

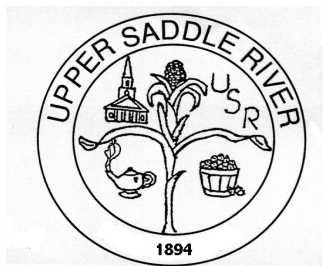


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Mayor Kenneth A. Gabbert

To all, a wish for a happy and healthy 2006.

As a community we continue to address critical issues that impact all of Upper Saddle River. Last year four areas were targeted and they are listed below with a brief update:

1. Route 17 Redevelopment. While the visual impact of Route 17 has improved greatly, efforts to sewer the area are at an early stage.
2. Community Safety - Traffic. The focus on traffic safety became a larger issue than anticipated. While specific areas of the borough were discussed the awareness made and the ideas brought forth will aid all our roads.
3. Beautification and Preservation. Much of the work of the Shade Tree Commission, Historical Society and Planning Board is quietly impacting and keeping the type of community you came here to enjoy.
4. Vision 2020. With an ambitious schedule the Vision 2020 project to ascertain the quality of life we expect in the next 15 years has progressed very well. Representatives from all groups in the borough worked through the summer and fall under the able leadership of Co-Chairpersons Joanne Minichetti and William Yeoman. The town-wide survey has been completed and recommendations to the council are expected in the spring.

In 2006 the following are expected to be areas of special attention:

1. Vision 2020. Following the acceptance of a final report we will move to the implementation of goals acceptable to the council.

While the work may be completed with existing boards it is anticipated that special task groups will be able to help facilitate the implementation of Vision 2020.

2. Route 17 and the borough - planning for sewers. An outgrowth of the priority of sewerage the Route 17 properties, at property owners expense, is a request of the NWBUA (Northwest Bergen Utility Authority) to make sure any system approved will also meet total borough sewer needs for the future.

3. Tax increases. The council will be asked to hold the line on increases in municipal taxes to no more than the rate of inflation. Hard decisions are expected as we tackle the ever escalating cost of employee health benefits and the level of service needed to meet community needs.

4. Walk USR. The Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Committee, Vision 2020 Task Force, and others will be asked for specific recommendations for improving walking in USR (ok jogging also). The safety of walkers is in jeopardy in some areas due to excessive foliage, overgrown bushes, trees in the right of way and in other areas by unfriendly terrain. We can improve the Walk USR experience.

Your involvement in the goals is most welcomed. Your phone calls, letters, emails and notes are always considered as we make decisions to keep USR a quality community. As always you can reach me at 201-825-7348 or kgabbert2@juno.com.

Please join the governing body at our reorganization meeting on January 5, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. as appointments are made and Council President Veronica Tarino and Councilman Robert Proto take the oath of office.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

The annual collection of Christmas trees will be held this month. The D.P.W. crews will begin to pick-up Christmas trees at the curb starting Monday, January 16. It is very important that the trees be totally bare. The equipment can't process tinsel, wires or left over decorations.

Reorganization Meeting - Jan. 5

The Mayor and Council would like to invite all residents to attend the 2006 Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Re-elected members Veronica S. Tarino and Robert F. Proto will be sworn in to serve 3 year terms on the Upper Saddle River Council.

USR Recreation - Ski Trips

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will sponsor three (3) all day Saturday ski trips in 2006. The first trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday January 7, then to Windham Mountain on January 14, and the last trip to Stratton Mountain on January 28, 2006. There will be no ski trip on SAT weekend. The program is open to those ski enthusiasts in the 6th through 12th grades. Students attending, HoHoKus schools, Brookside and Northern Highlands in Allendale, Cavallini in Upper Saddle River and students who reside in the Borough of USR and attend other schools. The exact cost of the program for all 3 trips including luxury coach transportation, lifts, lunch for all trips and breakfast and dinner for the Vermont trips will be announced later. Students may sign up for individual trips, the cost of which will also be announced at a later date.

Registration forms will be available from the various school principal's offices and Borough Hall in USR. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis. Anyone interested in chaperoning and for additional information please contact Chairman Esau Ali 201-934-9075.

