

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council are very pleased to announce that Councilwoman Veronica Tarino was inducted into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame during the Sixteenth Mayors' Legislative Day held on January 16, 2008 in Trenton. The League created the Elected Officials Hall of Fame to recognize the tremendous contributions of the many governing body members who have selflessly served their communities for twenty years or more. Currently, there are 365 inductees in the Hall of Fame. The president of the State League of Municipalities, Mayor Robert L. Bowser of East Orange City, said, "The Elected Officials Hall of Fame recognizes these officials who have selflessly guided their communities through the good times and troubled times with little recognition of their sacrifice. This token of appreciation will shine a light on these pillars in our communities and hold them up as an example of civic pride for all citizens to emulate." Thank you Councilwoman Tarino for your 21 years of service to our Borough!

At a recent Mayor and Council meeting, a resolution was unanimously passed strongly urging the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to modify the vegetation management portion of the Open Transmission Lines Regulations. A letter was also forwarded to Congressman Scott Garrett voicing our concern regarding certain actions proposed by Rockland Electric Company that would impact many of our residents and their properties by the clear cutting of trees in the utility easements as well as the application of herbicides within the easement areas to preclude re-growth of vegetation. At a BPU meeting, the BPU agreed to immediately begin a 3-4 month process to modify this portion of the regulations and will send the utilities a clarification letter advising that the

regulations are under review. They made clear their intent not to go beyond the regulations, specifically, the language of "exceeding 69kv" is not intended to be any lines that are in the 69kv range thus hopefully removing the clear cutting concern from most if not all of the properties in our area. A copy of the transcript of the BPU meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk and on the Borough website (www.usrtoday.org).

The Mayor and Council would like to encourage all families to participate in the "Ready, Set, Relax Family Night" on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. This is one special night to relax and just be together as a family. There will be no homework, no sports practices, and no scheduled activities – just a chance to reflect on your daily activities and consciously choose what matters most – time with your family! This evening is endorsed by: Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council; Allendale Municipal Alliance; Saddle River Municipal Alliance; Ho-Ho-Kus Municipal Alliance; the Boroughs of Upper Saddle River, Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River; Northern Highlands Regional High School; and the public school districts of Upper Saddle River, Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River.

Residents are reminded that the Borough has an approved emergency operations plan in place through the Office of Emergency Management to deal with many emergency issues, such as floods, hurricanes, severe snowstorms, transportation accidents, etc. All residents should review their personal emergency action plans so they know what to do in the event of an emergency. Our Borough website (www.usrtoday.org) has a copy of the Borough Emergency Operations Plan with links to additional websites as to how to put together a plan.

There are still a few positions open on the various boards, commissions and committees. We are looking for volunteers for the Board of Health and Zoning Board. Also, the Upper Saddle River Historic Preservation Commission has recently been created and we are looking for residents

to serve on it. Please send a letter of interest and resume to the Borough Hall, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ if you would like to be considered for one of these positions.

We have begun the process of the annual budget for the Borough. The Council will review operating expenses, salary and wages, and the capital budget. As always, we will strive to provide the services you have come to expect while maintaining our municipal tax rate, which is among the lowest in Bergen County. We plan on introducing the budget as soon as it has been completed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the budget or any other matter, please feel free to contact any member of the Mayor and Council.

Youth Guidance Council

The USR Youth Guidance Council is pleased to announce that All American Ford of Hackensack has recently donated a vehicle to be used as our new D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) vehicle as well as for Police Support Services such as traffic. Our current D.A.R.E. car has served our community well, however, it is old and beyond repair.

The new D.A.R.E. vehicle will be customized with the D.A.R.E. logo and used at all the functions involving the youth in our community. The vehicle will also be highly visible throughout the Borough such as at the Youth Triathlon, Bike Rodeo, Dick Meighan Run, Lions Carnival, and the D.A.R.E. Circus.

We are seeking donations to offset the cost of outfitting the vehicle with lights, radio, tires, and other equipment. As community members, your support of our program would be greatly appreciated. A dedication ceremony will be held for the presentation of the new D.A.R.E. vehicle. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with these costs, please make your check payable to "USR D.A.R.E. Trust Account", PO Box 161, Saddle River, NJ 07458.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston- 201-825-3894.

The PBA 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 15th 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.

Garbage and Recycling

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

Recycling, which is picked up every other Tuesday, consists of commingled bottles, cans and plastics (all plastic food containers acceptable) and papers. The papers, newspapers, junk mail, school papers, cardboard are to be tied into bundles or be placed into brown paper bags.

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.

Bulky Trash

Bulky trash will be picked up on Friday, March 14th. 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.

Spring Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration for the spring tennis clinics will take place at Boro Hall 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mondays - Fridays. There will be two 5-week sessions to be held at the Wickersham Tennis Courts. The first session will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays beginning the week of March 31st, with no lessons the week of school break. The second session will also be held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting the week of May 12th. During the second session an adult group will take place at 7:00 p.m. The cost for the entire 5-week session is \$90.00. For more information please call the USR Recreation Commission at 201-327-3634 or email USRRrecreation@aol.com. Visit our website to download an application – www.usrtoday.org.

USR Republican Club

The USR Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, March 25th, at the Library, starting with refreshments at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m.. USR resident Chris Calabrese and his team, running as candidates for the job of Bergen County Freeholder, will be the speakers. All members and non-members are invited.

Hazardous Waste

The Bergen County Utilities will be holding a hazardous waste collection on Saturday, March 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. The collection site is at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie. The next collection date is Sunday, April 6th at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus.

