

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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nursing homes is provided with 24-hour notice. CPR classes, first aid training, senior citizen safety chats and ambulance awareness visits are also part of the vital service this group provides.

The Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad is also always available to provide emergency rescue services, whether extricating victims from a vehicle accident, pumping out a flooded basement or removing a fallen tree blocking the road. All members complete extensive training and then attend ongoing training and response drills in addition to their other duties. Their motto is "So Others May Live" which really says it all.

All three service groups offer a junior membership for students age 16 to 18 wherein the younger volunteers receive extensive training in order to serve as adult members in the future. This is an extremely positive experience for the teens and a great confidence and skill builder.

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge all of our dedicated volunteers but especially the members of these three emergency response units who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are very proud to see that the Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation will officially recognize their devotion to our community by bestowing the *2010 USREF Award for Educational Excellence* upon them at their annual gala next month.

For more information on joining the Fire Department, call 201-327-0285; the Ambulance Corps, 201-327-8687; and Rescue Squad, 201-327-3219. New members are always welcome.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kenneth Gabbert  
Council President Deborah Viola,  
Council Members Roger DeBerardine,  
Vincent Durante, Joanne Florio,  
Joanne Minichetti and Dennis Schubert*

## *A Message from the Mayor and Council*

At the Reorganization Meeting held on Thursday, January 7, 2010, Mayor Ken Gabbert swore in Vincent Durante and Joanne Florio as council members for three year terms. Members were appointed to various boards such as Planning, Zoning, Health and Shade Tree. He also swore in Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Squad officials.

This is an excellent time to reflect on how important our volunteers are and how much we rely on the services they provide. Whether it be serving on a board, leading a scout troop, or responding to a life-threatening emergency, volunteers enrich our community.

The USR Fire Department is a group willing to put their own lives at risk to help others. They also perform safety inspections, organize educational events for the community such as Fire Prevention Nights and work with the schools to teach students fire safety. Their motto is "Professionally Served by Volunteers" and they certainly live up to it. The amount of initial and ongoing training and drilling they do is impressive. Recently, the department was certified by the Division of Fire Safety as a training facility, a testament to the advanced skills of these volunteers.

The USR Volunteer Ambulance Corps members have all completed lengthy hours of training and continue to stay current. The Corps provides emergency ambulance service to the community. In addition to emergency transport, non-emergency transportation between hospitals and

### **1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2010 taxes Due -Feb. 1**

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.

### **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. Violation of this statute could result in a fine of \$200.00 - \$1,000.00 for each offense. 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 website 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 websites may be helpful:

<http://www.fema.gov>

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

<http://www.bcoem.org>

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

### **Christmas Tree Pick-up**

The collection of Christmas trees will continue through this month.

It is very important that the trees be totally bare. The equipment cannot process tinsel, wires and leftover decorations.



## YGC—Books vs. Badges Basketball Game

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game on Friday, March 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale. Come watch some of your favorite teachers battle it out against the Upper Saddle River Police Department! Admission is \$6.00. **Advance tickets only - no tickets will be available at the door.** Tickets are limited and this event has been a sellout the past few years. Tickets will be available at USR Borough Hall on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Tickets will also be sold at Borough Hall from Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 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 Robyn at 201-818-6163, or Lori at 201-818-0122, or visit our website: [www.USRYGC.ORG](http://www.USRYGC.ORG).

## Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation To Hold Gala

The Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation (USREF) will be holding its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Gala Dinner Dance, “Town Night Out”, on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. at The Estate at Florentine Gardens in River Vale, NJ. The evening will be a community-wide celebration featuring a three-hour cocktail party with international food stations followed by a Viennese dessert and coffee bar, dancing and entertainment, and our fabulous silent and live auctions.

USREF will be honoring our community services volunteers with the USREF “*Award for Excellence*”. The award is given annually to an Upper Saddle River resident or service group 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.

Our 2010 celebration will salute the USR Ambulance Corps, the USR Fire Department and the SRV Rescue Squad. All proceeds will benefit the students in grades Kindergarten through eighth in Upper Saddle River district.

For any additional information on how to participate in the evening’s festivities, journal, or auctions, please visit our website at [www.usref.net](http://www.usref.net) or contact Susan Greenbaum Gross at 973-279-3000 or [susan@greenbauminteriors.com](mailto:susan@greenbauminteriors.com) or Malissa Piazza at 201-825-9244 or [malissap@gmail.com](mailto:malissap@gmail.com).

## SRV Cultural Center

Come out of the cold and into the arts at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center this February! Come to the Cultural Center for live theater performances and family events for kids of all ages. The intimate setting offers children a fun, interactive introduction to theater.

