

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to invite the community to the Cool Cities Grant Community Steward Incentive Grant Plantings on Friday, April 4, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. This exciting event will be held at the Upper Saddle River School District Science Center. Students will be planting trees on both school and Borough property to reduce utility costs to our schools and municipal buildings. Congressman Scott Garrett has indicated he would like to attend this kick-off event. Orange and Rockland Electric and several other partners in this grant will be there providing refreshments, instruction for the students on creating a tree nursery, and free starter trees for the planting. The Shade Tree Commission received this grant from the Community Forestry Program to promote community reforestation and they are looking forward to having residents, officials, and tree professionals there to help make this a big event. They also received a second grant "Community Stewardship Incentive Grant" (CSIP) to plant trees along our roadways and in our parks. Congratulations to the Shade Tree Commission for all their hard work on behalf of our community.

During the recent storms, our Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded to residents' requests for help. During the storm of March 9th, the Fire Department was dispatched to 12 calls for trees and downed wires throughout the duration of the storm. The Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad was sent to 18 calls for trees and downed wires as well as basement pump outs. Of those calls, 10 were within Upper

Saddle River and 8 calls were to Saddle River. Our thanks go to our emergency services that are always available to assist members of our community. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, or Ambulance Corps, please contact them at: Fire Department 201-760-9948; Rescue Squad 201-327-3219; and Ambulance 201-818-7071.

We are pleased to announce that a contract has been awarded for the Oak Street/Aldbury Road drainage project. Funds are allocated on an annual basis in our capital improvement budget to correct drainage issues throughout the Borough. Priorities have been established to correct the most serious conditions first. We will continue to schedule the projects based on cost estimates and need.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Mayor and Council.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL FUTURE VOTING FOR DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 5 WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NORTH ROOM OF THE PRESENTATION CHURCH.

April 15, 2008 School Election

June 3, 2008 Primary Election

November 4, 2008 General Election

Any questions, please call Borough Clerk Rose Vido 201-934-3963.

2nd Quarter Taxes Due May 1

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that second quarter taxes are due on or before May 1st. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. Taxes received in this office after the 10th of the month will be charged interest calculated from May 1st, as required by law. After the ten-day grace period, interest is calculated on the unpaid taxes at the rate of 8% on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% on the amount above \$1,500.00.

Payments made by mail should be addressed to the Tax Collector, 376 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458.

Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council would like to thank everyone who attended our sold-out Books vs. Badges Basketball Game on March 14, 2008. The event was a wonderful, fun-filled evening for everyone who attended and a fantastic fundraiser for the Youth Guidance Council.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make this fundraiser a success, especially the players from both teams. They provided an exciting basketball game for the spectators. We are looking forward to their participation next year for the 4th annual Books vs. Badges Game.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors who generously donated goods, services and funding to make this such a successful event: LoLo's Sweets (Ramsey); All American Ford (Hackensack); Apex Copy Center (Hackensack); Franklyn's Pharmacy (HoHoKus); Gene P. Leporiere, CPA (Upper Saddle River); Greenbaum Interiors (Paterson); Stein's Gourmet Café and Mighty Panini (Montvale); Peter McFarlane Paving (Upper Saddle River); Residential Mortgage Corp. (Ridgewood); The Imprint Source LLC (Oradell); The Picture Spa @ MotoPhoto (Paramus); Upper Saddle River PBA #218; Upper Saddle River Education Association (USREA); Inserra ShopRite (Ramsey); Dunkin Donuts (Ramsey & Midland Park); Pepsi Bottling Group (Moonachie); and Lotito's Deli (Ramsey).

All monies raised at the event will be used to provide programs and activities to keep our children drug and alcohol free. Again, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support from our community.

The Youth Guidance Council is already looking forward to its next big fundraising event. The Zerbini Family Circus will once again set up their big tent at Lions Park. The shows are scheduled for Friday, May 16th, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Information on ticket sales will be available soon.

Board of Education

The 2007 New Jersey School Report Card is now available online at the New Jersey Department of Education's website <http://education.state.nj.us/rc>. You may also access the Report Card directly from the Upper Saddle River Schools' website at www.usronline.org under the "School Info" section.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of April 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.

Hazardous Waste

The Bergen County Utilities will be holding a hazardous waste collection on Sunday, April 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus. The next one will be on Saturday, May 17th at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah.

