonas Brothers, Camila Cabello and many more as a VIP Guest at this year's Jingle Ball concert! You'll receive 4 VIP tickets with access to backstage viewing areas, VIP hospitality and more. To enter, contact Leslie Lahoud at 201.953.9399 or email [SRVJWCFundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:SRVJWCFundraiser@gmail.com)

## Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River

The Woman's Club will be spearheading USR's participation in feeding families in need for the holidays with CYACYL.com. (Change Your Attitude, Change Your Life). For your donation of \$60, a complete, chef cooked turkey or ham meal will feed 8-10 people or will feed a smaller family for several meals--and will be boxed and delivered for the holidays. Included in each meal are meat, vegetables, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, salad, rolls, butter, and dessert. Won't you join us and donate to help a family? Checks can be made out to The Woman's Club of USR. Please write CYACYL and your choice of Ham or Turkey on the memo line, and send to us at PO Box 645 Saddle River, NJ 07458. **Please send your check by December 5th.** Together we can make a difference!

Please consider joining us! We are an active 501(c)3 club, and we welcome new members at any time. We've had a busy October with our 3rd Annual Town Wide Garage Sale (thanks to all residents who participated!), supported Oktoberfest, took a NYC Harbor Cruise and a trip to Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, and sponsored a walking challenge for members. Upcoming events are volunteering at the Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park, participating in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs' Day of Service, a holiday celebration for members, and feeding needy families for the holidays. Our upcoming meetings are Nov. 12th and Dec. 3rd at 7p.m. downstairs in the Library. Contact Nona Maher for information. 201-934-9562.

## Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie, NJ. The collection hours are from 9a.m.-3p.m., rain or shine. Free of charge for Bergen county residents, ID required. Visit [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org) for additional information.

### USR WASTE COLLECTIONS - November/December 2019

#### Garbage:

**November** Every Monday & Thursday  
**December** Every Monday & Thursday  
 NOTE: Must call by 10 a.m. the NEXT DAY to report missed Trash/Recycles.

*NO garbage will be collected on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 - Thanksgiving*

#### Recycling:

<b>November</b>	<b>West Side</b> Tuesdays, November 12 and 26	<b>East Side</b> Tuesdays, November 5 and 19
<b>December</b>	<b>West Side</b> Tuesdays, December 10 and 24	<b>East Side</b> Tuesdays, December 3, 17 and 31

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

#### Curbside White Goods:

Call 201-327-2196 x221 to schedule appointment for the appliance at LEAST three days prior to the pickup date.

**November** Thursday, Nov. 7  
**December** Thursday, Dec. 5

**Curbside Bulky Trash: Friday, November 15, 2019**

## BERGEN HIGHLANDS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Senior Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019 11:00 a.m.  
 "Home Safety Tips" presented by Back Home Safely Company Lunch will be served.

Be part of the **Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church Annual Paterson Toy Drive, December 1st -December 4th** and donate slightly used or new toys to Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church. All toys donated are then delivered to the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson for shopping days: Friday, 12/6 from 4-8p.m. is "Kid Night" when only kids are allowed to shop and Saturday, 12/7, from 9-1 is open to the community. Children can shop for their entire family for \$2.00. Parents spend \$10.00 and walk away with toys for three children. All proceeds are equally donated to CUMAC and the Boys and Girls Club. There are no expenses. All work is done by volunteers and every toy is donated by people who simply want to reach out at Christmas time to make a difference in a child's life. **Drop toys off in the Fellowship Hall at Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church, 318 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, starting Sunday, December 1st at noon - 4th Thursday 7p.m.** We take all toys provided they are clean, and bagged or boxed. Puzzles must be complete and in plastic bags. Volunteers are also needed to help out at the Boys and Girls Club on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7. For more information about the event call Betsy Haley 201-746-0650.

## Holiday Celebration at Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

Sunday, December 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit Santa in the Barn. He will arrive on a fire truck. Chestnuts will be roasting in the out kitchen, the blacksmith will be by the shed, and cookies and mulled cider will be served in the house, all decorated for a Victorian holiday. There will be stories in the schoolroom from several holiday traditions. Visitors can bring an ornament representing their holiday tradition to put on a tree in Kate's parlor. Admission is free for USR Historical Society members and children 16 and under. Non-member admission is \$5.

### The Lore of Upper Saddle River (Revised)

**Available in November.** Order before November 30 for \$35 (retail price is \$45). Order online at [www.usrhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.usrhistoricalsociety.org) or pick up a form at the Library or Borough Hall. The book is packed with old and new information and photos, arranged in a format that makes it fun to read.

### Adult Walk-In Health Clinic

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 (please note date change) and Thursday, December 26, 2019 from noon-1pm at Borough Hall.

# Coming up in November/December 2019

## BOROUGH BOARDS

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, November 7  
Thursday, December 5  
6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

### PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, November 13  
Wednesday, December 11  
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

### SHADE TREE

Wednesdays, November 20 and December 18  
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, November 18 - 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall

### ADULT WALK-IN CLINIC

Tuesday, November 26 and Thursday, December 26  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Thursday, November 14 and Thursday, December 12  
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

## SERVICE GROUPS

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meetings: Thursdays, November 7 and December 5  
Drills: November 8, 16, 22 and December 13  
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

Monday, December 2  
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, November 5 and 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
At Ramsey Golf and Country Club

### WOMAN'S CLUB

Tuesday, November 12 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library  
Tuesday, December 3 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 26  
and Tuesday, December 10*

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