

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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As a reminder to our residents, the Borough-owned bus is available to provide transportation to anyone who wants to attend the bi-monthly Senior Fellowship meetings held at Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church. We are very pleased to offer this service to our community.

We will continue to update you on these matters as they progress. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Mayor and Council.

Vision 2020

It has been a year since the Vision 2020 report was completed. As you may recall, the Vision 2020 Committee's task was to assess what the residents of Upper Saddle River want their community to be over the next fifteen years.

The report was compiled from the results of a townwide survey, written comments on the surveys, advice of several experts and the work of four sub-committees comprised of 38 residents. The report contains 23 recommendations under the headings: Preserving Our Semi-Rural Atmosphere, Assuring Our Safety, Protecting Our Environment, Stabilizing Taxes, Improving Our Quality of Life and Maintaining Good Government Services. Also included in the report are recommended next steps.

Here is what has been accomplished in the past year, based on those Next Steps:

- Historic Homeowner's Association formed.
- Inventory of Historic Homes completed.
- Elmer's application for a new building was redesigned to preserve a rural look and a café or meeting place was included in new design.
- List of volunteer opportunities compiled and needs assessed.
- River assessment program implemented.
- Cut out on West Road by schools completed.
- New traffic patterns by schools in-

Much else is in process including a Historic Preservation Ordinance, Volunteer information and publicity, an Environmental River Day for 6th graders, and strengthening of noise ordinance. To be addressed in 2007-08 are these: Sharing of emergency services, OEM plans communication, Traffic Safety, Waste and Water long range planning, Size and Bulk of new homes, and Shade Tree Ordinance Update. Work on many of these issues is currently being worked on by existing Borough Boards and Commissions.

It is the intent of the Vision 2020 Committee to clearly outline the community's recommendations to the appropriate board, offer to attend the board's regular meetings to offer input and to provide support staff if needed. For questions about Vision 2020, contact Bill Yeomans at wyeomans@optonline.net or Joanne Minichetti at JLMinichett@aol.com.

USR Recreation Clean-up Day

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will hold its 11th annual Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 19th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until noon. Any interested individuals should meet at Lions Park across the street from the playground. All individuals and organizations including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate. Garbage bags will be provided.

For more information please contact Jon Silverman 201-236-0442 or jdsilverman@optonline.net.

Property Taxes Due

The Tax Collector would like to remind residents that property taxes are due on the 1st of May with a ten-day grace period. Taxes received after the 10th of the month will be charged interest calculated from the May 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.

Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to keep you advised of the status of litigation regarding Hillside Avenue. Our special counsel, Richard Golden, has filed suit in the Southern District of New York federal court under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Village of Airmont and the Rockland County Sewer District (RCSD) #1 have hired attorneys and are trying to dismiss the action for "lack of standing of Upper Saddle River." However, we feel we have adequate cause for this suit and are awaiting the courts ruling. Special Counsel Golden has advised us that the ruling may not occur until later in the year.

We are pleased to announce that the Borough has gone out for bid on the next phase of the Lions Park project. The second phase will include the renovation of all the fields at Lions Park. The updated facility will have 5 skinned baseball/softball fields and 3 multi-purpose fields for soccer/football/lacrosse/field hockey. Half of the fields will be renovated in the spring and the other half in late summer/fall. The final phase of the project will include the construction of a field house with bathrooms, a snack bar, overhang for seating and a small storage area. A path will comprise of DEP approved pea gravel and will be used by the schools for its physical education programs as well as by the town as a walking path. Bike riding and rollerblading will not be permitted on the path. Thank you to the Fields Committee and Recreation Commission who have been working for the past 7 years on the plans for the renovation of all our recreation fields in the Borough.

Tennis Permits for 2007

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts for the 2007 season will be available beginning Monday, April 2, 2007 at Borough Hall. A family membership will remain at \$25 and an individual membership will again be priced at \$15.00.

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 21 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie. The collection begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes promptly at 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. The collection is free of charge to all Bergen County residents. Waste should be in original containers and labeled. NO computers, electronics or tires will be accepted at HHW Collections.

In general you may dispose of all types of paints, fertilizers, kerosene, blacktop sealer, motor oil, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs and fire extinguishers. Please call the BCUA hotline with questions and for more information at 201-807-5825.

