

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council

At the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2009, Mayor Kenneth Gabbert swore in Councilmember Joanne Minichetti. At our January 14, 2009 meeting, Roger DeBerardine was sworn in as our newly elected Councilmember. Fire Officials were also sworn in to serve for the coming year. Our congratulations and thanks to: Fire Officials Erik Vierheilg (Fire Chief); Joseph Raymond (Asst. Fire Chief); James Redmond (Captain); John Schianchi (Sr. Lieutenant); and Todd McMichael (Lieutenant). Mayor Gabbert also announced the Officials for the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Corps. Rescue Squad Officials Tom Smith (Chief); Alex Kaplan (Captain); and Daniel Funsch (1st Lieutenant). Ambulance Corps Officials Debra VanGieson (Captain); Tom Smith (1st Lieutenant); Al Tischbein (2nd Lieutenant); and Armond Fardanesh (3rd Lieutenant). These volunteer organizations provide 24-hour a day, 7-days a week protection and service to all residents of our community.

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.

1st Qtr. 2009 Taxes Due -Feb. 1

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

Police Department

The Police Department would like to remind the residents that for the safety of your families and others, all snow and ice should be removed from all vehicles, to prevent the snow from dislodging and causing an accident or damage to another vehicle, a violation of New Jersey State Statute 39:4-77.1. Please Drive Carefully.

Special Needs Notification Application

Residents with any health conditions or needing special services in case of an emergency, please go to the Borough's web-site and download the questionnaire or call the Borough Hall at 201-327-2196 and we will mail it to you.

If you need additional information on emergencies, the following web-sites may be helpful:

<http://www.fema.gov>

<http://www.nj.gov/nj/safety>

<http://www.bcoem.org>

<http://usrtoday.org/eomplan.php>

USREF To Honor Beloved Coach Mike Blake Posthumously

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) is proud to announce that Mike Blake will be awarded the 2009 *Award for Educational Excellence* posthumously. The award is given annually to an Upper Saddle River resident who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the community as well as significant civic leadership. The recipient must be identified as a positive role model for children and be recognized by many in the community, i.e. parents, teachers, administrators, etc.

Blake will be honored at the USREF's sixth annual Gala Dinner Dance, *Town Night Out*, to be held on Friday, March 6th at the Estate at Florentine Gardens. The entire community is invited. The evening will feature a lavish three-hour cocktail hour with international stations, a Viennese Dessert Table with a coffee bar, dancing and entertainment. Fabulous live and silent auctions showcasing unique gifts will also be a highlight. All proceeds will benefit the students in grades Kindergarten through eighth in Upper Saddle River.

Known as Coach Mike, Blake was a tireless coach to boys and girls, coaching softball, baseball, soccer and basketball. He coached star athletes and kids who just were out to have some fun. Mike brought his lifelong love of sports to those he coached, teaching them teamwork, persistence and sportsmanship. Gentle and kind, he made a genuine difference in their lives. Unfortunately, Mike passed away much too soon this fall and 3,000 adults and children attended his wake - out of respect and love for the time, talent and encouragement he gave to all. He was an outstanding role model.

Tickets for the Gala and ad journal order forms are available on line, please visit www.usref.net. For more information on the dinner, the ad journal or to donate an auction prize, please contact Maria DiMartino at 201-818-2402 or mardimar@optonline.net.

YGC Family Fundraiser 2009-

Books vs. Badges Basketball Game

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring its 4th annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game on Friday, March 20, 2009, 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 is always a sellout. Tickets will be available at USR Boro Hall, Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, March 1st, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and Monday, March 2nd through Friday, March 6th, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., or until they are **SOLD OUT**, whichever comes first. Please note this is a “family” fundraiser and younger students must be supervised. Refreshments and t-shirts will be sold at the game. Please 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 Barbara 201-825-3894 or Robyn 201-818-6163, or check our website: www.USRYGC.ORG.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will begin their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie. The hours are 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is open to all Bergen County residents. Please bring identification.

Some of the items accepted at this collection are aerosol cans, paints, pesticides, solvents and batteries.

U.S.R. Directory

The deadline for adding your listing to the Upper Saddle River Directory has been extended to February 15th. Send in your name, address and phone to: U.S.R. Directory, c/o USR Library, 245 Lake Street, USR, NJ 07458 or email to kayyeomans@optonline.net.

The Upper Saddle River Directory has been a town tradition for 51 years. In addition to the listing of local residents, it contains handy resources including important borough numbers, information on borough government and local organizations, a professional directory, dining guide and street map.

If you are currently listed, your name will stay in the Directory. It is only distributed in Upper Saddle River. No one is listed without their permission; the phone number does not have to be included. For information on advertising or professional listings, contact Barbara Hymans, bymans35@yahoo.com or call 201-825-8091.

Garbage and Recycling

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

In inclement weather, please bring all garbage and recycling to the road. The drivers will not take any chances of getting stuck in any 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.

The next scheduled bulky trash date is Friday, March 13th. This pick-up includes furniture, bikes, mattresses, old clothes and shoes, toys and games, and any other household items you may want to discard. Bulky trash must be at the curb to be picked-up.

