

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## Mayor Kenneth A. Gabbert

The New Year brings many opportunities for us as individuals, as families, and as a community. Thank you for the confidence shown by re-electing me as your Mayor. I take very seriously the honor and obligation you have bestowed on me to continue my service to our community as Mayor.

The start of a new Mayoral term provides a time to review and as needed refocus on the concerns of our Borough. The Council and I are committed to exploring every effort necessary to preserve the quality of life we have come to know in Upper Saddle River. We are equally committed to keeping a close control over your taxes and to assure effective management of our community.

Please let me know of your interest to serve on any of the Borough Boards, Commissions, or Committees. Your involvement in the operation of the Borough is critical to our long-term success. In 2008 we will build on the very successful **USR Vision 2020 Program** where the priorities for the Borough were recommended and planned for the next several years. Once again you will be asked to help the Borough to 'focus' on what will allow us to continue to be a wonderful place to live.

The Governing Body is committed to the improvement to our infrastructure and specifically to move forward with providing a sewer system for the Route 17 corridor at the property owners' expense. In addition we will seek to keep taxes in

with inflation by moving to a more competitively priced insurance program and exploring ways to share services with surrounding towns.

My family and I wish all residents and their loved ones a happy and healthy new year.

For any issue please contact me at kgabbert2@juno.com or the home phone number of 201-825-7348.

### Reorganization Meeting—Jan. 3

The Mayor and Council would like to invite all residents to attend the 2008 Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Mayor Kenneth Gabbert and re-elected members Dennis Schubert and Deborah Viola will be sworn in to serve 3-year terms and Joanne Minichetti will be sworn in to service a 1-year term on the Upper Saddle River Council.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008 Taxes Due— February 1<sup>st</sup>

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that first quarter taxes are due on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. State law requires interest be charged after that, calculated from the actual due date.

### Christmas Tree Pick-up

The annual collection of Christmas trees will be held this month.

The DPW crews will begin to pick up Christmas trees at the curb starting Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

It is very important that the trees be totally bare. The equipment cannot process tinsel, wires or left-over decorations.

### Presidential Primary Election, February 5, 2008

The last day to register to vote in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

**IMPORTANT - Change in Polling Place - Voters in District 4 and District 5 will vote in the North Room of the Presentation Church instead of the Auditorium—FOR THIS ELECTION ONLY.**

Any questions, please call the Borough Clerk—Rose Vido at 201-934-3963.

### YGC News

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is pleased to announce our new website: [www.usrygc.org](http://www.usrygc.org). Funding for the creation of this website was provided by a special grant from the Bergen County Municipal Alliance.

We are also very excited to announce that the Youth Guidance Council has just been informed that we will not receive a cut in our grant monies from the County for 2008. Grant money from the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is being cut by \$180,000 for Bergen County. Only municipalities that meet the stringent criteria set by the County are eligible for grant money. Included in that criteria are municipal alliance meetings, record keeping, and programs provided for the youth of the community. Most towns were expecting to have their grant money reduced for 2008. Because of our consistently exceeding the criteria, Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council will continue to receive the \$11,500 grant as we have in previous years. Congratulations to all the members of the Youth Guidance Council for their hard work on behalf of the youth in our community.



## YGC—SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars! The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008 at Northern Highlands Regional High School. Look for the flyer in the February Borough Bulletin for details on purchasing tickets. Remember, this year tickets will only be sold in advance – there will be no ticket sales at the door. Any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston, Chairperson, 201-825-3894.

## 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. There **will not** be recycling pick up on New Year's Day. The recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. All refuse must be out by 6:30 a.m.

**In inclement weather, please bring all garbage and recycling to the curb regardless if your driveway has been plowed or not.** The trucks will not take any chances of getting stuck in icy driveways.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10 a.m. the next day. For your convenience, the Recycling Depot, which is located behind the Borough Hall, is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

## The Woman's Club of USR

The annual fundraiser for the shelter for battered women will again be a baby shower on Tuesday, Feb 5, 2008. This year it will be held at the Allendale Bar and Grill. New items of clothing or accessories for infants up to size 2T would be appreciated. For reservations please call Barbara at 201-825-0207.

Last year an anonymous donor contributed diaper bags fully stocked for all the expectant newborns. This year a college freshman, Linda Konvit was so impressed with the club's outreach program for the Shelter that she promised to make felt blankets for all the children. Last year she was publicized in the local paper for contributing hand-made blankets for all 60 residents at that time

The Club welcomes new members. All who would like to join by becoming part of volunteering should contact membership chairman, Joyce at 201-818-8551.

## SRV Junior Woman's Club

Juniors are collecting "Baby Basics" for Children's Aid and Family Services. The requested items will be on display located at the Saddle River Post Office. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Joanne at 201-327-1080.

## Board of Health Questionnaire

The Board of Health, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, have enclosed a letter asking those with any health conditions or needing special services in case of an emergency, please go to the Borough's website and download the questionnaire or call the Borough Hall at 201-327-2196 and we will mail it to you. Please see the enclosed Disaster Preparedness For Residents With Disabilities and Other Special Needs information sheet.

## SRV Cultural Center

Come to the Cultural Center for live theater performances and enrichment workshops for kids of all ages. Kick off the New Year with old favorites: Carole and Paula from The Magic Garden! But that's not all January is bursting with the arts at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center, including a vacation workshop and local artists' exhibit.

