

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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realize savings. We plan on introducing the budget as soon as it has been completed and upon notice from Trenton of any reductions in state aid.

- **Emergency Management** - The Northwest Bergen Managers Association has been working together to formulate a plan to deal proactively with the possibility of diminished staffing due to the H1N1 Flu or other illness. The Association consists of Upper Saddle River and twelve other communities in the Northwest Bergen area. The plan will enable managers to intercede at a moment's notice should staffing levels drop to a level that would jeopardize municipal services. The administrators agreed on a joint solution for staffing various municipal services by sharing personnel from neighboring communities. The Northwest Bergen Municipal managers have established a sub-committee of managers to develop a contingency plan that will assist all participating communities should such a situation arise.

Sincerely,

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

USR Tennis Permits for 2010

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts, located on West Saddle River Road in front of Reynolds School, are available at Borough Hall. A family membership is \$35.00 and an individual membership is \$20.00. For more information please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or USRRecreation@aol.com. Visit the Borough website at www.USRtoday.org for information about all recreation programs.

School Election

The annual School Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Voting will take place at the following locations:

District 1 & 2 -

Cavallini School Gymnasium

District 3 -

Borough Hall

District 4 & 5 -

Presentation Church, North Room

DPW Brush Pickup

The DPW will collect branches and brush every other week starting this month and ending in October. Please place tied bundles of brush, no longer than 5 feet and not over 4 inches in width, at the curb. In order to allow for these frequent pickups by the DPW, the branches must be tied with strong twine or rope into manageable bundles.

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.

Shrub and Small Tree Pruning – Saturday, May 1st

The USR Shade Tree Commission invites residents to a demonstration on how to properly prune shrubs and small trees. Learn the correct time and method to prune your Japanese Maples, roses, rhododendrons, hydrangeas and more. Saturday, May 1st, 11:30 a.m. at the Goetchius House Plant Sale. Free handouts. Bring your pruning shears to try out what you learn!

A Message from the Mayor and Council

- **Upper Saddle River Police** - At the Mayor and Council meeting held on March 4, 2010, Officer Donald P. Hausch was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Hausch has served as a police officer in the Borough for over twelve years. His wife, three young children, Police Chief Michael Fanning and many of our police officers were present as Mayor Gabbert swore him in to his new rank.

The construction of a locker room and an improved sally port at Police Headquarters is generally on schedule with an expected completion date of late summer 2010. The unusual amount of snow this year has caused slight delays but, overall, the construction is progressing well. The new sally port will greatly increase safety for both our officers and residents. In addition, the Borough has received a grant to provide a ramp between Borough Hall and Police Headquarters. This will be installed, at no cost to the Borough, as a part of the overall project.

- **Annual Municipal Budget** - The Mayor and Council have been diligently working on the annual budget for the Borough. The Council has reviewed operating expenses, salary and wages and the capital budget with department heads, our Borough Administrator and our Chief Financial Officer. Just as everyone is evaluating expenses at home, every attempt is being made to realize cost savings wherever possible. We are also exploring possible inter-local agreements with neighboring municipalities to help

Teen Health and Beauty Fair

On April 23rd a Teen Health and Beauty Fair will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Cavallini Middle School. This event is for girls, ages 10-18, to learn skills that are essential for a healthy lifestyle. Parents are encouraged to stay.

Experts from local businesses, such as The Gym, Panico and TYD, will be teaching healthy eating habits, yoga poses, the right hair styles for the shape of your face and fitness tips for busy teens. Come and sample delicious smoothies and healthy snacks from Whole Foods.

Meet the Bloomingdale experts at The Shops at Riverside for skincare basics and makeup techniques from Bobbi Brown. Receive a token of appreciation when you meet the team and enter to win a party for you and a few friends! Plus, enjoy an informal fashion presentation of the coolest party dresses, perfect for prom or your special occasion.

Space is limited, please arrive early. The fair is sponsored by Jamie Shulman, a junior at Northern Highlands, to achieve her gold award in Girl Scouts.