Property Taxes Due

The Tax Collector would like to remind residents that property taxes are due on the 1st of February with a ten-day grace period. Taxes received after the 10th of the month will be charged interest calculated from the February due date as required by law.

Payments made by mail should be addressed to the Tax Collector, 376 West Saddle River Road, USR, NJ 07458.

Woman's Club

Commencing the new year with their main objective in mind (volunteerism), the members of the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will be holding a baby shower for the residents of "Strengthen Our Sisters". the shelter for abused women in West Milford, N.J.

On this occasion gifts brought by members and funds paid for dinner, which will be supplied by the Club's president at her home on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, will result in a social evening among the members while carrying on their charitable works.

This activity will take place instead of the regular monthly meeting of the club.

Anyone interested in participating may contact Constance at 201-934.8641.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of January is listed in the chart below.

Please note: Tuesday, January 3 will be garbage pick-up for the Monday garbage route and Wednesday, January 4 will be recycling for the East Side of the Borough (Thursday garbage route) due to the holiday.

All refuse must be at the curb in inclement weather. Your driveway must be totally clear of any ice or snow. The men will not walk up or drive up your driveway in ice or snow.

Please have all refuse out by 6:30 a.m. If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall immediately and leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a day.

USR Girls Softball Registration

Registration for USR Girls Softball Association will be held on Saturdays January 7th and 14th, 9:00 am until 12:00, at USR Borough Hall. All girls in grades 1 through 9 who reside or attend school in Upper Saddle are eligible to participate. Mail-in registration is also available.

Forms will be e-mailed to returning players or are available at the library and Borough Hall. Forms are also available on the USR website, www.usrtoday.com.

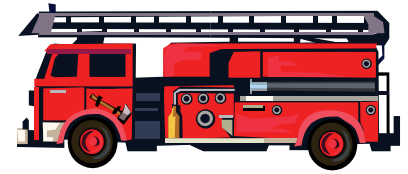
The cost for registration is \$85. per player. Checks should be made payable to "USR Softball". Registration is due by January 31, 2006. After that date, applications are subject to a \$25. late fee, and will only be accepted if space and/or uniforms are available. No registration will be accepted after February 15th.

Completed forms and payment can be mailed to: Debby Davidowitz, 29 Elizabeth Terrace, USR.

Please help us by sponsoring a team. T-shirts or banners are available for \$250., or a dual sponsorship of t-shirts and a banner are \$450. For more information on registration, team sponsorships, or to volunteer, please call Debby Davidowitz at 201-934-4495, Natalie Ling at 201-327-8425, or e-mail us: USRsoftball@aol.com.

Bulky Trash Pick-up

There will be bulky trash pick-up on Friday, January 20. Please remember to put your items at the curb the night before. In general the following items are acceptable for pick-up: furniture, bicycles, porcelain toilets and sinks, carpeting, and other household goods. Please call 327-2196 if you have questions.



USR River Fire Department

Safety Tips

Chief James Levine

Follow these tips to help you use candles safely.

Reducing the risk

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Almost half of all home fires started by candles begin in the bedroom. NFPA discourages the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing or any other material that can catch fire.

- Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame.

- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.

"Candle with Care"

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface - away from edges and any place where they could be knocked over by kids or pets.

- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.

- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder or any decorative material.

- Extinguish candles carefully, using a long-handled candle snuffer or a soft, directed breath. Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing. Do not leave the room until wicks have stopped glowing.

- Avoid using candles during a power outage. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting on hand for emergency lighting.

Candles and kids

- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle.

- Don't allow kids or teens to burn candles in their bedrooms. Don't let kids play with candles or dripping wax - or with materials that could catch fire near candles.

- Store matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

USR WASTE COLLECTIONS, JANUARY 2006

Garbage:

Monday Garbage Route

West of W. Saddle River Rd.

****Tuesday January 3**

Monday, January 9

Monday, January 16

Monday, January 23

Monday, January 30

Thursday Garbage Route

East of W. Saddle River Rd.