The Magic Garden will be performing on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The Cultural Center is flashing back to the past with Carole and Paula of "The Magic Garden." Your child will experience the joy that you had as a child with memorable songs, the Story Box (it's now a bag), the delightful Chuckle Patch and—don't forget—those mushroom stools! All ages welcome. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

Magic with David Garrity will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. David Garrity is the magician for Six Flags of New England. He will perform incredible feats of magic never seen on our stage. We're sure he will need some assistance from the audience. Be here to see it all happen! All ages welcome. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

A Vacation Workshop will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday) from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Magic Monday with Joe Fischer - Joe will perform a special magic show and then teach your child how to become a magician. Your child will take home magic tricks to share with your family. \$45.00, registration required.

It's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too! An Art Exhibit from the Printmakers Group (Mary Kulbaki, Erin Jenkins, Jeremy Treadwell) will be on display from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome. Free.

An Artists' Reception will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

If you need additional information, please contact Georgia Greiner at 201-825-3366 or e-mail her at [georgia@srvcc.org](mailto:georgia@srvcc.org).

## USR Volunteer Ambulance Corps

2008 marks the year of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the Upper Saddle River Community. We are looking for former members of the squad to help us celebrate this happy occasion. Please call Debbi VanGieson at 201-962-7650 or e-mail [USRVAC@yahoo.com](mailto:USRVAC@yahoo.com).

### UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, JANUARY 2008

**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.

<b>Recycling:</b> <u>W. Saddle River Rd. &amp; west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, January 8	<b>Wednesday, January 2</b>
Tuesday, January 22	Tuesday, January 15
	Tuesday, January 29

**\*\*Please note: Recycling has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday the first week of January due to the holiday.**

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, January 3, 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 2008. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

## Saddle River Valley Fellowship

We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Our trip to The Brownstone for our Christmas party was a great success.

January will be a very exciting month. We will be having a craft demonstration on January 10<sup>th</sup>. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have an interesting talk on avoiding falls/safety and balance. Please come and join us.

We meet at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Looking forward to meeting more new members.

## USR Girls Softball Registration

In-person registration for USR Girls Softball Association will be held on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at USR Borough Hall. Registration is also available via the mail (see below). All girls in grades 1 through 9 who reside or attend school in Upper Saddle are eligible to participate. Forms can be requested from [usrsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:usrsoftball@gmail.com) or are available at the library and Borough Hall. Forms are also available on the USR website, [www.usrtoday.org](http://www.usrtoday.org).

The cost for registration is \$100.00 per player. Checks should be made payable to "USR Softball". Registration is due by January 31, 2008. After that date, applications are subject to a \$40.00 late fee, and will only be accepted if space and/or uniforms are available. No registration will be accepted after February 15<sup>th</sup>. Completed forms and payment can be mailed to: Natalie Ling, 4 Mallard Run, Upper Saddle River.

Please help us by sponsoring a team. T-shirts or banners are available for \$250.00, or a dual sponsorship of t-shirts and a banner are \$450.00. For more information on registration, team sponsorships, or to volunteer as a coach, please call Natalie Ling at 201-327-8425

## Upper Saddle River Library

### USR Together is Better...Let's Read!

We are thrilled to invite every resident of Upper Saddle River to participate in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Let's Read Program. Our goal is to get every resident of our town reading. There are two events this year - the Let's Read Contest, which takes place throughout January and February, and the SRVJCO Read-a-thon on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org) for more information.

### Love Those Legos!

Get ready for Upper Saddle River Library's First Annual Lego contest! Build your project at home and then drop it off at the Library by Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The award ceremony is January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Find the rules & guidelines at the library or at [www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org) and get busy!

**Surviving the Marathon of "The College Process" on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Parents are encouraged to spend this evening learning how to select a college that will maximize your teen's chances of success and happiness.

**Mad Science Saturday on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for 1st - 5th Grade** Join us for an afternoon of eye-popping demonstrations and experiments with lots of opportunity for the audience to participate. Registration required.

**e-Bay Selling Basics on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Learn the tips and tricks to be a successful eBay seller. Registration is required.

Visit our website: [www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org](http://www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org) for the new winter schedules for all adult programs and classes and children's weekly programs.

## Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2008

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2008 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 2, 2008. 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 proof of neutering/spaying.

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

Upper Saddle River's basic licensing fee for dogs has been changed to \$15.00. Licensing for cats remains at \$5.00. 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 February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Joanne 201-327-1080 for more details. The club is comprised of women who share a desire to improve the lives of others within and beyond the borders of our community. We work to make a difference.



## 2008 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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License Fee Dogs \$15.00

License Fee Cats \$5.00

**Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00**

**Non-neutered Cat Additional \$3.00**

**There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 15, 2008.**

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

# Coming Up In January 2008

## BOROUGH BOARDS

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall  
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Reorganization Meeting at Borough Hall

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

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 10

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall  
Reorganization/Regular Meeting

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

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

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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

## SERVICE GROUPS

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

### MONDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 p.m. Lion's Club 50th Ann. Gala at Woodcliff Lake Manor

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club Meeting

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

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

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 8  
Tuesday, January 22*

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