Cultural Center

Shake off the cold and step inside the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center for fun ways to fill your February days. Join us for a special Valentine's Day show, a few workshops and art for all.

Come to the Cultural Center for live theater performances for kids of all ages. Our intimate setting offers children a fun, interactive introduction to theater.

A Valentine's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, February 14th at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. One of our favorite performers, Chip Bryant, has whipped up a special performance just for Valentine's Day. Enjoy an artful blend of clowning (minus the make-up), mime, juggling, magic, puppetry and music. Join us for lots of laughs and plenty of family participation. It's a heartwarming celebration for the entire family. All ages. \$10.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members.

A candy making mini workshop (2 days) will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 10th from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Just in time for Valentine's Day, join us for two sessions of delicious candy making and go home with your own sweet treats. Ages 6 and up. \$30.00 for 2 days. Registration required.

A vacation workshop will be held on February 16th and 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. called **On The Shores & Under The Sea**. Explore the science and mystery of the ocean, its shores and its sea life. It may be the middle of winter, but it'll feel like a day at the beach with this hands-on workshop! Ages 5 and up. \$95.00 for 2 days. Registration required.

Remember that it's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. A Local Art Show & Exhibit will be held February 1-28. All are welcome. Free. This month's featured artist, Jody Whitsell, will present animal portraiture in a large, square format. "I've always loved animals, especially dogs," she says. "Their loving, expressive nature makes them wonderful subjects for portraits." Whitsell will also display watercolor paintings reminiscent of traditional Americana prints.

An Artist's Reception will be held on Sunday, February 8 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

We're pleased to announce that our new resident theater company, **APPLAUSE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**, a non-profit organization, is now offering shows and classes in musical theater, acting, singing and dancing, right here at the Cultural Center. For more information, call Executive Director Kathy Renna at 201-362-4948 or request an e-mail brochure at kathyrenna@earthlink.net.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, FEBRUARY 2009

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.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, February 3	Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, February 17	Tuesday, February 24

Large Appliances: Thursday, February 5th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is March 5th.

Bulky Trash: The next bulky trash pick-up will be March 13, 2009.



Cavallini School Invites Seniors

Cavallini Middle School will host a Senior Citizen Open House/Luncheon/Club Illusion performance on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Dog/Cat Licenses Due by Feb. 17th

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2009 certificates and tags are available at the Borough Hall. 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 the tags and certificates to you. We need proof of rabies immunization (required) and proof of neutering/spaying (if applicable).

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 is \$15.00. Licensing for cats is \$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 17th.**

All dog owners are reminded to pick up after their dogs and dispose of their waste in a proper receptacle when taking them for a walk.

Upper Saddle River Library

Adult Programs:

All Seasons Chamber Players - February 1st at 2:00 p.m.

The popular All Seasons Chamber Players return to the Upper Saddle River Library on Sunday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. with their program, "Going for Baroque".

The New eBay – Sales and Strategies - February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

eBay has changed some of their basic selling rules - learn what you must do and what you no longer can do on this worldwide selling platform.

Event & Wedding Planner - February 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Learn what it takes to create a beautiful party. Create a realistic budget and a tasteful event regardless of the size of your guest list or size of your budget.

Children's Programs:

Read-a-thon 2009 · February 28th from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual Read-a-thon. 8 years old and up (adults welcome) – Read continuously for 50 minutes with 10 minute breaks until 5pm or one contestant is left. Prizes will be awarded at each break for those remaining.

Friendship Bracelet Workshop · February 11th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a Valentine gift for that special someone! Instructions and materials are provided. For ages 7–14.

Chocolate Mania! · February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

No Valentine? No Problem! Come indulge yourself at our chocolate and sweets celebration. Make a treat for yourself or your sweetheart! Have some fun with games and Valentine trivia. For grades 6–8.

Due to staff development training, the Upper Saddle River Library will open at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 6th.

Adult programs are open to Library cardholders in Bergen County. Children's programs are open to USR Library cardholders only. Visit our website: www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org for the new winter schedules.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is pleased to have Barbara Ostrom of Barbara Ostrom Associates, Inc. be their guest speaker. Barbara will be discussing elements of interior design. SRVJWC's next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th. Please contact Joanne at 201-327-1080 for more details.

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's 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.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

The speaker from Valley Hospital was excellent. We were all motivated by her talk. Tai Chi was a lot of fun on January 22nd.

In February we will celebrate Valentine's Day and on February 26th we will have a clown show. Try to come to the meeting, you will have many laughs and have a really enjoyable day.

Please come and join the club. Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 11:00 a.m. The meetings are held at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church.

2009 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 _____

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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 17, 2009.

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

Checks or exact change would be appreciated. **Please enclose a self-address stamped envelope** if applying by mail.

Coming Up In February 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting at Borough Hall

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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, FEBRUARY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

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

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16 & 23

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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. Junior Woman's Club Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

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

Tuesday, February 10

Tuesday, February 24

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