**Snow White & the Eight Dwarfs** will be told on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Allynn Goen tells this fun story with his zany balloon artistry and help from our audience. Maybe you'll even end up on stage as Snow White or one of the EIGHT dwarfs! All ages welcome. \$10.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members.

**Chocolate Experience** on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Experience the joy of making chocolate creations with your family. Ages 4 & up, must be accompanied by an adult. \$10.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members.

**Diggin' for Dinosaurs, Rockin' Rocks & Crystal Creations**, a vacation workshop (winter break). will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Discover the excitement of paleontology and geology. Excavate and assemble skeletal replicas from fossilized rock. Dig for dinosaurs, cool rocks, minerals and crystals. Then take home shark teeth and unearthed treasures. Ages 6 and up. \$100.00 fee. Registration is required.

**Leprechaun Circus** will be performed on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tanglewood Marionettes presents a puppet extravaganza with 21 trick marionettes in a parade of fast-paced short scenes in an enchanted forest. All ages. \$10 members, \$12 non-members.

The Center is now happy to open its doors to the community for rental purposes. If you have a group that needs a meeting place, a child who's having a birthday or a business in the market for part-time space, give us a call. **Renters Welcome!** Contact Georgia Greiner at 201-825-3366 or e-mail her at [georgia@srvcc.org](mailto:georgia@srvcc.org).

The 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](mailto:kathyrenna@earthlink.net).

### UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, FEBRUARY 2010

**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.

**If there is ice on your driveway or in inclement weather, all garbage and recycling must be brought out by the road.**

<b>Recycling:</b> <u>W. Saddle River Rd. &amp; west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, February 2	Tuesday, February 9
Tuesday, February 16	Tuesday, February 23

**Large Appliances:** Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up will be in March 4, 2010.

**Bulky Trash:** The next collection date will be March 12, 2010.

If you have any questions, call 201-327-2196 Monday—Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



### Annual Dog/Cat Licenses Due by Feb. 15th

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2010 certificates and tags are available at the Borough Hall. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. Chapter 8:23A4.1(a) "the dog to be licensed and registered has been inoculated against rabies with a vaccine having duration of immunity which extends throughout at least ten of the 12 months of the licensing period." You may mail in a completed application with your payment, proof of rabies immunization and proof of neutering/spaying to expedite the process. We will mail the tags and certificates to you.

Please enclose a self-addressed 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Upper Saddle River Library

**After Hours** – Meet your neighbors at our Friday night program featuring USR native Anthony Grippa. Relax with wine and cheese as you view his movie, "Running Funny", followed by a discussion. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday Afternoon Flicks** – "8 Women", Join us in our new media center on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. A discussion will follow the film. Refreshments will be served.

**Selling on eBay** – Learn about this worldwide selling platform. Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Start Your own Blog** – Learn how to set up, design and maintain your own blog with a step-by-step demonstration. Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Join our annual Read-a-thon on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For ages 8 years old and up (adults welcome)–Read continuously for 50 minutes with 10-minute breaks until 4:00 p.m. or one contestant is left. Prizes will be awarded at each break with a Grand Prize awarded to the finalist. Contestants may start at any time but only those starting at 10:00 a.m. are eligible for the Grand Prize. Refreshments. Sponsored by the SRVJCO.

### An Evening of Fine Wine and Food

The officers of the Upper Saddle River PBA Local 218 would like to invite our residents and friends to our 3<sup>rd</sup> bi-annual wine tasting, complemented with gourmet food from local vendors. Join us on March 27, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Jack Daniels' new Porsche dealership located on Route 17 South, Upper Saddle River. Tickets are available by calling Debbie at 201-252-1500 ext 1501.

The proceeds from this event will be donated to help with USR Youth Guidance Council programs, local children in need and for college scholarships.

### SRV Senior Fellowship Group

We got through the cold weather during January. We enjoyed our Bingo Day and our Movie Fest Day.

February brings us to two great meetings. For one meeting we will have a pizza gathering and the second we will have a Silent Auction. Lots of prizes for one and all.

We are still involved in our community projects. Hopefully we will be collecting items for the Red Cross.

Hope you all survive the weather and will be able to make the meetings on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church., 318 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River.

See you there!!

### 2010 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair (long/short) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

License Fee Dogs \$15.00

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

**There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 15, 2010.**

**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-addressed stamped envelope if applying by mail.

**Cat:**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair (long/short) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

License Fee Cats \$5.00

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

# Coming Up In February 2010

## BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall  
8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8  
7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting at Borough Hall  
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission Meeting at Borough Hall  
7:00 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall  
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center  
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
7:00 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Meeting at Borough Hall

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

*Tuesday, February 9*

*Tuesday, February 23*

## SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
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 1, 8, 15 & 22  
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting  
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corps Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9  
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill  
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill  
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall  
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corps Drill

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

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