Garbage & Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of April is listed in the chart below. The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays year round. The recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10 a.m. the next day. You may leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a day. For your convenience, the Recycling Depot, which is located behind the Borough Hall, is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

USR Fishing Derby

The Upper Saddle Recreation Commission will again host this year's Annual Fishing Derby scheduled for May 5th at Liberty Park. This year's event is sponsored by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, with all the fish being donated through the "Take Me Fishing" Derby program. The Division Conservation Officers are also on hand to speak to the children about fishing ethics, rules and regulations. The officers also offer assistance to children during the couple of hours of fishing. They walk around the pond and provide answers to many questions about various fish and wildlife issues in the state as well as licensing information. The presentation also includes a brief discussion about the area's watershed and how to keep it clean and healthy. By this time in the program the young anglers are ready to start fishing. Fish are netted out of the tanker and placed into buckets for the participants to stock.

The event will get underway at 9:00 a.m. until noon. All Upper Saddle River residents, ages 5 and over are invited to bring your poles and bait and enjoy a great time. Awards will be presented. If you should have any questions, please contact Bucky Rehair at 201-825-3767 or Recreation Director, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634.

DPW Brush Pickup

The DPW will collect branches every other week starting this month and ending in October. As per past requirements, **tyed bundles** of brush no longer than 5 feet and not over 4 inches in width will be collected.

In order to allow for these frequent pickups by the DPW, the branches must be tied with strong twine or rope into manageable bundles. Please have your tied bundles at the curb, as the DPW men will not come up driveways.

USR Police Department

Due to the recent tragedies involving teenage drivers throughout our state, the Upper Saddle River Police Department would like to remind all parents and teenage drivers, of the requirements for a provisional driver's license in the State of New Jersey.

- All passengers in a vehicle operated by a provisional driver's license holder must wear seatbelts at all times, that includes rear seat passengers.

- There can be no more than **ONE** passenger in the car who does not live with the driver.

- A provisional driver can **NOT** operate the vehicle between the hours of 12.01 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.

- The restrictions on a provisional driver's licence do **NOT** expire just because the driver turns 18 years of age.

The members of the Upper Saddle River Police Department are committed to protecting the safety of all drivers on our roads, and will be strictly enforcing the provisional drivers' statutes.

Open House April 22

To Feature Civil War Encampment & Music, plus A Very Special Quilt Exhibit.

Don't miss stopping by the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum on Sunday, April 22 between 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. Members of the 6th NJ/23rd North Carolina Brigade of Civil War re-enactors will be on hand to share their knowledge and memorabilia of New Jersey's involvement in the Civil War. At 2:30, guitarist/singer Philip Lester will share songs and their history from the mid to late 1800s. Many of them grew out of the Civil War. In addition, there will be a very special quilt and coverlet exhibit in the Museum and the barn. Included will be the historic blue and white coverlet recently donated by John Hopper. Members have gone into their attics to bring out old quilts and coverlets that have been stored away. Many are local. All are unique. Quilters will also be demonstrating their craft.

Admission is free but donations are welcome. The Museum and out buildings will be open for tours. There will be a cooking demonstration in the out kitchen. Take a peek at the latest additions to the museum collections and visit the one-room school set up in the Ramsey Tenant House. The Museum is located on the corner of East Saddle River Road and Lake Street. The parking lot is behind the museum on East Saddle River Road. All are welcome. For information please call 201-327-2236.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, APRIL 2007

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: W. Saddle River Rd. & west East of W. Saddle River Rd.
Tuesday, April 3 Tuesday, April 10
Tuesday, April 17 Tuesday, April 24

Large Appliances: Thursday, April 5 by appointment only.
Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Wednesday June 13, 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

SRV Fellowship

Coming up in April -

April 10 - "Catch Me If You Can" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.

April 12 - The Toppers will entertain us.

April 17 - Bird Watching at Mrs. Jareck's 4th grade classroom 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

April 26 - "Sleep Well - Feel Well" a lecture.

Please join us at meetings the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church. If you have any questions please call 201-327-8969.

Junior Woman's Club

Neiman Marcus Spring Fashion Show: Champagne Reception and Dinner, Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Neiman Marcus Rotunda Restaurant, Garden State Plaza, tickets \$65 per person to benefit Valley Hospital's Butterfly Program and Children's Specialized Hospital. Call Denise for tickets and information 201-934-8511.

Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale: Place your order for beautiful annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets. We will deliver your order on May 12, just in time for Mother's Day! Call Sue 201-825-3557.

Spring Wish Tree: We are collecting donations for Wish List Items. New Members are always welcome at our meetings and events. Please join us at our next meeting on April 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Saddle River Library. Call Denise 201-934-8511.

Woman's Club

Please join us for lunch on May 22nd at the Ramsey Country Club to hear renowned designer Barbara Ostrom speak. Barbara received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The New York School of Interior Design and New York City design firms. With more than forty show houses to her credit, Barbara's skillfully crafted interiors have a consistent "wow" factor that never disappoints her loyal following.

