

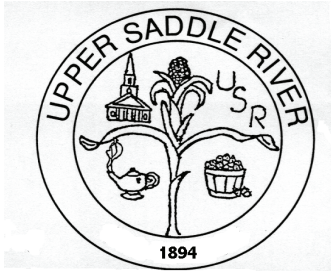


Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

Volunteerism has always been an important aspect of our borough. At the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2006, we began the process of filling the various appointments to the boards, commissions and committees that make our borough such a wonderful town.

At the Reorganization Meeting, Mayor Kenneth A. Gabbert swore in Fire and Rescue Squad Officials to serve for the coming year. Our congratulations and thanks to Fire Officials James Levine (Fire Chief); Erik Vierheilig (Asst. Fire Chief); John Schianchi (Captain); Joseph Raymond (Sr. Lieutenant); and James Redmond (Lieutenant) and Rescue Squad Officials Steve Flatly (Chief); Keith Ritter (Captain); Scott Roberts (1st Lieutenant) and Brandon Bach (2nd Lieutenant). These volunteer organizations provide 24-hour a day, 7-days a week protection and service to all residents of our community.

While the key component needed from volunteers is time, the Ambulance Corps, Fire Department and Rescue Squad offer many rewards to the volunteers as well. Training, equipment, basic allowances and an opportunity to participate in LOSAP (Length of Service Allowance Program) are provided. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with a great group of fellow residents to help our community.

The Mayor and Council would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who can no longer continue to serve in the various positions. We would also like to thank the residents who have sent in letters of interest. In the coming weeks, we will

2006 Governing Body Appointments

Board of Health

*Vincent Durante

Library Bd. Of Trustees

*Nona Maher

Municipal Court

*Judge Harry Norton

Shade Tree

*Gary Nelson

Zoning Board

*Robt. Richardi
*Thomas Perrone

Recreation Commission

*Dan Callahan
Debby Davidowitz
Jon Silverman

Youth Guidance Council

*Mayor Gabbert
*Officer Robert Fleshman
*David Kaplan
*Lori Loughnane
*Maria Esposito
*Debby Davidowitz

Riverwalk

*Neil Bettogole
*Joe Dobias
*Rosemarie Manganaro

Environmental

*Peter Stenzi
*Frank Trusheim
*Wm. Yeomans
*Gene Mortensen

Historian

*Wm. Yeomans

Planning Board:

*Mayor Gabbert
*Chief Ted Preusch
*Robert Proto
*Bud Prober
*Roy Polizzi
*Robt. Derian

Field Advisory Committee

*John Sipala
*Matthew Staudt
*Barbara Ripston
*Ed Gartner
*Tom Tucci

Citizens Advisory Committee

*Hans Kalschbrenner
*Bill Lowry
*Bob Clifford
*Robert Miller
*Susan Curran
*Robert Collins

**Denotes reappointment.*

We offer our heartfelt appreciation for all the offers of help. Because of the continued support of our residents, our borough is able to offer many valuable services.

If you are interested in serving your community and have not sent a letter of intent, please feel free to do so. The letters stating your interest and background can be sent directly to Borough Hall, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. Again, the Mayor and Council thank all the volunteers in our community. Upper Saddle River is very fortunate to have so many residents who dedicate their time and talents to all of us.

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.

The Police Benevolent Association Holds Fundraiser

The Upper Saddle River Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Local 218, invites everyone to a Tasting of Fine Wines and Food on Saturday, March 4th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the new Jack Daniels Audi dealership at 243 Route 17 South in Upper Saddle River. Tickets are \$75.00 per person which includes a tasting of approximately 35 different wines, music and a fabulous array of food provided by Ginger and Spice Restaurant of Ramsey. Tickets are available at the Jack Daniels dealership, Ginger and Spice Restaurant, located at 1300 Route 17 North in Ramsey at the Ramsey Square Shopping Center, A Touch of Class Cleaners at 90 Triangle Plaza, Route 17 North in Ramsey or by contacting any of the PBA Local 218 members.

The PBA is a police union; its' mission is to promote a good working relationship between the police and the community served. They also raise money in order to make donations to police officers and their families with medical needs or who have suffered injury from accidents. The PBA also donates to programs for children, such as the Youth Guidance Council and sports teams.

One of the PBA's annual projects is a Special Olympics Torch Run. Police officers find sponsors and run a 2.5 mile course through Upper Saddle River. All the money raised goes to sponsor special needs kids who want to compete in the Special Olympics. And the PBA plays Santa at the Tomorrow's Children Center at Hackensack Hospital, visiting with the kids and distributing \$1,000 worth of brand-new toys.