The Woman's Club of USR

The Woman's Club is sponsoring its 24th annual poetry and essay contest. Winners will read their entries on April 6th at the Upper Saddle River Library at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The club will hold its ninth annual Baby Shower Fundraiser on May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Savini Restaurant. The community at large is welcome to participate through donations and/or attendance at the Shower. For further information call Barbara at 201-825-0207.

The Woman's Club welcomes new members. All who would like information about becoming a part of this charitable group, please call Joyce at 201-307-5986.

Historical Society Plant Sale

The Upper Saddle River Historical Society Garden Committee will be holding its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 1st from 10:30 a.m. until it is sold out at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum.

The plants featured will be deer and groundhog resistant plants, perennials, native plants, ferns, herbs, and much more. All proceeds go directly to the upkeep of the museum gardens. At 11:30 a.m. Arnie Friedman will demonstrate proper pruning techniques. Derek Michalski will be on hand to talk about the benefits of composting. Knowledgeable volunteers will be available to answer any of your questions. Thank you for your support. Visit our website at www.usrhistoricalociety.org.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club cordially invites you to Ladies Night Out at Neiman Marcus, April 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The runway will feature the latest trends in spring accessories, shoes, handbags. Champagne, wine, appetizers and dessert will be served. There will be a designer sunglass raffle, 50/50 and more! Tickets are \$60.00. Limited seating is available to this event. Please call Desiree Cinotti at 201-995-9007 for information or please send check payable to SRVJWC to: PO Box 101, Saddle River, NJ 07458

We are looking for new members to join and strengthen our club! The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is made up of women who want to socialize, have fun and give back to the community. We have socials, do fundraising and plan events for the children of the club and their friends. We welcome women from surrounding towns that do not have a club. Come join us for a Wine & Cheese Soiree on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at one of the member's homes. Come and join our club. Call Denise Mercier for details at 201-787-9480.

Police Department

The Upper Saddle River Police Department request that all residents and businesses within the Borough register with the police department. If you have an alarm system, it is **required** by Borough Ordinance to register the alarm, however registration is not limited to those with alarms. Information registered with the police department is kept in strict confidence and is used by the police department in the event of an emergency. It is not required to register every year, however, you should update your information every 3-5 years. You may pick up a registration form at the police station or print one from the police department website at www.usrpd.net.

Computer, Electronics and Tire Recycling Program

The Environmental Committee, in conjunction with the Borough, encourages all residents to recycle computer and electronic equipment including monitors, CPU's, laptops, printers, keyboards, and fax machines. These items contain toxic materials and heavy metals. Recycling prevents them from entering our landfills.

The Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold an E Waste and tire collection, on Sunday, April 25th at Bergen County Services Building, 327 Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is free and open to all Bergen County residents. Please bring identification.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is free of charge for Bergen County residents - identification is required.

Some of the items accepted at these collections are aerosol cans, paint, pesticides, solvents, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries.

The next scheduled HHW collection date is Saturday May 15, 2010 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, APRIL 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.

Recycling: W. Saddle River Rd. & west East of W. Saddle River Rd.
Tuesday, April 13 Tuesday, April 6
Tuesday, April 27 Tuesday, April 20

Large Appliances: Thursday, April 1st by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up will be in May 6, 2010.

Bulky Trash: The next collection date will be Friday June 11, 2010.

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

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

Our March 11, 2010 meeting was very important. We had our nominations for our club. Cam Strangio was nominated for president, Richard Musser for vice president, Joanne Garramone for secretary and Marilyn Gigliuto for treasurer. All four accepted the nomination for the next two years. We know our club will have a bright future with this slate.

At the meeting we had Greg and Gail King entertain us with several songs. We enjoyed ourselves.

On April 21st we are invited to attend Mrs. Jareck's class for a program about "Birds". The time is 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Edith A. Bogert School.

Please come and join us at 11 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church.

Upper Saddle River Directories

On Saturday, April 3rd, the 2010 edition of the Upper Saddle River Directory will be available to all residents free of charge, at the Upper Saddle River Library, while supplies last!