In addition to her extensive tri-state area clientele, Barbara has designed residences for the late President and Mrs. Richard Nixon, Academy award winning cinematographer, Owen Roizman, and Kimora and Russel Simmons. She is currently renovating the London townhouse of Duran Duran rock star, Nick Rhodes. Barbara is regularly featured in the Hampton Designer and Kips Bay Showhouses, and has appeared on Good Morning America, The Martha Stewart Show, and "find!". Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., and tickets are \$60. For information and reservations, please call Judy at 201-236-8268.

Upper Saddle River Library

Sunday Afternoon Music – An Afternoon with Terence Martin

Sunday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m. - A free program with limited seating. - Singer/songwriter/poet Terence Martin has been part of the New York acoustic music scene since 1997. For this performance, Terence will appear with Dan Bonis (on mandolin and dobro) and Gordon Roehrer (on bass). He has also shared the stage with Rosanne Cash, Dar Williams, and Christine Lavin.

Global Warming! Presented by Stanley David Gedzelman

Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. - A free program with limited seating. What is the truth and what is the hype about global warming? Should we be scared? Dr. Stanley David Gedzelman, USR resident, professor of meteorology at the City College of New York, who has written extensively on meteorological issues and is widely published will discuss the truth, the hype, and the politics of global warming.

Friends of the USR Library -1st Annual USR Artist Exhibit and Reception

Sponsored by the USR Friends of the Library

Exhibit: May 1st -- May 31st

Reception: Thursday, May 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Join us and meet the wonderful artists living in our community: Marla Kaufman, Mimi Cohen, Art Boden, Eileen Georgas, Bart D'Andrea, Mady Soukis, Pat Marker, Evelyn Oppenheimer, Holly Wein, Ethel Goldstein, Patrick Brady, Melinda Maguire. During the reception enjoy refreshments and light classical music provided by an ensemble featuring Elizabeth Kalfayn on cello, Elizabeth Martin on piano, and Joseph Livelli on clarinet.

Friends Book & Author Luncheon with Lisa Garrigues

Wednesday, May 9th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Country Club. Tickets are \$40, reservations forms are available at the Library and on its website

www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org. Lisa will discuss her new book Writing Motherhood: Tapping into Your Creativity as a Mother and a Writer, using writing as both a tool for recording our lives and a path to self-discovery.

Non-Fiction Book Group

Tuesday, April 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

The Bookseller of Kabul, by Asne Seierstad, translated by Ingrid Christophersen. With The Bookseller of Kabul, award-winning journalist Asne Seierstad has given readers a first-hand look at Afghani life as few outsiders have seen it. Invited to live with Sultan Khan, a bookseller in Kabul, and his family for months, this account of her experience allows the Khans to speak for themselves, giving us a genuinely gripping and moving portrait of a family, and of a country of great cultural riches and extreme contradictions

Girls' Field Hockey Clinic

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will once again sponsor Girls' Field Hockey clinics this spring. The program will consist of clinics starting Sundays, April 22nd through June 17th (no clinic, Sunday May 13th or May 27th). All practices will be on Sundays from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Northern Highlands. There will be group instruction and scrimmage play at every practice and girls will learn the fundamentals of field hockey. The program is open to all girls living in USR, Allendale, HoHoKus and Saddle River grades 5 - 8. Sign-ups will be held at the USR Borough Hall or by mail. Registration forms are available on line at usrtoday.com. The cost is \$40 per participant. We need parent volunteers for each of the clinics. Any questions contact Ed Gartner, Recreation Director at 201-327-3634 or USRRecreation@aol.com.

New Girl Scout Registration

Registration for girls who will be new to Girl Scouting in Upper Saddle River will take place on Saturday morning, May 5. It will be held upstairs in the Upper Saddle River Library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This registration is for the program starting in the fall of 2007. Registration forms will also be available at the USR Library after May 5.

Girl Scouts who are currently registered with troops in Upper Saddle River and Saddle River will re-register with their troops, so they do not need to attend the New Girl Scout Registration. The Girl Scout program has five levels: Daisies (kindergarten), Brownies (grades 1 to 3), Juniors (grades 4 to 6), Cadettes (grades 7 to 9), and Seniors (grades 9 to 12). Adult volunteers are needed to serve as troop leaders. For more information, call Becky Kester, at 201-236-8290.

Coming Up In April 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, APRIL 2

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

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

MONDAY, APRIL 9

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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, APRIL 12

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

MONDAY, APRIL 16

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

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

MONDAY, APRIL 30

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

(Reorganization)

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, APRIL 2

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

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

MONDAYS, APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

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

7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

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

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

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, April 24

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