Some of the items accepted at these collections are paint (all kinds), fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, fertilizer, bug sprays, varnishes and batteries.

Tennis Permits Available for 2008

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts, located on West Saddle River Road in front of Reynolds School, will be available beginning Monday, March 31, 2008 at Borough Hall. A family membership will remain at \$25.00 and an individual membership will again be priced at \$15.00. For more information please contact the USR Recreation Department at USRRrecreation@aol.com or call 201-327-3634. Visit the Boro website at www.USRtoday.org for information about all Recreation programs.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River is sponsoring its yearly poetry and prose contest for grades 1 through 8 in the local school system.

The title for this year's competition is "What Way of Communicating Do You Think Is the Most Important in Our World Today?" Instructions are available at the local schools in the community. Winners will be judged in each category for four groups (1st- 2nd, 3rd- 4th, 5th- 6th and 7th- 8th grades).

Winners will be invited to attend the club's April meeting to read their entries before families, friends and school officials. Their names will be, subsequently, inscribed on plaques at their respective schools, which the club has provided.

The next general meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at Houlihan's Restaurant on Highway 17 North. Details will be furnished by calling Barbara at 201-825-0207.

On Tuesday, March 11th, members of the club, under the guidance of Terry Carroll, will again be going to the long term care facility at the Bergen Regional Hospital in Paramus to help celebrate those birthdays which fall in this month. Needed for the residents are deodorant, socks, shampoo, hair spray, perfume, powder, shaving cream, aftershave, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and hairbrushes.

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River would like to thank everyone who donated to our "Baby Shower" for the benefit of the children of the abused women at the shelter in West Milford, making it the greatest success to date. In fact, Westies Storage in the Borough graciously donated a truck and driver, which was filled to capacity to bring all the items up to the shelter. Our sincere appreciation to all, thank you.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, MARCH 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.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, March 4	Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, March 18	Tuesday, March 25

Large Appliances: Thursday, March 6, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, April 3.

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

SRV Cultural Center

March is packed with fun for children and adults alike at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center. Kids will flip for our silent clown, an ugly duckling, the gang from the Wizard of Oz and an afternoon of Irish folk dancing. Adults will have just as much fun at our Adult Comedy Night, which is back by popular demand. And don't forget to catch our local artists' exhibit.

The Silent Clown will perform on March 1st at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. In our search for unique and exciting shows that the whole family can enjoy, we found Chip Bryant, who blends his performance with mime and clowning while speaking not a single word. When winter is long and bleak, this will surely brighten your day. Bring the whole family—it's truly fun for all. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we're delighted to have 10 local children from the award-winning McLoughlin School of Irish Dancing perform song and dance in their native costumes. This will be held on March 8th at 2:00 p.m. A fun and cultural experience that is sure to enrich children of all ages. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

The Ugly Duckling will be performed on March 15th at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. This classic Hans Christian Andersen fairytale teaches tolerance, kindness and compassion as it tugs at the heartstrings. Thanks to the talent of the Ritz Theatre Company, even the youngest child will understand that it's not what's on the outside that counts, but what's on the inside. All ages. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

The Wizard Of Oz will be performed on March 29th at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Join Dorothy, the scarecrow, the tin man and the cowardly lion as they travel the yellow brick road of adventure. Savor the music and lyrics that bring this classic play to life. All ages. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

Why should kids have all the fun? Adult Comedy Night will be held on March 8th. The doors will open at 8:00 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. Our adult comedy night is back to celebrate our 25th anniversary. What a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. You don't have to venture far from home to have a memorable night of fun and laughter without the kids! Coffee and the best cake EVER (really!) will be served.

Local Art Show & Exhibit featuring the works of John Reiter, will be shown from March 1st–31st. All are welcome. Free.

Artists' Reception will be held on March 9th 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.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Saddle River Valley Lions Club invites all children age 8 and under to take part in the annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt. This year's hunt will take place at Lions Memorial Park, Lake Street at Valley Lane, on Saturday, March 15th and will begin at 10:00 a.m. "SHARP". Parents are reminded to provide their children with baskets. The rain date will be the following Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m., if necessary.

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 29th 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.

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.

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, March 26th. Please contact Joanne at 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.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

As I said last month, we had two great meetings. The entertainment was wonderful. Please think about joining the club.

In February we celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a party and went on a trip to Yonkers, which was fun. We have two trips coming up – March 17th we will be going to the Tides and in April we will be going to La Neve. If you have any questions about these trips, please call 201-327-6767.

In March we will be having nominations of officers and our inauguration meeting.

Remember our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Bergen Highlands Church at 11:00 a.m. Believe me you will meet old friends and make new friends!!

50th Anniversary of the Directory

The Upper Saddle River Library is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Upper Saddle River Directory this March with a month long photography and painting exhibit celebrating "Our Community Then and Now". The Friends of the USR Library will host an Open House the weekend of March 29th-30th with the town-wide directory distribution, USR trivia contest, video of USR in decades past and refreshments. If you have photographs or paintings of Upper Saddle River that you would like to loan to the library for this event, please contact Barbara Kruger at kruger@bccls.org.



Youth Guidance Council—

Books vs. Badges Basketball Game

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring its 3rd 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. For ticket information call Barbara at 201-825-3894, or check out our new website at www.USRYGC.ORG.

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.

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.

Coming Up In March 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, MARCH 3
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10
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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
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, MARCH 13
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 17
6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

MONDAY, MARCH 24
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 31
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, MARCH 3
11:30 a.m. Friends of the Library Meeting at USR Library

MONDAYS, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, MARCH 4
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel
7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
7:00 p.m. Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
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, MARCH 27
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, March 25*

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