The PBA 218 hosted a golf outing this summer at the Apple Ridge Country Club, at which they raised \$7,000. The PBA donated it all to a Saddle River police officer with a son who suffers from Duchenne-Griesinger disease, a form of muscular dystrophy. It strikes boys in early childhood, between ages 2 to 6, causing muscle weakness and respiratory infections and there is no cure.

The PBA has helped children in Upper Saddle River before who have had medical needs. They've contributed to the sound system in the Cavallini Middle School Auditorium and purchased and distributed DNA lifeprint kits to parents. Parents can record and keep their child's DNA so if they ever are found missing, they have it on hand.

The USR Local PBA's permit number is 06004678. For questions or to make a donation, please call 201-252-1500.

Garbage & Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of February is listed in the chart below. All refuse must be at the curb in inclement weather. Your driveway must be totally clear of any 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.

General Dog Regulations

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Upper Saddle River, an ordinance establishing requirements for the proper disposal of pet waste was recently adopted. All dog owners are reminded that they are responsible for the immediate and proper clean-up and removal of all pet waste. A complete copy of the ordinance is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

SRV Cultural Center

Join the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center this winter as we welcome exciting family theatre, stimulating enrichment classes and fun-filled vacation workshops.

On February 4th the center welcomes *Cinderella* presented by Tanglewood Marionettes. This show features beautifully crafted marionettes and is an award winning production of the classic tale.

Carole and Paula from the famed *Magic Garden* will visit the center on Feb. 11, turning back the hands of time and stirring up memories of our youth. It will be an afternoon to remember for young and old. The *Wizard of Oz* stops by the center on Feb. 18 with the help of Allyn Goowin and his balloon artistry. Children from the audience will become Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Lion. Vacation Workshops, designed for when children are on vacation from school, will continue on Feb. 20 and 21 during winter break with *Past and Present Workshop*. Participants will go into the past as a paleontologist and the year of the dinosaur. Children will build a dinosaur, search for fossils and more. In addition, they will search the universe for planets, stars and more inside an inflatable planetarium.

For more information on our shows, workshops or our continuing classes, like Music Makers, Ballet for Beginners, Secrets of Magic and more, contact the center at 201-825-3366. The SRVCC is located at 305 West Saddle River Road.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will hold its monthly general meeting on Tues., Feb 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church on West Saddle River Rd. in the borough.

The program for the evening will be provided by a representative from the hepatitis treatment center of Hackensack University Hospital speaking on "Are You at Risk for Having Hepatitis A, B or C? "

Since many travel, it is important to know how traveling and hepatitis can be connected and how to prevent it. Guests are invited to attend.

Bulky Trash Pick-up

There will be bulky trash pick-up on Friday, February 17. 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 201-327-2196 if you have questions.

USR WASTE COLLECTIONS, FEBRUARY 2006

Garbage:	<u>Monday Garbage Route</u>	<u>Thursday Garbage Route</u>
	West of W. Saddle River Rd.	East of W. Saddle River Rd.
	Monday, February 6	Thursday, February 2
	Monday, February 13	Thursday, February 9
	Monday, February 20	Thursday, February 16
	Monday, February 27	Thursday, February 23
Recycling:	<u>Monday Garbage Route</u>	<u>Thursday Garbage Route</u>
	Tuesday, February 7	Tuesday February 14
	Tuesday February 21	Tuesday, February 28

Large Appliances: Friday, February 3 and Friday, February 17 by appointment only.
Please call (201) 327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: Friday February 17. Please place these items at the curb no earlier than four (4) days prior to scheduled pick-up date.

USR Fire Department

Fire Safety Tips - Chief James Levine

Every day Americans experience the horror of fire. But most people don't understand fire. Only when we know the true nature of fire can we prepare ourselves and our families. Each year more than 4,000 Americans die and approximately 25,000 are injured in fires, many of which could be prevented. Here are some simple facts that explain the particular characteristics of fire:

• **Fire is FAST!** There is little time! In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house. In minutes, a house can be engulfed in flames. Most fires occur in the home when people are asleep. If you wake up to a fire, you won't have time to grab valuables because fire spreads too quickly and the smoke is too thick. There is only time to escape.

• **Fire is HOT!** Heat is more threatening than flames. A fire's heat alone can kill. Room temperatures in a fire can be 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees at eye level. Inhaling this super hot air will scorch your lungs. This heat can melt clothes to your skin. In five minutes a room can get so hot that everything in it ignites at once: this is called flashover.

• **Fire is DARK!** Fire isn't bright, it's pitch black. Fire starts bright, but quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. If you wake up to a fire you may be blinded, disoriented and unable to find your way around the home you've lived in for years.

