

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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We are blessed to live in a wonderful community of beauty and one in which our residents take an active part. This involvement is critical in our effort to maintain the Upper Saddle River quality of life.

Residents often mention concerns that reinforce their desire to keep all those good aspects of USR that caused them to move here in the first place. In 2005 I undertook a process to ascertain what residents desire for our community now and in the future. The VISION 2020 Report clearly relates residents' desires to preserve our unique environment and outstanding community services. Over the past year the VISION 2020 Sub-Committees have worked to lay the groundwork to continue implementing the proposed changes.

In this New Year update I will reflect on some of the issues that are often raised in community discussion:

1. Three parcels of land (Apple Ridge Golf Course, Creative Gardens, and the tract at the north end of Cottage Lane) are mentioned as possible multiunit or affordable housing sites. Due to the filing of our Phase Three application with COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) these sites are protected and at worst case could be single-family homes.
2. Recreation facilities continue to be improved as part of a major multi-year plan. In 2007 the Lion's Park parking area and major fieldwork will be completed.
3. This is our fourth year of active opposition to development in Rockland County that threatens the Saddle River and our community. We have filed all initial actions and will seek a judicial remedy should the development and sewer overflows not be abated.

4. State mandates continue to hamper our local goal to maintain a stable municipal tax rate. Every effort to contain budget expenditures will be explored and actively pursued.

5. There is on-going vigilance to preserve the USR trees while accommodating new homes and home renovations. The Shade Tree and Planning committees are seeking ways to maintain this balance of a heavily treed community with ample homes.

We are blessed with many resident volunteers who work on the above issues and the borough's many boards, commissions, committees, and special groups to support our community. Our thanks go to the volunteers and our excellent borough staff who work to keep USR a quality place to live.

All the best for a happy, healthy, and safe 2007. Ken Gabbert 201-825-7348 or kgabbert2@juno.com.

Reorganization Meeting - Jan. 4

The Mayor and Council would like to invite all residents to attend the 2007 Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 4, at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Re-elected members Barbara M. Ripston and Scott A. MacDowell will be sworn in to serve 3 year terms on the Upper Saddle River Council.

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.

USR Girls Fastpitch Softball Registration

Registration for USR Girls Fastpitch Softball Association will be held on Saturdays, January 6th and 13th, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at USR Borough Hall. All girls in grades 1 through 9 who reside or attend school in Upper Saddle River 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 \$100 per player. (Financial assistance is available if needed). Checks should be made payable to "USR Softball". Registration is due by January 31, 2007. 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.

The USR Fastpitch Softball Spring season is a recreational league, and is open to all players regardless of ability. Please note that this is a "fastpitch" softball league. In grades 3 through 9, players pitch and windmill pitching is permitted and encouraged. Travel and All-Star teams will be available for more competitive players, but all players must participate in the recreational league to be eligible for these teams. Information regarding tryouts and registration for Travel and All-Star teams TBA.

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. We are also in desperate need of volunteers. The success of our program depends on people like you! For more information on registration, team sponsorships, or to volunteer, please call Debby Davidowitz: 201-934-4495 or Natalie Ling: 201-327-8425, or email: USRsoftball@aol.com.

Republican Club

The USR Republican Club will be meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, at the Library. The topic will be the outcome of Vision 2020. Information and decisions on matters such as increased traffic and size of houses will be shared with the public. All members and non-members are invited to attend.

A new slate of officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee, and voted on by paid members. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:45.

Garbage and Recycling

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

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays year round. **There will not be garbage pick up on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st. The garbage will be picked up on the following Thursday, January 4th.** The recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday. All refuse must be out by 6:30 a.m.

Please have all refuse at the curb in inclement weather regardless if your driveway has been plowed or not. The men will not walk or drive down driveways in ice or snow.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10 a.m. the next day. You may leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a day.

For your convenience, the Recycling Depot, which is located behind the Borough Hall, is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

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.

Gift of Life Program

Our Children International (OCI) is holding a dinner with fabulous silent and live auctions at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton on Saturday, January 20th at 7 p.m. The event will raise funds for the group's upcoming medical mission to Ghana in March, 2007. Life-altering medical care will be provided to children living in orphanages. It costs approximately \$100 to drastically change a child's life for the better.

The dinner will include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres followed by a three-course sit down dinner. To purchase tickets to the dinner, make a monetary donation or to donate an auction prize, please contact Sue Vallese at (201) 825-6362 or ociousa05@aol.com or Suzanne Krantz at (201) 327-0408. Tickets are \$150 each.

Our Children International, a non-profit organization formed to aid children in underprivileged countries receive desperately needed medical care, was founded just two years ago. An offshoot of the Rotary Club's Gift of Life program, OCI provides needy children with all types of medical procedures, seeking out orphans who often need help but have no one to advocate for them.



Cultural Center

In 2007 the stage will host Stone Soup on Jan. 6 featuring the Pushcart Players. This participatory and dynamic show features folktales from around the world.

Grace The Pirate ventures onto the stage on Jan. 20. Join the Irish Pirate's crew for fun on high seas with Irish jigs, folktales and more.