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 USRRecreation@aol.com or call 201-327-3634. Visit the Boro website at www.USRtoday.org for information about all Recreation programs.

Fall 2008 Recreational Soccer Sign-ups 3/15 and 4/5

The recreational soccer is open to town resident children entering kindergarten through the 12th grade in September 2008. We will have a coed Division, 1 or 2 teams, for children in the 9th through the 12th grades, playing on Sundays. The cost is \$75.00 per child up to 2 children (\$150.00). Additional children will be \$25.00 each up to a maximum of \$200.00. The cost includes shirts, shorts, and socks for the travel ages, and shirts for the kindergarten through the 2nd grade, all of which will be kept by the players. Make the check out to "USR Soccer Association". Children entering the 3rd grade and up must have a wallet-sized photo included with the application. As usual, coaches are needed. If you have experience, or would like to get some, please consider volunteering as a head or assistant coach.

Information and application forms can be downloaded at 'www.usrsoccer.org' or found at the Library or Boro Hall. The completed forms will be collected from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturdays, March 15th and April 5th, at the Boro Hall.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THE SIGN-UP DATES - Mark Your Calendar! There will be a considerable late charge during the period following April 5th, after which the teams will have been formed and turned into the league. Once this is done, no more teams can be formed and we cannot guarantee that your child will be eligible to play.

USR Fishing Derby

The Upper Saddle Recreation Commission will again host this year's Annual Fishing Derby scheduled for May 3rd at Liberty Park. Bucky Rehan will again be on hand to offer assistance to children during the couple of hours of fishing. Bucky will walk around the pond and provide answers to many questions about various fish and wildlife issues.

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 Rehan at 201-825-3767 or Recreation Director, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634.

USR Woman's Club

Congratulations to the winners of the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River's annual Poetry and Essay Contest in the local schools.

The winners are: 1st and 2nd grades -Poetry - Samantha Spaccavento, 2nd grader Reynolds School; Honorable Mention - Chiara Brady, 2nd grader Reynolds School; Essay - none; 3rd and 4th grades - Poetry - Xanthi Meneve, 4th grader Bogert School; Essay - Elizabeth Menten, 4th grader Bogert School; 5th and 6th grades - Poetry - Lindsey Shroud, 6th grader Cavallini School; Essay - Kyla Nuesa, 5th grader Bogert School; 7th and 8th grades - Poetry - Neda Jamshidi-Azad, 7th grader Cavallini School; Honorable Mention - Cristina Julian, 7th grader Cavallini School and - Kathleen McIlraith, 7th grader Cavallini; Essay - Betty Varghese, 8th grader Cavallini School.

The winners will read their entries at the next general meeting of the club which will be held at Westy Storage on Route 17 North in Upper Saddle River at 7:30 p.m. before club members, parents, relatives, teachers and school officials who are invited. Awards will be presented and refreshments will be served.

The winners, likewise, will have their names inscribed on plaques in their respective schools provided by the Woman's Club.

For the club's annual charitable endeavors, a "Fundless Fundraiser" will take place. Donations are being accepted to continue to support all the outreach programs of the club. Donations can be sent to the club's mailbox at PO Box 645, Saddle River, N.J. 07458. A special thank you is extended to all who help contribute.

SRVJCO

The SRVJCO will host its annual Boutique Night Fundraiser at Season's in Washington Township on Tuesday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Please call Elizabeth at 201-825-2329 for information.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, APRIL 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, April 1	Tuesday, April 8
Tuesday, April 15	Tuesday, April 22
Tuesday, April 29	

Large Appliances: Thursday, April 3, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, May 1.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be on Friday, June 13 2008. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

SRV Cultural Center

There's only one theater performance left this season—don't miss it! What's more, we have a fun and innovative way to spend the first few days of Spring Break—exploring the great outdoors. Come join us for springtime activities at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center this April.

There will be a Laser Light Show on April 5th at 1:00 p.m. (one show only!). Prismatic Magic's newest show is specially designed for cartoon-loving young children. Now see them in the hottest new form . . . LASERS!!! Come and see your favorite cartoon images and characters with the entire family—and why not bring grandma and grandpa along for the fun? All ages. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

There will be a Vacation Workshop (Spring Break) called Nature Rangers on April 21st and 22nd (2 days) from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Explore the earth and the environment with hands-on experiments and crafting and enter the world of insects that fly and crawl. Join us for two exciting mornings of discovery. Open for ages kindergarten and up. \$90.00 fee, registration is required.

