

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## *Mayor and Council Message*

At the Reorganization Meeting on January 3, 2008, Mayor Kenneth Gabbert was sworn in to his second term in office by Judge Harry Norton. Borough Attorney Robert Regan swore in Council members Dennis Schubert and Joanne Minichetti and Councilwoman Deborah Viola signed her oath of office. Mayor Gabbert swore in Fire Officials to serve for the coming year. Our congratulations and thanks to: Fire Officials Erik Vierheilig (Fire Chief); Joseph Raymond (Asst. Fire Chief); James Redmond (Captain); John Schianchi (Sr. Lieutenant); and Todd McMichael (Lieutenant). He also announced the Officials for the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Corps who will be sworn in at a later date. Rescue Squad Officials Tom Lanning (Chief); Scott Roberts (Captain); Tom Zachman (1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant) and Brandon Sturbinski (2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant). Ambulance Corps Officials Debra VanGieson (Captain); Stephen Schlicht (1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant); Tom Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant); and Al Tischbein (3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant). These volunteer organizations provide 24-hour a day, 7-days a week protection and service to all residents of our community.

Also at the Reorganization Meeting, Detective Lieutenant Patrick Rotella and Detective Sergeant Edward Kane were recognized by Chief Michael Fanning with the Apprehension Award Medal for arrests made after a November burglary. Working jointly with the 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> precincts of the NYPD, they apprehended two women posing as sisters under false names who burglarized homes taking approximately \$60,000 worth of items from Upper Saddle

River. The awards were the result of their actions, professionalism, tireless investigation, hard work and dedication to the public, according to Chief Fanning. Congratulations on a job well done.

Volunteerism has always been an important aspect of our borough. We have begun the process of filling the various appointments to the boards, commissions and committees that help make our borough such a wonderful town.

The Mayor and Council would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who no longer can 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 appoint members to the vacant positions. 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.

## **Upper Saddle River Police Dept.**

A friendly reminder from the Upper Saddle River Police Traffic Bureau: starting March 1, 2008, a new hands-free cell phone law takes effect statewide. The purpose of the new law is to keep drivers focused on the road and surrounding traffic and provide a safer driving environment for all. Any questions about the new law can be directed to Officer Robert C. Fleshman at 201-327-2700 or via e-mail at [rfleshman@usrp.net](mailto:rfleshman@usrp.net).

## **Presidential Primary Election, February 5, 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.

## **Youth Guidance Council— Books vs. Badges Basketball Game**

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game on Friday, March 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale. Come watch some of your favorite teachers battle it out against the Upper Saddle River Police Department! Admission is \$5.00. **Advance tickets only - no tickets will be available at the door.** Tickets are limited and this event was a sellout last year. Tickets will be available at USR Boro Hall, Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Tickets will also be sold at the USR Library Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please note this is a "family" fundraiser and younger students must be supervised. Refreshments and t-shirts will be sold at the game.

Support the USR Youth Guidance Council so we can continue to fund the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program as well as other anti-drug, anti-alcohol, and anti-violence programs and activities. For more information call Robyn at 201-818-6163, or Barbara at 201-825-3894, or check out our new website at [www.USRYGC.ORG](http://www.USRYGC.ORG).

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Jack Daniels Audi dealership, 243 Route 17 South, 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 Morton's Steak House, Pumpernick's Deli, Tiffany Diner, Harvest Moon Catering, and Starbucks. Tickets are available at the Jack Daniels dealership by calling Debbie at 201-252-1500 or through a PBA member. USR Local 218 PBA's permit number is 08005338.

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 local 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. The PBA also plays Santa at the Tomorrow's Children Center at Hackensack Hospital, visiting with the kids and distributing \$1,000.00 worth of brand-new toys.

Our PBA hosted a golf outing this past summer at the Apple Ridge Country Club, at which they raised \$4,000.00. The PBA donated proceeds to the 9/11 Scholarship Fund on behalf of a fallen firefighter. PBA Local 218 also sponsors two \$1,500.00 Northern Highlands High School Student scholarships.

## Garbage and Recycling

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

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. 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 10:00 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.

## Board of Health Questionnaire

The Board of Health, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, is 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.

## Bulky Trash

The next scheduled bulky trash date is Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. This pick-up includes furniture, bikes, mattresses, old clothes and shoes, toys and games, and any other household item you may want to discard. Bulky trash must be at the curb to be picked-up.

## UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, FEBRUARY 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, February 5	Tuesday, February 12
Tuesday, February 19	Tuesday, February 26

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, February 7, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, March 6.

**Bulky Trash:** The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Friday, March 14, 2008. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

## USREF Hosts Town Night Out

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) will be holding its fifth annual Gala Dinner Dance, *Town Night Out, Celebrating Our History, Preserving Our Future*, on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. The entire community is invited. The evening will feature a lavish cocktail hour with butlered hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, music and fabulous live and silent auctions. All proceeds will benefit the students in grades Kindergarten through eighth in Upper Saddle River.

The USREF is dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in Upper Saddle River. Since its inception in 2003, the USREF has provided the schools with almost \$300,000.00 worth of grant monies making innovative, curriculum-based programs possible. The USREF has made possible programs such as Battle of the Books, where students read books and compete against other school teams; Feeder Watch, where senior citizens and students observe birds and track data as part of a Cornell University program; and funded the USR Library's Read-a-thon. This spring the USREF sponsored River Day, where sixth grade students learned to assess the Saddle River's environment.