• **Fire is DEADLY!** Smoke and toxic gases kill more people than flames do. Fire uses up the oxygen you need and produces smoke and poisonous gases that kill. Breathing even small amounts of smoke and toxic gases can make you drowsy, disoriented and short of breath. The odorless, colorless fumes can lull you into a deep sleep before the flames reach your door. You may not wake up in time to escape.

In the event of a fire, remember, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape first, and then call for help. Develop a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room. Practice feeling your way out with your eyes closed. Never stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. Never return to a burning building for any reason; it may cost you your life.

For questions or information on becoming a member of the USR Fire Dept. e-mail Chief Levine at USRFD1230@prodigy.net.

USR Library

Library will be closed for President's Day on February 20th.

Sunday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.

A Program of American Songs

Performed by Pro Arte Chorale.

A free program, registration is suggested.

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

Digital Photography III -- Working with

Your Photos with Dominigue Fruchtmann

A free program, with limited seating.

Advanced registration is required.

USR Together is Better. Let's Read.

Reading Olympic Programs:

Sunday, February 5, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Children's Book & Author Luncheon

with Dan Gutman. A free program, please register in advance.

Thurs., February 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: **Choosing the Right**

Books for your Child. A free program.

Registration suggested.

Sun., February 12, 4:30 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies & Awards Presentation - plus a Potluck Italian Dinner.

Please register in advance.

Newcomers Club

SRV Newcomers Club Announces February Activities.

Membership in SRVNC is required for all groups! For more info please call Janet at 201-327-6423.

Thurs., Feb. 2: **Morning Social** at a members house, for info please call 201-760-9030.

Sat., Feb. 4: **Italian Night** at a members home, RSVP to Rose at 201-934-3299.

Wed., Feb. 8: **Ladies Night Out.** Join us "Chocolate Etc.". RSVP to Margaret at 201-825-7333. **Kids Corner**, decorating Valentines cards, for more info please call Janet at 201-327-6423.

Thurs., Feb. 9: **Out to Lunch** at Andrea's Ristorante in Waldwick. For more info, please call Michele at 201-447-1237 or Christine at 201-818-7194.

Tues., Feb. 14: **Crafts Club** will meet at the Library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Theme: "Crocheting a Scarf", call Takane at 201-818-4883.

Thurs., 16: **International Group** meeting in a members house, starting at 11:00 a.m. For info and RSVP call Louise at 201-934-1228.

Tues. Feb. 24: **The Book Club** will meet at a members home, For more info please call Kathleen at 201-818-4955.

Barry Ervin, USR Recreation Chairperson To Be Honored by the USR Educational Foundation

The USR Educational Foundation (USREF) is proud to announce its Award for Educational Excellence 2006 will be presented to well-known volunteer, Barry Ervin. He is to be honored at the USREF's Gala Dinner Dance, "Town Nite Out", scheduled for Saturday, March 18th at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. The party will be a celebration for the entire community and will feature a cocktail hour with butlered hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, an open bar all evening, an auction and lots of surprises.

Barry Ervin has served on the USR's Recreation Commission for the past seventeen years, acting as Chairperson for 15 years. In his capacity as Recreation Chair, he has helped organize annual family-oriented events such as the Townwide Cleanup, USR Day, the Youth Triathlon, the Dick Meighan Memorial Run, Outdoor Movie Nights, the Fishing Derby and Memorial Day activities. He has served on the USR Field Committee, which planned and oversaw the renovation of the school fields and Hess Park, and has been instrumental in the upcoming renovation of Lions' Park.

Ervin has served as a Scout Leader, a Webelos Leader and has coached baseball, soccer and basketball for many years. He's been President of the USR Baseball Association and Umpire Director for 20 years and served as Chairman of the Northern Highlands Scholarship Foundation. He continues to help coordinate Field Hockey Clinics at Northern Highlands for girls in grades five through eight.

Ervin's been married for 35 years. He and his wife, Rosemary, have two sons, Kevin, 32, and Mark, 30, and one daughter, Andrea, 27. He retired from the Recreation Commission as of December 31, 2005 but plans to remain involved.

The USREF Gala, "Town Nite Out", will benefit Reynolds, Bogert and Cavallini Schools. Thanks to strong community support, the USREF built the Learning Habitat, an outdoor "living" classroom, and funds curriculum-based educational programs through grants. To attend the dinner, contact Susan Greenbaum Gross at (201) 995-1558 or Kristen Farlese at (201) 236-3662. To be included in the ad journal, please contact Brent Edmonds at (201) 934-7283 or amybrent@optonline.net.

Coming Up In February 2006

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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, FEBRUARY 9

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

SERVICE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

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

Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday, February 28

Mayor and Council

Borough Hall

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