Future performances at the center include Snow White on Feb. 3, Cinderella on Feb. 17, Yo-Yo People on March 3, the Leprecon Circus on March 17, Cirque Du Jour with Bucky and Gigi on March 31 and closes with Kandie Carle Victorian Lady on April 14 at 2 p.m.

All shows are at 1 and 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Seating is first come, first serve. Children are encouraged to sit up close and personal, on the floor and often become part of our interactive shows.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Memberships are available for \$10 for seniors, \$15 single adult, \$20 students, \$35 family and \$100 patron. Membership includes discounted prices on shows, as well as access to the Center School classes and updates on Cultural Center happenings.

The Cultural Center also offers much more than shows, including our classes and popular *Vacation Workshops*, a great place to spend time during children's breaks from school.

On Jan. 15, Martin Luther King's Birthday, the center will host a *Pottery and Sculpting Workshop*. Ever wonder how a potter makes a mug or bowl. Come watch as a professional potter demonstrates making mugs, bowls, and more on the pottery wheel. Participants will be given clay to build their own projects.

Vacation Workshops are held from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Space is limited in each workshop and registration is required. Cost is \$40 per day. Workshops are appropriate for children 5 and up.

Future workshops include *High Tech, High Touch* February 19 & 20th and *Adventure into Spring* on April 23 & 24th.

Contact the center at 201-825-3366 for information or to register for any of our workshops. The SRVCC is located at 305 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River. Visit the center online at www.srvcc.org.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, JANUARY 2007

Garbage: There is **town-wide Garbage Pick-up** on Mondays and Thursdays
Please be sure to have your garbage out by 6:30 a.m. They will not stop back to pick up missed garbage if it was not out on time.

**** Please Note: There will not be garbage pick-up on New Year's Day, Monday January 1st. Garbage will be picked up the following Thursday, January 4th.**

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, January 9	Tuesday, January 2
Tuesday, January 23	Tuesday, January 16
	Tuesday, January 30

Large Appliances: Thursday, January 4 by appointment only.
Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick-up will be in March 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick-up date.

SRV Fellowship

Hope you all had a Happy New Year. We wish to thank the Woman's Club for a beautiful Christmas Party. The company, music, and food were great. A big thank you to all members that came. Our own party was a blast. The Brownstone, Christmas in Vegas was a lot of laughs.

Now to our new year we will start off with bingo and then a "Movie Day". Our "bird watching" will start again at Bogert school with Mrs. Jareck's 4th grade class. Please join the class on Tues. January 16 at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please tell your friends to come and be part of an exciting senior group. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 11:00 a.m. You will be greeted with open arms!!

Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2007

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2007 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting Jan. 4, 2007. Licenses are required for all dogs and cats that have had rabies shots. You may mail in a completed application with your payment to expedite the process. We will mail you the tags and certificates in January. We need proof of rabies immunization and that 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

USR Together is Better . . . Let's Read! Programs:

Movie Screening: Around the World in 80 Days

Sunday, Jan. 14:

1:15 p.m.: Grades 2 & younger -- Animated version for younger children.

3:00 p.m. Grades 2 and Older -- The Oscar winning 1956 production.

How to Make a Pinata!

Thursday, Jan. 18, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For anyone 8 and up -- Learn how to make a hot air balloon pinata and help decorate the Library with your fun creations.

Read-a-Thon:

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fun Day:

Sun., Jan. 21, 1.00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. with Special Guest, Comedian Pete Geist.

New Winter Storyhour Session, January 22- March 2.

Sign-ups begin January 16th. In-person registration only, a USR Library card must be presented to register.

Kinetic City

The newest mission will explore the human body, diversity of life, learning adaptation and evolution using internet games, demonstrations and art projects.

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Jan. 27 – March 31, no Feb 17, 24

Grades 3 – 5, \$10 fee, program limited to 20 children.

Surviving the Marathon of "The College Process" with Deborah Shames

Tuesday Jan. 23th, 7:30 p.m.

A free program, with limited seating advanced registration required.

Get the Most from Your Library's Catalog and Databases.

Sign up for a one time morning or evening class and come away with a few searching tips as well as a glimpse into the free databases available to you as a USR library card holder.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am: Jan. 16 & Feb. 20; Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17 & Feb. 21.

Using Grolier Online.

Discover Grolier Online and all of the ways it can help your children complete homework assignments and papers. Save time by searching all of your databases at once and move quickly from one encyclopedia to another. Come to one of the following sessions:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 23 & Feb. 27; Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.: Jan. 2 & Feb. 28.

Yoga Classes with Annie: 10 week session, \$60 fee-Class size limited to 18 students.

Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Jan. 18 - Mar. 29. no class Feb. 22.

Pilates Classes—10 week session, \$60 fee. Class size is limited to 18

Mon. Mornings 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Jan. 8 – Mar. 26, no class Jan. 15, Feb. 19

Mon. Evenings 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Jan. 22 – April. 2, no class Feb. 19

Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

Tai Chi Chuan: Beginning through Advanced Levels. Joseph Chen Instructor

Wednesdays, 10:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Jan. 17 – March 7

2007 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

Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00

License Fee Cats \$5.00

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 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

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 8

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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 11

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

(Reorganization Meeting)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

(Reorganization Meeting)

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

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 22

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

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

8:00 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

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 3

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

MONDAYS, JANUARY 8, 15, 22 & 29

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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 Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.

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