This directory, published by the Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library, is filled with useful information about the organizations in town, the schools, the places of worship, listings of our residents, local businesses and so much more. It even contains an up-to-date town map!

Stop by the library as soon as you can on or after April 3rd for your free copy. Please, one per family.



USR Fishing Derby

The Upper Saddle Recreation Commission will again host this year's Annual Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday, May 1st at Liberty Park. Bucky Rehan will 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 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 or USRRecreation@aol.com. Visit our website at www.USRToday.org.

Upper Saddle River Library

Friday Flicks - April 9th - "After the Wedding"

Meet the Chefs - April 5th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Jessica Marotta, Pastry Chef/Owner at Campania Restaurant.

How to Buy a Franchise - April 20th at 7:30 p.m. This workshop will provide general information about starting a business.

Organic Gardening - April 21st at 7:00 p.m. Learn about environmentally safe organic lawn and garden care measures.

Children's Author Visit - April 26th at 3:15 p.m. Celebrate Arbor Day with author Alison Ashley Formento.

Spring Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration for the second session spring tennis clinic will take place at Borough Hall 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mondays - Fridays. This session will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting the week of May 10th. During this 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 USRRecreation@aol.com. Visit our website to download an application - www.usrtoday.org.

The Circus Is Coming To Town

Mark your calendars because the Vidbel Family Circus is coming to town on May 14th! This event is always a huge hit with kids of all ages and benefits the youth of our community by supporting vital programs such as D.A.R.E. Tickets can be purchased at the USR Library for \$8.00. Tickets at the door will be \$10.00. There will be two shows, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Youth Guidance Council receives a greater percentage of the ticket price when purchased before May 14th. We strongly encourage everyone to buy tickets in advance.

Requirements for Sheds

Before purchasing a shed, please be aware of the requirements of the Borough. All sheds require a permit issued by our Building Department. Residents are permitted only one (1) shed per lot, located outside the setback area and in the rear of the yard. Sheds cannot exceed 100 square feet (10 x 10) and cannot exceed a height of ten (10') feet. Accessory structures, (only one is permitted other than a shed) i.e.: a detached garage, barn, gazebo, pergola, cabana, etc. cannot exceed twenty feet in height. The combined square footage cannot exceed 10% of the total size of the rear yard. Questions should be directed to John Walsh at usrzone@hotmail.com or by calling 201-934-3970.

Women's Biathlon

The USR Recreation Commission is sponsoring the 1st Women's Biathlon, Saturday, May 8, 2010. The run/bike/run event will promote awareness and raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The race is for women ages 15 years and older and will start and finish at Lion's Memorial Park in USR. The race will consist of a 2-mile run/10-mile bike/2-mile run. This sprint distance course hopes to encourage first-timers as well as seasoned professionals.

The race will be capped at 200 participants. Each athlete will be asked to raise \$150.00 in sponsorship fees, all of which will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The entry fee is \$50.00. A series of training clinics will be scheduled prior to race day. For more information and to register, log on to usrbiathlon.org for information and applications.

Be Kind to your Lawn (and your family) this Summer

April 22nd marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

Please check out the Borough website, usrtoday.org, and visit the link with **40 Things you can do to keep our Borough & Planet Green**.

The Borough of Upper Saddle River maintains standards for the application of various soil enhancement treatments. As an example, the playground areas of Lions Park and Hess Court have been designated "Pesticide Free Zones".

Utilizing responsible practices such as these will help to limit any possible adverse effects associated with certain lawn care products and maintain a healthy and environmentally sound environment.

Go to the Borough website www.USRToday.org, look under "Information" and click on "For a Beautiful Healthy Lawn" for recommendations on **what you can do** as a homeowner to protect your children, keep toxic substances out of our rivers and our aquifer and still grow an emerald green lawn.

Coming Up In April 2010

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

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

MONDAY, APRIL 12

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 19

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, APRIL 21

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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

SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 5

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, APRIL 5, 12, 19 & 26

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 p.m. Lions Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corps Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Lions Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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

12:00 noon.—2:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corps Drill

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

Tuesday, April 13

Tuesday, April 27