Thursday, January 5

Thursday, January 12

Thursday, January 19

Thursday, January 26

Recycling:

West of W. Saddle River Rd.

Tuesday, January 10

Tuesday January 24

East of W. Saddle River Rd.

****Wednesday, January 4**

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, January 31

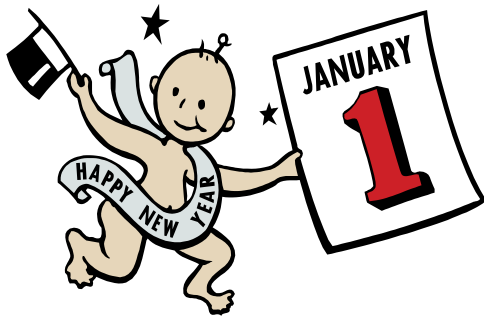
**** Please note changes in day of pick-up due to the holiday.**

Large Appliances: Friday, January 6 and Friday, January 20 **by appointment only.**

Please call (201) 327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash:

Friday January 20. Please place these items at the curb no earlier than four (4) days prior to scheduled pick-up date.



Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2006

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2006 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting Jan. 4, 2006. Licenses are required for all dogs and cats that have had rabies shots.

No licenses will be issued before Wed., Jan. 4, however, you may mail in a completed application with your payment to expedite the process. We will mail you the tags and certificates in January. Please remember that proof of rabies immunization is required to obtain a license. We also need proof if your pet has been neutered or spayed.

Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and all necessary papers. All papers will be returned to you. Checks in the correct amount should be made out to the Borough of Upper Saddle River.

USR's basic licensing fee for dogs remains \$7.70 and \$5.00 for cats. 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 Feb. 15.**

USR Library

Library reopens on Jan. 3rd.

Programs For Adults:

Photoshop Elements Computer Class

with Dan Parker

\$40 fee per series. Registration required.

Tuesday Evenings 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 or Weds. Mornings 10:15 a.m. - noon Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1

Correct and manipulate photos in ways that a studio or darkroom pro couldn't have imagined or achieved years ago.

Surviving the Marathon of the College Process with Deborah Shames

Tuesday Jan. 17th 7:30 p.m.

A free program, with limited seating, advanced registration required.

Digital Photography II: Using Your Camera with Your PC with Dominique Fruchtmann

Thursday Jan. 19th 7:00 p.m.

A free program with limited seating, advanced registration required.

DaVinci Code – Fact or Fiction with Frank Ancona

Sunday January 29th. 2:00 p.m.

A free program, with limited seating, advanced registration required.

Medicare Part D

Do You Need to Apply?

Wed., Jan. 18th 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A free program, with limited seating, advanced registration required.

All Seasons Chamber Players Concert

Sunday January 22nd 2:00 p.m.

The All Seasons Chamber Players return to the Upper Saddle River Public Library with a program entitled Chamber Music with Harpsichord through the Ages. A free program, with limited seating, registration suggested.

Programs For Children

Akimba and the Magic Cow. A tale from Africa performed with puppets.

Tuesday, January 17th, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. For ages 3-7 and their families. Registration required.

Sign-ups for Winter Storyhours and weekly programs begin Jan. 10th, the new session runs from Jan. 23rd through March 9th.

Visit www.upper-saddle-river-library.org for details of all our programs!

2006 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 _____ Cat Name _____ Sex _____

Color _____ Hair (long/short) _____ Color _____ Hair (long/short) _____

Breed _____ DOB _____ Breed _____ DOB _____

License Fee Dogs \$7.70

License Fee Cats \$5.00

Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00

Non-neutered Cat Additional \$3.00

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

Checks or exact change would be appreciated.

Coming Up In January 2006

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council at Borough Hall,
Reorganization Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall,
Reorganization Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10
Tuesday, January 24*

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAYS, JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12:00 noon. Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn. Mahwah

7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club at Bergen Highlands Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Ramsey County Club, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

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

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club at Bergen Highlands Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

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