It's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. There will be a Local Art Show & Exhibit featuring the works of Lisa DeMarie-Bertone showing April 1-30. All are welcome. Free. There will also be an Artists' Reception on April 13th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

Our pizza party and our discussion on The Saver's Club were successful.

The club celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Brownstone. Cavallini School treated us to a luncheon and a show on March 5. The 4th grade class in Bogert School had a bird watching show for us. There was a school play on March 25 at 3:00 p.m. We had a very busy March.

On April 10th we will have a demonstration on how to use a fire extinguisher. On April 24th we will have a movie day.

We are sending cards to Peter and Rosemary Odo's grandson who is overseas. Their grandson lived in Upper Saddle River and attended the school system.

We are still collecting medicine bottles, stamps, tops of soda cans, and coupons. We are extremely busy doing community projects.

Please join us the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. If you have any questions, please call 201-327-6767.

Upper Saddle River Library

Opera Program "Rising Stars" Sunday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m.

This program will include arias from famous operas, art songs by various composers and popular selections from musicals and spirituals.

Buying Safely on ebay & Photography Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to buy safely on the Internet and how to use a digital camera to shoot the best picture for reproduction on the Internet.

The French Impressionists Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Bart D'Andrea will lead an informative discussion of the French Impressionist period.

Gardener to Landscape Designer Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Arnie Friedman presents a historic view of garden design and will demonstrate a simple method of creating gardens using principles of traditional paintings.

Chat & Stitch at the USR Library Wednesdays from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Drop in and relax with your current needlework project. Refreshments will be served.

"Pecos Bill" will be performed on Tuesday, April 15th at 3:30 p.m., for grades K-3rd.

Romp with coyotes, leap with sheep, wrestle snakes and rope cattle. This dramatization is based on Bill Kellog's book.

1st Annual Student Art Show April 6th – 27th

Visit our local student artists in the adult solarium during the month of April. Reception is April 13th, 1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club annual Fashion Show will be at Neiman Marcus on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call Desiree at 201-995-9007. SAVE THE DATE!!

The SRV Junior Woman's Club annual plant sale fundraiser is under way. There are a vast variety to choose from. We are offering annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, and herbs. The delivery date is Saturday, May 10th just in time for Mother's Day. If you have any questions or need an order form, please call Karen at 201-825-2373.

The club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting Wednesday, April 30th. 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.

DPW Brush Pickup

The DPW will collect branches every other week starting this month and ending in October. Brush must be **tied into bundles** no longer than 5 feet and not over 4 inches in width to 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.

ESL Program at USR Library

As a member of the Literacy Volunteers of Pascack Valley, the Upper Saddle River Library offers an ongoing ESL Program. The sessions, which are free of charge, provide English as a second language instruction for area adults. Local residents, who are specially trained tutors, teach foreign-born adults on a one-to-one basis to speak, read and write English. All groups meet at the library at prearranged times.

Applications can be obtained at the library circulation desk. Anyone who wishes to volunteer as a tutor can contact Rosemarie Manganaro, ESL Manager. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the USR Library.

Old Stone Church

Clean out your attic and cellar and The Old Stone Church will help you recycle those treasures to someone who wants them. A town-wide Outdoor Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Old Stone Church, 500 East Saddle River Road. All residents and friends are invited to sell their treasures in this giant outdoor event. Rent a space for \$25.00 and an additional \$10.00 for a table if needed. The church will provide all the advertising. You just sell your wares. Rain date is the following Saturday, May 24th. Reserve your space by calling the church office at 201-327-5242. Your check will secure your spot. If you just want to donate your things to the church table for sale, you can drop them off at the upper level of the Educational Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday.

Coming Up In April 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
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 10
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 14
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, APRIL 16
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1
7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel
7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
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, APRIL 3
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 7
11:30 a.m. Friends of the Library Meeting at USR Library

MONDAYS, APRIL 7, 14, 21, & 28
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
7:00 p.m. Lion's Club "Charity Night" at Double Tree Hotel
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

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

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8
Tuesday, April 22*

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