Bill and Kay Yeomans will be the recipients of the 2008 Award for Educational Excellence. They have dedicated themselves to the preservation of USR's rich history and to teaching the children what life was like in USR years ago.

Bill is our town historian, wrote *The Lore of USR*, coordinates the annual 4<sup>th</sup> grade program at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade River Day program. Both Bill and Kay organize family events at the museum such as the Harvest Fair, Ice Cream Social and Holiday Open House. She has recorded the stories of over 100 residents for future generations to hear firsthand and coordinated the WWII Veterans Day. In addition to working to preserve the rich history of our town, they also work to preserve the quality of USR for the future. He is Chair of the USR Environmental Committee and developed and coordinates the quarterly water assessment program of the Saddle River. She is a trustee of Valley Hospital, designs and distributes the USR Directory each year and served on Project BEST.

For more information on the dinner, to purchase an ad in the journal or to donate an auction prize, please contact Susan Greenbaum-Gross at [susan@greenbauminteriors.com](mailto:susan@greenbauminteriors.com).



## SRV Cultural Center

February is fabulous at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center, filled with marionettes, the Little Mermaid, a two-day nature adventure and lots of art on display, courtesy of local high school artists.

The Dragon King will be performed on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Just in time for the Chinese New Year, Peter Shaefer brings his handcrafted Tanglewood Marionettes to the Center for a brand new show featuring the adventures of a magical pearl. All ages welcome. There will be a charge of \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

The Little Mermaid will be read on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. This classic Hans Christian Andersen tale comes to life with Allyn Goowin's "Balloowins," a unique storytelling technique featuring balloon sculpting and loads of audience participation. All ages. There will be a charge of \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

A vacation workshop February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (2 days) from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon called Dinosaur Digs & Cool Constellations. First your child will be captivated as he or she goes back to the past as a fossil-seeking paleontologist, and then helps build an 11-foot dinosaur. Then your child will jump into the present, searching for planets and stars inside an inflatable planetarium. There is a \$90.00 registration required.

It's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too! A High School Art Show & Exhibit featuring the works of students from area high schools from February 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Free. There is also an Artists' Reception on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

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

## Saddle River Valley Fellowship

On February 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a Bingo Day. Old and new members are welcome to join us for some fun.

We are looking forward to going on some day trips in the future. Please come and give us your input.

March is an important month for us. We will be having nominations for officers. Please come to the meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, to give us much needed help.

Have a good February and a Happy Valentine's Day.

Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m.

## 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>. For more information visit [www.upper-saddle-river-library.org](http://www.upper-saddle-river-library.org).

### A Valentine's Day Concert being held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Louis Landon, an excellent pianist and a smooth polished singer, will once again entertain us with classic Broadway tunes from bygone years. Registration is recommended

### ebay Beyond the Basics is being held on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m.-9 p.m.

Learn to start or grow an eBay-based business. Registration is required.

### Dora & Diego Together on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Join Dora and Diego in person. We'll have games, food prizes and lots of fun. Registration is required.

### Friendship Bracelet Workshop on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Make a Valentine gift for that special someone. Instruction and materials are provided. Registration is required.

### Frog Prince Puppet Show is being held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Presented by the Green Meadow School Kindergarten teachers.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Art Show in April 2008

Visit our website for registration information and guidelines

Adult programs are open to Library cardholders in Bergen County. Children's programs are open to USR Library cardholders only. Visit our website for the new winter schedules at [www.upper-saddle-river-library.org](http://www.upper-saddle-river-library.org).

## SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is a group 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.

During the month of February the Juniors are sponsoring their annual food drive for The Center for Food Action. The requested items will be available, as well as a donation box, at the Saddle River Post Office starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Donna at 201-962-8115.

If you are interested in finding out more about our organization please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Joanne Florio 201-327-1080.

## Cavallini School Invites Seniors

Cavallini Middle School will host a Senior Citizens Open House/Luncheon/Club Illusion performance on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Also, Upper Saddle River Seniors are invited to attend the Dress Rehearsal of the "Cavallini Cabaret," which will be performed on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Please call Mrs. Pansy at 201-961-6400 to RSVP for either event.

## SRV Newcomer's Club

On Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having Italian Night at Radicchio's at 7:30 p.m. For information, please call Jennifer Marconi at 201-962-2109.

A Morning Social will be held at a member's home on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m. Please call Jennifer Marconi at 201-962-2109 for more information and directions.

The Book club is meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at a members home to discuss "Suite Françoise" by Irene Nemirovsky. If you are interested in attending a Book Club discussion, please contact Kathleen Barker for additional information at 201-818-4955.

The SRVNC International Group is having its first meeting in the new year at a member's home on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Louise at 201-934-1228.

## 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.

# Coming Up In February 2008

## BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall  
8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Meeting at Borough Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11  
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall  
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall  
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, FEBRUARY 13  
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 14  
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall  
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

## SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
11:30 a.m. Friends of the Library Meeting at USR Library

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25  
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5  
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel  
7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting  
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15  
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
6:30 p.m. Lion's Club Youth Night at Double Tree Hotel  
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
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, FEBRUARY 28  
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 26*

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